

Wendy spends first free weekend with parents, benefactor in Fresno

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San Francisco

Wendy Yoshimura spent her second weekend as a free woman driving to Fresno, Calif. For the 36-year-old artist who has spent the past eight years in turmoil, the drive to the Central Valley was enjoyable.

She went to visit her parents, Frank and Fumi Yoshimura, and to help celebrate the 60th birthday of Mike Iwatsubo, a Fresno insurance agent who in 1975 was prepared to contribute his life savings to the Wendy Yoshimura Fair Trial Committee.

Yoshimura first reached notoriety in 1972 after police found a cache of weapons in a Berkeley garage rented in her name. Yoshimura, in reaction to the anti-Asian sentiments prevalent in the country, went underground only to be arrested in 1975 with Patty Hearst Shaw. The false link to the Symbionese Liberation Army, of which Shaw was a member, haunted Yoshimura throughout her trial on weapons possession and contributed to her 1977 conviction.

Months of appeals, supported by the Japanese American community, failed and Yoshimura was sent to prison in Frontera.

After serving six months at the California Institution for Women, Yoshimura was released to a work furlough program at a juice bar in Berkeley. She lived in a halfway house operated by Volunteers of America in Oakland.

On Aug. 25 she became eligible for and received parole.

"It feels really great," Yoshimura said at the Japantown Art and Media (JAM) Workshop, where she has taught water color to Issei for more than two years.

The weekend in Fresno was a treat for Yoshimura after being limited to a 50-mile radius during her months on the work-furlough program.

The usual 36-hour weekend passes, "just like in the Army," were gone, too.

Because of the travel restrictions on their

only child, the Yoshimuras visited the Bay Area only once. "It was rough on them," Wendy Yoshimura said of her parents. "I didn't have my own place and they had to stay in a motel." So, they said they'd wait for her release.

Yoshimura is preparing to move into her own apartment in Berkeley now and is looking forward to fixing it up "like I want it. I haven't had my own place for over a year," she said.

"I'm still getting used to the fact that I don't have to go back to the halfway house."

The halfway house, though, was better than the alternative—staying in prison.

Yoshimura was at the house for eight months along with 20 men and four other women. Those "five beds," she said, were the only ones available in Northern California for women in state prisons.

"It was a privilege to stay there," said Yoshimura, who had to apply for admission.

She shared a room with two women and had "no space for my art. We had a bed and a little dresser." The residents also were required to clock in and out on a daily basis.

"For eight months, I was constantly looking at times," she remembered.

Even friends had to be conscious of the visiting hours.

Yoshimura said her life will not change. She will continue working at the juice bar and in October will begin art classes for Issei in San Francisco's Japantown. She wants to concentrate on her artwork in the hopes of one day contributing to an exhibit or show with other artists. "Since I've been out, I've done one water-color," she said proudly.

Her attitude about her life is changed now that she no longer has to account for every minute of every day. Her parole has little restrictions other than regular visits to a parole officer.

She is still recognizable; people who she doesn't know nonetheless know her or about her. "Eventually, it's going to fade away," she said of the vulnerability. "It's gotten less. There was more during my trial."

"I wait for the day when no one recognizes me. It's just a matter of time."

Consumer ed week proclaimed

WASHINGTON—The week of Oct. 5 has been proclaimed by President Carter as National Consumer Education Week, the Washington JACL Office announced, to call attention to organizations, unions, government and business to promote and strengthen consumer education programs.

In responding to the Administration's NCEW Program, Ronald Ikejiri, Washington Representative, said, "We recognize the important need for quality consumer programs as a vehicle for educating the American Consumers of their rights and privileges, and to insure quality, reciprocal relations between businesses and the communities which they serve."

N.Y. police told to hire 2 Asians

NEW YORK—Federal District Judge Robert L. Carter has ordered the New York City police to appoint two more Asian Americans to its new class of police recruits. Three Asian Americans were among the 396 admitted Sept. 2 under a federal court order to correct alleged racial imbalance on the force.

Until Sept. 2, the department had 11 Asian Americans among its 22,000 officers, detectives and supervisors. The department's recently organized Asian Jade Society sought the additional recruits.

'Granada Papers'

DENVER, Colo.—"The Granada Papers", representing the complete legal file of Amache WRA camp, offers valuable insight into government intentions and describes the difficulties encountered by camp attorneys trying to defend evacuee rights, is now a part of the Tutt Library special collections at The Colorado College in Colorado Springs, according to Andrew Guilford's article in the Summer '80 People & Policy, a UC-Denver quarterly.

Rambōna 'Shōgun'

(Outrageous 'Shogun')

Los Angeles

Reactions within the Japanese American community (except for Hawaii) this past week (Sept. 15-19) to NBC-TV's 12-hour miniseries of James Clavell's "Shogun" have been mixed. Viewers in Hawaii have been watching it this week. A shorter version, being scheduled in October for TV in Japan, will add an international touch to NBC's most ambitious production to date.

Immediate past JACL national president Dr. Clifford Uyeda of San Francisco admitted the costumes were dazzling, the culture of 17th century Japan exotic and photography brilliant but labelled them as "mere settings in which subtle racism was being beamed into the subconscious mind". He also found NBC-TV's presentation outrageous and disagreed even with what the Bay Area papers said the Japanese American reactions were "as being comparable to American blacks watching 'Roots'."

Earlier this summer Uyeda, concerned over racial stereotype in the production, had asked NBC-TV to have JACL preview the first three-hour segment because of the use of Jappo and Japper (substitutes for 'Jap') by the rough & ready Portuguese navigator in the film. A delegation, led by Ron Wakabayashi, national chairman of JACL's ethnic concerns committee, attended a special screening at the Academy Theater in Beverly Hills Sept. 2. Vernon Yoshioka, v.p.-membership & services, represented the National JACL Board, while John J. Saito, PSW regional director, represented the JACL staff.

Confident JACL's concerns would be allayed if all 12 hours were viewed, NBC-TV vice president for corporate information, Jay Rodriguez, invited the group to return and see the tapes at their reviewer's room. Saito and Dennis Kunisaki, PSWDC Lt. governor, were the only two JACLers with time (Sept. 8-10) to sit through three sittings and then consult with Ethel Winant, NBC-TV v.p. for drama productions, in trying to have the JACL-drafted disclaimer replace NBC's announcement that "it is occasionally frank and realistic (and that) parental discretion is advisable for viewing tonight's episode". JACL had suggested (PC: Saito's Sept. 19 column) "Racial epithets expressed are not intended to demean or stereotype" be included, but Ms. Winant demurred since that would place undue focus upon the racism of the Portuguese skipper.

Little Tokyo columnists traded observations midweek into the series. Dwight Chuman said in his Rafu Shimpo column, after seeing the first two installments, consensus among people he talked to ranged from "disappointing" to "insulting to Japanese and Japanese Americans". George Yoshinaga, the following day in the crosstown Kashu Mainichi, chided him: he "seems to forget that, after all, Shogun, is just another motion picture and is, in fact, purely fiction. Any movie is just that, an entertainment medium, no matter what the producer may want the public to think".

Yoshinaga, who has "extra'd" in Hollywood films, thought Miiko Taka might have had a bigger role—as an interpreter for another character because of her personal ability to speak both languages fluently. "Maybe the producers didn't feel that her Los Angeles English wouldn't fit into the dialogue authentically," Yoshinaga mused.

Most of the Sansei who grew up on samurai and ninja movies from Japan told Chuman "Shogun... was a bummer". And a co-worker who sets Japanese type told Chuman the way women were depicted as "giggling little whores" disgusted him and insulting to "our race". Yoshinaga, on the other hand, was reminded about *awadori* in the Torukoburo establishments and the Yoshiwara district of Tokyo.

San Francisco's Hokubei Mainichi circulated questionnaires in Japantown and asked for comment for publication this week.

Nisei Republicans in Los Angeles changed the date of their meeting during the week because of "Shogun". Businessmen were elated with a sales boom on happi coats and Samurai toys; the bars also reported increased interest in *sake*.

One Nisei buff in Japanese history commented the first Japanese vessel ever recorded to cross the Pacific was built under supervision of William Adams—Miura Anjin in 1613 for Lord Date Masamune of Sendai. The ship, San Bonaventura, under command of Hasekura Rokuemon, stopped at Acapulco in 1614, continued around Cape Horn to the Mediterranean Sea, reaching Naples in late 1615. Hasekura returned to Japan in 1620.

'Little Tokyo, USA' revived

LOS ANGELES—A brief revival of "Little Tokyo, USA", a wartime 20th Century-Fox movie depicting an espionage plot being developed in the prewar Japanese colony in Los Angeles, is being protested by JACL's Ethnic Concern committee.

