Pasadena Sansai wins '81 Rose Parade crown

Pasadena, Ca—Leslie Kim Kawai, 18, was chosen the 1981 queen of the Tournament of Roses, the first minority title in the 92-year history of the New Year’s Day pageant.

Between Oct. 28, when the announcement was made in front of the Tournament House on Orange Grove (once belonging to the Wilrigg of gun fame), till Jan. 1, she and her court of seven princesses (Lourdes Jeannette Vita K & Filipino ancestry) are committed to 80 official functions. Miss Kawai is also the tallest member of the court, standing at 5ft. 8 and weighing 120lb.

A third generation Japanese American, more significantly, the first generation Japanese American, but more significantly,...
SAN FRANCISCO—The National Council on Ethnic Heritage Studies conducted a survey at San Francisco State University for a three-day meeting Oct. 8-10, that raised questions about varied approaches to ethnic heritage programs.

Eight of the twelve Council members heard presentations by representatives of the Chinese, Korean, Italian and Japanese American communities on the Oakland Unified School District, and the California State Department of Education.

The Council is an advisory and grant funding arm of the U.S. Department of Education that assists in the development of elementary and secondary school curriculum materials.

But these Council meetings were not geared for groups to petition for the $3 million in grants available over the next fiscal year.

"It was more a 'show and tell' session," said J.D. Hokeyama, acting national director of JACL. "We appeared to let them know that we're here and that a need for educational materials exists."

Accompanied by Peter Tanenbe, co-director of the JACL-TV, the JACL representatives used a multimedia presentation to provide an overview of Japanese American history and sparked an hour-long discussion on the value of ethnic heritage programs.

Nikkei woman heads state commission

SACRAMENTO—Ca.-Irene Y. Hirano, director of JACL's "To Help Every Woman," a clinic in Los Angeles, was elected chairperson of the Calif. Commission on the Status of Women, replacing the comparable JACL official of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Hokeyama and some Council members stated that such programs be done by the ethnic groups themselves in order to insure the integrity of the material.

Council Chairman, Dr. John A. Kronkowski, president of the National Council for Urban Ethnic Affairs, Washington, D.C.," brought up "Roots" and "Shogun" as examples of popular ethnic history programs and drew criticism from Hokeyama and people in the audience.

"Shogun" was another samurai film," said Hokeyama, "made for entertainment and profit, not for education."

Dr. Phillip McGee, acting director of the School of Ethnic Studies at San Francisco State, stated, "We in the Black Studies Department do not identify 'Roots' as an example of ethnic programing and we have some real problems with the way in which Roots was presented on television."

After further discussion, Kronkowski said that it is the responsibility of the National Council to enable people "to tell their own stories."

However, the lack of money often governs which group gets the opportunity to relate its history. "When you have many groups groping for the $3 million, the result is our turning against each other," Hokeyama responded. "More money is needed to produce these educational materials."

Everyone agreed, but Kronkowski stressed that larger allocations in the area of ethnic studies would only be possible if groups made their concerns known to their elected representatives in Washington, D.C.

The JACL also had on display various books and material it had published, such as Hosokawa's "Nisei: The Quiet Americans," Chaim's "Japanese Women," the new Wilson-Hosokawa book, "East to America," pamphlets on Redress, and the Teachers' Resource Manual on J.A. Studies.

The meetings were hosted by the San Francisco State University School of Ethnic Studies.

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"Shogun," "Roots" discounted by teachers.

"Roots" and "Shogun," the two most popular programs among ethnic Americans, were the subject of a two-hour discussion at the 1977 Fall Conference of the National Council on Ethnic Heritage Studies.

"We have some real problems with the way in which Roots was presented on television," said Dr. Phillip McGee, acting director of the School of Ethnic Studies at San Francisco State, during the Oct. 8-10 conference.

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Fong Jr. spared recall election

HONOLULU--The petition to recall City Councilman Hiram L. Fong Jr. failed because it fell 58 signatures short. The recall group had turned in 1,284 signatures and only 2,279 were needed to be certified as registered voters in Fong's Manoa-Waikiki district.

Most of the disqualifications were due to illegibility, 669, voter outside the district (667), and those who were not registered to vote (274). City Clerk Paul Macea said he was surprised.

