

Nikkei concerns in L.A.: housing, health care, crime, image

LOS ANGELES—A recent survey among Nikkei in the greater Los Angeles area, published by the *Kashu Mainichi* Oct. 14, indicated three "serious problem" areas:

1—Housing and health care for the elderly; 2—growing crime rate in the city; and 3—the waning Japanese image imposed by Japanese imports during a period of economic setbacks.

Though no numbers appear in the survey, "most" responding to the survey said since housing and health care for the elderly is a new situation to the Japanese community, not enough preparation and planning have been devoted to it.

Said one respondent, "if you consider that the average Nisei today is older than most of the Issei when we went to relocation camps, the lack of care for the aging Nisei becomes a prominent issue."

Another added, "although the general feeling is that the Nisei as a whole are affluent, this is really not the case and many Nisei are dependent on such financial aid as Social Security to maintain their livelihood."

"However," he added, "Social Security is really social insecurity because it does not provide enough aid to cover the bare essentials of everyday living."

In addition to this, most Nisei because of their earlier training from the Issei, do not consider welfare as the way to go although welfare will provide a much better financial base than Social Security.

"Because of their pride, or whatever, the average Nisei does not want to rely on their children for support," said another.

This means that the average Nisei, now about 62 to 65 in age, must fend for themselves in a community which has not provided the facility to fill these needs.

Although much effort has been made in the area of assisting

the Issei, a more serious problem is rearing its head for the Nisei.

Most of those responding to the survey felt that the community does not have its priorities in proper order. That the push towards establishing housing and a solid health care program should be number one with everything else in sequence.

"The problem," said one concerned Little Tokyoite, "is going to get a lot worse before it gets better because of the direction our community has been heading."

While crime is generally regarded as a community-wide problem, a surprising number of Japanese Americans are more concerned about it than at first thought.

Most expressed the feeling that it is unsafe to walk the streets at night and some said it is unsafe even in broad daylight. Many of the elderly Issei women, who have been victims of purse-snatching and the assault that accompanies such crimes, have taken place in daylight on well-traveled streets.

"There is really no safe place," said one Issei woman, who said that she was frightened several times but never was victimized.

And, most people blame the growing crime problems on liberal courts which turns criminals back on the street.

The police are frustrated in their effort to curb crime because when they capture the suspect, the suspect is often back on the streets in a short period.

One Nisei shop-keeper who was robbed and served as a witness against the criminals was shocked to see the same culprits back in several months, threatening bodily harm for singling them out for the crime.

"It's a damned if you do, and a damned if you don't situation" said the shop keeper.

Others are in agreement that the victim receives less consi-

deration than the perpetrators of crime.

"Everyone is more concerned about the rights of the criminal than the rights of the victim," seems to be the general opinion.

The Japanese image has been tarnished in recent years by reasons both imagined and real.

American workers who have lost their jobs due to the importation of Japanese goods, especially in the auto and steel industry, have especially become "anti-Japanese."

This attitude is beginning to reflect on the Nisei, Issei and Sansei and many are disturbed about it.

"The main problem here," said one concerned Nisei, "is that we can't do too much about it. Our hands are tied."

What upsets him most about the whole atmosphere centering around the growing hostility towards Japan and the Japanese is the coy, "who me?" attitude of the Japanese.

"The Japanese seems to blame the entire situation on the Americans by making such claims as Americans being poor business people and that Americans don't do enough to rebuild their auto industry."

While this may be true to some extent, most people feel that the Japanese don't seem to recognize the growing anti-Japanese sentiment and consequently, have made no effort in the area of public relations to retain their image in the American business community.

The majority of the Japanese Americans are of the opinion that some strong action should be taken to restore, if not the Japanese image as a whole, then certainly, the image of the Nisei.

—Kashu Mainichi



NISEI WEEK (1935)—Veteran actor-director Mako, as young Oda (center right), emerges from the crowd viewing the 1935 Nisei Week parade with playwright-actor Hiroshi Kashiwagi (center left), who plays Tatsumi in Visual Communication's "Hito Hata: Raise the Banner," premiering Oct. 26 at the L.A. Music Center's Ahmanson Theater. **Story on Page 7**

Mineta challengers 'robbed' of political issue on spending

SAN JOSE, Ca.—Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Ca.) went to Washington as a "New Deal" Democrat and now says he's six years older and wiser to the ways of Congress and his thinking changed. Perhaps that is why his three opponents "seem to be shooting at political mirrors", observed San Jose News staff writer Gary Swan.

A member of the House Budget committee, Mineta, 48, favors a balanced budget. "The old adage of throwing money after a problem hoping it will go away—this is something I've gotten away from. There are a lot more practical considerations these days. Is the money there? Is it a federal responsibility? Are the programs that we have working? Is there a mechanism for getting rid of the program if it doesn't work? These are the problems that have been driven home to me much more," Swan reported, noting the fiscal conversion has robbed the challengers of the spendthrift issue.

Republican candidate Ted Gagne is calling Mineta a reckless spender, identifying inflation as the country's worst problem and federal spending voted by Mineta are the primary cause. Gagne wants an end to "wasteful and costly spending such as mandatory busing, bilingual ballots and bilingual education."

Libertarian candidate Ray Strong insists Mineta is at fault for "military spending that is too high and wastefully misdirected". He also believes defense spending can be cut by getting U.S. forces out of countries like Japan and Germany which can afford to defend themselves.

Peace and Freedom candidate Robert Goldsborough is also critical of Mineta for support of increased defense spending.

Councilman Fong Jr. vows to fight recall efforts

HONOLULU—City Councilman Hiram Fong Jr., son of Hawaii's former U.S. senator, is among six city council members targeted as being excessively pro-development by a civic group.

Subject now to a recall effort as petitions containing some 3,300 signatures were being checked by the city clerk's office this past week, Fong in response contended he is a victim of "abuse" on recall and vowed to fight back.

At least 2,079 signatures must be confirmed as registered voters in his district before the election can proceed.

"I believe that the question of whether an elected official has acted in the best interest of his constituents by voting 'favorably' or 'unfavorably' on a particular issue should be determined through elections—not through recall," the Waikiki-Manoa Republican declared.

The recall provision "has been radically transformed from a protective safeguard of the people into an usurpation of the people's elective powers," Fong continued. "Recall was specifically designed as an instrument to remove any

Seattle JACL opens Min Masuda fund

SEATTLE, Wa.—The Seattle JACL has established a separate account for the newly-established Dr. Minoru Masuda Memorial Fund to assist the diverse interests within the Asian community that had always concerned the late Univ. of Washington behavioral scientist and professor, chapter president Chuck Kato announced.

Guidelines on fund use show awards may be allocated for:

1—Recognition of individual or organizational efforts to upgrade the quality of life of racial minority communities, especially on the Nikkei and Asian communities.

2—Recognition of significant achievements in the media, written or electronic, by, for and/or about Asian Americans.

3—Recognition of creative expressions of Nikkei-Asian cultural heritage.

4—Sponsorship of educational forums to promote Nikkei-Asian cultural heritage and of their special concerns.

5—Support for education endeavors in research by minority students.

elector who has abused the powers of his office, or who is incapacitated and therefore has failed or is unable to perform the duties of his office," Fong said. "I fail to see how I fit in either category."