The anti-Nisei film has been scheduled by Dryden Theater Film Exhibitions for showing at the George Eastman House in Rochester, N.Y., for Oct. 15, as part of the "Picture Patriots: Hollywood Declares War 1939-1945".

JACL has been protesting this film, along with six other wartime productions, since the war years for portraying Japanese Americans as sneaky saboteurs and enemies, when the record is to the contrary. "There were no official allegations, indictments or convictions of this nature during that entire period," ECC chair Ron Wakabayashi declared.

Original Maui potato chip story has 'internment' curl

KAHULUI, Maui—Story of the now-famous "original Maui potato chip" produced by Dewey Kobayashi at his Kitch'n Cook'd plant has a mainland-Japanese American curl. His 76-year-old father, Yoshio, was interned by the Justice Department during World War II in Montana and New Mexico because he—a Shinto priest from Hiroshima—was among the most influential Japanese on Maui, according to Steve Spence's feature article appearing in the Sunday Star-Bulletin & Advertiser Sept. 7.

Dewey, who was six-months-old when he came to Hawaii with his parents in the late 1930s, won his naturalization papers through the

Army which had drafted him in 1945 and assigned to Minnesota to become a Japanese interpreter.

The Kobayashi family has been making their thick-sliced with skin-on chips since 1957, first in the kitchen of a house, and now in a 9,000 sq. ft. facility near the airport. It was not until the 1970s that the chip achieved something of a national notoriety, due in part to the tourists who went nuts over the salty, oily, crunchy chip and informed their affluent friends back home in San Francisco, New York or Beverly Hills. The Kobayashis began getting mail orders.

Imitators of his potato chips have surfaced—but none have succeeded say his fans and Kobayashi steadfastly refuses to produce more and expand. "Will more money make me more happy?," he wondered. "I don't think so. If I expand I have more people working for me, more responsibility. I grow old too fast. Who needs it?"

Since the publicity blitz in the Wall Street Journal and Parade Magazine four years ago, the price of a single bag has gone up from \$1 to \$3 today at the Maui Hyatt re-

sort. A box of six bags is shipped to the West Coast for \$15.

Pointing out that potatoes are different, "every crop has a different starch and sugar content", he says, Dewey currently gets a container a week with about 350 sacks of large "bakers" from Klamath Falls, Ore. About 40 sacks a day are made into chips—and 95% are sold on Maui.

"The hard thing to maintain is quality. The most important part is to have good potatoes. But I think you gotta be in the business a long time. These new guys are trying to make a product as good as mine, but they're getting into the ball game a little late."

"Want to know one of the secrets? You cook the potatoes differently each time," he added.

Fame of Kobayashi's chips borders on cult worship, Spence has noted. As the demand soared, shops and stores on Maui are allotted the hour they are to pick up

Tokai Bank, L.A., marking 10th year

LOS ANGELES—The Tokai Bank, Los Angeles celebrates its tenth anniversary Oct. 2 at the Bonaventure Hotel with Shigemitsu Miyake, chairman of the board from its headquarters in Nagoya, attending.

El Cerrito Nisei named Fellow of Nursing

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Dorothy Sekiko Oda of El Cerrito, Ca., was named a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, comprised of registered nurses who have made significant contributions to the nursing profession, it was announced here by the American Nurses Assn. She will be admitted formally Sept. 29 in Dallas when

the academy holds its annual meeting.

Recently named nursing director of the National School Health Program, a \$15-million five-year demonstration project funded by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, to help four states develop model school health services utilizing school nurse practitioners,

Dr. Oda has been teaching for a number of years. She is assistant professor in nursing at UC-San Francisco.

She is also collaborating with a dentist on the effects of school nursing follow-up on dental referral outcome, which will be published this fall by the Journal of School Health.

JACL board meeting

Los Angeles

Format of National JACL Board meetings seldom changes in appearance but last minute alterations and rescheduling to accommodate people making the presentation are common. The following preliminary agenda, no doubt, will serve all future National JACL Board meetings which will now "travel" around the country. The first one since the Convention with Dr. Jim Tsujimura presiding will be held this weekend at the Little Tokyo Towers.

All national board meetings are open to JACLers but participation of non-board members is at the prerogative of the presiding officer.

NATIONAL BOARD MEETING

Sept. 26-28,
Little Tokyo Towers
455 E. 3rd St.
Los Angeles, California
Schedule

Friday, Sept. 26:
7 p.m.—Opening Session
10 p.m.—Hospitality
Saturday, Sept. 27:
8 a.m.—Continental Breakfast
8:30 a.m.—Second Session
12:00-1:00 p.m.—Lunch (open)
1:30-2:00 p.m.—Third Session
6:00-7:00 p.m.—Potluck Dinner
8 p.m.—Social (with JACLers)
Sunday, Sept. 28:
8 a.m.—Continental Breakfast
8:30-11 a.m.—Final Session

Preliminary Agenda

1.0 CALL TO ORDER . . . Dr. Tsujimura
1.1 Roll Call
1.2 Introduction of Guests
1.3 Approval of Minutes of National Board Meetings: July 27, 1980 and August 2, 1980
1.4 Additions to the Agenda
1.5 Receive the Agenda

Renew Your Membership

'New Horizons'

BERKELEY, Ca.—A pre-retirement program, "New Horizons", is being offered by George Yoshida, resource teacher in gerontology, by the Berkeley Adult School on Monday nights (from 7 p.m.) and at Jefferson School on Thursdays (10 a.m.).

Deaths

Susumu Edward Kazahaya, 61, of South Pasadena, Ca., died Sept. 14 after a prolonged illness. The California-born Nisei and veteran of OSS during World War II was vice president of Japan Foods International. Surviving are w Ayako, d Fumiko Cross (San Diego) Joyce Yoshimi Brett (New Zealand), 1 gc, m Shimae, br Larry T. Final rites were held Sept. 18 at Koyasan Buddhist Temple under direction of Fukui Mortuary.

Kiyo T. Nomura, 98, of St. Paul, Mn., died Sept. 2. A native of Tokyo, she has lived in the U.S. continuously since 1903, prewar in Portland, Ore., Camp Minidoka, Chicago and since 1950 in Minnesota. Surviving are s Paul (Chicago), Howard, Ruth Tanbara (both of St. Paul) Elsie Shiozaki (Glenview, Ill), ogc, 7gcg. Fumie Takamatsu Gray, 60, of Silver Spring, Md., retired community action program specialist with the Federal Community Services Administration, died Sept. 4 of congestive heart failure. The Maui-born Nisei had been in the federal service since 1938 and was past v.p. of the East Coast chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen's Women's Auxy.

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1.7 Announcements
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2.1 General Operations . . . Lily Okura
(1) Credentials
2.2 Public Affairs . . . Floyd Shimomura
2.3 Program & Development . . . Mitsuo Kawamoto
2.4 Membership & Services . . . Vernon Yoshioka
2.5 Sec/Treas . . . George Kodama
3.0 LEGAL REPORT . . . Frank Iwama
4.0 STAFF REPORTS
4.1 Acting Nat'l Dir . . . J.D. Hokoyama
4.2 Washington Rep . . . Ron Ikejiri
4.3 Nat'l Youth Dir . . . Bruce Shimizu
4.4 Regional Directors
5.0 NAT'L COMMITTEE REPORTS . . . Dr. Tsujimura
5.1 Redress Report . . . J. Tateishi
5.2 Youth Report . . . R. Tajiri

