

\$728,000 JACL budget proposed for '81

By HARRY HONDA

SAN FRANCISCO—Inflationary factors overwhelmed the JACL budget as finally delineated by the National JACL Board which is recommending a \$782,770 budget for FY 1981 starting next October plus a 10%-across-the-board increase for FY 1982. It will be presented for adoption during the next National Convention here July 28-Aug. 1.

To meet the new budget, individual national dues would be raised from \$16.50 per member (chapters and districts may add their respective per capita fees here) to \$20 for FY 1981 and \$23.50 for FY 1982. An on-going national support fund drive would supplement the income as well cover the anticipated \$40,000 shortfall for the current fiscal year ending Sept. 30, it was decided.

A monitoring system is also being planned by Headquarters with respect to financial matters, it was announced by George

Kodama, national treasurer.

To help increase memberships as well as income, Karl Nobuyuki, National JACL executive director, said he would make this his current priority to avert the shortfall. District governors each vowed to help do their respective share in the national support fund drive.

The district youth chairpersons, especially Wade Kojima for the Midwest, seeing their \$43,200 budget trimmed to \$32,300, asked how the JAYs might raise the \$10,000 for the youth program that would embrace them as well as a new Jr. JACL age group between 8 and 13 and their young adult parents.

District funding was amicably improved for areas which had been cut when Northern California-Western Nevada district governor Ben Take-shita allowed for a reduction of their allocation from \$25,000 to \$20,000.

Other line items call for:

General operations, \$19,304; National Headquarters, \$18,830; Washington Office, \$4,300; District funding—PSW \$30,000; MDC \$26,400; CCDC \$18,700; IDC \$1,000; EDC \$3,300; NC-WN \$20,000; PNW \$7,040; Mt-Pl \$2,000; and Contingencies,

The new budget at first totaled in excess of \$850,000 and required immediate trimming. Kodama, Headquarters staff and Bob Yoshioka with Alexander Grant, stayed up all night Friday to pare the budget down and consulted with regional directors and the Pacific Citizen so that the board would be able to urge its recommendation.

But Floyd Shimomura, v.p. for public affairs, asked for restoration of the \$30,000 cut from the PC budget to maintain its 50-week publication schedule. The cut represents the saving by going to a 25-week schedule of 12 pages minimum per issue and the Holiday Issue. The PC had proposed a 45-week run with a 12-pager every other week between July 1 and Labor Day.

\$25,000.

The urgency of having to raise dues to keep JACL's administrative arm in tune was most apparent when some board members had suggested it be raised to \$25 but others said outside sources should be developed. Chief advocate Mits Kawamoto, the Mountain Plains governor, of a JACL Foundation accepted the challenge to chair the study committee to prepare a feasibility report by Convention time. The foundation would be assisting JACL projects. (Proceeds from the JACL En-

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State Senate panel OKs Bannai bill for internment probe

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—Assemblyman Paul Bannai was questioned sharply April 16 for his support of a federal commission to study the internment.

Bannai (R-Gardena), presented his measure, AJR 56, before the state Senate Rules Committee.

The resolution, co-sponsored by 97 other state legislators, would express the state's support for pending congressional legislation that would establish a commission to study the 1942 internment of Japanese Americans.

After extensive questioning by the committee, the measure was approved, 3-0, but Sen. Robert Presley, (D-Riverside), withheld his vote.

"I don't know why we have to keep beating ourselves over the head with this," Presley told Bannai. "I think this study doesn't seem necessary."

Replied Bannai, who was interned at Manzanar during the war, "I felt very hurt by the situation and as a result I have a very deep feeling that this should not happen again, perhaps stronger than some others."

Colo. Assembly kills bill to aid redress

DENVER, Colo.—By a 37-20 vote April 18, the Colorado General Assembly referred to committee (and effectively killing for this session) a resolution, introduced by Rep. Richard Castro (D), assistant minority leader in the House, asking the U.S. Congress to enact S1647 and HR 5499—measures aimed to insure against the injustices suffered by Japanese Americans during WW2 by Evacuation and the camps.

JACL chapters receive '80 convention packet

SAN FRANCISCO—Chapters should have received the 1980 National JACL Golden Anniversary convention information packet this week. It contains:

- (a) Advance registration forms,
- (b) Jack Tar Hotel reservation

forms, (c) flyers on Optional Events, (d) details on Special Events, and (e) Informational brochures.

Package deal for the convention scheduled July 28 (Monday) to Aug. 1 (Friday) covers three events (Masaoka Service Award banquet, recognitions luncheon, Sayonara banquet-ball, plus registration fee) and is \$60 if submitted before June 15 and \$75 after June 15.

Because hotel reservations are difficult to obtain in the summer, early confirmations are being urged.

Fukasawa elected Carpinteria Mayor

SANTA BARBARA, Ca.—John K. Fukasawa is the new mayor of Carpinteria.

He was chosen unanimously April 15 by his colleagues on the Carpinteria City Council, succeeding Ernest C. Wullbrandt.

Fukasawa, 62, has been a councilman since November 1974 and served as mayor pro-tem for the past two years.

Longest PC advertiser retiring

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Believe it or not, this company logo, a sign that was propped on the lawn of many a home in the southwest Los Angeles area in the 1950s when Japanese Americans were resettling the west coast, and in windows, has been appearing in the Pacific Citizen since 1946, making John Ty est PC advertiser.



A longtime supporter of CL (nearly 30 years in the 1000 Club), Ty (Taizo) opened his office in Little Tokyo and being in the same building as the JACL regional office then, he was a constant assistant and volunteer helping Issei-Nisei who came to JACL for help, leads to jobs, housing, transportation, etc.

The real estate business this past year has been extremely hard-pressed and Ty felt it was time to retire (or semi-retire), pull in his ads, etc.

Commercial ads have never appeared on the PC front page as far as the weekly editions go, and the appearance of Ty's logo may seem to breaking the precedent, but the story we wanted to tell was the fact that PC's steadiest supporter was calling it "30" this week.—H.H.