He said he has "faithfully fulfilled my duty as a councilman" by being "a conscientious member of the council" and "actively" participating in the decision-making process.

"In essence, I have done my job, and now I am being punished, so to speak, for fulfilling my obligations to the constituents of my district. To me, that is being unfair."

Fong said there will always be people who disagree with his votes.

"If I should make a thousand decisions in which five people are dissatisfied on each particular decision, I would have on hand some 5,000 dissatisfied constituents, which is more than enough names to fill the ranks of two recall petitions," he said.

Others targeted in the recall effort are Republican Andrew Poepe and Democrats George Akahane, Rudy Pacarro, Toraki Matsumoto and Daniel Clement Jr. # (The Honolulu city council is comprised of eight members.)

Recall delayed against Kitayama

UNION CITY, Ca.—The recall move against Mayor Tom Kitayama has failed to get off the ground because of technical flaws in the wording of the petition, the *Hayward Daily Review* noted Oct. 7.

In city council action Oct. 6, a citizen's complaint against the mayor for abusing the powers of his office in dealing with striking workers at his nursery was rejected, the majority holding that the complaint was a private matter between Kitayama and the strikers and if the complaint were to be presented to the district attorney, it should be done so by the citizens and not the council.

The complaint was in a letter addressed to the council by parishioners of Our Lady of Rosary Church.

'Shogun Revisited' theme of 3rd Takahashi Lecture series

SAN FRANCISCO—Three lectures focusing on the recent TV series, "Shogun", will be the theme of the third annual Tomoye-Henri Takahashi Lectures at the Christ United Presbyterian Church Oct. 29, Nov. 5 and Nov. 12, sponsored by Stanford University in conjunction with the Japan Society of Northern California and the JACL. While tickets are free, reservations will be held by calling Japan Society (986-4383).

Peter Duus, professor of History at Stanford University, will begin the series Oct. 29, 8 p.m., with a slide lecture on "Lords, Castles, and Vassals".

Mary Elizabeth Berry, assistant professor of History at UC Berkeley, will give the second lecture Nov. 5, 8 p.m. on "Hideyoshi and Ieyasu: Politics in an Age of He-

roes." The lecture will be illustrated with slides.

And on Nov. 12, 8 p.m., Susan Matisoff, associate professor of Asian Languages at Stanford will present a slide lecture "The Lives of Women in 17th Century Japan."

The lecture series is made possible by a generous gift from longtime San Francisco residents, Tomoye Nozawa Takahashi and Henry Hiroyuki Takahashi.

Century Club life member #1 named

CHICAGO—Launching the new life membership plan in JACL's Century Club (a one-time \$1,000 personal contribution by an individual) and enrolled as No. 1 was James K. Tsujimura of Portland, according to Dr. Frank Sakamoto, 1000 Club chair.

Tsujimura will also be listed in the PC Honor Roll in the New Year's edition as a 17-year Thousand Clubber and a 9-year Century Club member.

No. 2 will be Frank's wife, Toshi, since he has been a JACL 1000 Club life member since 1957.

Cherry Blossom Festival to incorporate

SAN FRANCISCO—The Cherry Blossom Festival committee of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Northern California was organized in 1967 to stage its first "Sakura Matsuri" the following year. It is now in the process of filing as a separate nonprofit organization, according to immediate past chairman Richard Tsutakawa.

Meanwhile, Eugene Sasai, manager of the Japan Center Branch of San Francisco Savings and Loan, will chair the 1981 festival to be held on successive weekends: April 17-19 and 24-26.

As a nonprofit group, the Festival would be in a better position to seek financial support from the public and private sectors, it was explained. On the new board will be 11 members representing six community groups (JCC-NC, Nichibei Kai, San Francisco JACL, Japanese American Religious Federation, Japanese Speaking Society of America and Nihonmachi Merchants Assn.) and the Festival committee. Toshio Nagamura, chamber president, was voted the new board president. Nagamura is president of the California First Bank.

Guild Savings acquired by Allstate

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—Guild Savings & Loan Assn., organized in 1964 by local business and professional men, mostly Nisei, with its nine branches was acquired by Allstate Savings & Loan Assn. for \$8 million, the merger being announced Sept. 30 and effective the following day. Dean Itano, a Guild co-founder who has been president-chief executive officer, heads Allstate's new region for Sacramento with 10 offices in the three-county metropolitan area. Tom Kunibe is chief appraiser.

Merger talks had been underway since July 1979, according to Gerald Niemeyer, president-chief operations officer of Allstate, the Sears, Roebuck & Co. subsidiary based at Glendale.

PC People

● **Business**

Attorney **Steven Doi**, longtime JACler, is a director of a newly-opened (Oct. 16) minority-owned California National Bank in San Francisco's financial district.

Steve Shimizu and his partner head a thriving California crayfish operation near the State Capitol in Sacramento River. The delta species, unlike the Louisiana rice farm variety in taste, are boiled and fresh frozen for export mainly to Scandinavia and England, where they are sell for \$3 per kilo.

Merit Savings & Loan promoted **Keith Kishiyama** to chief financial officer. A 1974 Yale graduate in biology, joined Merit's accounting staff in 1976 and is currently attending UCLA Graduate School of Management for his MBA. He grew up in Gardena, is married to

the former Nancy Nakagama who is a junior high school teacher and resides in Cerritos ... Newly-opened California Pacific National Bank, Los Angeles, with international interests as its prime service area, elected **Cary Ching**, erstwhile Bank of America official in Taipei, as vice president.

H. N. Edamura of Toronto was named corporate development vice president of Marshall Macklin Monaghan, Ltd., consulting engineers, surveyors and planners in Canada and abroad. The Nisei engineer joined the firm in 1960, was elected a principal and director of the company in 1972 and since 1975 headed branch operations in southern Ontario.

Palo Alto insurance representative, **Steven T. Okamoto**, recently returned from a Vancouver convention for top selling agents of Occidental Life Insurance Co. of

California. He is the branch manager of the Palo Alto branch of Occidental, a member of the San Francisco JACL, National Association of Life Underwriters, and the General Agents and Managers Association.

● **Courtroom**

Honolulu District Court Judge **James Y. Shigemura**, 63, stepped down from the bench Sept. 30 when his six-year term ended. He said he wanted to retire.

The U.S. Senate confirmed Sept. 29 the appointment of Los Angeles Superior Court Judge **Consuelo Marshall** to the Federal District Court, joining Judges **Robert Takasugi** and **Atsushi Wallace Tashima** on the Central District bench. Admitted to the state bar in 1962, she was appointed to the Inglewood Municipal Court in 1976 and to the L.A. Superior Court in 1977. Her appointment had been controversial in the Nikkei community because of her decision to rule out evidence reportedly linking a defendant to the murder of Crenshaw area resident Henry Nishizaki.