5.3 Pacific Citizen Board . . . C. Uyeda
5.4 Personnel Committee

6.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS . . . Dr. Tsujimura
6.1 Japan Trip
6.2 Office of Secretary/Treasurer
6.3 JACL-PAC
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6.5 Personnel (Executive Session)
(1) Staff Liaison to Redress Comm.
(2) Business Manager
(3) Salary Review
6.6 National Director Search and Selection Committee
6.7 Constitution and By-Laws not acted on by National Council
6.8 Revised JACL Constitution
6.9 Review Resolutions passed by Council
7.0 NEW BUSINESS
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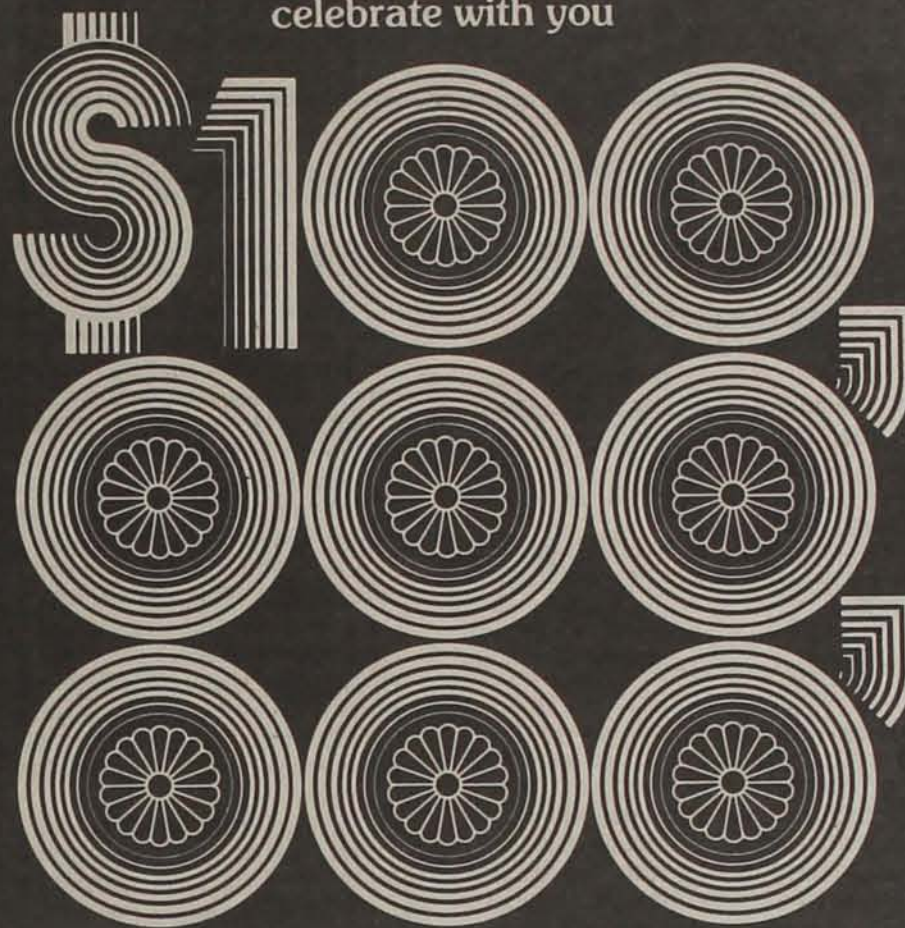


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1980 Resolutions Delineate Policy and Priorities

By LORRIE K. INAGAKI
(JACL Program and Legal Director)

SAN FRANCISCO—Seventeen resolutions delineating national JACL policy and priorities and commending outstanding individuals were adopted on Aug. 1, at the 1980 JACL National Convention held in Millbrae, (Ca) at the Plaza Airport Inn. The following is a brief synopsis of the resolutions adopted:

1. In Support of Masaru Yamasaki—Although the case was recently settled in Mr. Yamasaki's favor, the National Council voted unanimously to symbolically support Mr. Yamasaki in his long and difficult fight against Borden Co.

2. In Support of the International Covenants on Human Rights—The National Council voted unanimously to support the

ratification of the International Covenants on Human Rights by the United States Senate. The covenants were developed by Amnesty International and recognizes the necessity of establishing an international legal framework for the protection of human rights. The covenants establish an international minimum standard of governmental conduct, guaranteeing the rights of each nation's citizens.

3. On "Operation '80's"—The National Council affirmed the importance of "Operation '80's" by fully authorizing and encouraging the JACL through its volunteers and staff to proceed and continue the development of "Operation '80's".

4. On the Equal Rights Amendment—The JACL voted to endorse and support the 27th Amendment to the United States

Constitution and to work toward ratification of the ERA and to oppose any attempts to rescind actions of those states that have already ratified the Amendment.

5. In Commendation of Dr. George Nishimoto—The Rev. Dr. George Nishimoto was honored by the National Council for his personal commitment and outstanding leadership to the Japanese American community.

6. On Redress—The National Council expressed its appreciation to the Nikkei delegation in Congress, the Congressional supporters, John Tateishi, and all Nikkei leaders throughout the United States who supported the redress bills (Senate Bill 1647 and House of Representatives Bill 5499) and who continue to carry the redress campaign forward. The National Council further resolved to continue the redress issue as its highest priority.

7. On Japanese Americans Who Refused Military Induction During World War II—The National Council recognized the reasons why many Japanese Americans refused induction into military service during World War II and resolved that such Japanese Americans should not be subjected to harassment or reprisal for their actions.

8. On Atomic Bomb Survivors—Support for appropriate legislation and the Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors was voted by the National Council as a high priority item for the JACL.

9. On National Employment Discrimination Committee—The National Council expressed its gratitude to the National Employment Discrimination Committee for its work and extended its full moral, financial, and staff support to the Committee for the coming biennium.

10. On National Nisei Retirement and Aging—A sum of up to \$15,000 was appropriated by the National Council to permit the National Nisei Retirement and Aging Committee to continue its work which includes the seeking of a grant to fund a research project. Dr. Minoru Masuda, former chairperson of the Retirement and Aging Committee, was also commended for his work.

11. On the National Ways and Means Committee—The National Council voted overwhelmingly to create a standing National Ways and Means Committee to be composed of persons experienced in the areas of trust funds, foundations, development of funds, and other related financial areas. The Committee's responsibility would be to recommend to the National Board the establishment of new financial sources for revenue for the JACL. The Committee was also appropriated a sum up to \$5,000 for its work.

12. On National Veterans Affairs Committee—A National Veterans Affairs Committee was established by the National Council for the purposes of cooperating with Japanese American Veterans organizations and individuals and to serve and assist Japanese American veterans.

13. On National Planning Commission—A National Planning Commission to conduct studies and to research the needs of the membership and formulate goals and objectives for recommendation to the National Board was created by the National Council. A sum of up to \$3,000 was appropriated for the Committee.

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Dues and Do's

By IZUMI TANIGUCHI
(Fresno JACL Newsletter)

As Fred Hirasuna has stated in his report on the National JACL Convention, the membership dues are going up. At the convention, all of the delegates were opposed to a dues increase; however, when it came down to the final vote after much debate, they had no choice but to vote the way the majority voted.

The delegates did not have the option of holding the line with no dues increase because of the nearly 30% inflation during the past biennium. If they had voted for a "no increase in dues" that would have meant cutting back the Pacific Citizen to 26 issues (biweekly) as well as cutting back on regional offices and possibly the Washington, D.C. office. There was overwhelming opposition to cutting back the Pacific Citizen to a bi-weekly publication.

Cutting back or cutting out the regional offices would have been devastating to the local programs. For example, the Central California District Council office at 912 "F" St., which administers the Nikkei Service Center would have to be financed locally or be shut down.

Currently, the Washington, D.C. office is extremely important to continue the "Redress" program. Only minutes before the budget debate on Friday, Aug. 1, the delegates heard the report of Clifford Uyeda, President, and John Tateishi, Redress Committee Chairman, on the signing of U.S. Senate Bill 1647 into law by President Carter to establish a Commission to investigate the legality and injustice of the wartime evacuation of the Japanese into camps. In that report the delegates were reminded that although the passage of that bill into law was a major victory, the work on Redress is just beginning and without an effective Washington office the Redress Program would never get off the ground.

The signing of the Redress bill into law by President Carter on

Thursday, Aug. 31 is an example of what JACL can do. In spite of the small amount of resources that JACL has, it was able to very effectively push the Redress bill through both houses of Congress and the President's signature in record time. What JACL is doing on Redress, what it did to help change the discriminatory immigration laws which made it possible for our Issei parents to become naturalized citizens, what it did to have the Alien Land Laws and Anti-Miscegenation Laws of the individual states declared unconstitutional, what it did to have Title II of the Internal Security Act of 1950 repealed and what it did to have President Ford rescind Executive Order 9006 are the important things that JACL does. All of the above mentioned deeds deals directly with the civil rights of all of us individuals and as American citizens.

Exercising my prerogative as editor of this newsletter, I would like to editorialize on this subject of membership dues benefits.

Too often we hear people say "why should I join JACL?" or "Why should I keep paying higher and higher membership dues?" or "what does JACL do for me?" The truth of the matter is, JACL is the watchdog of our civil rights and the dues that we pay as members is probably the best spent dollars of all the different types of spending for personal benefits. With the current dues increase the annual dues for National JACL for 1981 will be \$22.75 which is barely three dinners at a restaurant per year. It is true that JACL has a few programs like the health insurance program, the credit union and the scholarship program, which provide some personal benefits but they really do not come under the purpose and goals of the organization. Too often we tend to put too much emphasis on visible benefits and fail to see the more important intangibles. It seems that greater

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willing to share in costs

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Matsuzakaya Announces Its Grand Opening October 2nd, 1980

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Board Meeting

Portland, Ore

Predictably in this nation-wide election year, candidates for office have been communicating and circulating among their constituents for the purpose of either promoting face and name familiarity or for maintaining visibility and viability. In either case, contact and communication are vital, not only during but more importantly after the campaign. Just as predictably, however, the rapping and rapport too often end after the election is won.

