

Nikkei ups & downs in local California elections seen



George Ige

Spokane in earnest plea for \$9,000

PORTLAND—Spokane JACL, which is spearheading the Washington State Univ. student cause for Asian American studies, has to pay about \$9,000 in accrued legal fees, announced Denny Yasuhara, Spokane JACL president, at the recent PNWDC session here.

The WSU project has been widely supported by JACL chapters throughout the national organization. Contributions may be sent to:

JACL-WSU Fund, c/o Spokane JACL, Treasurer Robert Fukui, 2021 - 62nd Ave, Spokane Wa 99203.

(Metropolitan press here hardly touched the April 8 municipal election, leaving the story to the suburban media to report the next day. Statewide coverage of the Japanese American candidates was admirably handled by the Rafu Shimpō. Helpful PC readers also have assisted with clippings which were rushed to us in time.—Ed.)

Los Angeles

Majority of the cities incorporated in the State of California held their primary elections April 8. And this is where Japanese Americans have been impacting politically well in recent years. This past week saw some ups and downs.

The ups:

Observed by many as a big upset, May Yoko Doi, 53, in her first try won the Gardena city clerk's position with a 229-vote victory over Doris Diamond Bankus, who has been in office for 16 years. The Nisei school teacher and mother (Mrs. Carl) of three is the first Japanese American woman to win public office in Gardena. Her campaign to overcome lack-of-name identity was accomplished by walking precincts and meeting the voters. While none of the so-called Nisei political clubs had endorsed her, she recognized and thanked the Japanese American community for her support.

Dr. Paul Tsukahara, also in his first bid for public office, outdistanced his field for a seat on the

Gardena city council. The popular Nisei dentist joins Councilman Mas Fukai whose term expires two years hence. Council members serve four-year terms. Councilman Vince Okamoto did not seek re-election.

George Kobayashi is still Gardena city treasurer, unopposed for his second four-year stint.

Incumbents Mayor Tsugio Kato and Councilman Nao Takasugi were re-elected in Oxnard, the

Elections

Here are the capsule summaries of April 8 municipal elections held throughout California:

MONTEREY PARK, CA.

Treasurer—George Ige 2,200; Pat Rasich 1,696; Agnes Arakawa 1,615.

GARDENA, CA.

City Council (2)—Paul Tsukahara 2,256; Don Dear (inc) 1,830; Gwen Duffy 1,505.

City Clerk (1)—May Doi 2,292; Doris D Bankus (inc) 2,003.

Treasurer (1)—George Kobayashi (inc) Unopposed.

OXNARD, CA.

Mayor—Dr Tsugio Kato (inc) 8,498 unopposed.

City Council (1)—Nao Takasugi (inc) 5,426; Dorothy Maron 3,628.

DELANO, CA.

City Council (1)—Steven Kinsey 1,030; Dr James Nagatani (inc) 1,004.

MARINA, CA.

Mayor—Robert Ouye (inc) 826; Barbara Bird 762.

City Council (2)—George Takahashi, Paul Davis.

CARPINTERIA, CA.

City Council (2)—Ernest Wullbrandt 693; George Fukasawa, 546; Breland 493; Steele 401.

Sansei dentist mayor being unopposed.

Incumbent Mayor Robert Ouye of Marina (a Monterey County community near Fort Ord) was re-elected and George Takahashi won himself a councilmanic seat.

Incumbent Carpinteria councilman John K. Fukasawa, 62, is starting his second four-year term. A 442nd veteran and lemon grower who turned to be grounds supervisor for the school district, he was on the planning commission for eight years before winning a two-year term in a special election in 1974. He is married to the former Miyeko Ota and they have two sons: attorney John Jr. in Los Gatos and nurseryman Paul in Aurora, Ore.

Ex-mayor George Ige of Monterey Park pulled away from library trustee Pat Rasich and Monterey Park Republican Club president Agnes Arakawa to succeed retiring Florence Hirt as city treasurer. Incumbent council members Monty Manibog and Louise Davis were re-elected in a six-way race that included attorney Steve Chen who finished fifth.

Ige re-entered the political arena from a two-year hiatus after losing a councilmanic race in 1978. The Honolulu-born Nisei who now runs a private day school and has been with the county's special school division for 24 years, was first elected to the council in 1970 and hailed as the city's first elected Nikkei official. He is married to the former Ruth Kurose and have

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May Y. Doi



John Fukasawa

Thos. Jefferson awardees for volunteerism honored

HONOLULU—Shimeji Kanazawa, longtime volunteer among the aged, and Yukito "Tree" Kamemoto, head of maintenance for 35 years at the Kalaupapa leprosy settlement, were among the 10 nominees from Hawaii for the national Thomas Jefferson Awards, presented annually by the American Institute for Public Service, Washington, and in Hawaii by the Advertiser. Five national winners will be announced in May.

Addressing the awards luncheon, Gov. George Ariyoshi commented red tape and other restraints often prevent government from helping the needy, but "volunteers are able to see a problem and the need and go out on their own and do something..."

"In government, we spend money. You (the volunteers) spend your time. That's better fuel than money itself—your own energy and your own concern for the community," Ariyoshi said.

Entry forms for Nisei Relays

LOS ANGELES—Entry forms for the 29th annual PSWDC-JACL Nisei Relays, June 1, at Santa Ana College are being distributed to the chapters in Southern California and bear a May 19 deadline.

Winners of the 85-event schedule will qualify for the third JACL state track championships June 15 at the same oval. They will compete with winners of the NC-WNDC Jr. Olympics being held June 1 at Chabot College, Hayward.

