

Carter signs S1647, commission bill

WASHINGTON—Just shortly before noon July 31, President Jimmy Carter signed the "War-time Relocation and Internment of Civilians Act" into law in the Cabinet Room of the White House, according to JACL Washington Representative Ronald Ikejiri.

Representing the JACL at the signing ceremony were JACL National President Clifford I. Uyeda, Redress Chairperson Johnson Y. Tateishi, Midwest Regional Director William J. Yoshino, John Saito, PSW Regional Director, and the JACL Washington Representative.

Uyeda, Tateishi, Yoshino and Saito flew out from San Francisco on the "Wednesday night red-eye special", interrupting their Convention activities, to be present.

The Congressional members present were Senators Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii), Spark M. Matsunaga (D-Hawaii), Ted Stevens (R-Alaska), as well as House members Norman Y. Mineta (D-Calif.), a principal House sponsor of the Commission Bill, George E. Danielson (D-Calif.), chairman of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations; Robert McClory (R-Ill.), ranking Republican member of the Subcommittee, and Don Young (D-Calif.). Unable to attend the ceremony was Robert T. Matsui (D-Calif.), who was working on important legislation in Committee.

(In remarks to the JACL National Convention on Friday, Aug. 1, Sen. Inouye said he plans to recommend former President Gerald Ford to head the seven-member commission. It should be headed by a well-known person with stature, he said. The bill stipulates the commissioners be named within 60 days or by the end of September, three by the President, two from the House and two from the Senate.)

Also present were Mike M. Masaoka, JACL's retired Washington Representative who served the Japanese American community for over 30 years, his wife Etsu, and Barbara Ikejiri, wife of the present JACL Washington Representative. It was Mike's first public appearance since his slight heart attack June 12. Aleut community representatives were also present at the ceremony.

President Carter's signing of the Commission Bill writes the

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Official Photograph, The White House

SIGNIFICANT SIGNING—As representatives of the Japanese American and Aleut communities looked on, President Jimmy Carter on July 31 signed into law a bill that establishes a Commission on the War-time Evacuation and Internment of Civilians. Members of Congress at the signing ceremony at the White House included (from left) Sen. Ted Stevens of Alaska, Sen. Daniel Inouye of Hawaii, Rep. Norman Mineta of Calif., Sen.

Spark Matsunaga of Hawaii and Rep. George Danielson of Calif. Other identifiable faces are JACL president Dr. Clifford Uyeda (behind Stevens), John Tateishi (between Stevens and Inouye), Ron Ikejiri (behind Inouye), and Mike Masaoka (over Matsunaga's shoulder). (In a similar picture taken by the Associated Press, Etsu Masaoka was clearly visible standing behind Mineta and Matsunaga.)

Tsujimura to lead JACL in this biennium

By HARRY HONDA

SAN FRANCISCO—As a JACL Convention city, San Francisco in 1980 will be remembered for President Carter's signing the commission bill along with the hotel strike that discombobulated things. Previous JACL conventions here were also memorable: in 1952, passage of the Walter-McCarran Act enabling Issei to become citizens came in the wake of delegates wiring their representatives from the National Council to overturn President Truman's veto of the bill; in 1956, Central California's fear of temporary farm workers from Japan was also stirring the fear of JACL entanglement into international relations.

The redress story connected with the Convention are featured in an adjoining story emanating from the Washington JACL Office, so this leaves us to chronicle the highlights of the activities here at Plaza Airport Inn, just south of the busy San Francisco airport.

Over 400 delegates (plus a number of JAYs who had just concluded their own national workshop-conference in Sacramento) were registered during the Convention held July 28-Aug. 1, originally scheduled at the Jack Tar Hotel. Close to 700 sat down at the Sayonara banquet Friday for the biggest event of the week to not only hear Sen. Daniel Inouye, the main convention speaker who delivered his speech at 7 p.m. right after the Pledge of Allegiance. Washington JACL Representative Ron Ikejiri introduced the senator, who had to catch an 8 p.m. flight to Los Angeles where he was scheduled to make another speech.

Reps. Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui arrived at 8:30 p.m. at the same airport. And both delivered remarks that made the event a triple-header. Mineta said, "The good news is that it (S1647-HR5499) passed; the bad is that 109 congressmen voted against the bill." Mineta felt the commission needs to hear from all the Nisei of what the public climate was like during the war years. He also brought greetings from his brother-in-law Mike Masaoka, missing his first national JACL convention in 40 years because of a slight heart attack a month earlier.

Matsui installed the newly elected national officers (* incumbent):

Dr. James K. Tsujimura (Portland JACL), 49, president; Lily A. Okura* (Washington, D.C. JACL), v.p. general operations; Floyd Shimomura* (Sacramento JACL), v.p. public affairs; Mits Kawamoto (Omaha JACL), v.p. planning & development (previously titled research & services); Vernon T. Yoshioka (San Diego JACL), v.p. membership & services; Y. George Kodama* (Marina South JACL), sec.-treas.; and Ron Tajii (Sonoma County JACL), youth council chair.

In the acceptance speech, the Portland ophthalmologist who was the JACler of Biennium 1973-74 stressed the need to establish trust and confidence in Nikkei leadership as well as initiate action to attract new members.

When Steve Teraoka, San Francisco JACL president who emceed the banquet program, called for those present at the 1930 convention 50 years ago to rise and be recognized, about a half dozen old-timers stood up including Fred Hirasuna of Fresno and Toshio Hoshide of Washington, D.C.

Other participants at the banquet included Japanese Consul General Hiroshi Kitamura, Dr. Clifford Uyeda, welcome remarks; Bishop Ken-ryu Tsuji, Buddhist Churches of America, invocation; the Rev. David Nakagawa, Christ United Presbyterian Church, benediction. Bill Kyono chaired the banquet committee.

AT THE MIKE M. Masaoka Distinguished Public Service Award dinner Thursday (July 31) night, onetime U.S. Ambassador Robert S. Ingersoll was named recipient of the award along with a \$1,000 honorarium provided from the George Inagaki Memorial Fund, Venice-Culver JACL. A. W. Clausen, president of the Bank of America, accepted on behalf of the honoree, today the U.S. chairman of the Japan-U.S. Economic Relations Group. He said he would be meeting Ingersoll within the month at the group's next meeting in Honolulu.

Clausen, while recognizing the main sources of friction between the U.S. and Japan, said America was at a critical juncture and because of the common stake in energy and political stability around the Pacific rim, the two nations must brighten the future together.

Tad Masaoka, director, environmental staff, HUD, San Francisco office, recited the background of the award, the first being made to Dr. Edwin O. Reischauer in 1970. Judge Bill Marutani of the Philadelphia court of common pleas added his personal reflections of the personage for whom the award was named. Judge called Mike the "George Washington of the Nisei".

Lily Okura, v.p., gave the welcome speech. Yone Satoda chaired the dinner committee. Close to 400 dinners were served.

Lou Tomita, who chairs the 1982 Convention Board, announced Gardena Valley JACL would host the next national JACL convention July 19-24 (Mon.-Sat.) at the Hyatt International Hotel, adjacent to LAX.

On the council floor, Hawaii president Earl Nishimura submitted a conditional bid to host the 1984 national convention in Hawaii. While the majority approved, East coast chapters disapproved because of travel costs.

Hawaii, together with Japan, Golden Gate (all NC-WNDC), Marina South and New Age (both PSWDC) were granted their charter as new chapters this past biennium during the opening session Monday (July 28). Metropolitan L.A. (PSWDC) was dropped from the roll, bringing the

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Toyo Miyatake Studio

Hedy Ann Posey, 19, Miss Gardena Valley JACL, now the center of attention upon being announced as the 1980 Nisei Week queen, has Jeanne Nakagama, the 1979 queen, also from Gardena Valley, pinning the sash while toastmaster Mario Machado seeks first reactions upon being chosen.

Gardena Valley JACL repeats with another Miss Nisei Week

LOS ANGELES—Hedy Ann Posey, 19, of Gardena was named 1980 Miss Nisei Week, reigning over the week-long festivities ending in Little Tokyo this weekend.

First runner-up was Miss Citrus Valley Optimist Club, Jennifer M. Lee; Miss Tomodachi, a choice made the eight candidates, was Caren Dale Oshiro, Miss West L.A. JACL.

The Gardena Valley JACL aspirant, daughter of Calvert and Akiko Posey (both are Carson JAClers), succeeded Jeanne Nakagama, also from the same chapter, which has now produced five queens (the most from a single area) since 1955 when club sponsorships replaced open balloting by the public to have Miss Nisei Week selected.



Outgoing JACL national president Dr. Clifford Uyeda (left) and his successor, Dr. Jim Tsujimura, a Portland ophthalmologist, gladly shake hands one more time for all of photographers below them.

S.F. Presidio museum plans major 442nd show

SAN FRANCISCO—The San Francisco Presidio Army Museum announced plans for a major exhibit commemorating the 442nd Infantry Regimental Combat Team, the most decorated unit of its size in U.S. military history, and the first exhibit of its kind on the Mainland.

Tom Kawaguchi, retired Army officer now at Richmond, has been assigned the task as coordinator of the project, which is expected to open Feb. 1, 1981—the 38th anniversary of the activation date of the 442nd, stay on display here for a year and then mount a travel exhibit.

Part of the exhibit will include material covering the evacuation period with National JACL Headquarters assisting. When it was pointed out that plans for the Evacuation were issued by General DeWitt from the Presidio—a somewhat sensitive area, Presidio Museum Director Eric Saul assured, "The Museum acknowledges its responsibility to tell this story as it really happened. We recognize our social responsibility and the delicacy of telling it like it really was."

With the project being the Presidio Museum's most extensive undertaking to date, exhibiting arms, uniforms, photographs, documents and other memorabilia, Saul added its "purpose is to make it a meaningful and memorable exhibit for all Americans... that we may remember our past not for those who lived it and knew these events, but al-

so for those who are yet to come."

Those wishing to loan or contribute materials (Allied or enemy) and photos should call:

Tom Kawaguchi, Presidio Museum, (415) 835-3000 ext 242; or JACL Hq, Lon Hatamiya, 921-5225.

Materials should be available by Aug. 31, to provide adequate time to review and prepare for the exhibit.

Project Staff

Kawaguchi, a former member of F Company and holder of the Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal with 3 Oakleaf Clusters, as well as other decorations, stated, "This is for all the guys who didn't make it back." He views the project as an important memorial for the Nisei fighting men. "The contributions of the Nisei are an important part of the military history of this nation," Kawaguchi emphasized. He will be contacting the Nisei veterans organizations and individuals throughout the country for photographs and other materials.

Chet Tanaka (Oakland), assisting Kawaguchi as the assistant project coordinator, was awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart with Oakleaf Cluster plus other decorations, served as a line sergeant, later as a member of the 3rd Battalion Executive Command Group, and as provost marshal for a POW camp.

Tom Kobayashi (Col., USA ret., San Francisco) will serve as the technical advisor. He served as the 442nd Regimental S-1 and adjutant during World War II. He completed nearly 30 years of active duty including service in the Korean and Vietnam wars. He was twice awarded the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with 3 Oakleaf Clusters as well as other decorations.

Deaths



Mayor Ken Nakaoka

Ken Kiyoto Nakaoka, 59, of Gardena, died of heart attack Aug. 2. He was serving his fourth term as president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce. In 1966, he was the first Nisei in Los Angeles County to be elected city councilman at Gardena. He was three-time mayor of Gardena (1968-1974). A WW2-Korean Conflict Army veteran and businessman, he is survived by w. Kimiko, s. Russell, Grant, d. Janet Tobari, Joy, June and m. Aya.

Carol Hashitani, 29, of Watsonville, Ca., died July 27 in an auto accident in Baltimore, Md., while on vacation prior to returning to UC Berkeley to complete her doctoral studies. Surviving are m. Fay, s. Joanne (Oakland), gr. Mrs. Man Nakagawa.