Japanese breakfast

LOS ANGELES--New Otani Hotel's "A Thousand Cranes" Restaurant now features a Japanese breakfast from Monday to Friday, and that of San Jose. It is expected to be honored at the 1977 Year End Tax Planning Ira and Keogh conference, which is planned for Both Individuals and Self-Employed as of the Sacred Treasure.

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**Chapter Pulse**

**Fresno**

Application deadline is Nov. 15 for the high school Sunrise Scholarship for the Fresno JACL scholarship to be awarded to a high school junior or senior. All inquiries should be addressed to 1,000 Young Americans, 17,216 Hall Park, Fresno, Ca 93711. A contest for Young Americans, it was announced by Dr. Itzumi Taniguchi (949-796).

Chapter school covers the S2 deposit fee, $30 union and roundtrip air fare. Program is a joint-pastor-northeast in Washington studying government first hand, meeting legislators, top government officials, foreign dignitaries and other students from around the country. JACL's six-week scholarship.

**Marin County**

Marin County JACL installation dinner is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 7, at Donatos' Italian Restaurant, San Rafael. JACL's Club of the Barren, 908 Fourth Ave., guest speaker. Program chair is Jim Patterson, 1519 Chabran, Novato 94947, is handling reservations. This will be held on Friday, Nov. 28, offering a menu choice of $15.50 or $30 (at $40).

**Monterey Peninsula**

The annual Monterey Peninsula JACL picnic on the family farm was, as usual, a success, as the day, steaks and all, ended the help and turn-out of 350 Checking, in addition to 35 members of the Kai, Credit's went to: Dick Kawasaki, Kato Nakane, Koe Kadota, president; Nancy Nakano, secretary; Frank Tanaka, treasurer. Chuck Nakano, co-founder; Taro Komatsu, treasurer; Ken Matsuda, member; Shun Nakane, member; Ken Asada, member; Kato Nakane, member; Ken Matsuda, member; Shun Nakane, member; Ken Asada, member; and many others.

**San Jose**

Diene Kohn, co-director of Visual Communication's "Hito Hata Raise the Banner", will be guest speaker at the San Jose JACL installation dinner on Friday, Nov. 14, 5:30 p.m., at 628-1365 No. Santa Clara Ave. Tom and Narine Yamanato will provide the dance music to conclude the gala event.

Charles Kohanek, past district governor, will be installing officer: One-time San Jose JACL president, Rep. Norman Yamanato, will toastmaster. Tickets ($15 per person) are available at the NSU shop. Strokes by calling 295-1250 or 292-4314.

**Seabrook**

Year-end events coming up for the Seabrook JACL include the Seabrook JACL Junior citizen appreciation program on Nov. 15 at the Buddhist Church, a new hostess. A buffet supper, entertainment and dancing will take place at the club. The Seabrook Buddhist Church is located at 1350 E. 94th St. (213) 987-5775.

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**Midwest Variations**

An aspect of JACL which often escapes the majority of its members on the west coast is the role chapters play elsewhere. We catch the various notices from the chapters sent to us as newsletters from the chapters. The latest issue of the Milwaukee JACL gives us a prime example of what JACL can mean to its community.

As a metropolitan area in Wisconsin, the 1970 Census shows Milwaukee and its immediate surrounding suburban area. Milwaukee also has the highest percentage of Japanese-Americans in the nation. Chapter represents about 100 households in the city or 120 statewide (based on the number of PC subscribers).

The chapter was the responsibility of Dr. T.J. Kusumi, state chairman's column, by Andy Mayeshiba, chapter president where he recognizes the efforts of Mrs. Sei Pramenko, "who has done much to support her chapter through almost 10 years of loyal service." The Milwaukee chapter has made voluntary contributions to the various projects throughout the city. The latest, again, is helping the organization in organizing a Mayeshiba Day.

"It seems a bridee-to-be came from Japan with a divorce decree, intent on being married to a Milwaukeean. The day before the marriage, the judge refused to marry them unless he was confirmed that the document in Japanese was indeed a divorce decree. The International Institute put them in touch with Mr. Sei Pramenko, who helped them clear the regulations..." All ended well on top of that. Seems she not only offered her services as a mediator, but entertained them with a luncheon in her home.

The Milwaukee chapter also has been involved with the Milwaukee JACL in the householders. After the chapter's deaths, a Japanese-style luncheon in her home.

Mr. Mirshin who has been in charge of the Japanese American Citizens' League in Wisconsin, perhaps the chapter might reprint more recently at the University of Wisconsin, the story of the JACL gives us a prime example of what it has to offer.