Competitors are classified by age groupings:

E—10 & under, D—12 & under, C—13 and 14, B—15-16 (Women's B is 15 & up), A—17 & up. The men's division has three age sections: 25-29, 30-39, and 40 & up. A special women's 25 & up has been added this year for a 50-yard dash and the mile-run.

Individuals may also contact the JACL regional office (626-4471) for forms.



MEET MISS EAST L.A.—Deborah Yamada of Monterey Park (center) is crowned Miss East L.A. at the Emerald Ball April 5, jointly sponsored by East L.A. JACL and the VFW Nisei Memorial Post 9902. Helping are last year's Cherry Blossom queen, Deane Kaminaka (left), and the 1979 Miss East L.A., Naomi Deguchi. Deborah and her court of Diane Yukimi Hiram, Nancy Masako Hirata and Joanna Mae Iwata reign at the fourth annual Cherry Blossom Festival at East L.A. College this April 19-20 weekend.

'Money' still bottom line for JACL redress push

SAN FRANCISCO — The JACL National Committee for Redress met here in early March to outline strategy for the legislative-educational campaign in the coming months.

Discussed at length was the question of what JACL's "bottom line" position was regarding monetary compensation. The commission-approach, it was felt, had created some confusion on this particular issue.

JACL's bottom-line position was articulated by Mountain Plains committee member Minoru Yasui when he stated that the commission-approach is in total compliance with the guidelines established by the National JACL Council at the 1978 convention in Salt Lake City to seek monetary compensation.

The primary intent of the commission, Yasui said, is to conduct an official investigation of the Evacuation which has never been done, but the ultimate intent is to seek an "appropriate remedy". When asked what specifically would be considered an "appropriate remedy", Yasui responded that the JACL is bound by the guidelines to seek monetary compensation as a final goal of the redress campaign. John Tateishi, committee chair, concurred with this view, as did National President Clifford Uyeda.

The JACL committee was re-structured and is now represented by new appointees from the eight district councils:

Dr George Hara, PNWDC; Chuck Kubokawa, NC-WNDC; Tom Shimazaki, CCDC; Ron Wakabayashi, PSWDC; John Tameno, IDC; Minoru Yasui, MPDC; Ross Harano, MDC; Cherry Tsutsumida, EDC; special liaisons—Phil Shigekuni (San Fernando Valley), George Sakaguchi (St. Louis).

BOARD-STAFF PARTICIPANTS—Dr Clifford Uyeda, pres; Dr Jim Tsuji-



Assembled in the Senate hearing room are JACLers and advocates of S1647: (seated from left) Dr. Roger Daniels, Univ. of Cincinnati; Karl Nobuyuki, national JACL executive director; Cherry Tsutsumida, Eastern District governor; Dr. Clifford Uyeda, National JACL president; Lily Okura, JACL nat'l v.p., general operations; past nat'l president Jerry J. Enomoto, director of the California Dept. of Corrections (who presented the JACL testimony); and Mike Masaoka, past Washington JACL representative. Standing in the back is top ranking Nisei administrator Mike M. Suzuki of the new U.S. dept. of health.

mura, nat'l v.p., res & sv; Ben Takeshita, NC-WNDC gov; Karl Nobuyuki, J D Hokoyama, HQ staff; George Kondo, NC reg dir; and Bill Yoshino, MDC reg dir.

Focus of the meeting addressed S1647 and HR5499, the commission-approach bills, and development of strategy for enlarging the number of co-sponsors in both the House and Senate.

Reports from each committee member clearly indicated strong support for the JACL position on

the Redress issue and for the commission-approach. The support comes not only from JACL chapters but also from the Nikkei community in general.

Determining a need for a clearly defined campaign strategy, the committee outlined a three-prong effort in which the major priority was placed on developing further sponsorship of the commission bills. Confidently, the committee

also outlined plans to prepare for the hearings that would be called once the bills are passed and the commission is established.

Committee also worked on increasing further community support for redress in anticipation of the commission bills hearings in the Senate and House. The first hearing on the bills took place Mar. 18 before Sen. Henry Jackson's committee on governmental relations (Mar. 28 PC).

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Walnut Grove sets reunion May 23-24

SACRAMENTO—Local planners are preparing for what will be the first grand reunion of present and past residents of Walnut Grove over the Memorial Day holidays here at a place to be determined, according to Pedro Hamada, acting chair pro-tem, who is being assisted by Sacramento-Stockton area committeemen.

Those wishing to be placed on the Walnut Grove list should write to Hamada, P.O. Box 745, Walnut Grove, Ca 95690.

AAA/E gathers

LOS ANGELES—Asian American Architects/Engineers here will have its second annual installation dinner April 18, 6:30 p.m., at Golden Palace Restaurant. Now comprised of 100 members from the professions, some of their projects on the theme, "Designs of the '80s", will be exhibited.

● Hawaii

UH professor of Japanese history, John J. Stephan, is writing a book about bombing of Pearl Harbor and has been lecturing to his classes that Japan intended to annex Hawaii except that its plans were foiled by the Battle of Midway in June, 1942. While historians believed Japan had no intention of invading Hawaii, military archives in Japan and little known diaries of Japanese military and naval officials indicate otherwise, according to Stephan.

After a stormy debate, the Hawaii state senate confirmed Gov. Ariyoshi's choice, House Speaker James Wakatsuki, to a circuit court judgeship Mar. 19. He will end two decades in the legislature. Also confirmed were Kei Hirano and Philip Chun.