Jean Kubo, 43, of Reedley died July 27 following a hit & run accident, according to Calif. Highway Patrol. A passenger in a car driven by her husband, George, who sustained major injuries, it was struck broadside at an intersection about 1:30 a.m. Sunday by another car belonging to Richard Reyes, which had sped from the scene.

Shunsaku Yamasaki, 89, of Penryn died July 29. A 65-year Placer County resident, Placer County Buddhist Church leader and JACLer, he is survived by s. Kinichi, Thomas (Los Angeles), d. Ruby Yamasaki, Annie Sera (both Chicago), 4gc.

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final chapter of a bleak episode in U.S. history, and marks a significant step in an educational process which will ensure that never again will there be such a gross violation of constitutional rights of any U.S. citizen.

Full text of the President's remarks follows:

"Senate Bill 1647 establishes a seven-person commission that will work during the next 18 months to look into one of the most disappointing and sometimes embarrassing occurrences in the history of our nation.

"In February of 1942, the President signed a proclamation setting aside certain areas of our country from which American citizens could be excluded and within which American citizens and resident aliens could be interned. This was in a time of war but no German American citizens or aliens were incarcerated or were Italian Americans interned, either.

"The only ones who were interned were the Japanese Americans.

"In addition—there were about 120,000, during the wartime period who were interned—in addition, about 1,000 residents of the Pribilof Islands in the Aleutian Islands were removed from the homeland and brought to the mainland because of the claim, which may have been completely legitimate, that those islands were subject to attack because of their exposed position.

"Later, some attempts were made for redressing these grievances for the 1,000 residents of the Aleutian Pribilof. Tenthousand dollars were set aside. That's \$10 per person to attempt some compensation for their inconvenience and their suffering and as a matter of fact, some lives were lost.

● Award

George Yee, Torrance, Ca., was named by The Aerospace Corp. Los Angeles, as Asian-Pacific American of the Year, because of outstanding contributions to his company, profession and community. Of the technical staff in the vehicle engineering division, Yee has been active in the Chinese Engineers and Scientists Assn. of Southern California, and a charter member, director and past president of the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California.

● Health

Jon Ichinaga, Asian American Drug Abuse program coordinator of outpatient services, Los Angeles was recently appointed by the State of California Department of Alcohol and Drug Abuse to serve on the State Task Force on PCP Abuse. The task force will submit its final report and recommendations by Aug. 31, 1980. Ichinaga said, "PCP is one of the most dangerous drugs around, yet, paradoxically, one of the least understood. At AADAP we are seeing increasing PCP abuse and our clients are coming to us in very bad shape. Hopefully my participation in the Task Force will contribute to the understanding of the problem. But let me say in no way do I see

this Task Force doing anything but uncovering the tip of the iceberg in regards to the overall problem."

David S. Motoki, son of Shigeru and Mariya (Mardi Yasuda) Motoki, members of the Mount Olympus JACL, was graduated from the Univ. of Utah College of Medicine in June 1980. He received his B.S. in chemistry in 1976 at the university, Magna Cum Laude. He has been accepted by the Univ. of Utah Medical Center for a five-year residency in surgery. His wife, Janis (Mitsui) is a registered nurse at the LDS Hospital. They have two sons, Brandon and Colin.

The L.A. County-USC Medical Center's spring 1980 Nursing Merit Award (includes \$200) for outstanding contribution to patient care was presented in June to 22 registered nurses including **Sharyn Kobashigawa** of La Crescenta, ENT clinic nurse.

Robert M. Mochizuki, M.D., is now practicing Reconstructive Orthopedic Surgery and Hand Surgery in Hanford, Ca. He is a graduate of the Univ. of Nebraska Medical School and completed his orthopedic residency program at Stanford University Medical School Hospital. He is the son of Bob and Masako Mochizuki, longtime JACLers of the Clovis Chapter.

Kubota Gardens tabbed 'landmark'

SEATTLE, Wa.—Kubota Gardens, started as a family project in the 1920s on some 20 acres at 9727 Renton Ave. South, was designated as a historical landmark by the City of Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board on July 2.

Started by Fujitaro Kubota, pioneer Issei landscape gardener, and being carried on by his sons Tak and Tom, the property has been eyed by developers who seek to scatter new housing around the garden.

'Issei Story' Donations

The JARP Committee is seeking the whereabouts of the following donors who gave \$100 or more to the Issei Story Fund. The addresses are from a 1960-63 list. In cases where the donors are deceased, JARP needs to know if living relatives exist. One copy of the Wilson-Hosokawa book, "East to America" will be sent to one surviving heir, the one heir being representative of all surviving heirs.

Information can be remitted to attn: Julie M. Mason, JACL National Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, Ca 94115, (415) 921-5225.

Out of 344 names, we only need to locate 10.

1. Dr. H. James Takao, (Deceased) 2629 Harrison Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45211.

2. Mr. & Mrs. Yukinobu Yamamoto, (Both deceased), 1133 Hereford, St. Louis, MO 63110.

3. Mr. & Mrs. Shichiro Goto, 1828 Onstoll Rd., Yuba City, CA 95991.

4. Loomis Japanese Community Hall (Donation by Mr. George Hayashida, deceased), Route 1, Box 1596, Loomis, CA 95950.

5. Mr. Miyoshi, San Francisco, California.

6. Mr. T.R. Onishi, 790 - 27th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94121.

7. Placer Young Men's Club, PO Box 222, Penryn, CA 95663.

8. Property Control Board of Japanese School of Newcastle, PO Box 511 Penryn, CA 94663.

9. Mr. Dana C. Rood, Jr., PO Box F, Carmel, CA 93921.

10. San Jose Sportsman Club, 431 No. 15th St., San Jose, CA 95112.

11. Mrs. Frank S. Tobata (In Memory of Mr. Tobata), 1517 Stuart St., Berkeley, CA 94703.

"I believe that it will be very helpful for this commission to assess this episode in American history to see if adequate compensation has been awarded under previous efforts which were more generous in the case of the Japanese Americans, and to reconfirm our nation's commitment to basic human rights.

"I'm grateful that Danny Inouye has taken the leadership in this legislation, Sparky Matsunaga, the other senator from Hawaii has also been instrumental in this period as has Senator Hayakawa from California—all of Japanese descent and Ted Stevens, representing the citizens of the island off the Alaskan coast. We also, of course, have Congressmen Mineta and Matsui, also of Japanese descent, and representatives of other citizens involved. Congressman Bob McClory is here as well.

"The JACL has kept this issue alive, along with the Aleutian-Pribilof Island Association. And we have representatives of those groups with us.

"It is with great deal of pleasure I sign this legislation into law. The commission study is adequately funded. It is not designed as a witch hunt. It is designed to expose clearly what has happened in that period of war in our nation when many loyal American citizens of Japanese descent were embarrassed during a crucial time in our nation's history.

"I don't believe anyone would doubt that injustices were done, and I don't think anyone would doubt that it is advisable now for us to have a clear understanding as Americans of this episode in the history of our country.

"One of the things I should have said earlier and overlooked is that following this episode our government did make an honest attempt to give the Japanese American citizens a chance to express their grievances and to estimate their losses. The fact is that we want to be sure that those efforts were adequate. This will be judged by this commission in its report to me and Congress. And we also want to make sure their efforts will prevent any recurrence of this abuse of the basic human rights of American citizens and also resident aliens who enjoy the privileges and protections of not only American law but of American principles and ideals."

● Election Results

Total Chapters Voting—94; Majority votes (48) needed to win.

● Winners Shown with Asterisk

| FOR PRESIDENT | Primary | Runoff |
|----------------|---------|--------|
| Lillian Kimura | 34 | 36 |
| Jim Tsujimura | 34 | 58 |
| Tom Shimazaki | 26 | |

FOR VICE PRESIDENT

| | |
|--------------------------|----|
| Gen Op: Lily Okura | 90 |
| Pub Af: Floyd Shimomura | 90 |
| Plan-Dev: Mits Kawamoto | 51 |
| Memb Sv: Vernon Yoshioka | 65 |
| Yosh Nakashima | 28 |

FOR TREASURER-SECRETARY

| | |
|------------------------|----|
| * George Kodama (inc.) | |
| Min Yasui | 39 |

NOTE: Kodama will serve as secretary-treasurer until a successor is appointed by the National Board. He had announced his withdrawal from the race, but remains since his challenger obviously failed to obtain the required majority vote.

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● San Francisco

Philip Gotanda's play with music, "Song for a Nisei Fisherman", opens Aug. 15 at Ft. Mason's Marina Theater as a six weekend run (Thu-Sun) by the Asian American Theater Company. Directed by David Hwang, who is making his debut as director, play features Marc Hayashi in the title role. For tickets: AATC (415-752-8324)... JCPA (formerly CANE) celebrates its seventh anniversary Sept. 6, 6 p.m., with a potluck dinner at the Buddhist gym (instead of Aug. 16). For details: Jean Hibino (221-0319).

'Hito Hata' special WHITTIER, Ca.—Robert Nakamura of Visual Communications will introduce his "Hito Hata" film at Rio Hondo College faculty dining room Aug. 15, 8 p.m., according to Evelyn Muroaka.

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total number of active chapters to 110, according to convention credentials chairperson Helen Kawagoe, city clerk at Carson. Acting national director J. D. Hokoyama, who called the roll, noted 78 chapters (some by proxy) were present at the first session. It was a familiar task for him because of his professional teaching experience.

THE 1981-82 BUDGET was adopted the final day with the roll call indicating 54 (61%) of the 88 chapters in favor; 19 said no, another 14 abstained. The \$739,300 (FY 1981) and \$857,380 (FY 1982) budget as proposed (June 30, PC) called for a \$3.50 dues increase for 1981 and another \$3.50 for 1982, mostly to cover inflationary factors, explained treasurer George Kodama.

Since this proposal only allowed for a PC (The Pacific Citizen) every other week instead of every week as heretofore, delegates authorized an additional \$60,000 to the budget which means increase in national dues from \$16.50 this past biennium to \$22.25 for FY 1981 starting October, 1980, and \$25.75 from FY 1982. To this amount are added the district per capita assessment and local chapter dues. Kodama said tighter controls over expenditures are being instituted, outside funding and re-establishment of the ways & means committee would improve the financial picture.

To accommodate other national programs, a JACL committee will need to submit a written request to tap the \$25,000 (\$30,000 in 1982) source. The opening round of discussions was tabled pending receipt of the 1979 financial summaries.

\$60,000 restored to PC budget as dues to go up \$5.25 next year

With the abrupt change in the agenda, Tuesday's schedule was advanced into the Monday morning scheme. The Karl Nobuyuki matter took up but a half-hour of the council's time with Dr. Uyeda explaining the circumstances and legal counsel Frank Iwama speaking to the outcome of the June 12 meeting with the former national director and his counsel Dale Minami.

A fundamental area of concern to Dr. Roy Nishikawa, Wilshire delegate, was the apparent lack of communication between the National Board and the director. Monterey Peninsula delegate, Mayor Robert Ouyé of Marina, said his city manager is hired by the city council. Likewise, the JACL EXECOM should hire the director, tell him what to do and fire him when he doesn't. "Let's drop the matter and continue on (with the agenda)," Ouyé declared and to which the council agreed.

Various committee reports, already in written form and in the del-

egate's packet, were to be accepted as part of the Consent Calendar unless there was objection. Some committee chairpersons had asked for oral presentation time.

After John Tateishi gave his report on redress, he was given a standing ovation. "We are two years ahead time," he declared. Tateishi was to fly out to Washington Wednesday night to witness President Carter's signing of the commission bill. "Since we need to educate the public, extra funding is needed to assure the people who should testify are able," Tateishi said. He also noted JACL still needs to take a final stand on the money angle. "At Salt Lake City, the guidelines called for \$25,000 per individual as reparations. Are we going to stick to it," he asked.