● **Elections**

Honolulu Prosecutor **Togo Nakagawa** who was defeated in the recent primaries when the office became subject to election for the first time is now considering a city council post two years hence. Appointed to office in 1977, he came in third in a three-way race. Also looking to 1982 is **JoAnn Yukimura**, who surrendered a sure return to the Kauai county council in the primaries, to run for Kauai's mayoral seat in the primaries. It was a tough campaign, losing to incumbent Mayor Malapit by 840 votes. Even Honolulu Mayor **Frank Fasi**, who was counted out—losing by less than 2,000 votes to **Eileen Anderson**—might run for governor in 1982 though he revealed he would not have had he won a fourth term to City Hall.

● **Honors**

The United Seamen's Service presented its 1980 Admiral of the Ocean Sea Award to **Sen. Daniel K. Inouye** (D-Hawaii) for distinguished service to the American maritime industry. As chairman of the Senate subcommittee on merchant marine and tourism, he was chief architect of the 1980 Ocean Shipping Bill, which has passed the Senate.



Mrs. Masa Okada (87) and Mr. Mosaburo Shinoda (95), oldest folks attending the Eden Township JACL Keiro Kai cut the cake.

100 enjoy Eden Township keiro-kai

About 100 members and friends attended the Eden Township JACL Issei Appreciation supper Oct. 4, and 22 Issei of the Eden Township area were honored. Shig Arai was the Master of Ceremonies and John Yamada, president, welcomed the honorees.

Helping to make the party festive were: Ben Tanisawa for the orchid corsages and boutonnaires; Magic Oven Bakery for the decorated sheet cake and gifts from the Southland Sumitomo Bank and Fremont Calif. First Bank.



Sansei **Chiye Onodera**, daughter of Ben and Sumiye Onodera of Arcadia, Ca., has taken first place honors in the 13-14 year-old girls' division of five Southern California diving meets this summer. Her coach, Ken Fisher, says "Chiye has a bright future in diving, has excellent body control, good concentration and a great deal of determination. Coaching her has been a really rewarding experience."

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Robert J. Goto, son of the Robert M. Gotos of Whittier, Ca., received the American Society of Landscape Architecture certificate of honor during his graduation ceremonies at Cal State Poly-Pomona for outstanding achievements in the study of landscape architecture.

Sen. S.I. Hayakawa (R-Calif) was presented with his second National Associated Businessmen's (NAB) "Watchdog of the Treasury Award" for his steadfast opposition to reckless government

spending. The award is given biennially to those members of Congress who vote in support of fiscal responsibility in government spending at least two-thirds of the time. Senator Hayakawa was given a 90.9 percent favorable rating in this area by NAB during the 96th Congress.

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Stronger push for hibakusha aid bill seen

LOS ANGELES—Best hope for the Congress to aid American citizen survivors of the atomic bomb appears to be the Danielson bill in the next session, the JACL liaison committee here was advised this past week by Washington JACL Representative Ron Ikejiri.

Rep. George Danielson's bill (HR1924), introduced last February, as well as Rep. Ed Roybal's HR 8440 which was co-sponsored by 24 others, would cover certain medical costs to U.S. citizens and permanent residents suffering from injuries attributable to the 1945 atomic bomb blasts over Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

JACL committee, co-chaired by attorney Frank Kasama of Fremont JACL and Paul Tsuneishi of San Fernando Valley JACL and past PSWDC governor, further noted there would be strong support for the hibakusha aid bill from the Nikkei legislators next year.

U.S. Veterans of Nagasaki/Hiroshima observe Sept. 24 anniversary date

PORTLAND, Ore.—The U.S. Veterans of Nagasaki and Hiroshima observed Sept. 24 as an anniversary of "ignored" suffering—the day a battalion of U.S. marines entered Nagasaki six weeks after the city has been A-bombed in 1945 to help clear the rubble. Among them was Cpl. Lyman Quigley, then 24, driving a bulldozer near the center of devastation, bivouacking at a nearby school and drinking water from the city reservoir.

Quigley is dead now, but his widow Bernice in Portland said he left Nagasaki with running sores on his head, "his whole body was like a man in his 70s". He died at age 54 earlier this year after a fifth heart attack, she added.

More than 130 claims for compensation have been filed with the Veterans Administration by the U.S. veterans of Nagasaki/Hiroshima and not one has been granted.

In Seattle, the VA acknowledged 52 claims for compensation due to radiation exposure. Director Jewell Chandler said 33 claims have been rejected, the others are pending.

The Defense Nuclear Agency said there was little chance that any of the veterans participating in the clean-up projects (about 20,000 during a six-month period) could have suffered the effects of any radiation.

Nat'l membership at 95% mark of 1979

SAN FRANCISCO—There was slippage in nearly all JACL membership categories in 1980 as the fiscal year end total came to 28,363, which breaks down to 26,122 regular; 1,811 Fifty Club; 93 Century Club, 7 Silver Corporate, 3 Gold Corporate (up 2 from 1979), 4 Diamond (up 1 from 1979) Corporate, 186 students, 103 (up 8 from 1979) Life and 24 Memorial. Totals last year were 29,562 as of Sept. 30; 30,036 as of Dec. 31.

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JACLers in Danielson's district (Montebello, Monterey Park), especially the Pan-Asian chapter, are up for the 1981 campaign, the committee added.

Patsy S. Saiki, Hawaii JACL, is the newest volunteer to the committee, working closely with the new group of survivors just formed in Honolulu and who hope to be included in an immunological study of the hibakusha by Dr. Makinodan of UCLA. About 100 participants in the Los Angeles area are being checked.

Kasama said he plans to meet during a personal business Japan trip he is making this month with other Japanese who support medical help to survivors in America. It was also hoped that JACL national president Jim Tsujimura, when he makes his trip to Japan, would meet with Hiroshima Mayor Araki.

Tsuneishi revealed two filmmakers, Steve Okazaki and Frances Politeo of Berkeley, plan to produce an hour videotape for TV on the hibakusha problem in the U.S. A 12½-minute segment featuring recently deceased Judy Ensey of Los Angeles will be available to them. The program was shown to Leisure World residents in Orange County. Because the liaison committee has no funds to support a TV essay, the committee announced a \$1,150 fund drive as a simple kickoff. Tax deductible contributions may be sent to:

JACL Committee for Atomic Bomb Survivors, c/o PSW JACL Office, Rm. 507, 244 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles 90012.

Clearinghouse for U.S. jobs opens

WASHINGTON—A central clearinghouse for women and racial minorities seeking jobs in the Federal Government opened this month as the Career Assistance Center, Transportation Dept. Bldg., 400-7th St SW, Washington, D.C. Under the federal Equal Opportunity recruitment program, federal agencies are required to identify occupations in which minorities and women are underrepresented.

JACL Terminal Island Film Project

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Renew Your Membership

Family membership dues polled

SAN FRANCISCO—Ballots were prepared by National JACL and sent to 110 chapters and five youth districts to ratify the proposal for family (spouse) membership dues with a due-date of Nov. 1. At least half (58) must respond to meet a quorum and a simple majority of those voting is needed to approve.

"A family (spouse) membership category shall be established and the dues for such membership shall be \$5 less than the national dues." This would make the spouses dues \$39.50 for 1981 (\$22.25 for the first spouse, \$17.25 for the second spouse).

The proposal was submitted by Puyallup Valley JACL's delegate Dr. Paul Ellis at the recent national convention in San Francisco.