Mindful of this post-election pitfall but being of the conviction that all avenues of contact and communication must remain open, it seems incumbent upon us, the elected officers of JACL, to provide a vehicle for a vis-a-vis interchange of ideas, opinions and concerns between the general membership and the Board. Membership input is not only welcome but solicited.

With this purpose in mind, it was decided to reactivate the program of holding the National Board meetings in various cities throughout the country, a practice which promoted grassroots contact but which has been dormant since the beginning of construction of the national headquarters. After 1975 practicality and proximity to the new quarters deemed the environs of San Francisco as the most logical and suitable place to meet.

Therein lies the rub. True, National headquarters is the hub of our organization, but centralization of activities and concentration of all meetings in its enclosed atmosphere insulates and isolates the Board members. This type of set-up has its built-in dangers of leading to contact with the skeletal structure of an organization but not with the marrow of the membership. Ideally the body should be given the opportunity—and challenge—of meeting the people whom they represent.

As an expression of the Board's outreach and interest towards the membership and an effort to encourage bilateral participation, the first of this year's Board meetings will be a trial run launched in Los Angeles, September 26-28. A feasibility study has shown that the cost differential of holding the meeting there as opposed to San Francisco was negligible, due in large part to the members who have graciously offered to house and host the Board members. Our sincere appreciation and commendation are gratefully extended to them.

An informal get-together Saturday evening will hopefully serve a dual purpose, that of opening channels for active and in-depth dialogue between members and the Board, and just as importantly, to provide both parties personal experience to make informed evaluations and decisions regarding future meetings of this nature in other districts.

If the feedback indicates that these direct contacts are desirable and feasibility studies show that funding is available, this may be the beginning of a productive and effective modus operandi for the JACL National Board.

CLIFF'S CORNER: by Dr. Clifford Uyeda



'Shogun'

San Francisco

During the showing of NBC-TV's *Shogun*, the Bay Area media presented Japanese American reactions as being comparable to American blacks watching "Roots". I did not think so at all.

Dazzling costumes, exotic culture and brilliant photography were captivating. But these were mere settings in which subtle racism was beamed into the subconscious mind.

Even with all the license possible in a historical novel, the presentation was a caricature of the Western concept of the mysterious Orient. Jaanese characters were not individuals. They were stereotypes, often gross, sometimes odious.

Samurai were depicted as a class of people cruel to the point of being inhuman. They were seen as vile and repulsive. Japanese people were cast as a race to whom life has little meaning except death. Japanese women were portrayed as a "Mme. Butterfly"—typical of Western man's fantasy of Asian women.

Companionship

Editor:

May I suggest a PC feature that I think many people may identify with? It is to help someone like myself who is alone after raising a family and would like to meet others of our age group for companionship but without an opportunity to meet them—especially in a community like mine where there are no Japanese besides myself.

Can we place an announcement as advertising mentioning age, preferences, interests, etc., so that by correspondence we can become acquainted? Names and addresses can be withheld and be identified by a box number care of the PC.

Perhaps, this may mean fewer people ending up in old folk's homes.

The young people are so outgoing and busy that they forget how lonely we older people are and how necessary it is for each to have a life of their own besides a convenient sitter for our grandchildren. Will you think seriously of providing this service?

CHIYOKO KAWAMURA
Homeland, Ca.

There is no advertising policy against this type of personal announcement but we caution it would be misunderstood and possibly ridiculed—though loneliness is no laughing matter. The recent JACL convention coldheartedly rejected one resolution asking the organization promote social contacts among friends of similar culture by setting up a "marriage counseling service with all the requisite confidentiality required to help in the meeting of young marriageable adults of Nikkei descent". Undoubtedly, JACL was trying to live down further the characterization of a "social organization". Had the resolution been addressed to include the seniors, it might have been given more serious and compassionate consideration.—Ed.

Citizenship Issue

Editor:

The Board of Governors of the Asian Law Caucus, Inc., requested this letter which we addressed to Dr. Clifford Uyeda, regarding the recent JACL resolution on the membership of non-citizens in JACL be sent to you as we believe a dialogue within JACL would be helpful to future resolution of this problem.

Dr. Uyeda responded in a well-written letter but I was not sure whether I should send that to you without Dr. Uyeda's approval.

August 30, 1980

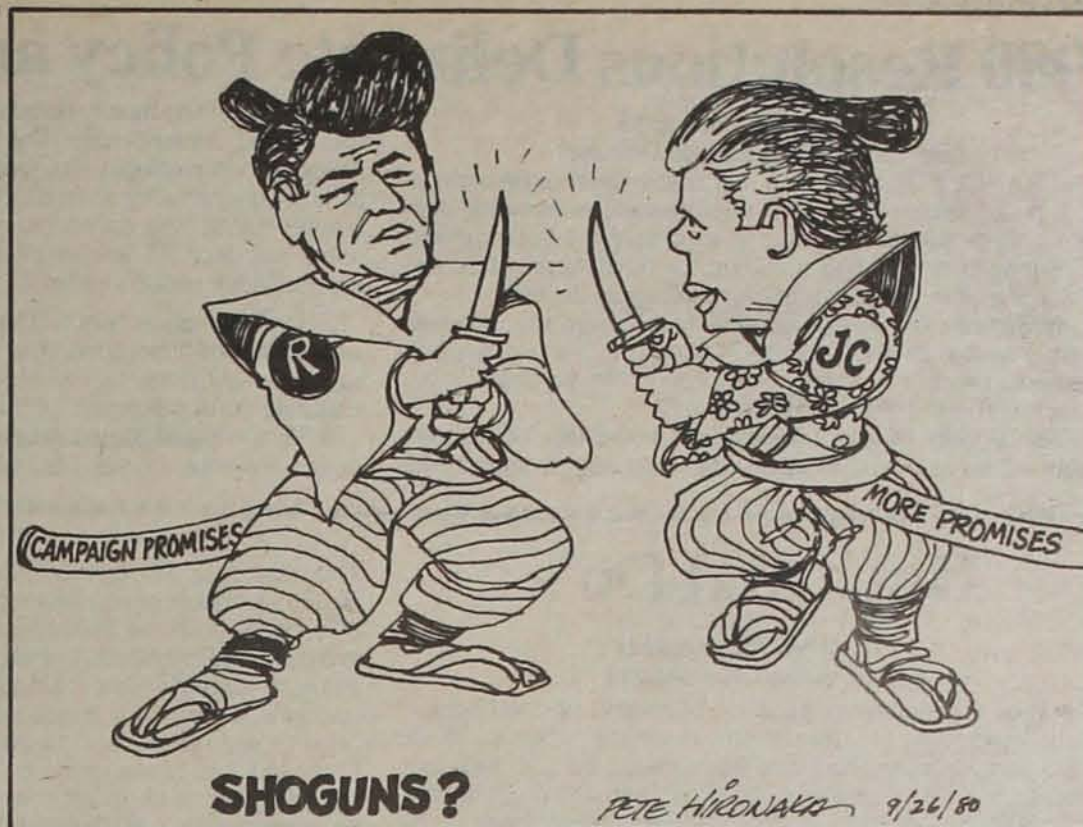
Dear Dr. Uyeda,

It is come to our attention that the National JACL has recently ratified the exclusion of non-citizens from the ranks of "Regular" members in its recent convention in San Bruno. As an organization committed to the civil and human rights of individuals, we are submitting this letter of protest to the recent decision.

As you well know, the history of this country reflects a consistent and pernicious bias against Asian immigrants. Laws were passed which restricted the employment of Asians, deprived them of their civil rights, prohibited intermarriage and eventually excluded them from immigration to this country. The Alien land laws divested Japanese in this country from owning land and other laws prevented Asians from becoming citizens.

But the laws were only a reflection of a greater hysteria against Asian immigrants usually during

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FROM HAPPY VALLEY: by Sachi Seko

Autumn: a Time to Take Leave

Salt Lake City

Being a woman can be hazardous to your life. According to some theorists, women suffer extreme depression through the severance of emotional ties because of divorce, death or the departure of children. I don't know what kind of women are studied in surveys that reinforce such sociological data, but the imminent departure of our son from our house does not elicit the depression I am supposed to feel. At the risk of refuting authoritative sources, my emotions will have to be measured by other barometers. Perhaps the predicted mental decline will follow, but presently, I am too preoccupied with administering a crash course on the practical aspects of ordinary survival.

When we earlier discussed the possibility of his leaving home, my son asked, "Which paintings can I take? What will I put my stereo on?"

I suggested that rather than worrying about such trivia, we should make a list of pots and pans, dishes and utensils to purchase. With the most incredulous expression on his face, he asked, "What would I do with those things?"