Tateishi, Dr. Uyeda, MDC regional director Bill Yoshino and PSW regional director John Saito comprised the JACL contingent flying overnight to Washington, being joined there by Washington JACL Representative Ron Ikejiri.

Tateishi added the committee has acknowledged \$166,769 in contributions, the bulk (\$139,865—83%) raised at the American Testimonial dinner. Expenditures (as of July 26, 1980) totaled \$114,026 (including a \$12,500 reimbursement to Headquarters), leaving \$65,243 for redress programs.

To Be Continued



JACL Convention Photos by Ken Kagawa, San Francisco
Sen. Dan Inouye addresses JACL Convention Sayonara Dinner.

Inouye's remarks to JACL

(Here is the text of Sen. Daniel Inouye's address at the JACL Convention Sayonara Dinner Aug. 1 at the Airport Hilton, San Francisco.)

Yesterday, the President of the United States signed into law S. 1647, a bill to establish a national Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians.

For those of you who spent agonizing days, weeks, months and years in one of the camps, this event should most certainly evoke vivid memories of anguish, depression, bitterness, loneliness, and anger.

Unlike most of you, I spent but one night in a camp. But that one night was enough to anger me to the point of resolve that this should never happen again. (In a personal aside here, the Senator recalled his visit of the Rohwer camp in Arkansas in 1943 while training at Camp Shelby, Miss. "The place was like Stalag 17.")

For those of you who dedicated yourselves during the past decades to see this day, congratulations on a good and valiant fight. But this fight is far from over. In fact, it will never be over. If this democracy, with her extraordinary Constitution, could imprison, without cause and with the denial of all due process, innocent people only because of their ethnic background, it could happen again. And it could happen to anyone, black, brown, yellow or white.

You who are the victims of Executive Order 9066 need not be convinced of this. You were there. You know what happened.

And because of this, you have a special responsibility, not only to yourselves, but to this great democracy. You must maintain your great resolve and vigilance to ensure that your experience is never forgotten and never repeated.

Hopefully, on the the 40th anniversary of the issuance of Executive Order 9066 (Feb. 19, 1982), the Commission will have reported, and Congress will be considering, the findings and recommendations of that Commission.

But this evening, let us rejoice because this is a moment of victory. And let us remember, as we rejoice, that many of our brothers and sisters have sacrificed much, including their lives, to make this day of victory a reality.

180—Paul Shiota-George Matsumoto, San Francisco.

● Nat'l Membership

As of July 20, National JACL membership at 27,235 paid is 90.7% of the 1979 total of 30,036 with another quarter remaining to complete the campaign. The breakdown by districts:

| District | Council | Pctg |
|-------------------|---------|------|
| Pacific Northwest | 1,399 | 84.0 |
| No Cal-W Nevada | 11,349 | 94.0 |
| Central Calif | 1,567 | 90.0 |
| Pacific Southwest | 8,392 | 93.0 |
| Intermountain | 928 | 69.0 |
| Mountain-Plains | 531 | 82.0 |
| Midwest | 1,949 | 86.0 |
| Eastern | 877 | 85.0 |
| Others | 53 | |
| Total: | 27,235 | 90.7 |

● Bridge Tournament

Life master Susie Takeshita of Oakland and her partner, Jim Otigiri of El Cerrito, scored 212 points to win the JACL Convention bridge tournament July 29 at Plaza Airport Inn. Eleven holders of life master ranking from the American Bridge League were among the 58 participants. Other high scorers:

204—Minako Reiter, Sunnyvale; Dr. Wilfred Hiura, S.F.; 200—Jane Tamura, Mtn. View-Minako Wong, Fremont; 187—Nancy Sakuda-Dr. George Hiura, Palo Alto; 185—Sachi Miki-Aiko Nakahara, San Jose; 184—Donna Ogura, Chigago-Bruce Fujikawa, Cupertino;

● Mt. St. Helens Ash

Packets of ash from Mt. St. Helens collected from the Columbia Basin JACL area (Moses Lake, Wa.) were sold out in an impromptu chapter fund-raiser during the Convention. Ed Yamamoto said their area was heavily covered after the initial eruption May 19.

And backers of Dr. Tsujimura for President distributed small vials of ash which fell over the western Oregon area on May 22.



John Tateishi (left) receives the JACLer of Biennium award for his outstanding leadership chairing the National JACL Committee for Redress from Dr. Uyeda, 1976 JACLer of the Biennium recipient.

Tateishi named 'Biennium JACLer', Spokane JACL wins top Inagaki Prize

The coveted JACLer of the Biennium and George Inagaki Prize, symbolic of the chapter of biennium honors, were conferred during the convention awards luncheon Tuesday at the Plaza Airport Inn.

Recipients, while correctly suspecting others were being considered, were visibly surprised.

John Tateishi, Marin County JACL founder now with the new Golden Gate JACL (and as a founder again), was accorded the JACLer of the Biennium medallion for his two-year leadership of the JACL redress committee which happily met its goal during the week of having the commission redress legislation signed by President Carter.

Denny Yasuhara, Spokane JACL president, accepted the \$500 George Inagaki Prize, which recognized the chapter's campaign to initiate a meaningful Asian studies program at Washington State University—pressing the matter through administrative and judicial channels. Runners-up, each receiving a \$100 check, were Contra Costa, West Valley and Detroit Chapters.

The awards were conferred by previous winners: Ed Yamamoto, 1976-78 JACLer of the Biennium, of Columbia Basin JACL; and George Sakaguchi, representing the St. Louis JACL, the 1976-78 chapter of the biennium.

Past national president K. Patrick Okura, the 1976-78 Japanese American of the Biennium, delivered the main address, stressing the Sansei have an important role in the future of JACL. He observed the growth of Sansei lead-

ership at the chapter level and called on them to assert themselves further in district and national levels.

The Issei prewar were reluctant to give Nisei a leadership role in the community, Okura recalled. It took a war to enable the Nisei to carry on and achieve their legislative goals.

Okura, who is assistant director for international program with the National Institute of Mental Health, also reminded that JACL is pushing for further studies in Nisei retirement—an area he is personally involved after leading a workshop on the subject at the Salt Lake City convention in 1978.

The JACL certificates of recognition were presented to Jerry Enomoto of Sacramento for his work in implementing affirmative action in the Dept. of Corrections while he was its state director and to Mrs. Mitsu Sonoda of West Los Angeles for her role chairing the \$100-a-plate American Testimonial dinner last March at Los Angeles. It was the largest Nikkei sit-down dinner with some 1,300 present.

Other awards were given to Gus Giron, who helped JACL establish its Calif. Blue Shield health insurance program some 15 years ago and now serving 5,000 JACL families; just retired San Francisco postmaster Lim P. Lee for his assistance to Nikkei postal service employees; and Annie Takeuchi, the San Francisco JACL scholarship.

Wendy Tokuda, KPIX-TV co-anchor, was luncheon toastmistress.

● Convention Roll Calls

(1—YES, 0—NO, a—ABSTAIN, ●—ABSENT)

- A—FOR Constitutional Revision: Omnibus Proposal.
- B—FOR Option I: Opening membership to all aliens.
- C—FOR Option II: Opening membership to only permanent residents of Japanese ancestry.
- D—TO TABLE the new budget, pending receipt of 1979 budget figures for comparative purposes.
- E—TO ACCEPT the new budget and dues increases (\$5.75 for 1981; \$3.50 more for 1982).

| Roll Call Summary | Chapter | A | B | C | D | E |
|---|---------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| A—For Constitution revision, omnibus section: Y—75, N—6 | Monterey Peninsula | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| B—For Opt'n I: Y—17, N—62 | Mount Olympus | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Abstaining: 7 | New Age | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| C—For Opt'n II: Y—41, N—46 | ● New England | | | | | |
| No abstentions. | New Mexico | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| D—To table budget Y—51, N—38 | New York | 1 | a | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| No abstentions. | ● North San Diego | | | | | |
| E—To adopt budget Y—54, N—19 | Oakland | | | | | 1 |
| Abstaining: 14 | Omaha | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| | Orange County | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | a |
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No Hill . . .

Millbrae (San Mateo County), Ca. This 50th Anniversary JACL national convention was auspicious and unique — not because of the organization enjoying a golden jubilee but for the various precedent-setting dimensions dwelling upon the week-long interlude.

As noted a fortnight ago, the strike of San Francisco hotel workers forced John Yasumoto (Convention Board chair) and his staff to reshuffle two-years of preparation practically overnight to the Plaza Airport Inn here in the neighboring county. This never happened before; it was a hint of what was due—more new peaks of procedure to scale and hill-topping events (so far as JACL is concerned) to follow.

Delegates came from new chapters in Japan and Hawaii — first time representatives had come from outside the continental U.S. led by chapter presidents Barry Saiki (Tokyo) and Earl Nishimura (Honolulu), respectively. Both have about 80 members at the present time.

Delegates voted by raising 8x11-inch cards, bearing the chapter name and color-coded to indicate the home district council. It was easier for tally clerks to count. From the rostrum, it reminded one of the card stunts at football games, though slightly ragged.

Budget was presented at the opening session (rather than on the closing day as in previous years), the reason being it would be a hefty issue and deserved a better part of the day to work through. Half-hour into the discussion, Hoosier delegate JoAnne Kagiwada questioned the process as "not appropriate order of business" since delegates found it difficult to comprehend a new budget without comparative financial reports of the previous biennium. So the budget report was tabled. While staff scurried back to Headquarters to produce the old statements (300 copies at a crack), matters on the Tuesday and Thursday agenda were shifted to Monday morning . . . It was 4 p.m., still no budget papers, so the Monday session ended — ahead of time. In fact, all of the business sessions adjourned ahead of schedule during the week — a blessing that longtime convention delegates appreciated as something new. The accelerated agenda may have caught some of the people making reports short of breath, too.

Civic pride is a part of the JACL make-up. San Mateo delegate Yosh Kojimoto invoked the good name of his chapter at opportunity times since the National Council was meeting not in San Francisco but San Mateo county. Even the city politicians seemed embarrassed being out of jurisdiction. When was the last time people were apologizing for not being in the city as inscribed on the plaque being presented?

Booster delegate Bill Marutani of Philadelphia doesn't strike one as a public official, the judge who polled 194,000 votes three years ago. Other people in office have participated in JACL affairs, some with 4 millions like March Fong Eu, California Sec. of State, two years ago; but the judge's presence through the Convention was extraordinary . . . We are also mindful of Judge Mikio Uchiyama's role during the constitutional revision sessions and envied Judge Raymond Uno's shift to calmer scenes. Federal district judge Bob Takasugi, after a stint as a workshop panelist Wednesday, renewed old acquaintances with JACLers — so present were four Nisei judges from four parts of the country.

Sequoia JACL's Bud Nakano made the first serious bid for proportional chapter voting at this Convention. It didn't fly . . . PC w/Membership took three conventions to score, he was reminded.