New PNW office secretary named

SEATTLE, Wa.—Karen Seriguchi was hired this month as secretary of the PNWDC JACL regional office, 316 Maynard Ave. So. (623-5088). Office is open from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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In the area of education, Governor Reagan, in contrast to the Carter Administration, supports tuition tax credits for families choosing to send their children to private and parochial schools. He supports sending children to schools within their own neighborhoods because forced busing does nothing to contribute to the quality of their education. And he endorses an

educational system based on the primacy of parental rights and responsibilities.

Governor Reagan believes that crime will be reduced by more unified and stable neighborhoods. With more federal and technical assistance, local and state agencies will be better able to monitor and reduce crime in their own communities.

In the area of social services, Governor Reagan believes that assistance programs which benefit the needy should be administered, wherever possible, at the local neighborhood level.

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In & Out

Portland, Ore.

In the past, whenever JACL required additional funds, it appears that the raising of membership dues was the only resource and recourse available.

Following this format, viz., "To raise funds = Raise dues." results in short-term benefits but long-term dangers. If we continue to fuel our budgetary needs in this manner, we would skyrocket our dues to ever-escalating astronomical heights, heading ourselves toward a surrealistic fiscal stratosphere, programmed to self-destruct. It's time to brake and break away from this present disastrous course. It's time to touch down to terra firma, to get a strong foothold and firm grip on this runaway battle of "Dues vs. Don'ts".

In the vernacular of the season's sport, JACL has two pros in the lineup being called in tackle this problem. They are Dr. Frank Sakamoto (1000 Club) and Tom Shimasaki (Ways & Means), chairs of our all-important fund-raising arms, both veteran JACLers who are familiar with the rough turf and knowledgeable about the possible pitfalls of our fiscal terrain.

We are fortunate to have the likes of football's famed Army duo, Blanchard and Davis, ("Mr. Inside" and "Mr. Outside"). Sakamoto and Shimasaki will work in tandem, masterfully planning and skilfully executing their respective inter- and intra organizational operations.

A verbal directive was given to Dr. Frank Sakamoto, who was present for the Sept. 26-28 National Board meeting at Los Angeles, to take immediate and necessary steps to implement their plan of action ... to revive the original purpose of our 1000 Club founders. Frank has already huddled with his teammates and has emerged with some brilliant tactics. He will be issuing some football signals in a forthcoming article.

Tom Shimasaki will be getting together soon with his team committee to organize their strategy ... concentrating on raising funds primarily outside of JACL.

It is a pleasure to see these two stalwarts back in action, charging the target straight on. They are entitled to our rallying cheers and active support. When they put the ball in play, be prepared to back with "GO" power. They are giving their best for the betterment and welfare of JACL. Can we do less?

Natl President Jim's JACL-business phone at home: (503) 254-6766

Bookshelf

• Kitano's latest

Six years have passed since Dr. Harry Kitano of UCLA had his book, "Race Relations", published. We haven't seen his first edition, but what appears in his RACE RELATIONS, 2nd Edition (Prentice-Hall, 1980, \$15.95) is lively, pretty much up-to-date and incisive.

Undoubtedly, the 3rd Edition will be appearing soon after the 1980 Census figures are published for "population" is one of the chief topics in the chapters dealing with minority groups: Afro-Americans, American Indians, Mexican Americans, Asian American (the Koreans, The Filipinos, Samoans, and Other Asian Groups), Chinese Americans, Japanese Americans and Puerto Ricans.

The Nisei will relate to Kitano's style for early in the opening chapter he says he prefers the "Rashomon perspective"—named after the Japanese movie wherein various characters interpret a single incident—over the "one valid truth" model especially in the field of social sciences.

In describing the Nisei in the chapter on Japanese Americans, Kitano notes discrimination and prejudice caused many Nisei to lower their expectations and life styles in order to make a living in the United States. Although there was a minor furor in the ethnic

community over calling them the "quiet generation" (Hosokawa, 1969), Kitano says it is a reasonable description.

For those who feel assimilated, integrated or perhaps live in utter seclusion, Kitano's textbook on race relations will expand their scope of the world and the people who populate it—especially in the Big U.S.A.—H.H.

• Canadian detention

Takeo Nakano poignantly recalls his experience of internment life in Canada during WW2 in WITHIN THE BARBED WIRE FENCE (Univ. of Toronto Press). A poet and diarist, he was interned in an old prisoner-of-war camp north of Lake Superior, built roads in the mountains near Alberta and later shipped to a camp at Angler, Ontario. The book, co-authored by his daughter Leatrice, a graduate student in English literature at the Univ. of Toronto, is a unique account in English-Japanese literature as some of the poems (traditional tanka verses composed while interned) appear. It is regarded as the only substantial account of an Issei immigrant held in a Canadian wartime camp.

The New Canadian noted Nakano was also a Canadian winner of Japan's Imperial Poetry Contest, and authored a Japanese language collection of prose and poetry, "Sensei". (PC has no price info.)

Letterbox

• Koide a.k.a. Ukai

Editor:

I was surprised to see the amount of space, (PC, June 27, July 4+11) given to "Remembrance of Joe Koide" by Jin Konomi. I, too, worked with Joe Koide (also known as Nobumichi Ukai) but during 1933-1942. In 1933-1938 when he under Sanzo Nosaka (whom I did not meet until 1972 and is currently chairman of the Communist Party of Japan) prepared - underground - Communist literature in San Francisco and Los Angeles which I helped get to Japan for distribution.

Because of past membership in the Communist Party U.S.A. Koide and ten or more other Issei faced deportation under the 1950 McCarran Act.

When the House Un-American Activities Committee came to San Francisco, December 1, 1953, "to investigate the Communist International conspiracy in the Bay Area," - the Committee's main target at that time was the ILWU headed by Harry Bridges - Koide was called in prior to the open hearings and in a secret session gave testimony regarding activities of Harrison George and the Pan-Pacific Trade Union Secretariat. The following on the Committee Hearings appeared in the 12/6/53 San Francisco Examiner:

"Harrison George, Los Angeles, a native Kansan born in 1888, who was listed as a member of the Communist Party's National Committee. Counsel Tavener asked him about an arrangement testified to by a secret witness, a Japanese citizen named Joe Koide. Koide said that he worked with George writing propaganda to be aimed at Japan in the late thirties...."

Again, in 1958, this time the Immigration Service used Koide as a chief witness against the late William Heikkila, former secretary of the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists & Technicians. Heikkila was kidnapped off the San Francisco streets on April 18, 1958 by an immigration "goon" squad, and forcibly taken by plane to Helsinki, Finland. World-wide protests resulted in Heikkila being brought back to San Francisco for deportation hearings. The 10/3/58 San Francisco Chronicle carried the following:

"Ex-red says Heikkila was in Moscow - Nobumichi Ukai, a Los Angeles factory worker and ex-Communist, testified at a special deportation hearing yesterday that he was a fellow student at the Lenin International School in Moscow with William Heikkila, San Francisco draughtsman. Heikkila is fighting deportation to Finland as a Communist. Ukai himself has been under deportation order to Japan since 1954...."

These are some of the officially recorded facts about Koide.