From his genuine astonishment, you would have believed I had suggested he stockpile rockets or dynamite. My son is educated and supposedly possesses a reasonable intelligence. Through daily, direct contact with the world, I imagine he receives new information as it becomes available. Most concepts and conditions tend to pass me by as I engage in poking at weeds or scolding dogs. So his disclaimer of the need for pots and pans shot a tremor of fear through me. Was it possible that some miraculous technology had displaced the need for food preparation or food itself? I carefully composed the sentences in my head, hoping to avoid appearing a complete idiot. "Aren't you going to eat? Don't people still require nourishment?"

"Oh, sure, but what's the big deal? I'm coming home to eat, so why would I need pots and pans?"

My son's culinary ability is limited to the occasional heating of a boiling bag. Years ago, he flunked the test for preparing a can of soup, when he forgot to add water. I am learning, much to my chagrin, that I have wholly neglected part of my maternal responsibility. Perhaps too much attention was directed toward books, authors, words.

Yet, I reason, it is the identical legacy I inherited from my mother. I was nursed, quite

literally, on the bilingual interpretations of Dostoevsky, Pushkin and Tolstoy. My mother was deep into Russia at the time of my birth. By the time she died, her amazing literary itinerary had taken her into South American territory. This discovery made after her death. Early on, it was her solitary pilgrimage, for I lagged too far behind her impatient and brilliant mind. But words remained the most enduring connection between us.

I remember this, as I teach my son to strip sheets, to place clean linen on his bed. When I complain of his lack of common sense, feeling his resentment at being addressed as a child again, I recall my own fury at my mother. I had ruined a wedding gift pan when I burned steaks I was frying. She didn't think it was possible and asked me to repeat exactly what I had done. I was infuriated when she couldn't control her laughter because I had not greased the pan and accused her of failure to provide specific instructions. "Common sense would have told you that," she said.

She always said I would never learn to cook, much less to enjoy it. The years have proved her wrong. So I know these things, the ordinary part of life, will become as natural to my son as they have to me. And I even have hopes that eventually his eating at home will be by invitation or reservation.

The other day, I said to him, "Fall is a good time for you to leave."

"I know," he said. "The weather's perfect."

He did not realize I was speaking of another autumn, my time of life. My parents were in their early autumn, being younger than I am now, when they mistook the season for winter. I remember the occasion, a large reception. At one point, I wanted to leave to join my friends. When I informed my parents of my intention, they reluctantly agreed. As I walked away, I turned to wave one last time. It was then I saw the expressions of abandonment and loneliness on their faces. Despising them and hating myself, I retraced my steps and never really left home until they died.

"Winter would be a lousy time for moving," my son said.

"It would be the worst time," I agreed. And he did not know we were thinking of different winters.

INAGAKI

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14. On Karl K. Nobuyuki—Mr. Nobuyuki, National Director 1977-80, was commended by the National Council for his work and contributions to the community and to JACL.

15. On Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week Posters—The National Council voted for JACL to discontinue the printing of posters publicizing the Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week.

16. On White House Conference on Aging—The National Council voted to support and participate in the 1981 White House Conference on Aging.

17. On International Relations Committee—The work of the International Relations Committee in further developing friendship and understanding between the Nikkei organizations of the world was endorsed and supported by the National Council, and the National Council resolved that the International Relations Program would not be deleted from JACL activities during the next biennium.



FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa

Memories of Youth that Last

Seattle, Wash.

Although I spent my first 23 years in Seattle, we haven't lived here for any lengthy period since 1938. The last time we called this city home was in 1942, just before General DeWitt sent us on an unexpected vacation, courtesy the U.S. government. And since war's end, visits to the old home town have been infrequent. The last time we were here must have been seven, eight years ago so we weren't prepared for the new Seattle.

Like the new Denver, Seattle has grown upward and outward. Nothing dramatizes this fact so much as the skyline. Back in the dark ages of youth, the 42-story L.C. Smith Tower loomed above the city which proudly boasted it was the tallest building west of Chicago. Today it's hardly more than a wart on the skyline that is a handsome sight when viewed across the bay from the West Seattle bluffs.

As for the outward spread, Three Tree Point on Puget Sound was a long drive out of the city. Many Japanese community picnics were held there and the Issei re-

ferred to it as Snee Tsulee Pointo. Now it's just a nice suburban area.

During our visit Sam and Aya Kozu were kind enough to invite some of our oldest friends to visit us over coffee and dessert. Sam was 12 years old and I was 14 when we went for a summer's labor in an Alaskan salmon cannery. Aya was Alice's maid of honor when we were married. So we go back a long way.

Among those who came were Sam and Mary Hokari, Yeichi and Ada Kozu, Mako Yanagimachi and his wife, Andy Shiga with whom I used to go jogging back about 1938, and Hana Matsuda whose distinguished husband, Dr. Min Matsuda, died only a few months ago.

In good old Nisei fashion the ladies went into one room and the men to another. I don't know what the wives talked about, but us guys had a great old bull session about the fellows we knew a long time ago and the things we used to do together. We remembered sandlot football games, and chipping in whatever money we had—a quarter, maybe four bits sometimes when we were flush—to enjoy a great meal at a Chinatown restaurant after basketball games.

We remembered kids we used to know, friends like the Roundhead brothers, Cockeyed Amy, Horse who died in the war and Dave who was shot up but suffers now from emphysema and is only a shadow of himself, fellows who went on to fame and wealth and the rest of us who have learned to be happy with less. It was something of a shock to learn that many of my contemporaries are retired now, playing golf three times a week and puttering around the house, fishing when the salmon are running and enjoying not having to haul themselves out of bed and going to work.

Later, I got to wondering about why our friendships endure even though we never write and seldom see each other, and why we have so much to talk about. The answer seems to be that we all sprang from the same meager background, shared the same small joys and frustrations, studied together and struggled together. We had so much in common—hungry times, near-poverty, discrimination and ultimate triumph—that what happened after we went our separate ways isn't enough to erase the old memories of boyhood, youth and neighborliness.

This was the original togetherness, shared no doubt by our immigrant Issei parents and enjoyed likewise by many of us. The pressures that kept us largely confined to our own communities were onerous, but on the other hand they provided us with a cohesiveness that we can enjoy even today. Thanks, Sam and Aya, for making possible an evening of memories.

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani



Shoulda Stayed in Bed

Philadelphia

I'VE NEVER QUITE comprehended why or how, but my mother enjoyed the humor of Bob Hope and Lucille Ball. From the moment either appeared on the television screen, she'd start chuckling. I didn't comprehend her reaction because I had always thought, and for that matter continue to believe, that Japanese humor is quite different from what we Americans regard as humorous. Whenever I read a Japanese comic strip or view a Japanese comedian on television, invariably whatever punchline there may be goes over my head. On the other hand, though, when I think of some of the things that are humorous to me—"Doonesbury" and "B.C." comics—I have a feeling that those would go over or "under", however one wishes to evaluate them the heads of the Japanese.

IT'S NOT ONLY a case of Japanese vs. Americans, however; Americans vs. Britons would be the same. Most of that British humor is very subtle, somewhat akin to what appears in the *New Yorker*. And Russian humor, if indeed it may be termed that, tends to be sardonic.

AS AN EXPERIMENT you might try taking some American humor and recasting it into a Japanese mold, to see what comes from such miscegenation. For example: "You know things aren't going your way... when you mistakenly put your bra on backwards, and it's a better fit." Recasted: "...when you mistakenly use your *hachimaki* as a *fundoshi*, and it fits perfectly."

SOME OTHER BITS of Shoulda-stayed-in-bed American humor that you might try recasting into Japanese humor are the following:

You shoulda stayed in bed when—

Your car breaks down on a lonely road at night and you find your last dime to 'phone for help... and you dial the wrong

number.

The woman you've been seeing on the sly begins to look like your wife. (Sorry about the male chauvinistic slant of that one, gals.)

The "60 Minutes" film crew is waiting in your outer office. Your twin sister forgets your birthday.

Your horn gets accidentally stuck on the freeway... as you're following a group of Hell's Angel motocyclists.

Your 'phone suicide prevention, and they put you on hold.

You find your waterbed broke during the night, and you suddenly remember you don't own a waterbed.

Your only son comes home and declares that Anita Bryant ought to mind her own business.

I'M AFRAID THAT had I tried these bits of American humor on my mother, well... she would have told me that I shoulda stayed in bed. (And she'd probably be right.) #

LETTERS

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times of economic crises when such immigrants were scapegoated for the ills of the economy and other social problems. We can see a similar response today with the influx of the Indo-Chinese, Cuban and Haitian refugees. The racial overtones of such responses are undeniable and hark back to the hysteria surrounding the evacuation of Japanese Americans during World War II.