The Rev. James D. Kimmel, advocate of legalization of marijuana, was indicted on federal charges of conspiracy and distribution of LSD. He was convicted in 1975 on possession of marijuana. He was a candidate in the 1974 and 1976 U.S. Senate races.

Island tourism was down 9.1%

mittee.

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Japan JACL chapter organized

TOKYO — In a recent interview with the Japan Times, newly-elected president Barry Saiki of the JACL chapter in Japan declared that "aside from a national program, a chapter here has an added role — to further U.S.-Japan relations".

The Japan JACL Chapter, which has been meeting once a month at Sanno Hotel, elected its officers and signed up its charter members Mar. 18.

JAPAN JACL Pro-tem
Barry Saiki, pres; Harry Fukuhara, vp; Hiro Miura, treas; Mrs. Cathy Igarashi, sec.

For historic reasons, here are names of the charter members of JACL's first overseas chapter.

Raymond & Shizu Aka, Fred Edamatsu, Harry Fukuhara, Yoneji Goto, Ted Hasegawa, Akira Hirai, Estella Hoshimiya, Cathy

Igarashi, Henry Kuwabara, Thomas Kent, Claude Mimaki, Hiroshi Miura, Fred Miyake, Shigeo Miyashiro, Atsuko S Nakamura, George I Nakamura, Charles T Nakata, Tsunetake Nishibayashi, Arthur Nishimoto, Peter Okada, Coolidge Ozaki, Vacheslav Peshkoff, Barry Saiki, Toshiko Saito, Kiyoshi K Sakamoto, Toshio Sakamoto, George K Sankey, Dorothy Togasaki, Kiyoshi Togasaki, Tamotsu Watanabe, Dick Yamashita, Alex N Yorichi.

In May, a general meeting is being called to formally adopt the official program which will emphasize educational and cultural activities as well as provide Nisei-Sansei a better understanding of Japan.

When asked if any action would be taken concerning the discriminatory Japanese naturalization laws and double taxation, Saiki said, "We will consider and deliberate any problem which the membership brings up for discussion."

"We do not feel the political program is number one, however. We would like to emphasize the educational and cultural program."

Making use of the tremendous resources of a Japan chapter, Saiki hopes to help young Sansei residing in Japan to understand this culture and their history.

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What was unique about the event was that all proceeds will go to the JACL National Committee for Redress. All Nikkei Congressional members fully supported the event, as did over 1,300 who attended this \$100-per-plate dinner.

What was also unique was that the great majority of those in attendance could not really afford \$100-per-plate. These were middle-income families still struggling to keep their kids in colleges. There were young couples, both working to meet the high cost of owning homes. There were retired Nikkei with fixed income, watching their budget scrupulously in the face of rampant inflation. But they were there, both husbands and wives.

It is the same intensity of commitment and dedication the Nikkei community saw 30 years ago when it worked to secure citizenship status for our Issei parents.

The redress campaign is more than a restitution for past injustice. It is the most potent present-day vehicle to remind the American public, the government and ourselves of the value and sanctity we place on individual civil and human rights.

It is only through a full inquiry into the confused and painful period in our history, including the Japanese American history of the not so distant past, that the American public will fully understand the value of our great Constitution. This realization is our only guarantee to continued individual freedom for which our citizens have fought and died over the past 200 years.

We thank the Nikkei Congressional members for sharing the evening with us. We thank all those who participated in the event. We thank those who, although unable to be at the dinner, are supporting a full Congressional investigation of the dreadful event that occurred 38 years ago so that similar injustice may never recur in

● Chiaroscuro

Sexism in AJA Roots

By JOHN TANI
(Chicago JACL President)

Chicago

I've never been especially proud of my male chauvinism; but, I've learned to live with it. I was recently chastised for using the term "congressmen" generically as opposed to "congressperson" or "legislator". I managed to put up the usual feeble defense: "there's not such a word 'congressperson', and besides 'congressman' does not imply a sexual differentiation." The retort was a bit more than I can relate here.

Actually, this 'person' had a valid point, and I was probably defensive in my mental slip rather than actually justifying the use of the term "congressman". I don't believe the generic use of terms like "he", "his", or "chairman", is as offensive as racial slurs like "Jap" but I do realize that this usage can be degrading in the sense that the feminine is subordinated by implicit inclusion of masculine nouns.

Sexism has no place in the JACL. The JACL's national constitution and by-laws are being revised this year at the San Francisco convention, and among the suggested changes are the exclusion of sexist terminology and the inclusion in the organization's objectives of protecting the rights of all American's regardless of sex as well as race, religion, and nationality. I would hope that this is not merely lip service nor an attempt to humor a vocal segment of the organization. Sexual discrimination and harassment are serious problems — especially in the JACL.

The Issei immigrants brought with them the rigid sexism of the Japanese culture into an already existing male dominated society. This sexism left its obvious mark on the Nisei generation, although the Nisei women may have had more opportunities and encouragement for education than other first generation American-born. I suspect they were severely subjugated in (and to) the home. I've noticed that women are rarely mentioned in the accounts of the Japanese Americans; however, I was surprised to see the great

many women in the 50 year old picture on the front page of the Pacific Citizen's Christmas issue. What roles did they play? It is curious that the sexist attitudes of the Sansei men (and women) have generally been generated from our dear moms. A common sentiment among Sansei women is "the Sansei boys have it made".

Male chauvinist attitudes are evident in all levels of the JACL, and we must make an effort to be more sensitive to this issue.