ENOMOTO SUPPORTERS—Group of Pacific Southwest JACLers and Ethnic Concerns members carry signs supporting Jerry Enomoto's battle to keep his job of director of corrections. Scene is in front of the Serra Bldg. at 1st and Broadway in downtown Los Angeles, the State Building where Gov. Brown's L.A. office is located, during the crowded noon hour April 22.

Rafu Shimpo Photos

12 weeks till the 1980 JACL Convention:



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JACK TAR HOTEL

Min Masuda wins coveted EOP award at U.W.

SEATTLE, Wa.—Dr. Minoru Masuda adds among his major achievements the distinction of being the 1980 winner of the Univ. of Washington's coveted Charles E. Odegaard Award.

The UW Professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences is respected internationally in the areas of psychophysiology (the study of the relationship between psychology and physiology) and psychoneuroendocrinology (the study of the relationship between the brain and the hormonal system).

The Seattle-born pharmacologist and physiologist also is noted nationally for his tireless contributions on behalf of human rights.

Dr. Masuda was honored April 16 by the Friends of the Educational Opportunity Program at their ninth annual meeting, "Celebration '80," for being a constant



MINORU MASUDA

advocate for human rights since the beginning of the civil rights movement when there was few non-Black involvement. He was especially cited by the Friends of the EOP for his efforts in enlisting greater commitment among the University's own minority faculty and staff to the University's affirmative action and other equal opportunity programs benefiting students and the rest of the UW's multi-racial community.

Dr. Masuda was a firm supporter of the University's EOP, this year servicing a record-setting 3,068 undergraduate students, among them 184 in the American Indian, 1,606 in the Asian American, 752 in the Black, 288 in the Chicano and 203 in the Economically Disadvantaged Student Divisions.

The award is named after Dr. Charles E. Odegaard, president emeritus who headed the UW from 1958 to 1973 and now professor of education and biomedical history, and is given to an individual "whose work and leadership have demonstrably advanced the aims of the EOP."

Dr. Masuda is the eighth person since 1974 to receive the award. His wife, Hana, received the award for Dr. Masuda, 65, who is seriously ill with cancer.

Faculty member since 1956, Dr. Masuda has won the deep respect from many of the medical students and residents who have worked with him. A UW graduate, he received a bachelor's degree in pharmacy in 1936, a master's in 1938 and his doctorate in 1956 with his graduate work in pharmacology and physiology.

He became a research assistant in the Dept. of Physiology in 1952-54, senior laboratory technician in the Dept. of Psychiatry in 1954-56 and was appointed research instructor in psychiatry in 1956 as a member of the research faculty.

He has been a full professor in the School of Medicine since 1972 in the Dept. of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences.

Member of numerous honorary and professional societies including the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Dr. Masuda is involved also with the Nisei Veterans Committee, Japan-America Society, Young Asians for Action and Coalition of Concerned Asians.

His major community involvement included the Japanese American Citizens League, having been Seattle chapter president and the anti-discrimination and retirement national chairman.

In the last year, Dr. Masuda has worked for the US Civil Rights Commission recommendation to have Japanese Americans interned during World War II receive compensation.

Then a licensed pharmacist in

1942, Dr. Masuda was interned with his wife, his parents and a brother at Camp Harmony in Puyallup, Wash., and later sent to Camp Minidoka in Idaho. Dr. Masuda then joined the famous all-Nisei (second generation Japanese American) 442nd Central Postal Directory, the most decorated US Army unit in WWII.

Dr. Masuda and his wife, the former Hana Koriyama, have two grown children, Mrs. John (Tina) Laing of Bothell and Kiyoshi T. Masuda of Seattle, and a granddaughter.

Sansei selected Truman Scholar

INDEPENDENCE, Mo.—John Toraru Ishiyama, 19, of Parma will represent Ohio at the Harry S. Truman Scholar awards ceremony here May 4. Majoring in political science at Bowling Green State University, he is eyeing a career in the U.S. foreign service.

The competitive award recognizes juniors in college considered to have outstanding potential of leadership in government. The Truman Scholarship Foundation selects an awardee from each state, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the South Pacific Islands.

A past president of the Cleveland JAYS and currently MDYC vice president for program, he was a 1978 participant in the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans.

Education

John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, New York, has awarded over \$4.5 million to scholars, scientists and artists in the 56th annual competition on the basis of "demonstrated accomplishment in the past and strong promise for the future." Among the winners were Yee Jan Bao, artist-in-residence, Univ. of Cincinnati; Yoshito Kishi, chemistry professor, Harvard; Philip Li-Fan Liu, environmental engineering, Cornell; Robert M. Miura, professor of mathematics, Univ. of British Columbia; Hiroshi Sugimoto, photographer, New York; and Shing-Tung Yau, professor of mathematics, Stanford.

Three Nikkei held for desecrating Flag

HONOLULU—Three Nikkei were arrested April 16 and charged with trespassing, hauling down and desecrating the American flag and destroying government property at the USS Arizona Memorial and trying to run up a red sheet in its place. Charged were:

Masaaki Hirota, 29, a naturalized citizen; Joanne K. Kishii, 27, and Rae S. Seitz, 26, a housewife, all professing to be members of the Revolutionary Communist Party.

A Pearl Harbor Naval Base police officer said he had never witnessed anything like it in his 16 years at the job and the first such incident reported since the Memorial was established in 1962 with over 14 million visitors paying their respects.

Toshio Mori, 70, pioneer Nisei author

OAKLAND, Ca.—Toshio Mori, pioneer Nisei author, died April 12 and funeral services were held here April 16 at the Chapel of the Chimes. He was 70.

A native of Oakland, he began his writing career as an author in 1939 by selling his first short story to "The Coast," a California magazine.

The story caught the eye of novelist and playwright William Saroyan, who befriended the young writer and acted as his mentor.

His writings were strongly influenced by his experiences as a Japanese American youth growing up in California, and he eventually became one of the foremost chroniclers of Japanese American life in the country.