As an organization ostensibly dedicated to the civil rights of Japanese Americans and others, it is remarkable that this organization

could take such a position. By its decision, the JACL is not only forgetting the past but is also contributing to the same type of anti-alien sentiment which was translated into overt discrimination against Asian and Japanese Americans. Moreover, the position would seem to deny even Issei who have not been able to apply for citizenship due to discriminatory laws from becoming members of your organization.

We thus wish to register a protest against this policy which is in total contradiction to the purposes of a civil right organization. Given the history of discrimination against Asians and non-citizens, your position reaffirms and reinforces the current attitude of deprecation against immigrants. We urge you to reverse this decision as soon as possible.

DALE MINAMI
Chairman of the Board
Asian Law Caucus, Inc.
Oakland, Ca.

Bookshelf

● Political history

A translated reference work on Japanese political history containing a wealth of information and chronology on government and law, was first published in 1972 as *Nihon Kokkashi*, and now available as a *HISTORY OF POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS IN JAPAN* (1980: Univ. of Tokyo Press/U.S. distrib: ISBS, Inc., P.O. Box 555, Forest Grove, Or 97116, \$10) by Prof. Ryosuke Ishii. The compact 172-pages divides Japanese political history into six periods from 3rd Century B.C. to the early 1950s.

About the same size in format but providing a bigger picture of the Tokugawa Shogunate (1603-1867) from the same publisher and distributor (ISBS, Inc.) is the ten-part work dealing with *LAW AND JUSTICE IN TOKUGAWA JAPAN*, edited by John Henry Wigmore. Actually a set to be comprised of 18 compact volumes, the latest (Part VI-F, Property: Legal Precedents, U.S. \$23.50) is the 12th in the series. Legal precedents in property were kept in strictest secrecy from all eyes but those of judges and government officials for centuries. Book jacket lists the previous editions. The late Dr. Wigmore of Northwestern had originally supervised the translations in the late 1930s. This series is geared for the economist, social historian and student of comparative law.—H.H.

35 Years Ago

in The Pacific Citizen

SEPTEMBER 29, 1945

Sept 10—Visalia paper carries scare story of new KKK group "to rid San Joaquin valley of Japanese and Nisei".

Sept 20—Protesting workers at Army depot at Lathrop, Ca, walkout over hiring of Nisei locomotive fireman (James Tsujimoto, 28); group returns in a week's time.

Sept 22—House seeks to slash \$5-million from present WRA budget as agency to be liquidated; WRA Director Myer notes 32,000 still in camps, may give up segregated camp at Tule Lake and drop orderly relocation plans if budget cut.

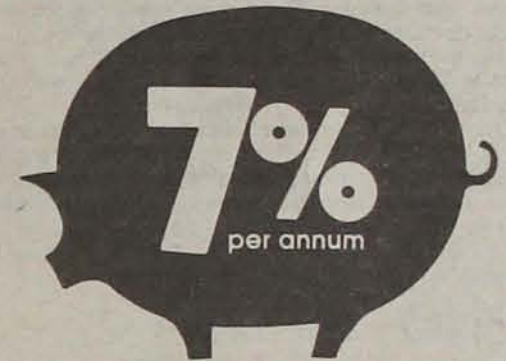
Sept 23—Use of Nisei saved GI lives in Pacific, Army 27th Inf Div commanders tell war correspondent Les Finnegan in Okinawa; individual heroism of combat interrogators related as censorship lifted.

Sept 24—Flare tossed at Watsonville Buddhist hostel, no damage from first terrorist attack against evacuees.

Sept 24—Los Angeles Issei (Dr Kenzo Sugino) charges Calif Equalization Board with racial bias against returning evacuee applicants; denied retail sales tax permit to reopen optometric practice... Wm G Bonelli, board member, sought to discourage return of evacuees to Calif, Sugino charges.

Sept 25—Los Angeles supervisors ask Congress to give WRA more time (past Dec 15 closing date) due to lack of housing for expected return of 30,000 to area.

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Informational brochures on redress set

SAN FRANCISCO—JACL chapters are being called upon to help the National JACL Committee on Redress distribute some 50,000 informational brochures for non-JACLers to encourage community participation in the forthcoming commission hearings on the WW2 Evacuation and Internment of civilians.

John Tateishi, redress chair, indicated the pieces would be ready by mid-October. Other material on redress is also available at JACL Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco.

GUEST EDITORIAL:

A World War II Injustice

St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Friday, Aug. 8, 1980

Nearly 40 years after the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II, the American conscience is still troubled by that unusual event — and it should be. Congress has just passed — and President Carter has signed — a bill creating a special commission to investigate the "injustice" done by the forced relocation from their homes and jobs of 120,000 people, two-thirds of whom were citizens. Under executive order by President Franklin Roosevelt, Japanese-Americans — without any charges being brought against them and without trials — were sent, mainly from the West Coast, to barbed wire camps hundreds of miles away and imprisoned for most of the war period. German-Americans and Italian-Americans, as President Carter noted, were not similarly imprisoned, although the U.S. at the time was also at war with Germany and Italy.

Suggesting the extent to which the nation was a prisoner of the hysteria of the times, the Supreme Court upheld the legality of the internment. The American Civil Liberties Union later called it "the worst single wholesale violation of the rights of American citizens in our history." In the light of this history, a review of the U.S. treatment of Japanese-Americans then is very much in order. Although Congress authorized a claims program in 1948, the payments to Japanese-Americans who had been deprived of their liberty and property amounted to only about 8.5 cents on the dollar. The new commission could recommend further compensation for members of a group who, in the absence of any demonstrated disloyalty, were punished merely because of their racial identity. Clearly the record of the episode suggests that the United States owes something more to these mistreated people than a mere expression of regret and minimal restitution.



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Cincinnati

"Japan Viewed Through Music and Dance" is the theme of Cincinnati JACL's culture booth at the International Folk Festival over the Oct. 17-19 weekend at Convention Center. Phyllis Ishisaka and Judy Suzurikawa, co-chair, are being assisted by:

Benny Okura, Gordon Yoshikawa, merch; Ed Yoshida, food; Kazuya Sato, callig; Vernon Gilbert, dance; Pat Ikeda, art work; Cliff Patterson, transp; and Frances Tojo, tickets.

Contra Costa

On Friday, Sept. 26, 8 p.m. at the East Bay Free Methodist Church, the Contra Costa JACL CARP (Caring, Aging Retirement Program) first fall meeting will present Joe Yasaki, prominent attorney, who will speak on "Introduction to Estate Planning".

Salinas Valley

Salinas Valley JACL seniors go on a Reno fun trip Sept. 27-28, departing via bus from the Buddhist Church at 8 a.m., pick up lunches

at the Placer County Buddhist Bazaar going and coming, leaving Reno at 10 a.m. Sunday.

Actual ground work began Aug. 3 on the Hartnell College Garden Project, as Salinas Valley JACLers met on successive Sundays. On the project committee were Sam Obara, Ted Ikemoto and Harry Iida.

San Fernando Valley

Brand Library in Glendale honors local member Alessandra Poles and haiku instructor Shisei Tsuneishi at a reception Friday, Oct. 3, 8 p.m. before their sumi-e and haiku creations go on public display till the end of October.

San Jose

Santa Clara Valley's annual Keiro Kai for Japanese Americans over age 75 will be hosted by the J.A. Community Senior Service and several Nikkei community groups on Saturday, Oct. 4, 4-6 p.m. at the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin. Tickets may be obtained from the Yu Ai Office (294-2505), 565 N. 5th St.

On tap are the installation dinner on Friday, Nov. 14 at Zorba's Greek Restaurant with a guest

speaker from Visual Communications to speak on "Hito Hata" followed by a dance, the community showing of "Hito Hata" at Foothill Community College on Sunday, Nov. 23 and mochitsuki Dec. 20-21.

Seattle

Winners in the Seattle JACL's ninth annual 1000 Club golf tourney co-chaired by Chuck Furuta and Fumi Yamasaki held July 27 at Jefferson were as follows:

MEN'S FLIGHT
64—Jiro Nakahara (14), 66—Mas Kinoshita (19), 67—Hiram Akita (12) and Tosh Tsuboi (27), 69—Tom Tsubota (19), 70—Bill Mambu (22), Bob Mizukami (16), Sam Kozu (25), Sherlock Shinbo (26).

WOMEN'S FLIGHT
60—Jo Sakamoto (33), 63—Fumi Noji (32), 64—Reiko Tsubota (32), 65—Mary Furuta (36), Kiyoko Sakahara (25), 66—Mabel Shigaya (37), 67—Kimi Nakanishi (28), 68—Mary Shinbo (35), Reiko Sato (37).