KARL G. YONEDA
San Francisco

• Citizenship in JACL

Editor:

The expository and pithy letter of Mr. Hirasuna (PC, 19 Sept.), a vigorous response to my letter objecting to the citizenship requirement for JACL membership and a judgement of the JACL role during the melancholy period of EVACUATION, obviously anticipates a response; I rise to the bait.

After a lifetime of risk taking and wagering, my instincts warn me to avoid the challenge "to match Evacuation experiences" with him. I must, however, admit I am no match for him for I was never incarcerated in a camp. I was in the Army but I did visit my parents in Heart Mountain, a camp filled with humans in a humanless wasteland with unre-membered numbered blocks, streets and barracks. Yet a number haunts me—#25124 or something like that—; it was my mother's camp number. I saw it the other day on a laundry bag; my daughter was returning to school with it. Mr. Hirasuna, I have never been able to quantify pain, despair, anger, fear or nothingness.

My point is that an "alien" is a constitutional "person" and is guaranteed constitutional protection as with any citizen. Japanese aliens had been denied surety of the Equal Protection Clauses of the 5th and 14th Amendments in various areas including citizenship through 1952. Is it not unfair to deny JACL membership to this group denied citizenship for so long and who shared the rigors and deprivation of Evacuation? "Merit" often has been more deserving than legal status. Moreover, it is not clear to me if Mr.



PETE HIRAKAWA 10/24/80

FROM HAPPY VALLEY: by Sachi Seko

A 'camp'-born friendship survives

Salt Lake City

There is a television commercial seen locally, of friends keeping in touch by telephone. One segment conveys the continuing friendship between two women, who had gone to camp together as adolescents. It always reminds me of another friendship that began in another type of camp, not like the one on television.

We met at Gila in 1942. She was Michi Nishura then and I was Sachi Wada. I notice that although I have been married for 29 years, she often refers to me by my maiden name. In response to my automatic correction, she says, in exasperation, "Sachi Seko doesn't mean anything. You should have kept your old name." I know what she means, for we use the language of close friends.

Our friendship is one of the small miracles that eludes complete explanation. Perhaps the gift of friendship itself is a mysterious complexity, a revolving riddle. I know that ours is a result of the evacuation and incarceration. Without these tragic events, it is unlikely that we would have passed each other on the same road. And if we had, nothing more would have transpired than an acknowledging nod or smile of one Asian to another, a racial courtesy.

The concentration camps are viewed as a cause of psychological disorders among us survivors. In the extreme, it provokes pathetic and parenthetical palaver suggestive of paranoia. If I had to rely only on later descriptions, I would imagine the camps as inhabited wholly by devastated and depressed internees, incapable of human connection. It is possible the suffering was so intense for some that the backward landscape is a black etching, bleak and bitter. Time also makes a distortion between fact and myth. Perhaps this explains the absence of common, human warmth in the chronicling of our Japanese American experience. One day, I hope a survivor will lose his or her inhibition and write about the friendships that were born in places like Gila. Someone must remember.

Thirty years passed before I saw Michi again. It was in 1974 in New York. We reminisced about ourselves as teen-agers. She remembered me as silly and angry. And I harbored an image of the most innocent person I had ever met. She believed all mankind incapable of moral corruption. Where I scowled,

she smiled. We were distinctly opposites. I could understand my attraction to her, for she represented what was then popularized as the ideal girl. Attractive, intelligent, personable. I could never fathom the reciprocation until 30 years later when she said, "I looked forward to school at Gila so I could hear your outrageous remarks. I think you said things to provoke me and thoroughly enjoyed the reaction. Didn't you?"

She almost paid me back during my visit. I was observing the traffic signals and pedestrian rules as we walked the streets of New York. After several blocks, when the light was against us, she took my hand and pulled me across the street, saying, "We'll never get anyplace if you keep stopping. Don't watch the lights. Just cross." It worked out fine that day. So the next day, in the company of another country cousin, practicing my new found city sophistication, I dispensed the same advice. We were almost killed by a cab.

Aside from renewing an old friendship, I had another reason for traveling that distance. I had completed a manuscript, a memoir of Gila. It had received a favorable reading locally, but I was uneasy with the approval. I knew that Michi could be trusted for an impartial opinion. Although I had placed the manuscript in her hands the day of my arrival, she deferred referring to it until our last meeting. I said, "You didn't like it." She told me it was poorly written and suggested I return to basics. "Review Will Strunk," she said. I felt no compunction in destroying the manuscript. My faith in her judgment was reaffirmed on the publication of her scholarly book, "Years of Infamy".

Time, instead of narrowing our differences, has accentuated them. She has matured gracefully. I remain a featherweight, mouthing the impertinence that entertained and perplexed her in Gila. Perhaps this explains the continued pleasure we find in each other, the attraction of opposites. No, I must not let it pass at that. Our common experience deserves better. We are survivors, who know that once you have lived through a place like Gila, those who came before and those who come after will never be as close to you. So two women, who went to camp as girls, keep in touch frequently, by telephone.

• Complaint box

Editor:

A number of complaints regarding PC subscriber problems (missing papers, double mailings, lack of renewal notices, etc.) are brought in or phoned in to our office or the Blue Cross office. We then usually have to follow up by notifying you. It seems that a more direct approach might be to have you print some kind of easily usable coupon in the PC which readers can fill out and clip and mail directly to you in Los Angeles rather than routed it to us first.

We look forward to your using this suggestion. SUSAN QUADE
Office Secretary San Jose JACL

We hope readers will use the space on the back page reporting a "change of address" to ask for missing issues, double mailings, etc. Thank you, Susan for the suggestion—Ed.

EJI SUYAMA
Ellsworth, Maine

Hirasuna's logic prevails, why JACL allows membership of non Japanese Americans; if I am not mistaken Chinese, Koreans, Caucasians and probably some Blacks (citizens all, of course) have been enrolled in some chapters. Do my children who are part Caucasian qualify or not? Furthermore, is there any evidence that certain "legislative" matters would have been hindered by membership of permanent aliens?

The role of JACL during that melancholy period was an act of hoping, a minor form of despair, disguised as a virtue and in the opinion of some (many) including myself, a sell out. JACL realizing the inevitability of rape acceded to the benevolence of the Government. This is not to say that it was conspiratorial—some called it innocence and immaturity—but rather a lack of vision, acceptance of

bad advice and exercise of unfortunate misjudgment. This is not an opinion based on "hindsight" but on history. (When are we to get a definitive study of the role of JACL?) Surely Mr. Hirasuna would hardly want me to be a revisionist. And does it really matter what I would have done?

Finally, I am unaware that I am "enjoying the many gains that JACL obtained for all Japanese Americans"; please cite one of these gains.

Yet after having made harsh remarks and judgements, I was convinced with the merits of the Commission campaign and joined JACL last year (Co-chairperson of the Redress committee, New England Chapter); so perhaps JACL has finally triumphed in this little corner.



FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa

A Yardful of Yonsei

Denver, Colo.

Some nice ladies from California who were in Denver recently for a Buddhist convention were kind enough to say they read this column regularly but wished I would write more often about my family. Well, that was okay when the kids were young and doing interesting things. I didn't explain to the ladies, but these little kids are all now rapidly approaching middle age, if they aren't there already, and it is difficult to write anything cute about weight problems and the like. So it is better not to try to write about them very often.