His parents came from Japan in the 1890s and initially worked as domestic servants and agricultural workers. Later they operated an Oakland bathhouse, in which he was born in 1910. Mori spent most of his boyhood in San Leandro on a nursery his parents started.

He wrote hundreds of short stories which reflected his family's history and told of the lifestyle of Issei and Nisei.



Toshio Mori, 70

World War II delayed the scheduled publication of an anthology as he was sent to Topaz Relocation Center during the evacuation.

This first collection of short stories, "Yokohama, California," was published in 1949.

The three years he spent in camp provided much raw material for his later writings.

"We had 8000 Japanese in a mile square area," he once said of his internment experience. "So, I restricted my material to the nearest subject."

Rediscovered by a younger generation of Asian American writers in the 1970s, he began gaining support and last year another collection of stories, "The Chauvinist," was published. The book spans the period from the 1930s to the present.

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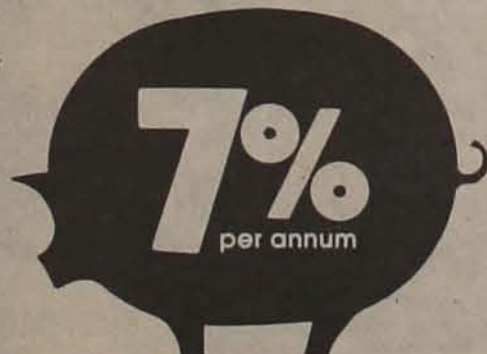
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At-large elections constitutional, says high court

WASHINGTON—Cities may use at-large election methods to select local government, even if the system reduces voting strengths of racial minorities, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled this past week (April 22) 6-3 in the City of Mobile v. Bolden case.

In a setback for civil rights forces, the high court upheld the system which Mobile, Ala., has been using since 1911 to elect its city commission. Black voters, who have been unable to elect a black member though Mobile's black

population is 35%, had contended the system violated their right to vote (15th Amendment) and equal protection of the laws (14th Amendment).

The majority decision, writ-

Vast bilingual voting plan OK'd

SAN FRANCISCO—Bowling to Federal demands, the San Francisco board of supervisors approved a far-reaching bilingual voting program in which the city must go door-to-door to register Chinese and Spanish-speaking voters.

The plan was adopted by a 7-4 vote on April 21 over objections by the dissenters that it was unconstitutional, illogical and discriminatory. The program was proposed by the Justice Dept. to settle a two-year lawsuit against the city.

The city, which has about 660,000 has about 10% of its residents of Chinese ancestry and 14% Latino, according to Justice Dept. officials who noted these groups have voted here less than 40% the rate of English-speaking residents.

A Chronicle phone poll recently indicated 22,382 callers favored ballots in English only and 4,391 no.

ten by Justice Potter Stewart, said these rights are not violated unless there is proof of the system was adopted for the specific purpose of discriminating against blacks.

Justice Thurgood Marshall, the court's only black member, dissented in strong terms saying the court was "an accessory to the perpetuation of racial discrimination". Stewart said the Constitution "does not require proportional representation as an imperative of political organization". Though the Constitution grants individuals the right to take part in elections, he said, "this right does not protect any 'political group', however defined, from electoral defeat."

Joining Stewart were Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, Justices William H. Rehnquist and Lewis F. Powell, Jr., with separate opinions by Justices

John Paul Stevens and Harry A. Blackmun agreeing. Dissenting were Justices Marshall, William J. Brennan Jr. and Byron R. White. Brennan and White writing their own separate dissents noted there was evidence that Mobile maintained its at-large system for the purpose of keeping out black officials.

Business

The Community Bank of Edgewater president James W. Beutel announced the election of **Ross Harano** as vice president by its board of directors. A recipient of the Chicago Jaycee's Chicago Ten Outstanding Young Citizens award in 1976, Ross has served as president at the Uptown Chicago Commission and board chairman for the Chicago JACL. Prior to joining the Community Bank of Edgewater, he was vice president of loans and marketing at the Bank of Chicago.

Dr. Masakazu "Jack" Fujimoto, president of West Los Angeles College in Culver City, has been named an advisory board member of California First Bank's Western Los Angeles office.

Religion

Pocatello JACler **Hero Shio-saki**, in attending the recent General Conference of the United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, was the first Pocatello resident to represent the Methodists from the Pacific Northwest in nearly 100 years.

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San Francisco

The **Tule Lake Committee** will show the Kurosawa movie, "Ikiru", May 3, 6 and 9 p.m., at the United Japanese Community Services Bldg., 2012 Pine St., San Francisco, as a fund-raiser for the 1980 Pilgrimage set for May 17-18.

The annual meeting and tea of the Japanese Women Alumnae, U.C. Berkeley, will meet Sunday, May 18, 2-5 p.m., (instead of May 13 as previously reported) at Women's Faculty Club, U.C. Berkeley Campus. For information call Kiku Funabiki at 668-4660 or Margaret Saito at 530-9213.

High cost derails 'Hito Hata'

LOS ANGELES—Inflationary film costs have forced Visual Communications to temporarily halt production on their feature-length film, "Hito Hata: Raise the Banner".

According to director Bob Nakamura, "Film and TV are such a part of our daily lives, people don't realize how expensive it is to produce. A 30 second commercial can run as much as \$200,000, our very 'low-budget' film is now costing about \$2,500 a minute."

Co-director Duane Kubo added that besides the already high cost of film production, film lab costs have increased 70% and the original music budget had to be increased 30% because of inflated recording fees.

Steve Tatsukawa, administrative director, said that 90% of the film has already been shot. "We're depending on federal, state and foundation funding sources besides financial support from our own community in order to complete the film."

Besides airing on television this Fall, Visual Communications is planning showings in Japanese American communities throughout the country. The film, starring noted actor Mako, is one of the few films to focus on Japanese Americans and the only one to be written, directed and produced by Japanese Americans.

"We think we have a good film," said Nakamura. "We have a talented cast, with actors such as Mako and Pat Morita and even some well-known actors from Japan. And, most importantly, a story from our Japanese American heritage that should be told. I hope we can finish soon."