A somewhat related problem is the attitude on the part of a number of Nisei toward the Sansei. The Sansei have always been welcomed into this "Nisei" organization and in many ways encouraged to assume the leadership of the JACL. However, it is understandably difficult for many Nisei (especially the men) to relate on a fully adult level with Sansei (especially the women) whom they have known as children. No, most of us cannot completely comprehend what camp life was like; nor, have we the benefit of the wisdom attainable only through age. But we are adults. With career and family responsibilities. Ready to make our own decisions — and willing to make mistakes and face the consequences. We have become more than just so and so's son or daughter. In fact, we are most likely, quite different in our abilities and outlooks from our parents. We ask to be respected as ourselves without false expectations, to be listened to without a sense of patronizing, and to be allowed to be responsible for our actions.

● Milestone

Matsutaro Tsurumoto of Alameda celebrated in traditional Japanese fashion his 88th birthday March 2 before some 300 friends and relatives at a Hayward restaurant. A Bay Area Issei pioneer from Fukuoka, Japan, he promoted growers associations, Japanese language schools and more recently the International Shigin-kai. During the war years, his family was relocated to Colorado. Hosting the party were his children, James, Ray, Ben Tsurumoto and Helen Hashimoto.

BASEBALL CARDS



● Misao Sakamoto's Reply

Editor:

On January 19, 1980, a day-long conference entitled, "Japanese America: Contemporary Perspectives on the Internment," was held at Seattle Central Community College under the sponsorship of the American Friends Service Committee.

At the Conference Frank Chin, who is not Japanese, who did not evacuate, and who was probably too young to understand the evacuation when it happened, was asked to take the role of Devil's Advocate by presenting a view opposing the Redress Movement. I must say he played his role very well. He was very convincing, however in doing so, he slandered JACL and its leaders of 1942, James Sakamoto and Clarence Arai.

I am writing this to explain my memories of 1942 which are very different from the presentation by

Frank Chin.

I do not know what happened in California, but here in the Northwest, the leaders of JACL did their best to protect and serve the Japanese people. Contrary to Chin's statement, Sakamoto was trusted and depended upon by the Issei leaders who were detained at the Immigration Office from December 7, 1941. These people asked Jimmie to come to see them at the Immigration Office so that they could give him all the money they had to help take care of the Japanese Community and people. Jimmie Sakamoto told the young people to be good to the Issei because the Issei had no other place to turn.

Jimmie resisted evacuation. In February of 1942, Jimmie received a phone call from a Washington State Congressman in Washington, D.C. who called to tell him there was a movement to evacuate the Japanese from the Pacific Coast and asked him his opinion about the matter. Jimmie replied, "Hell no, we are going to stay right here and fight the war with the rest of the Americans."

When the evacuation was ordered and termed a "Military Necessity," there was not much else to do but to cooperate to prove that the Japanese were loyal to America.

It was a scary time and cooperation with the evacuation must be judged within its historical context.

There were incidents of violence across the United States against Japanese Americans. A Japanese man was killed in Sacramento and another stabbed in Seattle walking down 5th Avenue.

Most Japanese working for white employers were fired. In Seattle, Mr. Samuel Fleming, Assistant Superintendent of the Seattle Public Schools, asked 26 Japanese school secretaries to resign. All Japanese commercial firms and banks were closed, ending many more jobs in the community. The lack of employment

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three children.

The downs:

Kenichi Nishino fell short by 300 votes to remain on the city council at Hemet, a retirement community in Riverside county where he was mayor this past biennium.

Incumbent Delano councilman James Nagatani lost in a very close election.

Kimihito Sera of Fowler missed by 15 votes to gain a city council seat.

Steve Okano, 25, fell short by some 225 votes for one of three seats on El Cerrito's city council.

Neither up nor down, two Nisei who have served as mayor in their respective towns these past two years did not seek re-election: John Kimura of Woodland and Kiyoshi Matsuno of Foster City, two Northern California communities.

caused further uncertainty in the Japanese community.

Some of us had no money and no place to go. Chin revealed that even the Idaho Japanese did not want their coast relatives to come.

There was a lack of leadership in the community with many Issei leaders imprisoned and the fact that the average age of the Nisei was only 18 years old.

JACL leaders considered the future of the Japanese when the war ended. We had to live in the United States as Americans, Japan did not want us. She had her own problems with people coming back from Manchuria, Formosa, and other parts of Asia. If Japan cared about the Japanese in America, she would not have started the war.

Long before the war began, Consul Sato called Jimmie to his office and asked him to see that the Nisei stayed loyal to America.

When the Army took over, resistance meant even more serious trouble and possibly bloodshed.

I do not know why JACL rejected legal aid from the ACLU unless

COMMENTS & LETTERS

● Hayakawa Hassle

Editor:

Senator Hayakawa never ceases to amaze me. To many of his former students and admirers, Mr. Hayakawa was the personification of intelligent discourse and "Straight" thinking. It is difficult for me to believe that this man was the author of "Language in Thought and Action" and who said to countless students that the study of General Semantics was the practice of how not, "...to be a damn fool!"

However, with his current comments on the "internment" of Iranian Nationals, I am beginning to think that the good Senator has forgotten his own advice. Hayakawa appears to have sunk to the level of a demagogue. If anything, Senator Hayakawa has resurrected the specter of America's "concentration camps" that interned 120,000 individuals of Japanese descent.

I would like to think that as intelligent Americans, we have come a long way since those dark days. The Junior Senator from California has become an embarrassment to many Japanese-Americans and perhaps, it is time for him to step down and stop acting like a damn fool.