However, there are grandchildren.

The other night we felt obliged to attend a demonstration by Matt and Jon's karate class. Although neither child is capable of fighting his way out of a wet paper bag at this point in their lives, they have been taking karate lessons for a couple of months to develop muscles, mind, discipline and whatever else it is that they are exercising.

Jen, who is a first-grader, was the first to be called up to go through his paces. The lessons have yet to make a lasting impression on his mind and he was not altogether sure about what he was doing. But he gave it a good try anyway, casting a quick glance occasionally at his teacher in search of a hint about the next move whenever he ran into a fit of forgetfulness.

There was something vaguely familiar about that exploring look, and suddenly I recognized it. It was the same way his mother, Christie, looked when she lost her place during her earliest piano recitals a couple of de-

cares ago.

Matt knew his moves substantially better and had no trouble with them, but the teacher had failed to get over the idea that in karate the objective is to knock the stuffing out of one's opponent. And to do this, you swing with vigor, not like a ballet dancer which Matt seemed to be emulating. But watch out when he gets the hang of it.

Steve, a member of another branch of the family, is 2 years old and learning nursery rhymes. One of his favorites is about the three blind mice and the farmer's wife who cut off their tails, a gory tale that seems to fascinate the young. But the way Steve tells it, her tool wasn't a carving knife, it was a power saw. Makes sense that if you can cut up fireplace logs with a power saw, it would have other uses.

We had an unexpected call the other evening from Patrick, our California grandson who reported he was doing well in school and had become a fairly decent water-skiier this past summer. Patrick a water-skiier? Hard to believe, but kids do grow.

The Missouri grandchildren have been doing nothing but grow. Ashlyn recently turned 16, is learning to drive (the contemporary rite of maturity) and saving up for a car of her own. Her Dad said he would provide a matching grant, so that's a major incentive.

Ashlyn's brother, Mikey, is still a junior high student but his feet are high school size. His Dad says Mikey's shoe size is larger than the old man's and my recollection is that Big Mike had a fairly substantial under-standing. When the rest of Mikey catches up with his feet, he's going to be quite a strapping youngster.

That leaves Tiffany, sister of Matt and Jon and the youngest of the bunch. She is a good-natured child who

complains only when she thinks it is time to eat, which is often. She comes by her robust appetite legitimately since the rest of her family, including her parents, is not bashful about putting away the groceries.

Ladies, I hope you like the grandchildren as well as you did their parents in their childhood. #

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EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani

Deja Vu: A Replay

Philadelphia

SEVERAL YEARS AGO, in this column we had occasion to discuss the critical importance of careful selection of a new National Director for JACL. We pointed out that while national presidents and boards come and go, the National Director remains. The National Director can, and does, mold the directions, and the speed, in and at which the organization is to move, including allocations and expenditures of the organization's financial resources. And if the national leadership in particular, is not sufficiently assertive, a National Director can "take over" the national organizational apparatus—in which case the welfare of the general membership may be shunted aside.

WE ARE NOT likely to be blessed again with the likes of a Masao W. Satow, who was JACL's National Director for so many years. Mas, being grossly underpaid, husbanded JACL's meager finances as if it were a sacred trust—which it was to him. If the organization didn't have the money, we didn't spend it: it was simple as that. I recall one National Board meeting which was held in Los Angeles at the Hayward Hotel, somewhere near 6th and Spring Streets. Denizens of the City of Angels know that that area is one of your less desirable areas, that is customarily referred to as the "tenderloin district" where one has to be careful not to step on empty bottles of cheap wine. But if the organizational finances were slim, we met and slept accordingly as members of the National Board.

BEING JUST ANOTHER card-carrying JACL member, I am not privy to the inner workings and details of the national organization. And for me, that is just as well. If I were told that JACL's meager resources were being used for first-class cabin flights with top-notch hostelry accommodations, not to mention unnecessary travel, my fiscal conservatism would be strained, to put it mildly. Indeed, a year or so ago, on one of my infrequent visits to National Headquarters in San Francisco, I saw a video-cassette recorder, and I was afraid to ask whether it had been loaned, or given to, or purchased by National Headquarters. Knowing that one of these devices cost near a grand, I would not be able to comprehend any such profligate and insensitive expenditure, particularly as the national organization was going deeper into the red and membership needs were not being sufficiently served. To this day I don't know the answer as to that video-cassette recorder, and depending on the answer, I'm not so sure that I want to know.

THOSE OF US who are Nisei, who have known how hard it can be "to come by a buck," and thus generally tend to be careful in how monies are spent (although, I'm not too sure about this anymore when I see how Nisei handle their late-found affluence), look with dismay upon how our Sansei progeny regard material resources. Too, Nisei had been imbued with concepts of

"on," "giri" and such other virtues which we cherish, but which we often find lacking in our offspring. And so perhaps we may be expecting too much in hoping to find, among the Sansei, someone even remotely resembling Mas Satow. (In fairness, however, I'm not so sure we'd find such even among the Nisei.)

IN ADDITION TO matters of finances, there is the even more important need for sensitivity to the welfare and needs of our fast-disappearing Issei, the aging Nisei, our upcoming youth; the need to make JACL responsive to these needs, to spend less time, and money, with and on "corporate" matters, and to begin addressing the needs of people. Thus, we cannot have a National Director who manifests contempt for such basic needs by spending JACL money traveling in the first-class cabin. We do not need a "Madison Avenue hype-type" National Director who may devote too much time issuing news releases or taping television interviews. Rather, we need someone who will "mind the store", conscientiously and sensitively.

WE MIGHT ADD, by the way, that it need not be a "he." Otherwise, we'll be missing some good bets. #

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papers trying utmost to expose rumors (e.g., that Japan had really won the war and momentarily its naval fleet would return to Hawaii; that Nisei MIS interpreters enroute to Hilo had been intercepted and detained by conquering Japanese forces on the Big Island; that Issei should report to newly 'opened' Japanese consulate in Honolulu to explain charges of loyalty to U.S. during the war.)

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BY THE BOARD: by Ben Takeshita

Asilomar youth seminar in '81 on JACL proposed

Richmond, Ca
For years, the adults in our JACL chapters have been crying for programs or ways to attract our youth to join and take an active part in JACL activities. Although some chapters have encouraged youth involvement through JAYS, scholarship awards to send a few on to college or in their participation of adult activities, we need to begin to take more positive steps to insure that we get youth interested and to return to JACL chapters upon completion of their education—or when they feel they have settled down.

What is being proposed is the STYLS (Scholarship to Youth Leadership Seminar) program that can help provide that linkage. And if approved at our district

meeting Nov. 9 at Lodi, STYLS as a district-sponsored program will involve all member chapters in an annual program beginning with August, 1981. And if successful, it may be expanded to a National JACL program similar to the current Presidential Classroom for Young Americans in Washington, D.C.

Basically, STYLS will be a scholarship-type program whereby each participating chapter will select one boy and one girl from among their high school seniors and juniors, pay for their room & board and minimal registration fee, which should total to about \$125 per candidate, who will meet beginning on Friday night at a conference ground, such as Asilomar in Monterey County near Carmel,

for a weekend seminar to learn about and experience a 1 1/2-day of leadership training and workshops conducted by many known and successful leaders from our Nikkei communities.