Tulare County

Tulare County JACL will present its national convention report, elect new officers for the biennium and prepare for the annual district convention at its forthcoming dinner meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 30, 7 p.m. at the Yen Ching Restaurant, Visalia.

Lisa Taketa was the Tulare County representative at this year's Presidential Classroom for Young Americans in Washington and was a Girls Stater at Sacramento this summer, representing Mt. Whitney High School.

Watsonville

The Watsonville JACL will present an evening of two plays and stage reading by the Center Players on Saturday, Oct. 11 from 7:30 p.m. at the local Buddhist Temple Hall. The semi-professional Japanese American theater group based in the Bay Area will perform three Hiroshi Kashiwagi plays: Three Treasures, A Ques-

tion of Loyalty and Mondai Wa Akira.

Tickets are \$2.50. Additional information may be obtained from chairman Ken Tashiro, 724-3007.

West Los Angeles

A special feast & treat has been prepared by the West L.A. JACL and Auxiliary for the annual Issei appreciation luncheon this Sunday, Sept. 28, 1-4 p.m. at Stoner Recreation Center. Toy Kanegai and Virginia Tominaga are heading the main committees.

Program will also introduce creative living and senior citizen classes meeting at the Westside YMCA during the week.

JACL Terminal Island Film Project

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Under \$20.00—W.H. Morita, Bellflower; Shoji Matsumoto, Oceanside; Masaru Doi, San Juan Capistrano; Sam & Nagi Hashiba, L.A.; Michiko Fujita, Santa Barbara; M/M Babe Karasawa, Whittier; Connie Rikimaru, Gardena; Morris Knight & Roy T. Zukeran, L.A.; N.S. Kurihara, L.A.; Kay Kamiya, L.A.; East-West Players, L.A.; Bob T. Miyamoto, Orange; Masatoshi H. Honda; I. F. Hayashi, San Diego; John & Asako Yamashita, Gardena; Keiko E. Mochizuki, Santa Barbara.

\$20.00 & Over—James M. Sasaki, L.A.; Leo G. Komai, Gardena; Robert M. Endo, Riverside; J.M. Takeguchi, Chula Vista; Kiyoharu Sanuki, L.A.; Gloria T. Makhholm, Highland; Minoru Yasui,

Denver; Ben Nishimoto, Lancaster; June Fujita, South Gate; Vernon T. Yoshioka, San Diego; Alice W. Sakai, Indio; Shag & Amy Okada, Stanton; Mary Morikawa, L.A.; William N. Asato, L.A.; Kayoko Ochi, San Diego; Miwako Yanamoto, L.A.; Dr. Tom T. Watanabe, Rolling Hills Estates; Alyce Kikawa, Gardena.

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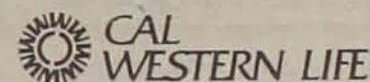
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SAN MATEO, Ca.—National president Dr. Jim Tsujimura of Portland outlined his plans for the coming biennium Sept. 14 here at the quarterly session of the Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific district council, the immediate task being an appointment of a national executive director.

He plans to ask the JACL National Board meeting this weekend (Sept. 26-28) at Los Angeles's Little Tokyo Tower to have a search committee established with James Murakami, past national president, of Santa Rosa as chair. A recommendation by the end of the year is being anticipated. The post has been vacant since mid-July and J.D. Hokoyama, associate national director, was named interim director in mid-September.

The district council formally adopted addition of "Pacific" in its name to accommodate the two new chapters—Honolulu and Japan, which were also permitted to designate a mainland resident to serve as their respective delegate. The district now has 34 member chapters.

Delegates from 29 chapters voted to increase per capita assessment from 50¢ to 75¢, instead of \$1 as had been recommended, effective Jan. 1.

Floyd Shimomura, nat'l v.p. for public affairs, of Sacramento reported the Minnick vs. Enomoto case (where the state supreme court last month upheld the Dept. of Corrections had the right to give special consideration to women and minorities to meet its affirmative action goals) is expected to be tested before the U.S. supreme court.

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assurance of our full rights as citizens is far more important than marginal consumer benefits.

The current membership dues fall short of maintaining a minimally adequate staff to man the Headquarters and the less than minimally adequate regional offices. This dismal financial plight stems from two basic reasons:

(1) JACL provides indirect benefits to non-members as well as to members while less than five percent of the Nikkei are members, and

(2) we do not pay the full cost of the important benefits of citizenship that we derive (in other words, JACL dues are not high enough). These two reasons imply that we are doing a poor job of telling people what JACL is all about and therefore people really do not realize what a bargain it is to be a member.

JACL is basically structured as a volunteer organization; however, in most chapters only about five percent of the members are providing volunteer time for the organization. We need to tap at least another 10 to 15 percent of the membership to actively participate in JACL activities. Then we must launch an educational program to improve our image so that we can increase the membership and lower the resistance to dues increases. I grant you that it is easier said than done, but that is what we in JACL must do; it will mean a lot of hard work and commitment. #

Calendar Non-JACL Event

● **SEPT. 26 (Friday)**
Nat'l JACL/PSWDC—Nat'l JACL Bd mtg (Fri 7pm—Sun noon), Little Tokyo Tower, Los Angeles.

● **Diablo Valley**—Conv wrap-up mtg, PG&E, Concord, 7:30pm.

● **SEPT. 27 (Saturday)**
NC-WNDC—Amer Testimonial II, Philadelphia—Issei luncheon, Murakami's.

Salinas Valley—Reno fun trip.

Garden Grove—Food Fest, Wintersburg Presbyterian Church, 4-9pm.
San Mateo—JYO Awards dnr, Buddhist Temple, 4:30pm.

● **SEPT. 28 (Sunday)**
San Mateo—Comm picnic.
Stockton—Golf tournament.

West Los Angeles—Issei Apprec dnr.

● **SEPT. 30 (Tuesday)**

San Gabriel Valley—Pre-retiremt mtg, ESGVJCC, West Covina, 7:30pm.
George Yanase, spkr, Investment frauds.

Tulare County—Dnr mtg, Yen Ching Restaurant, Visalia, 7pm.

● **OCT. 3 (Friday)**

MDC/Dayton—Dist sess (Fri 9pm—Sun noon), Holiday Inn, Dayton; Sat dnr—Sinclair College.

Diablo Valley—Luncheon, Adobe Savings & Loan.

● **OCT. 4 (Saturday)**
Alameda—Issei dnr, Buddhist Ch, 3:30pm.

Sonoma County—JACL Youth workshop on Redress.

San Francisco—Photo Exhib: Chinese in America, 1785-1980 (ends Dec 13), Chinese Cult Ctr, 730 Kearny (closed Sun-Mon).



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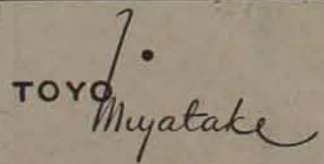
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Business



Alice Hino

In 1972, Venice-Culver JACler **Alice Hino** began her banking career with Union Bank. This past summer, she was promoted vice president in the priority banking department at Union Bank's regional headquarters in Santa Monica. She had been assistant v.p. A graduate from the Univ. of Utah, she was the 1950 president of the Cleveland JACL before returning to the west coast. She is active with the Business and Professional Women's Club. She resides in Culver City with her husband, Yoshitaka. They have two children.

Ted Kojima, longtime Downtown L.A. JACler, took an early retirement Sept. 1 as account manager for Pan American World Airways for the past 25 years, to assist his son handle real estate and sports promotions. He will also continue his association with Pan-Am as a marketing consultant.

Cynthia Endo was named PR assistant at corporate headquarters of Allstate Savings & Loan, Glendale, Ca. A graduate of CSU-Long Beach, she previously was PR coordinator for City View Hospital.

Education

California School Employees Assn., at its annual meeting in San Diego, elected **Kurata Shimada** of

San Jose president. He is a landscaping and grounds supervisor in the Oak Grove School District. CS-EA represents 140,000 non-teaching personnel. Loyola-Marymount University, Los Angeles, appointed **Nancy Haruye Au** of Fullerton as director of Asian Pacific Supportive Services and Foreign Student Advisor. She holds a bachelor's degree in human services and master's in counseling and school psychology, both from CSU-Fullerton.

Lee Jay Cho, 44, was named acting president of East-West Center, Honolulu, succeeding Everett Kleinjans who resigns Sept. 30. Cho, born of Korean parents in Kyoto, came to the U.S. in 1961 after graduating in political science from Kookmin College, Seoul, and continued studies in public administration at George Washington University and in sociology in Chicago, where he earned his Ph.D. in 1965. He joined the East West staff in 1971. Over 200 have been nominated for the post. With Cho designated on an interim basis, it was felt the Center plans to take whatever time is necessary to select a permanent president.