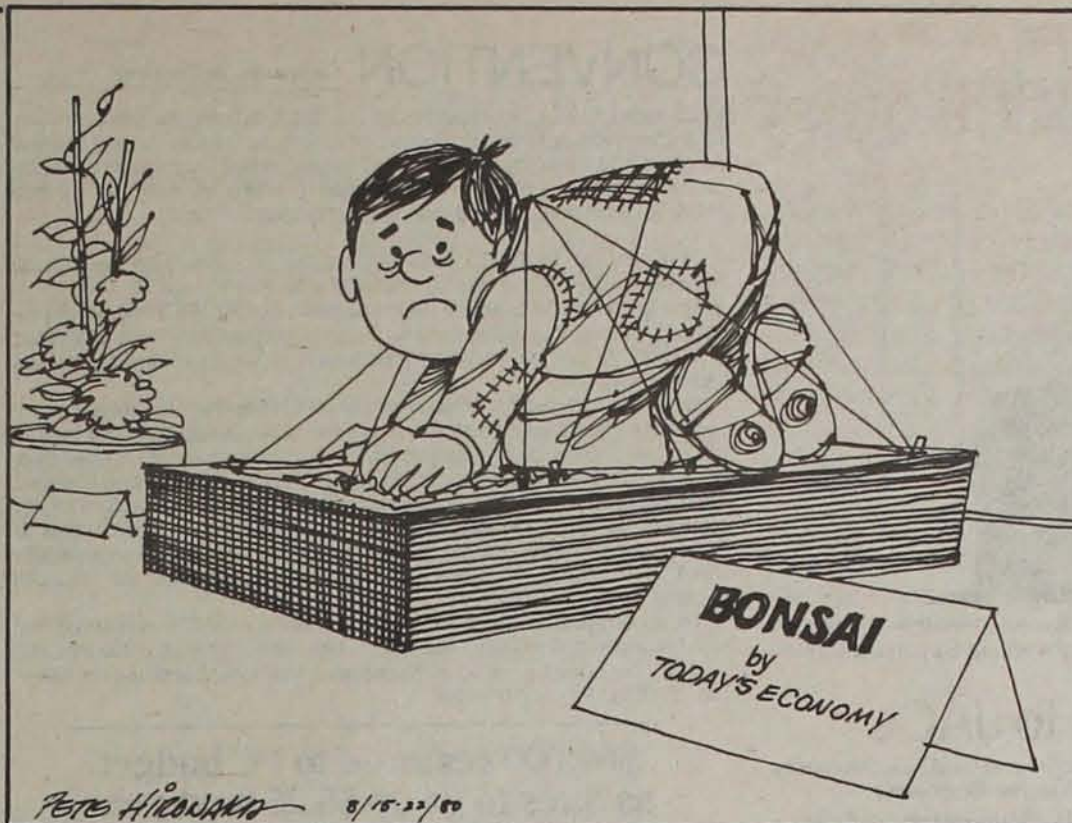
Nominations were closed Tuesday, after the candidates were nominated and heard from — which was radical in view of the tradition of keeping nominations open till the very end. Then the announcement of the actual number of votes cast was also a first-time-ever situation for National JACL.

The constitutional revision sessions, of course, come under "brand new" but not that new since it was the old one that was being transformed here and there. The fundamental question of opening active membership to all JACL supporters regardless of citizenship stimulated debate as expected but not to the degree that would permit permanent residents of Japanese descent to active status (to vote or hold National JACL office). It's as is . . . The other side of this coin finds chapter presidents who have not been paid-up active members.

There were 26 resolutions submitted for consideration — matching the previous high of the 1976 Convention at Sacramento. Unlike 1976 where 66% was timely distributed to chapters prior to the convention, 1980 found 66% coming up from the floor at the last minute, some unnumbered and unacknowledged.

The finale was the rarest! The main convention speaker Sen. Daniel Inouye gave his address before the invocation, official welcome and dinner, then whisked off to the nearby airport to continue his journey to a prior commitment. People were in their seats on time (7 p.m.). It was past 10:30 when the band started to play for the dance.

A personal note: It was the first JACL convention which we've covered leisurely. No typing out stories in between sessions. No deadlines to meet at the PC Office, which was observing an open week in the 45-week production schedule now in progress. #



● National JACL Sponsors

To JACL Old-timers:

Another old friend, Georgiana H. Sibley of New York, is gone! She and her late husband, Harper, were among the first National Sponsors of the JACL during the worst of the dark post-Pearl Harbor days. Mr. Harper, who died several years ago, was national president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. He was one of the few top businessmen who stood by us openly.

As the obituary in the New York Times (June 13) states, Mrs. Sibley was a national leader in her own right, as a prominent churchwoman and as an ardent advocate of civil rights and racial justice.

With the years going by rapidly, we are inevitably losing our old friends who supported us in a time of real need.

I must say this obituary brought back flashes of the first years of World War II. I still remember working with such friends as Pearl Buck, John Thomas, and Bishop Henry St. George Tucker, as well

as Roger Baldwin, in trying to list people whom we in JACL then wanted to ask to serve as sponsors. The Sibleys were one of the first whom we asked and they accepted immediately.

T. SCOTT MIYAKAWA
Boston, Ma.

The first list of National JACL Sponsors was published in the Feb. 12, 1944, Pacific Citizen with names of 67 distinguished Americans from the business, labor, educational and religious sectors as an expression of faith and public testament of the loyalty of Nisei to the United States. Ten more joined the group as listed on JACL National Headquarters stationery through the 1940s. Here is that list (with additional notations from the PC files):

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William Allen White (1868-1944), Emporia.

● 'Direct' involvement the key

July 7, 1980

Dear Mr. Tateishi:

I have just had my attention called to your widely circulated letter of June 17, addressed to "Dear JACLer" and urging members of the Japanese American Citizens League to write to their Congressmen in support of S. 1647 on the "Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians Act."

S. 1647 was introduced in the Senate by Senators Inouye, Matsunaga and me. All three of us believed (rightly, I think) that the bill would be more likely to be accepted if all three Nisei in the Senate sponsored it.

I therefore have difficulty in understanding why my name was omitted from the list of original sponsors. You cannot possibly have been ignorant of my involvement, since every news story carried our three names as original/co-sponsors, and Reps. Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui as co-sponsors of an identical bill introduced into the House.

I demand an explanation, Mr. Tateishi, of the omission of my name as an original co-sponsor of S. 1647. I also demand that your explanation be published in *The Pacific Citizen* and be made available also to all four Japanese language newspapers in California: *Rafu Shimpō* and *Kashu Mainichi* in Los Angeles, and *Hokubei Mainichi* and *Nichi Bei Times* in San Francisco.

S.I. HAYAKAWA

July 10, 1980

Dear Senator Hayakawa:

Regarding your letter of July 7, 1980, there was no intent on my part to consciously exclude your name as a sponsor of S. 1647. Further, there was no conscious intent on my part to minimize your role in the subsequent passage of the aforementioned legislation.

I should like to point out that my statement does not, nor does it intend to, indicate anything about the sponsorship of either S. 1647 or H.R. 499, the JACL endorsed commission bills.

What the JACLers who received my letter would have understood is that Senators Inouye and Matsunaga, and Representatives Mineta and Matsui were directly involved with the JACL for well over a year and a half prior to the introduction of the commission legislation in attempting to develop some sort of legislative approach to deal with the experience of the WWII internment of Japanese Americans.

Your leadership in sponsoring S. 1647 is a matter of record and I regret any misunderstanding related to my correspondence of June 17, 1980 to members of JACL.

Respectfully,

JOHN TATEISHI
Chairman National Committee for Redress

35 Years Ago

in The Pacific Citizen

AUGUST 11, 1945

July 28—Jobo Nakamura's "Masao" (short sketches of Nisei resettling in Chicago) in PC draws criticism from readers as "pessimistic" individual. (Nisei girl in Chicago defends study of "frustrated" state of mind.)

Aug. 2—Nisei troops, headed by M/Sgt. Harry Fukuhara of Glendale, Calif., with Illinois' 33rd Infantry Division, help in capture of Baguio, summer capital in Luzon. (Sgt. Terry Mizutani, also with 33rd Infantry, was killed in action in New Guinea.)

Aug. 2—Report Nisei conscientious objector at Federal prison in Ashland, Ky., punished and still in solitary for refusing to eat in prison mess with Jim Crow seating pattern.

Aug. 3—Vacant housing at Army bases may be temporary shelter for returning San Francisco evacuees from Topaz, Chronicle reports . . . Buddhist churches in San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley to become hostels to accommodate part of 340 being returned from Topaz in mid-August.

Aug. 5—T/Sgt. Ben Kuroki completes 27 combat missions as tail-gunner in B-29 Superfortress based at Tinian over Japanese territory.

Aug. 6—Federal grand jury, Sacramento, returns indictment against James and Claude Watson of Auburn for attempting to dynamite Sumio Doi's packing shed.

Aug. 6—Spokane VFW Post 51's refusal to admit ex-Pfc Richard Naito, wounded 442nd vet, arouses 442nd RCT commander (Col. Virgil Miller) to ask War Dept and Interior Dept to combat anti-Nisei discrimination. Report of "snub" makes front page of Europe edition of Stars and Stripes . . . Post commander defends vote against Nisei, fears returning Pacific war veterans mixing with Nisei; urges separate post be formed.

Aug. 7—Fowler (Ca.) city council says it cannot oppose return of evacuee (George Fujikawa) to re-open garage business.

AUGUST 18, 1945

July 30—Western Defense commander (Gen. H. C. Pratt) clarifies Army has "sole responsibility" in return of evacuees to West Coast; offsets erroneous impression in newspapers and media that evacuees are being released from the camps "to commit possible sabotage on the West Coast."

Aug. 5—Asst. Sec. of War John J. McCloy in Rome, assures War Dept will help returning Nisei fighting anti-Nisei prejudice in America.

Aug. 11—Hawaii's Keo Nakama wins two nat'l AAU swim titles in 200 and 400-m., miss repeating triple-crown (800-m win) of 1944, at Akron, O.

Aug. 13—No. Calif. ACLU charges five Nisei teenage boys being held illegally at Tule Lake segregation center.

Aug. 13—Nat'l VFW Commander sends apology to Richard Naito over rejection by Spokane post, regret "stupidity" of unit refusing application of wounded 442nd veteran . . . Naito hails support of old outfit . . . At least three VFW posts in Michigan offer membership to Nisei GI.

Aug. 15—Nation's press spreads JACL President Saburo Kido's statement on ending of war in Pacific: Nisei are "happy" but "elation should be tempered by realization that over 1 million casualties suffered by America" . . . WRA expected to maintain camp closing schedule, despite end of war.

Aug. 15—New York's Japanese American Committee for Democracy urges U.S. military occupation encourages democracy in Japan as provided in Potsdam declaration . . . News of Japan's surrender received "calmly" at Tule Lake segregation center, greater concern held for dropping of atomic bomb over Hiroshima.

Aug. 15—Salt Lake official reveals three balloon bombs from Japan had fallen near Topaz camp, as wartime secrecy lifted with V-J Day . . . Oakland Tribune notes Nisei interpreters stationed at Angel Island's Japanese Prisoner Processing Center during war . . . For the first time, most evacuees leaving camps returning to California.

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

Cuff Notes on the Convention

San Francisco

WHY ANYONE in his right mind would deliberately seek the turmoil and frustration of the JACL presidency is a mystery to those of us who spend our time on the sidelines. But three persons—Tom Shimazaki, Lillian Kimura and Jim Tsujimura—did indeed stage spirited campaigns at the convention here for the dubious honor of leading the Japanese American Citizens League into its second half century.

Having neglected to interview these candidates at length, I have no idea what motivated them to ask their peers for the privilege of heading a faltering organization. Certainly the motivation was not ego in any of the three. Each has labored long and diligently in the organizational vineyards and earned the gratitude and respect of the membership. Nor was it a yearning for power; the JACL has power?

No, it must have been a desire to serve an organization and a people, to lift them out of malaise and lead them to new goals. To Jim Tsujimura whose abilities are cloaked by a low-key dignity—the Quiet American—congratulations on your election and best wishes.

NISEI IN JAPAN: Barry Saiki

JACL Chapter underway in Japan

Tokyo

FOLLOWING THE first JACL meeting in mid-March, which resulted in the signup of 33 members, I was interviewed by the Japan Times since the newspaper considered it newsworthy. The interview brought some interesting results.

More than 40 readers phoned me about the JACL. Surprisingly, about half were Sansei who are currently in Japan for various reasons. Some were working, others were students and a few were married to either Japanese or Americans.