Following the weekend of intensive training and actual experience, they would be given an assignment to either form or organize a youth group within their adult JACL chapters in their communities or organize and conduct some kind of worthwhile fundraising event within three months following the seminar. Then, following the three month period, they will all be reconvened at our National Headquarters to discuss their successes and failures. Such an intensive program should im-

pact these youths, hopefully, into using the leadership techniques to complete their education as well as become an asset in their respective communities and to our JACL chapters.

The Nikkei leaders conducting the seminar will be asked to contribute their own time and expense to assist our youth. Many local chapter members will also be asked to assist in the program—registration, room assignment, etc., for this annual event—all at their own expense. I sincerely think that there will not be any problems getting this kind of assistance from our vast and talent communities.

Minimum requirements for selection of participants can be as simple as possible, but to secure a group with similar educational and age levels, the requirements would be as follows:

1—Any male/female student in the junior or senior year in high school, or who just graduated from such levels.

2—A member of a JAYS group or whose parents are JACL members at least one full year (1980, to qualify for 1981).

3—We would prefer youth who may not be an AA+ student as they normally will find their own way without assistance from a program like STYLS, but students who might be a B student or who may not have won a chapter scholarship.

Selection process would be dovetailed with the chapter scholarship selection process wherever possible, except to recommend the non-winners be nominated to attend the seminar rather than the top winners. Chapters without a scholarship program would use a simple application form to recruit, select and submit the names of their two candidates for the seminar.

The selection must be made by the chapters by April 1 with 50% of the seminar cost accompanying the names. Balance of the total package would be paid by June 1—these timelines to remain thereafter.

District budget would come to no more than \$200 per year out of the district treasury. Rest of the expenses for printing, programs, handouts, mailing, etc., should be figured into the registration fee payable by the chapters for each candidate submitted. The district council will provide a chairperson and a program planning committee to insure a successful 1 1/2-day seminar and make all the necessary contacts of program participants.

If this program is adopted by the district at the Lodi meeting and \$200 authorized as a start-up, the NC-WN-PDC chapters can publicize and prepare their chapter programs for selection of two youths by the April 1, 1981 deadline.

Chapter Pulse

● Arizona

A potluck dinner precedes the annual Arizona JACL meeting scheduled this **Sunday, Oct. 26, 5:30 p.m.** at the JACL Building. Tom Yamauchi and Gary Tadano have announced the following slate for chapter board vacancies: Ron Kimura, Jim Shiota, Joe Tadano Jr., Masa Takiguchi and Trudy Tanita.

Joyce and Jim Shiota and Lynette and Tom Yamauchi were announced as the JAYS advisers.

● Contra Costa

Recent retiree Tadashi Fujita demonstrated the Tai Chi Chuan exercises at the regular Contra Costa JACL CARP (caring, aging, retirement program) session at East Bay Free Methodist Church last Oct. 17. CARP meets every third Friday at the church.

● San Diego

Formation of a San Diego JAYS chapter was discussed Oct. 18 at the VFW Post 4851 in National City with Ron Tajii, national JAY chairperson, who attends UC Irvine as a student.

● San Gabriel Valley

Attorney Mark Kiguchi of the Los Angeles law firm of Kiguchi and Yasunaga spoke on wills and estate planning at the San Gabriel Valley JACL seminar on retirement planning Oct. 21 at the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese community center.

Laura Miyake, coordinator of the seminar, announced the next session Nov. 18 will feature Ms. Bebe Reschke on the topic of stress management. (Reschke is active with the Marina JACL.)

Date for the annual chapter installation dinner has been set for Saturday, Nov. 8, but the locale and speaker will be determined. It will be a potluck supper with proceeds going to the chapter scholarship fund.

Nihongo contest

SAN FRANCISCO—The Japanese Speaking Society of America will hold its seventh annual speech contest Nov. 16 at Christ United Presbyterian Church, 1 p.m. Three cash awards will be given. For contest details, write to Mrs. Sanaye Tomoyasu, 338 Grant Ave., San Francisco 94108 (391-1532). Application deadline is Oct. 31. Eligibility is open to U.S. citizens over age 18, provided contestant has not lived in Japan no more than two years since age 6.

NCWNPDC whing ding open to all

STOCKTON, Ca.—A nine-course Chinese dinner and entertainment by magician Ray Herwitz highlights the 1000 Club whing ding-Monte Carlo night being hosted by Stockton, French Camp and Lodi JACL on Saturday, Nov. 8, 5:30 p.m. at Gong Lee Minnie's restaurant, 140 E. Harding Way. The event is being held in conjunction with the fourth quarterly No. Calif.-W. Nevada-Pacific district council session the next day at the New Yorker Coffee Shop, 110 N. Cherokee Lane, Lodi.

Guests will each receive \$2,500 in playmoney for Monte Carlo and prizes. Due to limited space, the first 140 will be accommodated at \$10 per person.

For tickets-reservations, call Fumiko Asano (982-4769), George Baba (478-8917) or David Morimoto (368-7038). Out-of-townners are expected to call Lodi chapter president Dave Morimoto to assure all arrangements. Baba is the district 1000 Club chairman.

The district meeting will conclude with an election. Five positions are open on the district executive board, which selects the officers. Nominees include: Fred Nagata (Lodi), Ted Inouye (Fremont), Mats Murata (French Camp) and Jan Kurahara Jr. (San Jose).

For 1981, the chapter in the district with the largest increase by number and percentage in new members will be recognized. A \$100 prize plus 50¢ rebate per new member has been approved by the board, according to Chuck Kubokawa, DC membership chair.

Calendar

* Non-JACL event

● OCT. 24 (Friday)

Tri-Valley—Hallowe'en potluck, Country Club Sch, San Ramon, 7:30pm.
Tulare County—Vegas fun tour.
West Valley—Bridge tour, El Paseo de Saratoga Comm Ctr, 7:30pm.
*Philadelphia—AACGP conference (3da), Women in Professions: an Asn American Case; Fri dnr 7pm, Univ of Pa Museum; Sat sess 9:30am, Fine Arts Aud.
● OCT. 25 (Saturday)
Fremont—JACL grand reunion, Francisco's Restaurant, Oakland, 6pm; Vernon Ichisaka, guest spkr.
*Los Angeles—JAR dnr mtg-auction; JACCC 2d flr, 6:30pm.
● OCT. 26 (Sunday)
Arizona—Election mtg, potluck dnr, JACL Bldg, 5:30pm.
Watsonville—Keiro-kai, Buddhist Church.
*Los Angeles—Comm Health Fair, JACCC, 10am-3pm.
*Los Angeles—75th Anny Celebr, Nishi Hongwanji, 2pm serv, 5pm dnr.
● OCT. 27 (Monday)
Monterey Peninsula—Needle art lecture, 1st Presbyterian Church, 7:30pm.
● NOV. 1 (Saturday)
*Los Angeles—City Employee Asn Amer Assn inst dnr, New Otani Hotel, 7:30pm.
*Los Angeles—So Cal Chinese Historical Society brft cooking contest, Dept