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Grievances



When Senator Edward Kennedy expressed concerns about the Shah's regime last year there were angry responses that he was endangering the lives of American hostages in Tehran.

Today there is recognition that besides our own grievances, Iranians also may have legitimate grievances. In the anger and frustrations felt, Americans understandably focused all their attention on the hostages. The Iranians, in their own anger and frustrations, could only see the hostages as their key to getting attention to their grievances.

Both sides saw and felt only the wrongs they suffered. To even consider the grievances of the other side was unthinkable, unpatriotic and even considered morally wrong.

The deadlock will be resolved only when both sides see beyond their own concerns. Concerns are very real on both sides.

Americans have been exceedingly patient. During the months of waiting, however, active negotiations to resolve the deadlock seemed at best only moderate. A working attitude for negotiation seemed lacking on both sides. When either side stubbornly holds that negotiation is possible only after one's goal is first achieved, then there is no climate for negotiation.

Patience is only half the answer to resolving grievances, and it is wearing thin. Active, meaningful negotiation with due consideration for grievances on both sides cannot be postponed much longer.

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dowment Fund are used for general operations. The 1000 Club was started to help National Headquarters.)

All district governors also agreed that the 1979 membership total of 30,036 should be the 1980 membership goals. As of April 1, the total was 22,420 or 75%. Same time total last year was 21,734.

Judge Mikio Uchiyama, reporting on Constitutional Revision, said Tuesday morning and Thursday morning have been reserved during the National Convention for this major undertaking. A consent calendar will be prepared to expedite the schedule to allow as full a debate as possible on the controversial issues, such reduction of the National Board and liberalizing the citizenship requirement for membership.

Legal counsel Frank Iwama discussed the formation of a JACL political action committee, hoping that a hundred people pledging \$1,000 each would make for a meaningful start. Matter is subject to approval by the National Council, he added, since it initially involves use of the JACL name.

Though a final accounting is underway, redress chair John Tateishi reported approximately \$85,000 was netted at the recent American Testimonial dinner.

Dr. Clifford Uyeda, national president, presided throughout the session which began at 7 p.m. Friday and ended at noon Sunday.

Letters

• Inouye's Intervention into Iran

Editor:

Here are some letters and comments which have appeared in the local newspapers in wake of Sen. Inouye's address of April 7 to the Honolulu Press Club.

ALLAN BEEKMAN
Honolulu

Send in the civilian

By DAN MYERS

Washington was reported abuzz yesterday as federal government recruiters scoured the nation's capital for a high civilian official to lead a Marine battalion into downtown Tehran.

The search follows Senator Daniel K. Inouye's remarks to the Honolulu Press Club on Monday. The Hawaii senator said that if he were president he would announce that in three days a battalion of Marines armed only with rifles would fly to Tehran in civilian passenger aircraft to bring the hostages home. He said the battalion would be led to the U.S. Embassy by a high civilian official, "maybe the vice president."

Recent public opinion polls show that most Americans might applaud the Inouye plan. A Louis Harris polls say 68 percent of Americans feel President Carter's actions were "too little and too late."

However, enthusiasm among high civilian officials in Washington apparently remains muted. So far as is known, the vice president has not yet volunteered to lead a few hundred Marines with no fighter cover, close-air support, tanks, artillery or vehicles into a hostile city of 4.5 million, most of whom have appeared on television, waving guns.

To date, the list of high civilian officials who have not stepped forward to lead the Marines into Tehran includes Zbigniew Brzezinski, Cyrus Vance, Ham Jordan, Jody Powell and Billy Carter.

As the search continues in the Sans Souci Restaurant and at numerous Georgetown cocktail parties, the Department of Transportation is reported hard at work on a plan to get the battalion from the airport into downtown Tehran through the permanent traffic jam, which last twitched in 1967.

Inouye plan criticized

So Senator Inouye would be willing to sacrifice a battalion of Marines in his half-baked scheme to free the hostages in Iran, would he?

Well, instead of "Marines" substitute the words "more young Americans." Now how does it sound?

And would the senator be willing to be the "high civilian" he proposes to lead the delegation?

What would happen would be that either (a) the battalion of Marines — and the high civilian — would all be killed, or (b) they would all join the other American prisoners of war in Iran.

And if Inouye's proposed battalion was killed or captured, would the administration then take meaningful action? Not if past deeds are any indication.

If and when the time comes for military intervention, let it be planned and executed by the military. Such a plan as proposed by Inouye would be a waste of lives. American fighting men can accept the necessities of war. They deserve more than to be fed piecemeal into a grinder by a wastefully stupid plan.

JIM PAYNTER
Honolulu

THE GUEST'S CORNER:

Asian vs. Oriental: A Difference that Counts

(This is the concluding portion of Robert Kwan's essay published in the Asian and Pacific American Federal Employee Council newsletter, Washington, D.C., dealing with the "fuss" over whether one should be called an Oriental or an Asian. The first part noted the historic uses of Oriental by Westerners as applied to people and problems that were generated as a consequence. The preference for "Asian", Kwan notes, came in the 1960s. —Ed.)

By ROBERT KWAN
(APAFEC Newsletter)

Historian Carey McWilliams noted, "To maintain its dominance, a majority usually invokes three techniques against a minority; members of the minority are restricted, by various devices, to subordinate positions in the economy; restrictive legislation is used to erect barriers against the minority; and an effort is made to deny citizenship to the members of the minority." All these techniques were used against Asians in America.

While we resisted for a while, we gave up because, at that time, struggle was futile. Then we withdrew into the Chinatowns, Japantowns, and Manilatowns and took up jobs which did not compete with whites (hence Chinese laundrymen, Japanese and Filipino gardeners).

Political scientist Harold Isaacs made an observation about the Chinese at this time, which is applicable to other Asians. Isaacs

said, "They withdrew into the isolation of their own communities, and, even more, into the supercaution of what the American saw as an unreacting expressionlessness. It was actually a great care not to become involved in matters that might draw the white man's attention to them." McWilliams further observed that once we Asians adopted a strategy of accommodation, "the racial hatred of the majority turned to tolerant indifference and sentimental patronage." In other words, the hatchet man became Charlie Chan. When we ceased to be perceived as a threat or an "Oriental menace," we became just plain "Oriental."