Government

Tsunao Tanaka, 50, recently a minister at the Japanese Embassy in Bangkok, is the new Japanese consul general at Los Angeles, succeeding **Wataru Miyakawa**, who was appointed Ambassador to the United Nations. **Sue Kunitomi Embrey** was reappointed by Mayor Tom Bradley to the Los Angeles City Commission on the Status of Women, having previously served as commission president two times. She was among the 37 U.S. delegates to the recently concluded U.N. Mid-Decade Conference on Women in Copenhagen.

Hawaii Board of Education member **Hiroshi Yamashita**, Honolulu, was appointed by President Carter to the new Intergovernmental Advisory Council of Education, a 20-member panel assisting the new Dept. of Education and the White House. He is also

past president of the National School Boards Assn. and state school board member since 1965. He is with Oahu Sugar Co.'s industrial relations section.

Health

Noted in the national Sunday supplement Parade was **Dr. Yoshio Hosobuchi**, neurosurgeon at UC-San Francisco Medical Center, who is developing an electronic device that blocks pain by sending signals to the brain to release an opiate-like hormone.

Honors

Sacramento JACler **Kuni Hiro-naka** was honored with an award during the Asian-Pacific American Heritage Week presentation at McClellan Air Force Base for his persistence in organizing the Asian Advisory subcommittee to assist the EEO advisory committee as well as implementing the annual Heritage Week celebration at McClellan.

Politics

A move to recall six of the nine Honolulu city councilmen failed to meet its deadline to appear on the Nov. 4 ballot. Organizers have councilmen **Hiram Fong Jr.** and **Toraki Matsumoto** on their hit list. Appointed by Honolulu Mayor Fasi as city prosecutor in 1977, **Togo Nakagawa**, 57, faced two primary challengers on the Sept. 20 ballot. (Because it is Yom Kippur, Larry Beck, a Jew, running for

mayor in Honolulu, sought to have the election date changed or have polls open till 9 p.m. for religious reasons. Secular activities are prohibited, including voting, on Yom Kippur, he contended. Other members of the Jewish community, however, in opposition, said the absentee ballot would be adequate.)

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The earliest Japanese book written in Roman script, SANCTOS NO GOSAGVEO NO VCHINVQI-GAQI (Excerpts from the Illustrious Deeds of the Saints), was published in 1591. The authors were the Portuguese missionaries, and Japanese was spelled in Portuguese orthography. In the *Hebon shiki* (Hepburn system) the title will come out "Gosagyo no Uchinukigaki). The missionary fathers had the good sense to leave *Sanctos* alone. Today's *Romajists* no doubt will insist on changing it to Sankutosu, which I think is utter stupidity.

Eighteen similar books followed in rapid succession. The *bateren* (*padres*) realized that the greatest obstacle hampering their missionary work was the illiteracy of the lower classes of Japanese, and they wisely decided the best way to overcome it was not to try to educate them in the cumbersome *kana*-*kana* writing, but to give them an entirely new, easy to learn system of writing.

The missionaries' attempt to enable the unlettered peasants to read this classic for themselves was an act of enlightened humanism, and, but for an unfortunate turn of history, could have been the beginning of a great cultural revolution in Japan. Obviously their *zele civilizateur* was as genuine as their desire to spread Christianity, for, running through *Heike Monogatari* is a deep vein of Buddhist pessimism altogether incompatible with the Christian doctrine of salvation. But, I suspect, some of the *bateren* decided it was great literature deserving of their efforts.

These facts are all but forgotten today. But the missionaries left a monumental work for which the Japanese owe them national gratitude. It is the great *Nippo Jisho* (VOCABULARIO DA LINGUA DE IAPAM). Compiled by Joao Rodriguez and other missionaries with the collaboration of Japanese *irmaos* (brothers), it was published at Nagasaki in 1603. Japanese entries are spelled in Portuguese orthography, and given definitions in Portuguese. It includes usages, lists poetic and literary expressions, and most admirably, takes note of differences between the Kyoto (standard) speech and the Kyushu dialects. Its 32,798 entries and these features make it probably the most advanced and comprehensive interlingual dictionary in the world at the time. Today it remains one of the source books in the study of the Japanese language as it was in the 16th century. (For comparison it may be pointed out that the first Greek-English dictionary was not finished till 1824.)

Fifty years later, suspected of being agents of the Spanish and Portuguese imperial designs, all Portuguese were expelled from Japan. The missionaries' worthy effort to introduce the Roman alphabet as an alternate system of writing Japanese came to an abrupt end, and more regrettably, was forgotten.

For the next 200 years eager young men from all over Japan flocked to Nagasaki to seek the medical and scientific knowledge of the west from the Dutch sea captains and doctors. Here they came into daily contact with a language which had the ridiculous characteristic of saying things in back to front order. (Chinese did

this, too. But strangely, they never considered it a foreign language. If you knew the reason, it may not be too strange, but I'll leave it till some other time.)

But what was not ridiculous was the fact that Dutch could express any idea, any thought, no matter how complex or profound, with no more than 26 characters. No doubt among themselves they remarked this fact, but the possibility of writing Japanese in Roman alphabet never seemed to enter their minds.

The first formal proposal to adopt the *Romaji* (Roman alphabet) for Japanese was made in 1869. Many others followed. The *Romaji Kai* of the Early Meiji and the *Romaji Tomo no Kai* (Friends of *Romaji*) in the 1920's became national organizations with chapters throughout the country. Among the advocates were educators, scientists, and scholars of national prominence, and the *Romaji Undo* became a potent force in national education.

But the early promises of the *Romaji* still remain sadly unfulfilled. After 120 years since the first proposal, all Japanese with grade school education can read and write their names in *Romaji*, and at least guess at the pronunciations of foreign words and names. As a tool of mass communication it is of very limited use. And 400 years after the Portuguese missionaries, the *Romaji* movement

Aki Matsuri hits 11th annual

SAN FRANCISCO—A bountiful harvest of Japanese culture will signal the arrival of fall in San Francisco Sept. 26-28 when the City celebrates its 11th annual Aki Matsuri at Japan Center.

A special event this year will be a concert on Saturday evening, Sept. 27, by the Tokyo Union Orchestra, one of Japan's leading jazz bands.

UPAC benefit

SAN DIEGO, Ca.—Wakako Yamuchi's award-winning play, "And the Soul Shall Dance", will be staged by Pacific Asian Actors Ensemble on Sunday, Oct. 5, 7 p.m., at the Marquis Gallery Theater as an opening night benefit for Union of Pan Asian Communities building fund drive.

'Hito Hata' tickets

LOS ANGELES—"Hito Hata", starring Mako with Pat Morita and Yuki Shimoda, will premiere at the L.A. Music Center on Sunday, Oct. 26, with tickets at \$25 general and \$100 up for the Golden Circle. For information, call Visual Communications, producers (680-4462). #

Prewar story of 'happa' filmed

TOKYO—Shochiku is shooting a film based upon a chapter in "Let's Hand Down Our Experiences of War" for release next March, relating the miserable life during World War II of a seven-year-old girl born to an American father and Japanese mother.

Meiko Kaji appears as the girl's mother. Magazine model Catherine (no surname) stars as little girl.

Church school

LOS ANGELES—Centenary United Methodist Church School held its promotions Sunday Sept. 21 with Gail Inouye, superintendent, in charge of a staff of 15 instructors and music coordinators who greeted students.

Religion

The Rev. Yutaka Toda was welcomed Aug. 24 as the new pastor of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Garden Grove. Previously with the St. Paul Mission in Clearwater, Fla., Toda had spent 14 years in Japan.

'Tokyo Rose' author addresses GI reunion

SAN FRANCISCO—Masayo Duus, author of the recently published "Tokyo Rose: Orphan of the Pacific" (Kodansha), addressed the Co. K-42nd reunion here during the first week of September, relating her visit of Dallas and the 36th Infantry reunion and meeting some of the survivors of the "Lost Battalion", which was rescued by the 42nd.

Maj. Walter Lesinski, ret., of Santa Rosa, who commanded Co. K, Eric Saul of the Presidio Army Museum and Chet Tanaka, who is publishing a pictorial album of the 100/42nd Infantry, also spoke to the 70-plus veterans and guests from Hawaii, New Mexico, Washington, Minnesota and all parts of California.

Assemblyman's wife attains Ph.D.

TORRANCE, Ca.—Dr. Hideko Bannai was recently honored at Miyako Restaurant by family and friends in recognition of her attainment last June of a doctoral degree in Intercultural Education from the Univ. of Southern California.

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Dr. Bannai will continue as a faculty member at the USC Dept. of Teacher Education, while doing further research and writing. She embarked on her academic career about the time her husband Paul, now State Assemblyman from the 53rd District, threw his hat in the political arena.

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