Water & Power.
*Santa Ana—So-Phis Charity Ball, Elk's Lodge, 7:30pm dnr, 9 pm ball.
● NOV. 2 (Sunday)
NC-WNDC—Volleyball tournt, Terra Linda HS, San Rafael.
*Seattle—NVC carnival, NVC Hall, 11am-7pm.
● NOV. 4 (Election Day)
(Vote Early)
● NOV. 6 (Thursday)
*Seattle—Assn for A/PA Studies conf (3da), Univ of Wash.
● NOV. 7 (Friday)
Cleveland—Bd mtg.
Diablo Valley—Boutique Sale (3da), Soroptimists, Pleasant Hill.
● NOV. 8 (Saturday)
Stockton—1000 Club dist whing ding, Gong Lee Minnie's Restaurant, 5:30pm.
● NOV. 9 (Sunday)
NC-WNPD/Lodi—Dist sess-elections, New Yorker Coffee Shop, 9am.
Hoosier—Memb pitch-in dnr, Auntie Mame's Child Dvlpmnt Ctr, 2-5pm.
● NOV. 10 (Monday)
Alameda—Bd mtg, Buena Vista Uni Methodist Ch, 7:30pm.
● NOV. 11 (Tuesday)
Stockton—Election mtg, Cal First Bank, 8pm.
● NOV. 12 (Wednesday)
*San Francisco—Parent-Youth mtg, Sumitomo Bank-Geary Office, 7:30pm.

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Nihonshiki: Romaji as Kana Substitute

"teishiyoku" (table d'hote for the day) on the menus of some Japanese restaurants, which ignore, and so negate, Romaji's more compactly analytical spelling; matchi and matti for match as examples of Romaji in an article on the subject, forgetting the international character of Romaji, namely its ability to accept foreign terms and names without changing their original spellings. Please recall my commentary on the Filhyo and dondelle boners in the last article of this series.

The same "Romaji as kana substitutes" thinking is basic to the Nihonshiki (Japanese) and Kunreishiki (Department of Education) systems of orthography. They use *s, sy, d, dy, t, ty, and hu* for the Hebonian *sh, z, j, ch, ts, and fu*. I will treat these two as one under Nihonshiki since the only difference between the two is where the former uses a superscribed bar, the latter uses a circumflex to indicate a long vowel.

The rationale for these substitutions was formalistic. Because the character for the phone *chi* belongs in the *ta* column, it must be spelled *ti*; likewise with *di* for *ji*, *hu* for *fu*, and so on. With the arrogance of Humpty-Dumpty its pro-

ponents decreed that *ti* should sound *chi*, *du* should *zu*, and consistency be damned.

Something can be said, to be sure, in justification for such arbitrariness. Consider *hume* for *Home*, *aflek* for *Auchinleck*, *riven* for *Ruthven*, and — the ultimate absurdity of all, *fish* for *foti*.

The rationale was in part ideological.

An American system of writing Japanese in Roman script, created by an American and using English spelling. Why should we docilely follow it? Must have been the thinking of some ardent nationalists. It had been an added irritant to their sensibility, at that time chafing under the humiliations of unequal treaty rights, and the anti-Japanese agitations and policy in America. Nihonshiki surfaced on the swelling tide of national confidence, following Japan's participation, as one of the Big Five — as the Japanese thought. The Americans and Europeans were wont to speak in term of Big Four — in the peace conference at Versailles. The crest of its influence coincided with the rise of militarism in the 1930's, and the pervading sense of national self-importance from then on.

But my evaluation of Nihonshiki has little to do with ideology. My criterion is: can it serve the needs of a culture which is increasingly international in character, which has already achieved a position of considerable prestige in international society? Can it cope with the ever greater influx of foreign terms and names without creating confusions as a result of its peculiar phonological prejudice?

And we cannot ignore the fact that many Japanese products and their makers have become household words the world over, using the Hebonian. Consider *tsunami* *cha no yu*, *shogun*, *shiatsu*, and so on which no longer need underlining; *Matsushita* and *Toshiba* and *Shiseido* which are seldom mispronounced. The prospect for Nihonshiki is not too bright; that for Hebonshiki is not too alarming. All the influential English publications, such as *Asahi*, *Mainichi*, and *Japan Times* continue to use it. Practically everyone who writes his or her name in Romaji does so.

If there is any resurgence of Nihonshiki, it will be, in my view, a phenomenon of sinister portent to other areas of national life than to communication alone.

Part V
In our time national language education in grade school began with drills on the 50-phone syllabary. As the teacher pointed with his rod to the characters on the big chart on the blackboard, the class would chant in unison *a, i, u, e, o* *ka, ki, ku, ke, ko* and so on to the last column *wa, wi, u, we, wo*, and conclude the recitation with a "n!" as you would a prayer with an "Amen!" By this method we learned, indelibly, the configuration of each character. Strictly rote, but it was effective.

So effective that the 50-phone chart has become the Gestalt, as it were, of Japanese phonology. From the beginning of Romaji movement 120 years ago the Japanese have treated Romaji essentially as alphabetic substitutes for kana, and not as an independent system of writing in its own right.

Thus we have such absurdities as "shiyabushiyabu nabe" and

Bilingual project for Nihongo not funded

WASHINGTON—While Hawaii is receiving over \$1 million in federal grants for four bilingual education projects, one Grade 7-8 program for Korean, Cantonese and Japanese-speaking students was turned down, a letter from the Office of Bilingual and Minority Languages said to Sen. Spark Matsunaga.

The news, however, will be welcomed by bilingual educators, Matsunaga said, who face the difficult task of addressing the needs of 6,500 students in Honolulu alone who have limited English proficiency.

Projects being funded included grants to assist speakers of Ilokan and Samoan languages in Grade 7-8, of Hawaiian, Tagalog, Tongan and Vietnamese languages at the elementary school level and a parent-training project in bilingual-multicultural education.

CSU-Sac'to awards

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—Four 1980-81 Asian American Studies scholarships at CSU-Sacramento were awarded, including one to art major Doreen Kamada. Awards are totally sponsored from community contributions, Dr. Kazuo Ninomiya, acting chair of the geography department, explained.

JABA referrals

LOS ANGELES — Japanese American Bar Assn. established a lawyer referral service (680-3729) at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, which will be provided free. Panel attorneys will render services on pro bono, modest means and regular fee basis, it was added by Kenji Machida, JABA pres. Carol Matsunaga and Gil Nishimura co-chair the referral service.

JACCC gallery director

LOS ANGELES—Miles Kubo, 27, was announced the JACCC gallery director by Kats Kunitsugu, executive secretary. A UC-Santa Barbara graduate in fine arts, he was a fine arts consultant and an assistant director for SPACE Gallery here.

Nakaoka Memorial

GARDENA, Ca.—The Gardena Community Center will be renamed the Kiyoto Ken Nakaoka Memorial Center, in honor of the late mayor of Gardena, in ceremonies Oct. 25, 10 a.m.

\$750,000 EDA grant

WASHINGTON—A \$750,000 Economic Development Administration grant to help complete the \$5.5 million JACCC theater for the performing arts in Little Tokyo was announced by Sen. Alan Cranston (D-Ca). Theater project is expected to be completed in about two years.

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