The phone calls led me to think that many of these younger Nikkei are somewhat lonely in this giant metropolis, where their limited Japanese does not offer full expression to their thoughts. This same type of feeling is also apparent among the Nisei and the pre-war Nisei for different reasons. In their makeup is the desire to meet and communicate with others of similar backgrounds in spoken Eng-

lish. Most of the callers expressed their interest to join or to observe.

A social get-together organized in mid-April resulted in 94 participants. From this group, another thirty have joined the chapter, while fifteen others have strong inclinations. Thus, as of the end of May, the Japan Chapter has 63 paid members and, optimistically and with extra effort, should possibly reach a hundred by the end of the year. (It was near 75 in early June.)

We had a good turnout for our Sunday social type buffet at the Trader Vic's Restaurant of The New Otani on Sunday, June 22. A special rate by the manager Fred Miyake, a JACL member, was fully enjoyed by 55 people.

THE INTERVIEW was also read by several Nisei friends who happened to be visiting Japan for various reasons. They took the initiative of calling me, resulting in individual reunions. One was Jun Kasa of Stockton. He had worked for me on the El Jo-

THE UNEXPECTED San Francisco hotel strike (Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Union), the first in 40 years, caused the convention to be moved at virtually the last moment from the Jack Tar in the city to the Plaza at the noisy south end of the airport runway. The change posed some monumental logistical problems, probably damaged the business of Japantown restaurants, and created a budgetary headache for Sam Sato of the California 1st Bank who had undertaken to provide coffee and rolls for the delegates each morning.

The coffee cost \$15 a gallon and rolls were 95 cents apiece. Because there was no place to eat on the premises except the coffee shop, where service was excruciatingly slow, an unexpected large number took advantage of Sam's hospitality. The bank's breakfast bill had been budgeted for \$200 a day but the actual cost reached \$300. After the first day the rolls were cut in half to make them go a bit further.

SENATOR DAN INOUE, speaker at the convention's closing banquet, has always sounded senatorial. Now he is beginning to look senatorial as he matures. He will be 56 on Sept. 7. Congressmen Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui also spoke and demonstrated that Washington experience polished speaking ability; both are articulate,

that hotel was Ray Suzuki, a former Stocktonian and now a jeweler in Monterey. He was in Japan on personal business. Ray had also worked in the Japanese section of the Rohwer Outpost since he had studied in prewar Japan. Memories were refreshed and some gaps in the intervening years were covered.

Another phone call was from a former Stocktonian, Dr. Susumu Ito, now a professor in the Medical Faculty of Harvard University. Sus was in Japan for a series of lectures on his specialty, the intestinal enzymes. We were able to squeeze in a lunch between his busy schedule and mine.

Also passing through was

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● Guest Editorial:

Asian-American lessons

Honolulu Advertiser July 15, 1980

A little noticed event took place here recently, and the fact it received such scant publicity says much about the differences between our Asian-American community and that of the Mainland.

The Japanese American Citizens League, after years of failed

attempts, finally opened a Hawaii chapter. JACL has its roots in California, and is probably the best known Mainland "establishment" group fighting for Asian-American civil rights.

Earl Nishimura, the local chapter's president, says JACL previously could not get a foothold in Hawaii because there already were so many "Japanese" organizations, and Hawaii's Asian-Americans occupy prominent places in local business and politics.

IN A SENSE, that is why JACL is needed and has done so well on the Mainland. There, while Japanese and other Asian-Americans have excelled in many fields, they still are a political and economic, not to mention a numerical, minority.

Because of their relatively small numbers, various Mainland Asian ethnic groups are now banding together to develop "Asian-American" political clout. Again, this differs from Hawaii's experience. We are more apt to think of a "Japanese" or a "Filipino" vote, say, rather than an "Asian" or "Pacific Asian-American" bloc, which will be represented at the Democratic National Convention.

Yet in spite of those differences, and others, what is happening on the Mainland is similar in some ways to what occurred here.

In their attempt to show more political muscle, Mainland Asian-Americans are following a well-trod path. A Korean-American told The Christian Science Monitor, "What we are literally seeing here is a text-book study of an emerging ethnic community in America."

In that sense, the founding of a JACL chapter here could be a step toward moving Hawaii closer to the Mainland developments.

poised, even eloquent on occasion. Incidentally, Matsui's wife, Doris, could have passed as a delegate to the Junior JACL convention.

JAPAN'S consul general in San Francisco, Hiroshi Kitamura, who attended a number of convention functions, proved to be exceptionally fluent in English. He must have been embarrassed, though, by the promotion conferred on him by JACL toastmasters who kept referring to him as His Excellency. By custom, consuls general are "The Honorable", and ambassadors are "His Excellency".

ONE BY ONE the old bulls of JACL fall victim to the years. By accident or intent, scant attention was paid—and there were a very few at the convention—to members who attended the first gathering in Seattle in 1930. A new generation has moved in, as is natural and proper. But the delegates were unable to take part in what must have been a fascinating gathering, a private party hosted by the retiring president, Dr. Clifford Uyeda, for past-presidents. All the living past-presidents except one attended: Dr. Roy Nishikawa (1956-58), Shigeo Wakamatsu (1958-60), Frank Chuman (1960-62), Pat Okura (1962-64), Kumeo Yoshinari (1964-66), Jerry Enomoto (1966-70), now Judge Raymond Uno (1970-72), Henry Tanaka (1972-74), Shig Sugiyama (1974-76) and Jim Murakami (1976-78), and of course, Dr. Terry Hayashi (1932-34), the last of the appointed presidents. Hito Okada of Salt Lake City, who served in the immediate post-war biennium, is in ill health and couldn't attend.

EVERYONE wondered what Mits Kawamoto of Omaha was going to do with the \$25,000 he won in the fundraising raffle. Turned out he was one of five members of a pool and divided the \$25,000 with Haruye Saiki of Arkansas Valley, George Ushiyama of Arkansas Valley, Ken Yamamoto of New Mexico and Em Nakadoi of Omaha. Still, five grand is a pretty handsome return for a \$10 investment.

EAST WIND: Bill Marutani

A God-Given Gift

Philadelphia

I AM NOT unmindful of the absence of literary merit in the "East Wind" columns, both as to subject-matter and style. However, such endeavors I relegate to other areas of my daily pursuits. These columns are not intended to be ponderous or profound dissertations, although, in all candor, I must admit to seeking to insert a "message" now and then. But even in so doing, I consciously seek to "sugar coat" the writing, lest I put people to sleep prematurely.

THIS IS NOT to say, however, that I cannot recognize or do not appreciate good prose when I see it. Indeed, I do; but it is a pleasure to which I am infrequently exposed. The ability to take the basic 26 letters of the English alphabet to mold words, and then weave those words into cogent, compelling prose—whether a book, a column, a statement—is truly a rare skill.

THE ART OF articulation is not the employment of clever gimmickry, such as those that appear in the "Reader's Digest" in a feature called "colorful speech". Such gimmickry, while interesting, more often than not actually can detract from the message being sought to conveyed; or, often, can be detected as a signal that the writer, or speaker, doesn't have a message at all or that it is not organized.

AMONG THOSE WHO have demonstrated consummate skill in the use of the King's English—the ability to weave a spell by use of words, if you will—include: Sir Winston Churchill, of course William Shakespeare, George Bernard Shaw, Sir Rabin-drinath Tagore, Alexander Woolcott. There are others, and by my reciting this limited list I have no doubt grievously omitted personages that happen to be at the top of your list.

A WRITER-SPEAKER who, from the very first time that I met him, had impressed me with his cogent and well-organized articulation was, and continues to be, our own Mike M. Masaoka. A few months ago, Mike graciously consented to make one of his rare appearances as a speaker at our Philadelphia Chapter installation dinner. He was, as always, in his impressive form. On that occasion, I detected something that I had not noted previously, and it was an element of poignancy. For me, at least. On the way home, I turned to Vicki and expressed my regret that I had not had the foresight to bring along my tape recorder to capture a bit of that moment.

I'VE NOT HAD the pleasure of seeing Mike appear before a congressional committee to testify on some question, as he has done for many decades. I have no doubt that it would have been a rare treat for me. However, the next best thing was for me to read a recent statement that he presented on June 2, 1980 to the Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations of the House Committee on the Judiciary, in support of HR 5499, a bill to establish the "Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians Act." On matters of this import, I invoke a critical eye, not only as to phrasing, the pace, the organization, but also as to purpose. He did not disappoint me on any count; indeed, I marvelled.

IT IS A rare skill, a rare gift. And Mike exercised such talent in a worthy cause. Again.

FROM HAPPY VALLEY: Spchi Seko.

When Grandmother was 53

Salt Lake City

SOME THOUGHTS ON turning 53. Our birthdays were a day apart, my maternal grandmother's and mine. It occurs to me that I knew her at my age and this fact arriving only lately, bemuses me. I had previously placed her within one frame of time, ageless in the sense that she was always old. As a child, I could not make the connection between the maiden whose photographs she lightly fingered in the family album and the grandmother I knew. Even as I realized my increasing years, she was captive in the first image I had of her.

I always think of her in terms of lavender, the shade and scent of palest purple. Perhaps because it was the color of her dresses, other than the sober black she wore on ceremonial occasions. Or perhaps because it was the odor of satin-ribboned sachets she used to scent her clothes and linen. It was also the smell of some Asian balm that she rubbed into her skin each night. I remember, too, observing the long coiled black hair that she loosened for brushing. It fell in a shimmering cascade below her waist. When she died, past eighty, her hair was still ebony.

I did not inherit my grandmother's dark hair. Not that I lament that inequity, content with the grayness that has been my lot. Instead, it is the secret of her serenity I wish I knew. The in-

penetrable calm of her countenance, the steadfast rhythm of her hands moving from chore to chore, the unbroken discipline of her days. In the evenings, she brought mending or embroidery to the table where we did our lessons. Bending over her task, she occasionally hummed a melody from the old country, or paused to smile at some inner memory. I never thought to inquire the source of her quiet comfort. I wonder now what dreams were woven through the color threaded needles. I wonder now that time has twined the purple volumes with silken cords of silence.

It is just as well, for I can almost hear the correcting click of my grandmother's tongue. The disapproval signal for girls who asked "dangerous questions". I confess the vicarious pleasure that courting danger gave to me. Yet, I, who was headstrong, was often halted by warnings passed from woman to child. My young mind, intuitively trusting, accepted messages in indecipherable calligraphy. My grandmother promised that at the proper time my illiteracy of female language would be broken. Life knowledge would enable me to translate the purple volumes.

Today, on my 53rd birthday, I unraveled the silken cord and turned the first page. A clean sheet of paper. I turned all the pages. All were written in invisible ink.

Youth leader weds Paula Mitsunaga

SAN FRANCISCO—JACL youth director Bruce Shimizu, 23, and Paula Mitsunaga, 22, were married on Sunday, Aug. 3, in ceremonies officiated by Fr. Joseph Guetzloe at St. Francis Xavier Church here. The couple will reside in San Rafael after a three-week honeymoon in Japan returning by Aug. 22.

Shimizu hails from a JACL family in Sonoma County where his grandfather (Henry) and father served as chapter presidents. The groom is the son of Martin and Dorothy Shimizu of Cotati, Ca. The bride is the daughter of Edwin and Yuki Mitsunaga of Mill Valley. About 150 attended, including past national president Dr. and Mrs. Clifford Uyeda.

Bookshelf

Angel Island poems

"ISLAND: Poetry and History of Chinese Immigrants on Angel Island, 1910-1940" (HOC DOI Project, 1095 Market St., San Francisco 94103, \$10.20 postpaid, soft) documents a long-neglected portion of California immigrant history. Authors Genny Lim, H. Mark Lai and Judy Yung, children of Angel Island detainees, spent five years tracing the 135 poems found in the immigration station barracks—for a sensitive and illuminating chronicle that proves history is never dead. Though Angel Island's immigration station was shut down in 1940, the Chinese inscriptions on the wooden walls didn't come to light until 1970 when park ranger Alexander Weiss founded them and consulted with Dr. George Araki of San Francisco State. Noted the authors: "These poems stand on their own. Often haunting and poignant in their directness and simplicity of language, they express a vitality of indomitable never before identified with the Chinese Americans."