Nonetheless, we remained part of the mysterious Orient. Asian people and culture are "exotic." An exotic Oriental culture was cooked up for us because whites were too lazy and felt too superior to find out what our culture and heritage was really like, and we were too intimidated by the racism and the violence to explain who we really are. We witnessed the invention of Fu Manchu, Charlie Chan, Suzie Wong/Geisha Girl, fortune cookie/chop suey, and other tourist items. You might say

that Filipino and Korean, for example, are different, but to them, yellow all the same. You will notice that popular "Oriental" culture is a cultural mishmash. You can get chow mein and fortune cookies along with sushi and teriyaki at a Japanese American church bazaar. You can go to Chinatown and buy happi coats and geisha dolls. But you don't get fortune cookie or number one combination in Hong Kong or Tokyo (except maybe at the Hilton).

Exotic but cute Oriental culture is merely a reflection of the majority attitude of tolerant indifference and sentimental patronage

towards "Oriental".

But tolerant indifference is not respect and sentimental patronage is not equality. Unlike "Oriental," Asian does not connote being cute and exotic, (i.e., that we are not a threat, that we have no rights, that we are not entitled to be equal).

I do not want to be understood to say that I condemn those who were called "Oriental" and who were passive because until recently they had no choice. Laying low and accommodation was a legitimate survival strategy when there was no choice. But now we have a choice. Now we can do better. #

The 'Tate' Family

Long Beach, Ca.

The "Tates"—they're found in every church. There is old man Dic Tate, who wants to run everything in the church. Uncle Ro Tate tried to change everything. And sister Agi Tate stirs up trouble whenever possible.

Her brother Irri Tate does his best to help her.

And whenever new projects are suggested, brother Hesi Tate and sister Vege Tate pour cold water on the proposals.

But not all members of the family are bad; brother Facili Tate is quite helpful; a delightful member is Miss Felici Tate; and the pastor is extremely pleased with brother Cogi Tate and his twin brother Medi Tate.

From 'Charisma', Grace Presbyterian Church

EAST WIND: Bill Marutani



Sticks 'n Stones

Philadelphia

THERE'S A childhood ditty which we used to recite every so often in elementary school when confronted by some racial taunt. Especially if the taunter were considerably bigger (which was more often than not) or there were more of them (which was frequent). There were, however, more occasions when we responded physically, and many were the times that I arrived home with a torn shirt or a bloody nose, or both. But satisfied.

BUT AS I say, if it was a big bully or there were too many of them, or my mother tired of patching up a torn shirt or trying to wash blood off my clothes, we resorted to the ditty. It went something like this:

Sticks 'n stones may break my bones,
But words shall never hurt me.

AS I NOW look back, I know all too well that I didn't mean a word of it; on the contrary, those racial taunts cut deeply and cruelly. They still do. Today, the taunts that seek "to flick the scars" are surreptitiously sophisticated although born of the same poisonous pot of hatred and ignorance. There are always some who would say to me that I am overly sensitive, "touchy" and so forth. To such, I would simply reply: "Damn right I am." Which is to say, I'm damn human.

IN FACT, HOWEVER, I'm much resigned to the reality that such ignorance and hatred shall continue among a few, - although that few are all-too-many. I've become weary of continuing to try to educate them, to relieve them of their corrosive sickness: all I now ask—nay, demand—is that they do not place their poisonous

prattle to stand in my way as to where I may choose to live, my job, and my aspirations to live in human dignity. Oh, of course, I realize that such is to hope for a social nirvana, but that's one way for me to cope with the evil.

UNDER OUR LAWS it is not "actionable", (that is, one may not successfully sue) to engage in a racial smear of a group. I've never understood that. If one damages my property, my body, my business, my finances, my reputation, I have recourse to the courts. But if they deride that which God chose for me, my race, - well, "that's life" and there's no relief.

IT MAY BE that because our laws are formulated by those who generally were not, and are not, subjected to racial derogation, at least to such people racial epithets are not a problem justifying relief under the law. And if there be someone who would extoll the First Amendment, free speech, as a counter-consideration, let me point out that it is actionable to yell "Fire!" in a crowded theater.

THERE IS AN ethnic group that is doing something about it: the Polish-American Guardian Society, situated in Chicago. They've filed suits (two of them) in the Federal Courts in Chicago against the National Broadcasting Company to enjoin N.B.C. from airing two movies, "The End" and "Airplane", in which Polish-Americans are depicted as, to cite from the complaint, "depraved, filthy, unpatriotic, stupid." (Sound familiar?)

PERHAPS THE NISEI, as well as other Asian Americans, might also consider taking similar steps. In the meantime, the JACL, as starters, may well consider joining the Polish-Americans' lawsuit as *amicus curiae*. After all, it's our fight. All of us.



FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

Census grouping of races puzzling

Washington, D.C.

The recently completed national nose-count known as the 1980 Census is likely to tell us a lot more than we ever knew about ourselves by the time the first report is made early in 1981. The Bureau of Census has gone to extraordinary lengths to get an accurate count, particularly among the minorities who admittedly were neglected in the past. The results may be little short of startling.

A special public relations effort was made among Hispanics, but Asian Americans also were given a good deal of attention. Back in 1970 respondents were asked to indicate color or race as white, Negro or black, American Indian, Japanese, Chinese, Filipino, Hawaiian, Korean or "other". This time Vietnamese, Asian Indian, Guamanian and Samoan have been added as well as four types of Hispanics.

The 1970 census indicated there were 591,290 Japanese, 435,062 Chinese, 343,060 Filipinos, and approximately 65,510 Koreans and 99,958 Hawaiians.

This time around the numbers and ratios are likely to be changed substantially because of heavy recent immigration as well as a more accurate head-count.