ROBERT T. SATO
Dixon, Ca.

it was to avoid any disturbance that would harm the war effort.

I would like to ask Frank Chin given the incidents and feelings of the time what he would have done in our situation.

JACL and James Sakamoto need not ask for any "moral immunity" as they did not commit any crime, moral or otherwise. They did the best they knew to protect and preserve Japanese America at that time.

Sacrifice and loss were great in 1942 but because of it, we are enjoying a good life, economically, socially, politically, and culturally today. Instead of slandering the leaders of that time, we should appreciate and be grateful for the part played by them.

MISAO SAKAMOTO
(Mrs. James Y. Sakamoto)
Seattle, Wa.

★Subscription Notice

JACL members whose subscription to the Pacific Citizen expire during February, March or April can now expect to be cut off after the second week in May unless their 1980 renewal has been submitted to the PC Office by the end of April. Chapter membership chairpersons are requested to expedite the renewals. — Editor.

35 Years Ago

in the Pacific Citizen

April 21, 1945

April 1—Oldest Japanese language school outside of Japan (Japanese Central Institute) turns over property and assets (\$125,000) to Hawaiian Veterans Memorial Fund.

April 6—Kings County supervisors vote to extend aid to returning evacuees without family and too old to work ... Merced Mayor Wilbur McMurray seeks civic body to assist return Nikkei.

April 7—Native Sons of British Columbia seek postwar repatriation of all Japanese, Japanese Canadians to some Allied trust territory in South Pacific ... Prime Minister MacKenzie King reveals Canadian Nisei recruited for British war jobs outside Canada.

April 11—Monterey County Superior Judge Henry Jorgenson backs right of Nisei to return to west coast in speech at naturalization ceremony in Salinas.

April 11—Univ of Washington students delve into Nisei issue.

April 12—Anti-Japanese group leaders meet in Sacramento county courthouse to organize statewide anti-evacuee campaign; former state senator Jack Inman main speaker.

April 12—Nishi Hongwanji, Los Angeles, to be reopened to aid evacuees.

April 13—Italian Partisans led by fighting priest Pietro join 442nd in capture of Ligurian coastal towns of Carrara and Massa and many German PWs ... Return of Nisei combat troops to Italy puts Italian front back on U.S. front pages, says UP correspondent Thomas Stokes.

April 13—Army G-2 joins San Jose city investigators in fire-bombing of Tetsuiko Okida property.

April 15—Residents in eight WRA camps hold special rites eulogizing President Roosevelt.

April 21—Alonzo Stagg, grand old man of football, urges Stockton meeting to insure fair play for evacuees.

(This was inadvertently skipped.)

Feb. 24, 1945

Feb. 10—Shotgun target (Frank Osaki) of Fowler vows to stay on farm and fight back, despite being shot at ... Night-riding hoodlums blamed for series of shotgun attacks and home-fires in Fresno area.

Feb. 12—Monterey County Ministerial Assn. urges "fair play" on returning Nisei evacuees.

Feb. 13—Yakima Valley ranchers jam Grange Hall to hear Remember Pearl Harbor League organizers.

Feb. 19—VFW Fresno council defer action on own anti-evacuee stand as statewide policy pending; note majority of GIs returning from Pacific theater approve constitutional right of Nisei to return to west coast ... Vacaville Anti-Japanese League seek expression of returning GIs on Japanese American issue (boycott and exclusion) ... Placerville Lions vote for anti-evacuee boycott (refrain from leasing or selling property to Japanese Americans) in El Dorado County.

Feb. 21—WRA Director Myer insists camps will be closed by Dec. 31, 1945, at all-evacuee meeting in Salt Lake City; backbone of west coast opposition to return of evacuees broken by heroism of Nisei GIs as feats of 442nd in the news changing public opinion, says Myer.

Feb. 22—Year-end WRA report shows 100% increase (33,000 total) resettled in 47 states and D.C.; 2,500 in armed services.

Feb. 24—List 33 citations of high military honors presented by Gen. Jacob Devers of Sixth Army Group to men of 442nd.



FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

Interning Iranians a Political Boner

Denver, Colo.

Several weeks ago, soon after the redoubtable Senator Sam Hayakawa made his ill-considered remarks about interning Iranians in the United States, I wrote a column for the Denver Post which is the newspaper that pays my wages, such as they are.

In that column I wrote that Hayakawa, totally frustrated by our inability to get the embassy hostages out of Iran, "set about drafting a bill, tentatively titled the American Sovereignty Protection Act, designed to safeguard our embassies and diplomatic personnel now and in the future." The column continued:

"The proposed bill came up in a newspaper interview, and the reporter understandably asked how in heaven's name we could go out and arrest a bunch of innocent people just because they happened to be citizens of a country which was being nasty toward our diplomats. That's when Hayakawa replied, according to the reporter, 'We interned 110,000 Japanese during World War II, and we managed all right.'

"We managed, all right, but that didn't make it right. Nor should we in our frustration be considering a repetition of that deplorable violation of human rights... a student or immigrant shopkeeper here legally is entitled to the full protection of our laws."

The reaction to that column was, to say the least, interesting. The comment was 100 percent hostile to Hayakawa's proposal. What's more, Hayakawa was criticized not as a Japanese American making an incongruous suggestion, but as a United States senator who had come up with an idea that had no part in the American philosophy.

The Japanese American reaction, so far as I have been able to gauge it, was much the same. Hayakawa got

himself jumped on because he voiced a dumb idea, and not so much because he had insulted Japanese Americans.