Restaurant Guide

The 1980 GUIDE TO JAPANESE FOOD AND RESTAURANTS for Southern California (Pacific Friend International, 1434 Westwood Blvd., L.A. 90024, \$5.95) lists some 300 spots, augmented colorfully with articles on sushi, sake, tea and other cuisine. As a 160-page restaurant guide, it is indexed, coded (price, formality, etc.), and should even tempt the staid Nisei to tryout a different restaurant.—H.H.

Chapter Pulse

Boise Valley

Boise Valley JACL will hold its annual picnic Aug. 24, starting at noon, at Julia Davis Park—across the Boise River from Boise State—and fairly close to the kiddies amusement center, according to picnic co-chair Seichi Hayashida and Tok Yamashita. Picnickers are expected to bring one main dish, dessert or salad for the potluck picnic fare.

The Western Idaho State Fair will also be in progress and some may want to take that in after the chapter picnic.

East Los Angeles

The East Los Angeles JACL awarded scholarships to high school graduates from nine high schools, according to chapter president Doug Masuda. Miki Himeno, scholarship chairperson, announced the following recipients:

Roosevelt HS—Nancy Fujiwara; Schurr HS—Jeff Murakami; Wilson HS—Kathleen Tsuruko Sakurai; Alhambra HS—Susan Fumiko Hirai; Garfield HS—Linda Kiku Asato; Mark Keppel HS—Charlene Y. Sasaki; Montebello HS—Carrie Meko Hoshino; and at-large: Reseda HS—Michael Konin Kato.

On the scholarship selection committee were Michi Obi, Mas Dobashi, Michael Mitoma, Mari Inouye, Doug Masuda and Miki Himeno.

Salt Lake City

Salt Lake JACLers have spent several evenings in late June and

SAIKI

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Chuck Kubokawa of N.Cal-W. Nev District who had urged the formation of a Japan Chapter last year when he was in Japan, as had Dr. Clifford Uyeda.

In jotting down these events, one widespread effect of the Evacuation was clearly apparent — of the four Stocktonians, only one had returned to his native city. Dr. Ito was at Harvard, Ray was in Monterey and I was (temporarily) in Japan. The same wide dispersion is apparent among the Nisei in all the prewar communities.

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Orange County: 13-Ben K Shimazu.
Placer: 1-Cosma Sakamoto, 23-Hiroshi Takemoto.

July cleaning and sprucing up the Japanese Peace Garden at Jordan Municipal Park for summertime visitors.

Chapter president George Nakamura and longtime JACLer Mas Horiuchi spent long hours all four evenings in June. Also pitching in were Judge Raymond and Yoshi-ko Uno, Floyd Tsujimoto, Richard Nakamura, John Higashi, Alice Kasai and Mary Nakamura.

Japan JACL hears Ambassador Togo

TOKYO—Until recently, the Japanese Ambassador to Washington, Fumihiko Togo addressed the Japan JACL Chapter July 17 at the Sanno Hotel. He returned to Japan in March after more than four years in the United States. He returned from the Foreign Ministry July 4.

As the Japan JACL's first guest dinner speaker, he covered the recent history of U.S.-Japan relations, acknowledged America's contribution to postwar reconstruction and cited Japan's development as a world economic force.

Japan, having reached a parity status among Western nations, should take a more active role in international affairs as a principal rather than as an interested observer, Togo added. He also answered questions from the floor, covering such topics as U.S. airlines seeking additional stops, Self-Defense Force and the energy crunch. He congratulated the JACL chapter in Japan, expressed delight in being its first dinner speaker in view of his past relations with JACL while he was in Washington.

Barry Saiki, chapter president was emcee. With the cooperation of NHK and Satoru Harada, the Togo speech was taped with a copy being filed with National JACL.

Reedley: 25-Masaru Abe.
Sacramento: 24-Masato Fujii.
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Aging conference forum in L.A. Sept. 6

LOS ANGELES—To provide input at the White House Conference on Aging in 1981, Southland Nikkei will meet at a community forum Sept. 4, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center. Keynoters

will be Leon Harper, L.A. County Area Agency on Aging, and Betty Kozasa, Asian Pacific Coalition on Aging.

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OXNARD MAYOR Dr. Tsujio Kato (left) presents the Key to the City to Benjamin Hooks, NAACP executive director, who had presented the city with the NAACP National Award of Merit in recognition of meritorious services rendered to minorities through positive affirmative action programs, equal opportunity employment practices and employee development. Ventura County NAACP had recommended the presentation.

A. Wallace Tashima sworn in as new federal district judge

LOS ANGELES—A. Wallace Tashima was sworn in as U.S. district judge, August 1, in a private ceremony at the United States Courthouse. A formal induction ceremony will be held at a future date to be announced, according to Chief Judge Irving Hill.

Prior to his appointment as U.S. District Judge, Tashima has been an Administrative Partner in the Los Angeles firm of Morrison and Foer-

ster, he served as vice president and general attorney for Amstar Corporation, Sprecels Sugar Division in San Francisco. He also served as state deputy attorney general in Los Angeles from 1962 to 1968.

Tashima, 46, is a graduate of UCLA, where he received his AB degree in 1958, and earned his LL.B. degree at Harvard in 1961. He was born in Santa Maria, was raised in Los Angeles and spent three years in a War Relocation Authority Camp at Poston, Ariz. Tashima resides in the Los Feliz area of Los Angeles with his wife, Kiyo and three children.

● Courtroom

Paul M. Igasaki, a recent UC Davis law school graduate, received Howard University's Reginald Heber Smith Fellowship in community law. He completed a year as a student assistant to Calif. Agricultural Labor Relations Board chairman Gerald A. Brown, and will be placed with Northern California Legal Services in Sacramento. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Masao Igasaki, Jr. of Chicago.

Renew Your Membership

D.A. won't fight rule favoring Iranians

LOS ANGELES—District Attorney John Van de Kamp announced Aug. 8 he will not appeal a Beverly Hills judge's dismissal of criminal charges against 105 Iranian demonstrators, saying "further litigation to vindicate a point of law would not serve the interests of justice, but could tend to exacerbate sensitive international tensions relating to the hostage situation."

Municipal Judge Charles Boags last July 18 in dismissing the cases said the Iranians should have never been arrested because they had the right to demonstrate peacefully.

LETTERS

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to raise dues; yet we don't present a plan to raise funds by other means so that maybe next year we aren't dependent on yet another dues increase. I think that plan should have been presented along with the budget.

I hope Kodama stays on because I know he's worked very hard and will implement the necessary controls to assure a sound fiscal policy.

Another thing that bothered me was some of the stories going around about why Karl left. As I've said before JACL needs to quit covering up and put the facts in the PC so that the membership knows what's going on rather than hearing rumors and false information.

HENRY S. SAKAI
Long Beach, Ca.

Chol Soo Lee on trial again

SAN FRANCISCO—The San Francisco District Attorney's Office formally recharged Chol Soo

● Awards

Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii), chairman of the Senate subcommittee on merchant marine and tourism, was named the 1980 recipient of the Admiral of the Ocean Sea Award, following a nationwide poll of the U.S. maritime seamen, for outstanding service to the industry and in particular, the Ocean Shipping Act of 1980, which Inouye authored and passed by the Senate. Bill seeks to develop a national policy of merchant shipping.

Lee, 27, with murder stemming from a Chinatown killing in 1973, despite an appellate ruling last Mar. 21 voiding the conviction on grounds the D.A. had suppressed material evidence favorable to the Korean immigrant from his defense counsel. Trial has been tentatively set for Sept. 15.

Lee is still on San Quentin's death row based upon a conviction of that original charge. Representatives from the Asian and Korean communities met personally with Arlo Smith, district attorney, to protest the retrial. In a rare offer by defense, Leonard Weinglass conveyed to Smith Lee's desire to take any test devised by the D.A.'s office to prove his innocence but it was rejected.

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LAPD lowers height requirement to 5 ft.

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To apply, candidates must be between 21 and 35 years of age, possess a high school diploma, have good vision, between 5 ft. and 6 ft. 8 in. and qualify for training at the Police Academy. For information, call 386-LAPD.

In Los Angeles, the Japanese American Community Services of Southern California (JACS) re-elected Betty Kozasa for a third term as president. Also re-elected were Yoneo Yamamoto, v.p.; Gloria Uchida, sec.; and Kiyo Yamato, treas. Dr. David Yamaguchi is the new 1st v.p.

This past year, JACS awarded the initial grant to enable Little Tokyo Service Center to become operational, serving as a coalition of agencies with a goal to provide comprehensive social services at one location—the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center.

LTSC, incidentally, hosted its first annual community service award dinner at the Hyatt Regency Hotel where Toshikazu Terasawa, Mitsu Sonoda and Masami Sasaki were honored. Nearly 350 attended.

Rites at Vanuatu

PORT VILA, New Hebrides—Author James Michener, whose best-selling "Tales of the South Pacific" was based on wartime experiences here in the New Hebrides, represented the U.S. at independence ceremonies July 29 of the joint British-French ruled islands now to be known as Vanuatu.

APAFEC/Sac'to

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—Asian Pacific American Federal Employee Council is being promoted here at an organizational meeting Aug. 19, 7:30 p.m. at Parkview Presbyterian Church. Basic object is fostering equal employment opportunities in the federal service, Carney Ouye of the organizing committee explained.

The Japanese-American Kamon

By KEI YOSHIDA

Los Angeles

The young Issei first crossed the ocean to this vast America, embracing unfulfilled dreams. Though the dreams of many Issei were to be mercilessly shattered, through continuous days of sweat and tears, they rose once again. Armed only with the virtues of perseverance, effort, and diligence, the Issei toiled and staked everything on the education of their Nisei children. In this way, the Issei laid down the foundations for the Japanese-American community.

The Nisei, though American-born, suffered the shame of discrimination merely because they were Japanese. Yet, undaunted, the Nisei volunteered themselves for the most violent part of the war. By offering their lives, they proved their allegiance to the United States. These brave acts raised the level of the Japanese-Americans in the eyes of the United States.

N.C. JCCC starts \$750,000 campaign

SAN FRANCISCO—Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California board of directors will be launching a \$750,000 building campaign at kickoff dinner Sept. 13 at Miyako Hotel.

Tad Hirota fund drive chairman, is being assisted by a distinguished panel of civic, community, business and church leaders in support of the concept, including Mayor Dianne Feinstein, supervisors John Molinari, Ella Mae Hutch and Quentin Kopp; Rep. John Burton, Assemblymen Leo McCarthy, Willie Brown Jr., Art Agnos, State Sen. Milton Marks, John Foran; Archbishop Nittin Ishida, pres., Japanese American Religious Federation; Bishop Kenryu Tsuji, Buddhist Churches of America; Mas Ashizawa, pres., Nihonmachi Community Development Corp.; Kay Kuwada, pres., Japan Food Corp.; and Yori Wada, Univ of Calif Regent, exec dir, Buchanan YMCA.

States.

The times becoming that of the Sansei and Yonsei, the Japanese American community has come to be praised as an exemplary group, continually prospering. The amount of progress resulting from each succeeding generation—Issei, Nisei, Sansei, and Yonsei, in the short span of a hundred years from immigration to the present is truly remarkable.

The outstanding performance of the Sansei and Yonsei in academic and other fields is the pride of the Japanese American community. However, in spite of all this, there is an important point which must be considered from the viewpoint of a parent. That is—the Sansei and Yonsei often come to my office to inquire about Kamons—family crest, but as is generally the case, they cannot write their own surname in Japanese characters. This is a grave situation which one must take time to re-examine.