For example, between 1970 and 1977, some 230,000 Filipinos, 180,000 Koreans, 110,000 Asian Indians, and a comparably large number of Chinese from Taiwan and Hongkong have immigrated to the United States. These figures do not include the roughly 300,000 Indochinese—Vietnamese, Cambodians and Laotians—who have en-

tered this country in substantial numbers in the last few years, nor some 35,000 Thais and about 30,000 Japanese who came during the decade.

The total Asian-American population in 1970 was somewhere around 1,420,000. That number is expected to be up to 2,200,000 to 2,500,000 this time around. Responsible for the increase are high birth rates among the newcomers, many of whom are in child-bearing years, as well as the influx of immigrants. Over-all, the percentage of gain among Asian-Americans is expected to rival that of Hispanics.

All this is likely to have profound economic, social and political implications which are far from clear at this stage.

One obvious point is that Japanese Americans who in 1970 were a prominent group because of their numbers (nearly a quarter of the total), their long history in the United States (the third and fourth generations in their adult years), strong economic position, education, political power, will be far outnumbered by other Asian American groups.

Until a decade or so ago Japanese Americans tended to emphasize their identity as Americans of Japanese descent. In more recent years, however, many of them prefer to be identified as Asian-Americans. It will be interesting to see what the fact of becoming a smaller minority within a minority does to their outlook and performance. Will they tend to seek to identify with the general American community, which is not too difficult these days because of their social and economic position? Or will they continue to identify with a new group of people with whom they share Asian heritage but don't have much else in common?

Of course the picture will be changed substantially once more by the 1990 census. Immigration from Southeast Asia is likely to continue for some time to come, but one must wonder if there will be any great increase from Japan.

The matter of classification also poses some interesting issues. The census people classify a person in the group the subject chooses. But what is a blond, blue-eyed adult named Uchida to consider his ethnic background when his mother is Caucasian, his father part-Japanese and part-Mexican? In this real-life case his name is 100 pct. Japanese, his appearance zero, his blood 25 pct.

ENOMOTO

Continued from Front Page

JACL executive director Karl Nobuyuki learned the recommendation for replacing Enomoto apparently stems from Way, who was appointed secretary in late March and whose appointment has yet to be confirmed. Political observers have commented on Way, a Republican, who was picked by Brown to bolster support from Central California—an area that has been cool to the Governor in past years, Nobuyuki recalled.

Contributions to the JACL-Enomoto Support Fund are being acknowledged at National JACL Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, Ca 94115. A fund-raising reception was scheduled May 1 at the Satow Bldg., San Francisco. Others were being planned in Los Angeles on Saturday, May 3, with a potluck supper at Little Tokyo Towers and on Saturday, May 10, in Sacramento. The National JACL Board last Saturday approved a resolution in "complete support" of Enomoto's fight to seek justice and commenced a fund-raising campaign to assist him in meeting the legal and other financial obligations.

RANDOM MUSINGS: Robert H. Kono



Kamo-no-Chomei, Recluse

The irresistible urge to share a belly laugh has passed for the moment. The tall tale of the tanuki, however, will probably crop up again. No one can

delve into Japanese folklor very long before coming upon the exploits of the tanuki in a variety of forms.

Kamo-no-Chomei is considered the forerunner of literary recluses who can be traced from him in the 12th century to Matsuo Basho (1644-1694) in the 17th. Chomei was born in 1155 and lived to be 61, a slightly longer life than Basho's. He was the second son of a Shinto priest but gave up the traditional role he was to play to become a noted *waka* poet and *biwa* lutist. At the age of 47 he became a member of the Waka Dokoro, organized to compile the *Shinkokin Waka Shu*, in which he is represented by ten poems.

He was outstanding as a poet and served ex-emperor Gotoba well. The ex-emperor Gotoba wanted to reward him by assigning him to Tadasu-no-Yashiro Shrine in Kamo as priest to enable him to follow his family profession, but a clansman by the name of Kamo-no-Sukekane opposed him and he lost the post. That was when he decided to go into hermitage. The year was 1204.

It seems that his disappointment over not getting the shrine position had merely prompted him to decide to lead the life of a literary recluse, *inja*. He started to write *Hojoki*, an account of his life as a hermit and observations of the world of his day, in 1212.

He begins *Hojoki* with the words (my translation): "The flowing river runs ceaselessly and is never the same. The foam floating on the still pools gathers and disappears, never remaining constant for long. People and their habitations thus exist but for a moment." His work is laden with a sense of transitoriness (*mujokan*) which is the kind of thinking that informs his insights as an artist and Buddhist.

Hojoki, patterned after an earlier example of another hermitage lived by Hoin who wrote *Chiteiki*, is written in two major parts, the first half being an account of Chomei's observations of the disasters of the time—earthquakes, typhoons, drought and famine—and the second half, his description of the pleasures of his life as a recluse.

Chomei was unique in the tradition of the Japanese hermit, because he sought solitude not so much as a Buddhist, striving for enlightenment and learning, but as an artist who played the *biwa* and wrote poems about life. He was the artist first, and Buddhist second, although, of course, the two went hand in hand. His choosing solitude was not a passive undertaking, but rather a positive affirmation of his independence as an artist. He talks a great deal about the pleasures he derived from each day as he contemplates the Way of Buddha and the spiritual completion (*sanmai*) brought about by art. Most of all, he valued his existence as a free person who was able to indulge in his art as a poet and lutist as the spirit moved him.

Chomei transcends the category of the usual recluse, who tends to be a seeker of the truth and religious insights. His attitude was one characterized by an individual and human being amply endowed with a bright, free-spirited and, at the same time, serious outlook on existence. One can say that he was a combination of the nature-loving recluse, a religious practitioner, and an artist. Above all, an artist.

Yoshida Kenko, the author of *Tsurezure Gusa*, is in direct lineage with Chomei as a recluse, and it would be interesting to compare the two one of these days. Suffice it to say here at this juncture that Chomei embodied the profound love of the Japanese for nature and their seeking their center in solitude, which they still practice even in today's world of almost unbelievable and unrelieved commerce, activity and turmoil.