What would have happened if another senator, a red-neck from the Deep South or some far-right conservative from the Northeast had made a similar proposal? What would the reaction of Japanese Americans been?

There is no doubt that they would have risen up in anger and outrage, just as they did when a pipsqueak named John J. Wilson, attorney for deposed White House aides H.R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman, angrily referred to Senator Daniel K. Inouye as "that little Jap" during the Watergate scandal hearings.

The next question then is, would the Japanese American reaction have been stronger against a white senator than it was against Hayakawa? If so, why? And if not, why not?

These are questions that must be answered by sociologists, psychologists and political scientists. But in the long view of anti-Oriental history it is a significant development that a United States senator can be criticized solely for his ideas and actions, and not because of his ethnic background. We've come a long way when we can elect a candidate to office because of what he stands for, and condemn or applaud him for the same reasons.

As for this particular episode, Hayakawa pulled an unfortunate boner which needn't have happened if he had been thinking. Politicians have no corner on glibness that leads to disaster, but because they are in the public eye they seem to be more vulnerable than most of the rest of us.

Elected in 1976, Hayakawa has two years of his term remaining. He will be 76 years old in 1982. If he has any thought of seeking re-election he's going to have to do a bit more thinking before opening his mouth to talk. #



EAST WIND: Bill Marutani

Are Asian Americans Disadvantaged?

Philadelphia

IF I WERE to make a generalized assessment, - and, please, I said "generalized", - my hunch would be that most readers of the Pacific Citizen might be categorized as belonging in the middle and upper-middle class. Economically.

Accordingly, the exposure of such folks would be generally to their own economic class, and hence there may be a tendency to view the overall status of Asian Americans in general as being somewhere in that class, give or take a little on either side. This notwithstanding an undefined sense that there are pockets of poverty in certain segments of the group; however, not being directly exposed to the inhabitants of such pockets, we may lull ourselves into the seeming assurance, and comfort, that generally all is well.

RECENTLY I CAME across a study on the functioning of the Small Business Administration (SBA), particularly as it related to allocation of federal procurement contracts for "minority" businesses. (In touching upon some points here, I'm eliminating technical references and jargon that are, at times, so dear to the lawyer's vocabulary.) It was not until quite recently that Asian Pacific Americans were certified as "socially disadvantaged" so as to be eligible for benefits under SBA rules. Only after JACL as well as the Organization of Chinese Americans and the Pacific/Asian Coalition, had appealed to William Clement, Associate Administrator for the SBA, in May of last year, were Asian Pacific American granted eligibility. It was pointed out to the Associate Administrator that Asian Americans had been specific targets of discriminatory legislation in the past.

To touch upon a few: in 1865, Chinese American children were denied the right to education in California's public schools; in 1879, the California Constitution prohibited employment of Chinese Americans by any private corporation or governmental agency; in 1882, 1907, and 1930, Chinese, Japanese and Filipinos respectively were excluded from immigration to the United States; in 1913, Chinese and Japanese were prohibited from owning land; and, as many of us well know, in 1942, some 115,000 Japanese Americans and their Issei parents were sent to concentration camps. This is but a partial list.

And so what is the economic picture today?

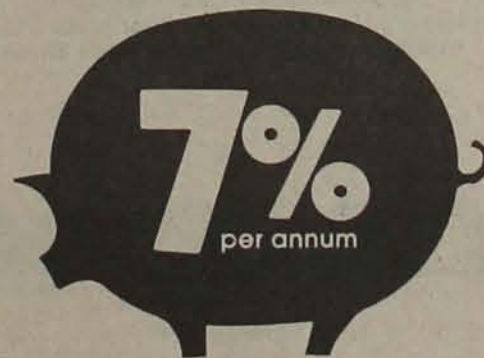
ACCORDING TO A study of the U.S. Department of Commerce, Asian American businesses are predomi-

nantly sole proprietorships without paid employees and have low annual receipts. I was surprised at the statistics:

Nearly 52% of Asian American proprietorships had less than \$5,000 in gross annual receipts, and nearly 95% had less than \$25,000 in gross annual receipts. In the area of wholesaling, manufacturing, and construction, of about 1,700 firms in manufacturing, 58% were sole proprietorships and had annual gross receipts averaging only \$15,000. Most were in labor-intensive firms engaged in food and garment manufacturing.

THE STATISTICS AND the facts speak for themselves. So if there be those of you out there who have stopped rowing, in the illusion that our ship has safely reached port, it might be a good idea not to let go of your oars. Just yet. #

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● From the MDC Human Rights Commission Newsletter:

Nisei demoted for 'flaunting his minority status'

As most Midwest JACL members now know, Masaru Yamasaki, a former MDC Governor, is engaged in a legal struggle with the Borden Company seeking vindication for his unexpected, summary demotion by that company two years ago. The recipient of numerous sales awards dur-

ing his many years of service to Borden and the only minority in management at the time of his demotion, Mas has filed charges of employment discrimination against Borden with the Ohio Civil Rights Commission.

The case has struck a responsive note in the JACL in

part because of Mas' dedicated service to the organization, and, in part, because his case seems to represent the plight of all Nisei who have been held back from upper echelon management by criteria which strongly resemble overt or covert racism. The Borden Company, for example, cites as one reason for Mas' demotion that he "flaunted" his "minority status."

His employment records indicate that Mas has been an exemplary worker, his worst year was apparently 1977 when he earned 100% bonus. The fact that he got a bonus was later cited by the company as a reason for Mas' demotion! Interestingly, Mas was denied the type of notice and opportunity to improve his performance which was given to a white manager in a similar situation. Since his filing of charges against the company, things have been difficult for Mas and his family — particularly on the job where Mas has been shifted frequently from one sales area to another. Mas, however, fights on with the help of family, friends, and the JACL.