Nine years ago, my American born, eldest son entered junior high and I saw this as an excellent opportunity to have him learn his family's history. I, therefore, handmade Kamons and taught him a simple version of his family history. Thus, the Kamon was introduced for the first time to the Japanese-American public. At the

time, the predominant attitude toward the Kamon was that of indifference, and there were even a few who criticized, claiming the Kamon was unnecessary. However, believing in the necessity of the Kamon, I have till the present, a period of nine years, appealed to the people the following points:

(1) Everyone with a Japanese surname has a Kamon; (2) What is the Kamon; (3) Why is the Kamon important to the Japanese-American; (4) How to find one's Kamon.

I have distributed about 15,000 free flyers with the above points at exhibits and various other places. As a result, the Kamon has gradually become a topic of discussion within the Japanese-American community.

The flow of history often washes away people's memory far away, and those people who can relate the true facts gradually disappear. Who will recount the record of the Immigrant Samurai who came to the United States, alone, faced hardships, emerged triumphant, grew tired and old, and passed away? Fortunately, the Japanese-American history is still young and can be preserved. Now, the record of the Immigrant Samurai ought to be written and left along with the Kamon in every home, for the coming generations.



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As the parent of Nisei children, I handcast this Kamon with surname, which required nine years to reach its final form and embodies my wishes of happiness and prosperity for the descendants, an original Kamon, for the sake of the Japanese-Americans.

(Mrs. Yoshida came to the U.S. to first teach her specialty: Japanese doll-making as a cultural art. This essay was translated from Japanese.—Ed.)

Orange Street Fair

ORANGE, Ca.—The Ginza Section of the International Street Fair here Aug. 29-31 will be staffed by the six organizations comprising the Intercommunity Service Council, among them being Seleno JACL. Last year, the chapter earned \$1,600 for its programs.

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rier against U.S.-made automobiles.

The ad copy began with: "Please read this message and see if you don't also agree—it may be time for a ... JAPSCAM." It continues with figures found in Sen. Thomas Eagleton's questionnaire concerning export barriers of U.S. cards to 13 nations showing a local content percentage or import duty.

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shipped into Japan with the result that a Chevette costs about \$9,000 in Japan". Edward Perry, who paid for the ad, noted he sells them for under \$5,000.

Besides expressing frustration against a Congress that has been controlled by the same party for nearly 50 years over unemployment and government intervention in business, trade imbalance and ruining the dollar in favor of the yen, Perry said: "American car dealers and manufacturers don't want or need protection, just equal treatment ..."

While reminding American men and women in American equipment "made the entire world a safe place for all of us today", it was because in 1941 the Congress and the President "were on our side". The Japanese lobbyists have now shown their superiority with Washington, Perry concluded. "How come?"

(Use of the term, "Japscam", may have been borrowed from the FBI code name, "Abscam", which dealt with investigation of public official corruption.—Ed. Note.)

From Nobuyuki Nakajima

A Marvelous Personality, But ...

Cleveland
Some years ago I had a friend; perhaps it is appropriate to say "friend" because I used to be invited to his home and friends and spend a pleasant time discussing German literature, for example, Goethe's Wilhelm Meister and others.

It was towards the end of Vietnam war that I was taking him to a place from the airport; we started talking on the war. He made statements in support of our government's policy. I one by one refuted them. It wasn't a heated argument. We were calm and concise with words. Our voices were never raised.

Finally exhausting his argument, he said, "After all, the war is for our survival, is it not?" At the instant I could not help looking into his eyes, in spite of the fact that I was driving. My shocked eyes looked into his, which, in turn, became shocked. I was shocked because his statement sounded like Nazi propaganda.

Later, a mutual friend told me that he read my mind correctly, although I never told him. He was supposed to have sworn up-and-down that he never supported the Nazis, which I of course believe to be true.

After exchanging the shocked gaze, we became silent, changed the subject and kept talking until we got to his destination. Since then, I met him several times; I extended my courtesy as usual but he looked as if he were shying away from me. That was the end of our friendship.

What kind of person was he? He is a native American of Swedish-German background; he was a respected educator, who devoted much of his life encouraging youths (including minorities) to go through the university education. He was warm and considerate. My experience is that a most horrifying racial bias often lives inside of the most marvelous personality.

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Summary: Aug. 7, 1980
Previous Total: (July 17) \$4,368
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Current Total \$6,412.00
PSWDC-TI Project Goal: \$10,000

Comments from the Midwest First Convention

By JOHN TANI
President, Chicago JACL

The Chicago Chapter sponsored a delegation of four to attend the 1980 San Francisco National JACL Convention held in Millbrae—a town of hotels and runways. Two of the delegates were long time JACLers. The other two, myself and Tina Adachi, were attending our first JACL Convention of any kind. Tina and I are both Sansei in our thirties—not really part of the "youth" although often perceived in that light.

As we struggled with our luggage at the San Francisco Airport on our way home, the impact of the JACL and the Convention struck me. It was a passage through time, a meshing of generations and a tribute to our heritage. Each of us had more luggage for the one week than whole families were allowed in their departure for an uncertain life time just one generation ago. The contrast was symbolic of the contrast in the life experiences of the then young Nisei to those of the Sansei—as well as a measure of how far we have come.

The most rewarding aspect of the convention were the people. It was a warm and exhilarating experience just to witness the greetings of friends from decades past. I appreciated the opportunity to meet the people who were only names to me—the National Staff, the National Officers as well as Harry Honda, Bill Hosokawa, Frank Chuman, John Tateishi and so forth. I can't express the wonderful feelings I had when Nisei from my family's past came up to me to relate their relationships with my parents. More than anything else, this type of experience has helped me identify my "roots".

THE DELEGATION from the Midwest District became my "family" at the Convention. In a short week we shared an intimacy and a sense of belonging acquired only through participating in each others lives as we did every day. The established Nisei advised and consulted with the younger and less experienced delegates—often with great patience. There were several instances where my judgment was not all together sound. I took the acceptance of my actions by the "senior" delegates as a vote of confidence that my ability to learn and grow from erring would make the Convention all that more valuable for me. I'm continually surprised that we Sansei still have a lot to learn from the "clair" set.

I do not think I am alone in my feeling that the Midwest District reflects the transitional nature of the JACL. No other district had as large a proportion of Sansei delegates. None of whom were overly intimidated as far as participating in the business sessions, workshops, caucuses, or general politicking. Also, the Midwest District had the largest representation of women of all the districts—and by far the most vocal. I was impressed by these women from the Midwest—the young Sansei, the older Sansei and the Nisei. They were competent, articulate and open minded (will wonders never cease).

The most disturbing aspect of the Convention was the regional parochialism (i.e. when the Midwest doesn't get its way). I suppose politics will always be politics, but I felt the assumed regionalism restricted the options for effective national leadership. Nevertheless, there was a healthy sign that individual chapters did not always follow district lines. I also believe that the three candidates for president did their best to offer an exchange of ideas and conducted themselves admirably in pursuing fair and open campaigns. Each of them set a good example by maintaining their poise throughout the convention and especially in the final victory and defeats.

FINALLY, THE CONVENTION illustrated that the Sansei/Nisei division is oversimplified. The Sansei have long ago come into their own. Anyone who questions the Sansei's willingness to assume leadership has not taken a close look at the JACL's national staff, regional directors, Washington D.C. office, national officers, U.S. Congressional representatives, other political office holders, not to mention the chapter and district level leadership. If there is a generation gap, it is among the Sansei themselves. Values and perspectives are influenced as much by one's position in life—job and family responsibilities—as by the decade in which one reaches those positions. Was it not the Nisei who had lost all respect for family and authority some thirty-odd years ago?

The actions of the JAYS at their convention in Sacramento in dissolving the independent youth organization and seeking reunification with the JACL is an extended hand reaching for direction and acknowledging the need for an open dialogue. Nisei and especially us older Sansei cannot afford to blow this opportunity. Our listening has been patronizing; we must start hearing what the young are saying. We talk too much. If we said less, maybe they will hear more.

As my plane approaches Chicago, my reflections are on my new friends and acquaintances. They will remain with me forever. I am proud to be a part of the JACL, an organization of people with a life time commitment—who really know how to party.

Lillian Kimura to be honored at JASC Fuji Festival dinner

CHICAGO—The Japanese American Service Committee will honor Lillian Kimura at its annual Fuji Festival dinner on Sept. 21 for her devotion and service to the organization and the Chicago Japanese American community.

Kimura was president of its board of directors from 1973 to 1979 and previous to that, as a vice-president and a member. She currently serves as ex-officio and as treasurer of the Board of the JASC Housing Corp. which manages the Heiwa Terrace Project for senior citizens.

The JASC Board during Kimura's presidency added several services to the elderly such as a day-care center and a dental clinic to its already existing senior citizens workshop which has been emulated by other social service organizations around the county.

Besides her involvement with JASC, Kimura has been active in the National Women's Political

Caucus, the National Pacific Asian Resource Center on Aging and the Japanese American Citizens League, among others.

A social worker by profession, she was recently promoted to the position of Executive of Field Services in the National YWCA.

Rep. Yates, Tateishi to aid in fund-raiser

CHICAGO—The Chicago JACL has scheduled a redress fund-raising kickoff reception for Friday, Aug. 15, at the exclusive Metropolitan Club of the Sears Tower at 5:30 p.m.

Cocktail reception will feature as distinguished guests, Rep. Sidney R. Yates (D-Ill) and John Tateishi, chairman, National JACL Committee for Redress. Yates was an initial co-sponsor of HR 5199, providing for the establishment of a presidential commission to investigate the circumstances surrounding the Evacuation. Yates was a strong and vocal supporter of the bill in the House debate, prior to its passage on July 21.

Tateishi was recently named "JACLer of the Biennium" at the National JACL Convention in recognition of his dedicated efforts in behalf of the redress issue. Proceeds go to the educational benefits by the commission. Shig Wakamatsu, Carol Yoshino are co-chairing the event.

Top Ten Chapters

San Francisco JACL is nearing its Ichiban Chapter honors with 1,451 members as of July 20, according to Headquarters. Last year, they were the biggest chapter with 1,501 members. The ten following are:

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| West LA | 1,335 | Sequoia | 701 |
| Gardena | 1,247 | Seattle | 651 |
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BUILDERS OF 'Ernie's Castle' (he called it pavilion) rest after setting up Portland JACL's booth for the FolkFest held July 13. They are (from left): front—Herb Osaki, Earl Shinseki, Jim Tsujimura, Homer Yasui; back—Kennie Wada, Bob Yoshitomi, Al Abe and Ernie Sargent, about whom the story appeared in the chapter newsletter and is being reprinted below.

Ernie's 'Castle' at FolkFest

PORTLAND, Ore. — Those who came to the FolkFest here July 13 and visited the various Nikkei community booths had many good things to eat and interesting Nihonjin exhibits to see. The weather was fine and the crowds tremendous.

However, as Homer Yasui indicated in his story in the Portland JACL Newsletter a month earlier, JACLers noticed something else: the "workpersonship (?) and skillful engineering of the booths themselves". (From here, we pick up the newsletter account.—Ed.)

Some of the pieces of 2x4s may look a bit ratty to you, but let me tell you, the construction work involved, while maybe not a labor of love, surely was a labor of laborers.

You know, I was kind of dumbfounded when the five of us workmen met at Koida's Greenhouses. Ernie Sargent, our official architect, designer, draftsman, engineer and general boss for this booth project, which Portland JACL agreed to take on, had some paper stuck under his arm. I figured that this probably would be some paper and pencil sketches of the sort of structure we were to build. But no, Ernie, with his meticulous mind, had two regular pages of blueprints in the official envelope. The drawings were clear and beautiful, showing side views, elevations and details of tricky spots. Man, you would have thought that we were going to build a monument. But what our chief engineer didn't figure on was the human factor.