With more than half Sansei marriages these days being with spouses of other races and ethnic backgrounds, the matter of arbitrary racial classification is going to be a royal puzzle. It already is in Hawaii where persons with six or eight national backgrounds—for example a mixture of Japanese, Korean, German, Hawaiian, Irish, Chinese, Portuguese, and Filipino blood coursing through the veins of one person—is not at all unusual. But they seem to manage very well.

We'll be looking forward to the results of the 1980 census, and the analysis of those first raw figures.

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FROM PACIFIC SOUTHWEST: John J. Saito

Nisei Relays

A growing and popular event in Southern California is the PSWDC-sponsored Nisei Relays.

Although the Relays is only a one-day event, the planning committee meets and plans almost a year in advance. I would like to list the names of those people who work almost tirelessly to assure a successful track and field event, but the list would be endless.

This year, the event will be held on June 1 at the Santa Ana College track in Orange County.

In preparation for the popular event, the queen contestants for the Relays will be introduced and judged at the next district council quarterly session to be held at Little Tokyo Towers on Sunday, May 18.

I have thought about entering the Relays myself, but the oldest age category is 40 & up and that is too young for me. When the committee has a 50 & up category, I might consider entering, but in the meantime I shall enjoy watching the events and especially the queen and her court.

125 N. Central Ave. into its new quarters at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, Rm. 507, 244 S. San Pedro St. (next door from the Pacific Citizen), effective May 1.

PSW office moves

LOS ANGELES—The PSW regional JACL office has moved from the old Hongwanji office at

Calendar

* non-JACL event

- **MAY 2 (Friday)**
Chicago—Bd mtg, JACL Office, 7:30pm.
Philadelphia—Folk Fair (Jda), Civic Center.
Oakland—AP Heritage Festival (Jda), Oakland Museum.
Sacramento—Baron's basketball clinic.
- **MAY 3 (Saturday)**
MDC/Hoosier—Pre-conve mtg (Fr Fri eve), Ken Matsumoto res, Indianapolis.
Eden Township—Schol bnf mtg, Eden JCC, 7:30pm.
Solano County—Okinawa Dance, Martial Arts Fest, Fairfield Civic Ctr, 4pm.
Pocatello-Blackfoot—Honors Night, ISU Student Union Bldg, 7pm.
Arizona—Schol Awd dnr, Dante Restaurant, 7pm.
Fremont—A/P Heritage Festival (Jda), Hub Shpg Ctr.
Hollywood—Japan Day by Day Exhbn, Pacific Asian Museum, Torrey Pines (60-8825), leader.
Palo Alto—Youth Service Girls & Boys B Div basketball invt tour (Jda), Cubberly High.
- **MAY 4 (Sunday)**
San Diego—Schol Awd dnr, Tom Hom's Lighthouse, 7pm; Assemblyman S Floyd Mori, spkr.
Cleveland—Issei Day, Euclid Mall, 1pm.
Portland—Comm graduate bang, Holiday Inn-Airport.
New England—Forum: Redress, Friends Meeting House, Cambridge, 12:45-5pm.
West Los Angeles—Miss West LA Queen's tea, Yamato Restaurant.
Lodi—Comm picnic, Mickie Grove.
Oxnard—Fuji Matsuri, Buddhist Church, 11-7pm.
- **MAY 5 (Monday)**
Lodi—Free J movies, JACL Hall, 7pm.
- **MAY 8 (Thursday)**
Hoosier—Bd mtg, Kyoko Reed res, 7:30pm.
South Bay—Wine-tasting party, Sumitomo Bank, Torrance, 7:30pm.
- **MAY 9 (Friday)**
San Jose—Bd mtg.
Carson—Asn Amer Foreign Policy Conf, CSU-Dominguez Hills, 9am-1:15pm.
Monterey—Def Lang Institute dedication, 1pm, Stephen Aiello, spkr; bang, 6:30pm.
- **MAY 10 (Saturday)**
San Francisco—JA Demo Club dnr nehuro, Richard Hart, spkr, "Impressions of Japan Trip".
Washington, DC—APA Heritage Wk fest, Monument Grounds.
- **MAY 12 (Monday)**
Alameda—Bd mtg, Buena Vista Meth Church, 7:30pm.
West Los Angeles—Schol awd dnr, Miss West LA presentation, Moulton Garden West, George Takei, spkr.
- **MAY 13 (Tuesday)**
Sequoia—Bd mtg, Issei Hall, Palo Alto Buddhist Church, 7:30pm.
- **MAY 16 (Friday)**
Diablo Valley—TV drama: Ameyuki-san no Uta, JA Club, Concord, 7:30pm.
San Jose-West Valley—Joint Spring Dance, Lou's Village.
- **MAY 17 (Saturday)**
Riverside—Graduates potluck dnr, Fremont—Invit charity bowling tourney, Mowry Lanes.
Eden Township—Sr Recog potluck, Eden JCC.
Hoosier—Japanese Festival, Earlham College, 12-10pm.
Tule Lake—T.L. Comm pilgrimage, bus fr San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose, Sacramento.
- **MAY 18 (Sunday)**
PSWDC/West Los Angeles—DC session, Little Tokyo Towers, 9am, Miss Nisei Relays introduction (lunch on your own in Japanese Village Plaza).
Reno—Gen mtg.
Berkeley—UC Japanese Women Alumnae planning comm mtg, Women's Faculty Club, 2-5pm (New date).
- **MAY 21 (Wednesday)**
San Mateo—Bd mtg, Sturge Presbyterian Church, 8pm.
- **MAY 22 (Thursday)**
Santa Barbara—Nihongo org mtg, Buddhist Church, 7:30pm.
- **MAY 23 (Friday)**
Sacramento—Walnut Grove reunion.
- **MAY 24 (Saturday)**
Stockton—Rohwer High reunion: bang, 6:30pm, Buddhist Church hall.
- **MAY 25 (Sunday)**
Stockton—Comm picnic, Mickie Grove, 10am.
- **MAY 26 (Monday)**
(Memorial Day)
Fremont—Memorial service, Irvington Mem Park.
Pocatello-Blackfoot—Memorial service, Mountainview Cem, 10am.