The MDC passed a resolution to support Mas' case at its Twin Cities meeting in August, 1979, and the MDC Committee on Human Rights has been working on the case since that time under the lead-

ership of Jim Shimoura, a Committee attorney in Detroit. The Committee has also enlisted the support of the JACL National Office which sent Lorrie Inagaki, JACL legal director, to Dayton, Ohio, to review the case with Mas' attorney and report on the case with Jim at the Committee's November, 1979 meeting in Indianapolis. Both felt Mas had a strong case and suggested ways in which the Committee and the JACL as a whole could help. As a result, Lorrie has written an article for the Pacific Citizen describing the case to our national membership and has submitted an excellent advisory opinion to the Ohio Civil Rights Commission to aid them in their analysis and decision in Mas' case.

The MDC is fortunate to have Mas as a member and as a resource. His boundless energy, easy manner, and speaking ability have not only advanced his case, but also those of all Japanese Americans. Those who wish to contribute to this effort may do so by sending donations payable to the:

Midwest District Council JACL, c/o Gloria Kumagai, 2724 Drew Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minn. 55416. Please note your check "Legal Defense Fund."

New Age JACL inaugural Apr. 19

TORRANCE, Ca.—The New Age JACL will have its inaugural dinner this Saturday, April 19, at Del Conte's Restaurant here at 2900 Pacific Coast Highway. National executive director Karl Nobuyuki will be guest speaker. Gardena city councilman Mas Fukai will be emcee.

After Redress, What?

DR. KAZ MAYEDA
Governor, Midwest District

The JACL Redress campaign is in full gear and we will make it come to pass. It is our destiny to right the wrongs of willful disregard of the Constitutional guarantees. We cannot fail in this mission.

When our mission is complete, be it two years or five years down the line, what then? Now is the time to think and plan our goals for 1990 and beyond, for surely without goals, we will flounder as a viable national organization.

The average age of Nisei in 1980 is thought to be 56 years. This would mean the average Issei age is over 80 because of the historical immigration exclusion. The average age of the Sansei is probably 25 or 26 at this time. Thus, looking to 1990 and beyond, very few Issei would be left, but more and more Nisei would be into their retirement age. What will become of JACL then?

The past half century has seen tremendous accomplishments made by this organization. However, up to now, the JACL has been primarily Nisei oriented. Now that the Sansei are coming of age, more and more leadership positions of this organization will be passed to them, which is as it should be. As this evolution takes place, priorities will also change. It is inevitable.

In the coming years, I would like to see this organization become more active in the civil rights arena. I would also like to see the Nikkei becoming a bridge of understanding between the Orient and the United States, in the arena of international relations. Education is another arena where we make great contributions. The list is endless.

Because the list is so long, we can pick and choose where our efforts ought to be emphasized. To be sure, it can be argued that we are active in the civil rights arena right now; we are in education and also international relations. But we need to do more. We need to assess our priorities and programs now, not after the completion of the redress project.

What I consider important to this organization now may not be shared by others, and my priorities surely would change with time. Nevertheless, we should be planning for the future of JACL so that this effective national organization will not die of inaction. Some have already labeled the JACL as a "do nothing organization."

I believe one possible way to prepare for the future is to openly discuss the "Operation 80" projects wherein future goals are outlined. At least this would be a good starting point for enlightened discussion on where we will be in 1990. We need to take the "Operation 80's" project out of the back burner and let the pot boil for an honest evaluation. That's my point of view. What do you think?

Calendar

* non-JACL event

- APRIL 18 (Friday)
Contra Costa—CARP mtg, East Bay Free Methodist Church, 8pm.
- APRIL 19 (Saturday)
Alameda—One-day Reno trip.
New Age—Charter inst dnr, Del Conte rest, Torrance, 7pm; Karl Nobuyuki, Nat'l JACL exec dir, spkr.
Portland—Kohaku Uta Gassen' film, Benson High, 7pm.
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.
San Jose—Nikkei Matsuri.
- APRIL 22 (Tuesday)
Portland—Japanese films: 'Alaska Monogatari', 'Shinsen Gumi', Moreland Theater.
- APRIL 26 (Saturday)
San Jose—Schol awd potluck, Wesley Meth Church hall.
Fresno—Hana Matsuri, Duncan Water Garden.
Manzanar—11th annual pilgrimage, from Los Angeles.
- APRIL 27 (Sunday)
Livingston-Merced—Picnic, Henderson Park.

- Dayton—Square dance, Sor-kells Hall, 5pm.
- West Los Angeles—Wine-tasting benefit party, Yamato Restaurant, Century City, 12:30-3:30pm.
- MAY 2 (Friday)
Chicago—Bd mtg, JACL Office, 7:30pm.
- Philadelphia—Folk Fair (3da), Civic Center.
- Oakland—A/P Heritage Festival (3da), Oakland Museum.
- MAY 3 (Saturday)
MDC/Hoosier—Pre-conv mtg (fr Fri eve), Indianapolis.
- Arizona—Schol Awd dnr, Pointe Restaurant, 7pm.
- Fremont—A/P Heritage Festival (2da), Hub Shpg Ctr.
- MAY 4 (Sunday)
San Diego—Schol Awd dnr, Tom Horn's Lighthouse, 7pm; Assemblyman S Floyd Mori, spkr.
- Cleveland—Issei Day, Euclid Mall, 1pm.
- Portland—Comm graduate banq, Holiday Inn-Airport.
- MAY 8 (Thursday)
Hoosier—Bd mtg, Kyoko Reed res, 7:30pm.
- South Bay—Wine-tasting party, Summito Bank, Torrance, 7:30pm.