You all might know that Don Sakata is an electrical engineer, fully cognizant of the fact that a mechanical engineer most prob-

ably is better equipped to figure out the details of putting up a wooden structure. Besides, the only electricity involved in putting up Ernie's Castle was in the running of our power drills and saws, of which we had plenty. In fact, more than plenty, since on our work detail we had guys like Al Abe, who came even bearing an electric impact wrench. Believe me when I tell you that we had a lot of talent in our crew, and boy! lots of gear.

As I've said before, Ernie didn't take into account the human factor when he drew up the architectural plans. Our gang faithfully sawed, bolted, drilled, nailed — some times on the same piece of wood several times. So if any of you are curious as to why some of the 2x4s have more than one wobbly hole, doing no apparent good, fret not. We racked up an impressive amount of experience, and those extra holes prove my point. We wish the record to show, and the Nikkei community to know, that on Saturday, May 31, we spent 30 man-hours of work on Ernie's Castle, and we are not yet done. When completed, Ernie's Castle

will endure and endure.

The main point of this whole story, and please get this, is that if anyone wants anything really built in the Nikkei community, don't have a mechanical engineer, a grain accountant (Kennie Wada), an electrical engineer, a school teacher and a doctor do the job. Just hire a carpenter.

—HOMER YASUI

Tsutakawa to design memorial

PUYALLUP, Wa.—George Tsutakawa, Seattle sculptor, has been commissioned to design a memorial to 7,000 Japanese-Americans interned in Puyallup during World War II.

The sculpture, expected to be a cylinder with Japanese symbols for loyalty, is planned for the West-

ern Washington Fairgrounds, used as a temporary internment camp in the first days of the war.

Boise Valley JACL hall renewal starts

HOMEDALE, Idaho—The Boise Valley JACL Hall is being remodeled. George Kawai, building chair, has devoted much time and energy to the project, it was announced by chapter president Barry Fujishin.

The hall has a new rain-shed type peaked roof. Electrical wiring, housing the heating plant to an adjacent area outside and more windows are being contemplated. Roy Oyama (1515 Locust, Caldwell, Idaho) and Midori Koyama (628 Lone Star, Nampa) are open for suggestions on how to raise funds to finance the remodeling project.

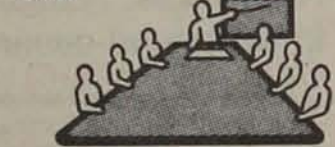
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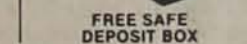
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*A non-JACL event

- AUGUST 15 (Friday)
Downtown L.A.—Dodger Nite
*San Francisco—ASLAPEX '80 (3da), Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Pk, 10-6pm.
- AUGUST 16 (Saturday)
West Valley—Daruma Folk Festival, Saratoga Lanes pkg area, San Jose, 10am-5pm.
New Age—Summer's-End dance, Gen. Lee's Restaurant, New Chinatown, L.A., 9pm.
*San Francisco—Topaz HS '45 reunion, Miyako Hotel.
*Sacramento—ALSO fund-raiser, Buddhist Church.
- AUGUST 17 (Sunday)
Milwaukee—Picnic, Brown Deer Park #3 Area.
*Salinas—Calif Flower Co-op picnic, Toro Park.
- AUGUST 18 (Monday)
Salt Lake City—Potluck outing, Murray City Park, 11am-4pm.
- AUGUST 19 (Tuesday)
Sacramento—APAFEC org mtg, Parkview Presby Church, 7:30pm.
- AUGUST 20 (Wednesday)
*San Mateo—Mtg, Sturge Presby Church, 8pm.
- AUGUST 22 (Friday)
Diablo Valley—JACL bridge club.
- AUGUST 23 (Saturday)
West Los Angeles—Steak bake, Sawtelle Gakuin, 6pm.
*Watsonville—Jr BANGA golf tournament (youth 19 & under), Pajaro Vly course.
Gardena Valley—Hollywood Bowl night.
- Salinas Valley—Rummage sale, Lincoln Ave Presby Church, 9am.
- AUGUST 24 (Sunday)
Salinas Valley—Sr cit picnic, Royal Oaks Park.
- Boise Valley—JACL picnic, Julia Davis Park, 12n.
- AUGUST 27 (Wednesday)
*San Francisco—JFSP Parents mtg, Sumitomo Bank-Geary Office, 7:30pm.
- AUGUST 29 (Friday)
Selma—Orange Int'l Street Food Fair (3da), Orange.

- AUGUST 31 (Sunday)
Gardena Valley—Paper/aluminum can drive, JCL.
- SEPT. 1 (Labor Day—Monday)
Diablo Valley—Flea mkt, So Main Co-op.
- SEPT. 2 (Tuesday)
Gardena Valley—Bd mtg.
*San Francisco—H.2nd Co 'K' reunion (5da).
- SEPT. 5 (Friday)
Cleveland—Bd mtg.
- SEPT. 6 (Saturday)
EDC/Philadelphia—EDC Awareness Weekend, Krisheim Ctr, Philadelphia.
*Los Angeles—JA forum for White House Conf on Aging, JACCC, 8:30am-4pm, Leon Harper, Betty Kozasa, spkrs.
*San Francisco—JCPA potluck dnr, Buddhist Church gym, 6pm.
- SEPT. 7 (Sunday)
NC-WNDC/San Mateo—Dist mtg.
- SEPT. 8 (Monday)
Alameda—Bd mtg, Buena Vista United Meth Ch, 7:30pm.
West Los Angeles—Meet the Candidates.
- SEPT. 9 (Cal Adm Day—Tuesday)
Gardena Valley—Gen mtg, JCL, 7:30pm.
Stockton—Bd mtg, Cal First Bank, 8pm.
- SEPT. 12 (Friday)
Philadelphia—Bd mtg, Jack Ozawa's res.
- Fresno—Sr Cit (Nisei) Apprec night, Villager, Fig Garden Ctr.
- SEPT. 13 (Saturday)
Alameda—EBIH benefit barbecue.
San Jose—JACL Dance Club dnr-dance, Bold Night Restaurant, Sunnyvale.
- Berkeley—MIS dnr mtg, Numano's Sake Tasting Rm, 6:30pm.
- *Fresno—SJVJA Proj mtg, Wright Theater, CSU-Fresno, 8pm.
- SEPT. 14 (Sunday)
Salinas Valley—JACL picnic, Toro Park.
- *Chicago—Nisei Post 1183 Issei Apprec night, Rizal Ctr.
- SEPT. 17 (Wednesday)
San Mateo—Bd mtg, Sturge Presby-terian Church, 8pm.

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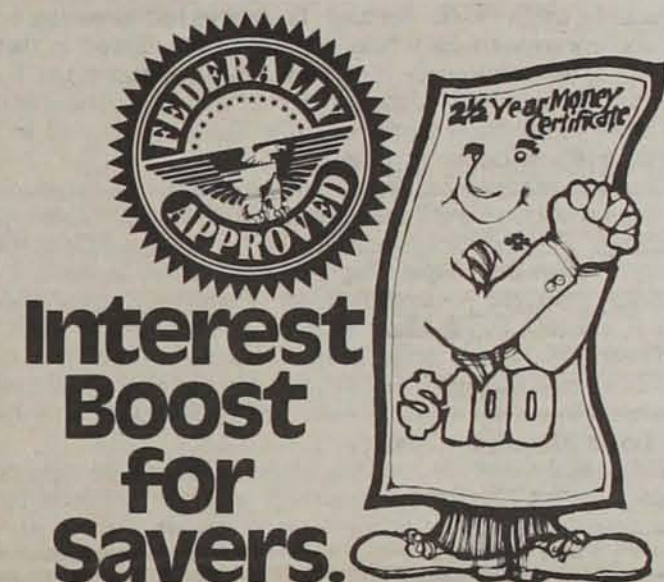
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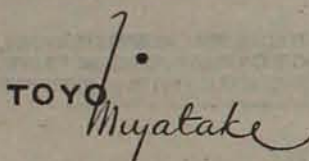
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The Asian Democratic Caucus, Los Angeles, announced six of their members have been selected as delegates and alternates to the Democratic national Convention in New York. They are: Congressman **Norman Mineta**, Assemblymen **Mike Roos** and **Art Torres**, **Mary Miyashita**, and **Midori Tabata**, delegates and **Annie Cho**, alternate. "We are probably the only democratic club in the country to produce this many delegates from the membership," proudly proclaimed ADC President, **Tommy Chung**.

Hawaii Gov. **George Ariyoshi** was selected temporary chairman of the Asian-Pacific American Caucus during the Democratic National Convention Aug. 11-14 in New York City. **Joji Konoshima**, caucus director, said strategies "to make our voice heard" on issues of key interest to Asian-Pacific American communities were being discussed.

Sen. S.I. Hayakawa (R-Ca), in an interview with the Sacramento Bee recently, said he would retire from the Senate in 1982 in favor of a younger GOP candidate if such action were to prevent a Democrat from capturing a seat.

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Capt. Amy M. Tsuchida, who will be interning at Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii, was in the first class of 28 physicians to be graduated May 24 from the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences at Bethesda, Md., the Dept. of Defense medical school.

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TOKYO—The best known teenaged athlete in Japan today is a chubby rookie catcher for the Nankai Hawks, one of the six clubs of Japan's Pacific Professional Baseball League.

The youthful pro ball player is Nobuyuki Kagawa, dubbed "Dokaben" after a nice-guy cartoon character, built along the same lines.

The amiable-looking youngster, who is 172 centimeters in height and tips the beam at 98 kilograms, is no doubt the hero of all fat boys the length and breadth of the country.

Drafted by the Hawks out of Namisho High School, Dokaben was elevated to Nankai's major league club in July after a fine performance with its farm team in the first half of the season.

He became an instant sensation. In his first trip to the plate as a Hawk first team member on July 8, he slammed an out-of-the-park home run. The Hawks lost that game with the Kintetsu Buffaloes 16-4 but the score didn't matter. All Japanese papers had big headlines the next day screaming that Dokaben had smashed his first homer.

"Dokaben Juhassai Kaomise Aachi" said the headline in the Mainichi Shimbun. The English word "arch" means

Chubby teenager an instant star

hitting for the circuit in Japanese baseball lingo. The headline thus proclaimed that 18-year-old Dokaben had poled a homer in his maiden appearance.

So did the Asahi Shimbun's headline which said: "Hatsu Daseki Wa Jogai Aachi."

Kagawa followed up with another storybook performance only 10 days later in the Junior All-Star game between Eastern and Western farm club teams, for which he was eligible. He poled a two-run homer that led to an 8-5 victory for the West team and won a ¥1 million prize as the outstanding player of the game.

This time, the Yomiuri Shimbun had it: "Dokaben Hyakuman Yen Aachi."

Yomiuri Shimbun
"Dokaben" Kagawa—
rookie catcher

homer in his debut appearance.

All baseball fans hope that the fat boy will turn out to be another standout catcher like Katsuya Nomura, a long-time Hawk who holds the Pacific League record for homers with 52, set in 1963. Like Kagawa, Nomura made his debut with Nankai as a teenager.

Still an active player with the Seibu Lions at 45, Nomura won the P.L. home run title nine times and was triple crown winner in 1965 while with the Nankai Hawks. Now in his 26th season of Japanese major league ball, the burly catcher was chosen for All-Star play between the Central and Pacific Leagues for the 22nd time this year.

Johnny Bench of the Cincinnati Reds set a record for U.S. major league catchers in mid-July with his 314th homer as a backstop, which was his 347th lifetime. Well, Nomura is far

ahead of Bench. He had 656 lifetime homers up to the All-Star break in July. Only Sadaharu Oh of the Yomiuri Giants has hit more home runs in Japan.

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