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Convention Schedule Deadlines

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

- 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.

Credentials

Before a chapter is certified to send Voting Delegates to the National Convention in San Francisco, the following qualifications must be met as outlined in the JACL by-laws, it was reminded by Helen Kawagoe, credentials chairperson. They are:

- 1—Chapter membership of 25 or more American citizens 18 years of age or older.
- 2—Currently elected set of officers including a president who is at least 21 years old.
- 3—Chapter constitution and by-laws consistent with Constitution and By-Laws of the National organization.
- 4—Payment of chapter initiation fee of \$10, (new chapters only).
- 5—Payment of annual national chapter dues of \$10.
- 6—Payment of national membership fee for members.
- 7—Payment of any district dues, fees or assessments.
- 8—Reasonably cooperated in projects, programs and services carried on by the National organization.

ALL DUES SHOULD BE PAID BY MAY 19, 1980.

MDC to meet in Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS—The Midwest District Council holds its first pre-National Convention session here May 2-4 with the local Hoosier JACL as hosts at the Ken Matsumoto home, 4240 Briarwood Dr., starting at 9 a.m. on both Saturday and Sunday.

The MDC Human Rights Committee educational subcommittee will present a program at Eastgate Christian Church, 8100 E. 16th St., on Saturday. All may join the MDC delegates for dinner, 5:30 p.m., at a local restaurant.

Cleveland

Each year, Cleveland's Nikkei look forward to honor the Issei. As their number fade away, the turnout of Nisei, Sansei and Yonsei grows conversely. This year, Issei Appreciation will be held May 4 at the Euclid Mall Social Hall where at least 27 Issei Pioneers will be special guests.

The day will kickoff Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week observances here with the Sho-Jo-Ji Dancers performing under direction of Sally Takeda, a gala Japanese potluck supper and gifts for the honorees. Mary Sadatoki will emcee. Yoshiko Baker is program chair.

Also, deadline for submitting applications for chapter scholarships is May 4, reminded John Akiba Jr. 407 Halle Dr., Euclid, Ohio 44132.

Hoosier

At least 10 items for the Hoosier JACL garage sale June 19-20 at the Matsumoto home are being requested from members, who are reminded that hand-crafted items are also welcome. To assist the committee in pricing, donors should indicate what the price ought to be if the donor were to buy a similar item. The garage sale selling price is also tax deductible.

The Hoosier JACL program for May included a cultural program at International Center May 1 as part of the local Asian Pacific American heritage week celebration and a spring festival May 17 at Earlham College, Richmond, with a mochiutsuki, judo, origami and calligraphy as highlights.

The family picnic will be held June 29 at Eagle Creek Hide-away Retreat.

Pocatello-Blackfoot

Regarded as "one of the nicest events of the year", the Pocatello-Blackfoot JACL Honors Night at Idaho State University's Student Union Bldg, this Saturday, May 3, will recognize high school graduates and the Issei parents in the JACL family. Bob Endo and Tom Morimoto are co-chairing the event.

Also on tap is the annual Memorial Day services at Mountainview Cemetery, May 26, at 10 a.m., the Father's Day picnic at the Blackfoot Fairgrounds.

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sent the Okinawan Dance and Martial Arts Festival May 3, 7:30 p.m. at the Fairfield Civic Center. The 2 1/2-hour presentation will include 15 dancers and five karate experts from Southern California and the Solano JACL Minyo Group.

Proceeds go toward the Solano Gakuen, JACL scholarship fund and other community development projects. Tickets are \$5 per person, obtainable from Margaret Wortham, (707) 422-2324, or Tsunroku Sadanaga, (707) 447-0189.

Correction

The sponsor of the Fremont JACL charity bowl May 17 is California 1st Bank only—not as previously announced April 4.

JACL pressing for hearing on HR5499

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In 1946 Major Mark Stevens of the Special Services Unit with the army of occupation in Yokohama befriended a civilian employee attached to the unit, Takeo Kaneko, who grew to know the Major as a good friend and benefactor. When the time came for the Major to leave Japan, Kaneko presented his friend with a treasure which had been in his family for over 200 years, a gift of the swords to express his appreciation and gratitude for the kindness and generosity shown to him.

Some 20 years after Major Stevens passed away in 1958, his son Robert, a Boeing engineer, approached his associate, Seattle JACler Ken Nakano, to find out how he could return the swords to their original owner, knowing the tradition and value placed upon the centuries-old swords.

Then followed months of correspondence between Nakano and the authorities and a year and a half search for the whereabouts of Kaneko through auspices of the consulate general in Seattle and the Japanese government. That the search was ultimately successful in finding the rightful owner among the 130 million residents of Japan, going only by a name and a photograph, is a remarkable testament to the dedicated efforts of those involved.

Ironically, subsequent correspondence between Kaneko and Robert Stevens revealed that the former had recently visited the United States in 1977 touring

through California and the East Coast, unaware that his family treasure rested in a home in the suburbs of Seattle.

In a simple ceremony on April 1, highlighted by a champagne toast, Robert Stevens, the son of the Major, handed over to Consul General Naoki Nakano the priceless heirloom saying that he knew it would be his father's wish to see the swords returned to the Kaneko family. Expressing appreciation for the opportunity to have assisted in the return of the swords and pleased with the friendship and good will which the act signified, Consul General Nakano then passed the sword to Al Shimoguchi, manager of the Seattle office of Japan Airlines, whose upcoming trip to Japan assured the personal delivery of the swords to Naita Airport where they would be picked up by the 70-year old Takeo Kaneko.

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Attending the sword-passing ceremony in addition to the principals involved were Robert Stevens' 80-year-old mother and the widow of Major Stevens, A. Katagiri of the Shunju Club, Ken Nakano and Eira Nagaoka of JACL, M. Uyeda of Nikkeijinkai, and Consul Tajiki of the consular staff who handled the detailed aspects of the intricate transporting arrangements.



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