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: Cherry Kinoshita, ch, JA of the Biennium Comm, 3520 S Thistle St, Seattle, Wa 98118. (See Jan. 4-11 PC for rules.)
- April 29—Application form for Nominations for National Officers. TO: Grayce Uyehara, 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.
- June 16—Chapter Voting Delegate form & Chapter Proxy Authority form. TO: Helen Kawagoe, ch, Credentials Comm, 21111 Dolores St #66, Carson, Ca 90745.

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Support Your Nat'l Staff

By LILLIAN KIMURA
(Immediate Past MDC Governor)

Chicago

On his recent trip to the Midwest, Karl Nobuyuki was a bearer of grim news — the financial situation of JACL is so precarious that there may have to be staff cutbacks. This is indeed bad news. With an already limited staff, who are taxed beyond normal endurance, further cuts will seriously impair JACL's effectiveness.

Because staff salaries are the largest line in any budget, it is natural to think that when money is tight, a cutback on this line item will produce the greatest savings. As a victim of staff retrenchment due to financial constraints, let me tell you that reducing the staff load is no solution to the problem of making ends meet. Moreover, it has a tremendously demoralizing effect on those who have chosen to work for JACL.

I wonder how many of us stop to realize the "over and beyond" efforts of our National staff? The nature of our organization requires evenings and weekend work. And especially at this time of year when chapters are changing leaders, we expect our staff to be traveling to installation function ... not only to participate but to give the main address! It is my experience that even though provisions are made for compensatory time-off, one is seldom able to take it.

It is time for JACL to broaden our financial base ... diversify it. We can no longer rely solely on a share of the membership dues for our existence. In voluntary organizations, it is the Board who is corporately responsible to raise the difference between what we can get from the members and what we need to be effective.

This means to me that determination of JACL's budget can no longer be in the hands of the National Council. The hassle which takes place every biennium will be eliminated. We can then institute the normal way of doing things — program determines the budget, not the budget determining the program.

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Portland hosted the Mar. 15-16
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for out-of-towner guests held at
the George Azumano's.

National President Clifford
Uyeda and J.D. Hokoyama, associ-
ate national JACL director, were
among the guest speakers. Sho
Dozono and Al Abe handled gen-
eral arrangements.

San Jose

Gail Tagashira, Mercury-News
columnist, will be guest speaker at
the San Jose JACL spring awards
potluck supper April 26 at the
Wesley Methodist Church social
hall to honor graduating high
school seniors, it was announced
by Sharon Uyeda, scholarship
chairperson. The scholarship recip-
ients will also be revealed.

Jackie Nakamura, Presidential
Classroom attendee, will describe
some of her impressions of her
trip to Washington, D.C. In the
chapter newsletter, she said:

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ington, D.C., the city, was that the
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and its statues reflect the grand-
eur of our capital. Appearance and
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ple, dressed in conservative suits
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gency.

"The Presidential Classroom al-
lowed us, the National Student
Body, to enter the imposing mar-
ble buildings to meet first hand
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"Meeting other students and be-

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Toyo Miyatake photo exhibit in Japan highlights Manzanar

TOKYO—Interest in the life of the Japanese in America, whetted by the popular "Amerika Monogatari" series on TV, was maintained with the timely appearance of the Toyo

Miyatake Photo Exhibition, "Human Document Caught Through Lens: a 50-Year History of U.S.-Japan Exchange", during the first week of April at the Mitsukoshi Dept. Store



OLD FRIENDS MEET—Quite unexpectedly, Archie Miyatake (center) and his wife Take of Los Angeles meet an old prewar L.A. friend, Kay Tateishi of the Associated Press in Tokyo who was covering the Toyo Miyatake exhibit which opened at the Mitsukoshi Dept. Store.

gallery in Nihonbashi.

Consisting of some 150 pictures selected by his son, Archie, from thousands on file at Toyo Studios, which his late father started in 1923, those which were taken as the documentarist inside Manzanar Camp were highlights but a

U.S.-Japan veterans of Iwojima to meet

WASHINGTON—American and Japanese war veterans of the Battle of Iwojima, one of the bloodiest battlefields of World War II, will have a reunion here on June 11. To commemorate the occasion, a Senate resolution was introduced April 5 to have the President proclaim it a "national historical event".

The island—five miles long and two miles wide—still has the remains of about 70% of the 20,000 Japanese killed on Iwojima. It had been a U.S. airbase until the island was returned to Japanese control in 1968.

sampling of his works as a portraitist included shots of notable Japanese who were visiting Little Tokyo at one time or another.

Archie Miyatake and his wife, Take, on their first visit of Japan, were overwhelmed by the support shown from Japanese photographers and especially the message from U.S. Ambassador Mike Mansfield: "Mr. Miyatake's photographs are a heritage which belongs to both Japanese and Americans". The Miyatake couple were to visit their father's birthplace before returning April 15.

Toyo Miyatake died last year at age 83. Some of the Miyatake pictures of life in Manzanar were taken with a home-made box camera with a 150-mm lens which he had smuggled into camp. While enemy aliens were prohibited

from having cameras, short-wave radios, guns and weapons during the war, Toyo was permitted by the camp director who agreed with him it was important to record "this

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