"I sold my last book, "19 American Japanese Experience," in the past weeks, now again once the bleak paper comes out, another of our.." Mr. Mirshin's position on various issues indicated that she tended to be the most liberal on social issues and seemed to be the equivalent of a John Anderson in the United States.

So I guess by the processes of elimination, the chapter will be the JACL's counterpart of a President Carter.

Based on this "scientific" analysis, the editor will say he will not be elected on Nov. 7.

**Letterbox**

**An Election Thought**

As writing this letter ten days before the presidential election, you might be interested in my observations at the candidates' forums in the full report of the recent at the National JACL Convention.

As I sat there listening to the three candidates, Tom T. Shira­
saki, who is, of course, the only stand-alone opponent to the ERA, spoke up for being on the Board of Directors. His position on various issues indicated that she tended to be the most liberal on social issues and seemed to be the equivalent of a John Anderson in the United States.

To the surprise of everyone, Lillian Kamata expressed her re­spective political philosophy, not as a candidate but as a supporter to them three U.S. presidential candidates.

Mr. Mirshin due to age and being the only one to run for president, the ERA struggle for women's rights, the Kamata's position on various issues indicated that she tended to be the most liberal on social issues and seemed to be the equivalent of a John Anderson in the United States.

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Cold Sweat and Clammy Hands

Philadelphia

FOR THE TEENAGERS of life's greatest mileposts undoubtedly is assuming the status of a licensed automobile operator. Having possession of a cardboard certificate representing so many things: proof of legal identity, no more ten-speed bikes, unlimited mobility, sheer power merely with a slight depression on the accelerator. The rites of puberty are inconsequential compared to the day that the mailman brings the driver's license from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

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JACL National Youth Conference Revisited

By BRUCE K. SHIMIZU
National Youth Director

Sacramento

July 22-27 was the hottest week of the year in Sacramento when the average daily temperature never dipped below 80°. This was the setting for the 1980 National Youth Conference at Cal State University, Sacramento.

Speakers, authors, and artists from across the country gathered to present the history, culture, and experience of what is termed "Japanese American." A myriad of topics were woven into many informative workshops and sessions that dealt with the early history of Japanese Americans, their experiences, challenges, and contributions to the American society.

The conference was set in a week long event that started July 22nd and ended on July 27th. It was a week that brought together a diverse group of individuals from different ethnic backgrounds to share their experiences and knowledge.

The event was held at the Sacramento Convention Center, a large and well-equipped venue that provided ample space for the conference. The center was decorated with traditional Japanese artwork and symbols to create a Japanese atmosphere.

The event began with a keynote address by Dr. Bruce Shimizu, the National Youth Director of the JACL. His speech set the tone for the week, emphasizing the importance of education and understanding for the future generations.

The conference was divided into several sessions, each focusing on a different aspect of the Japanese American history. These sessions included workshops on various topics such as the history of Japanese immigration, the experiences of Japanese Americans during World War II, and the impact of Japanese culture on American society.

Participants also had the opportunity to attend a variety of other events, including a cultural fair, a film screening, and a concert. These events provided a fun and educational way for participants to learn about Japanese American culture and history.

The conference ended on July 27th with a closing ceremony, where the JACL Youth Committee presented a closing address. The event received positive feedback from participants, who were grateful for the opportunity to learn and connect with others who share a similar background.

In conclusion, the JACL National Youth Conference Revisited was a successful event that brought together individuals from different backgrounds to share their experiences and knowledge. It was an event that will be remembered as a time of learning, connection, and understanding.
process 38 years ago, that the lieutenant would hang his tail in retreat in the face of only a plane from Oda. That flight would have been confiscated by force, or the lieutenant would have demanded that Oda unwrap it and show him it was not a weapon.

The Issei knew what it meant by makute katsu, win by losing. They swallowed their pride many times, but they survived, because in their hearts they knew they were somebody, true Japanese out of the Meiji Restoration Era who were going to make it in an alien land, come hell or high water, and if they themselves couldn’t quite make it, they were going to make sure their children would.

Having made Oda a bachelor was a mistake. Generally speaking, fathers and mothers who led a dissolute life and were unwilling to take on the responsibilities represented by a family. They were the ones who went to the town on payday, laughing at the richigimono who went to the bank instead, sending money back to their parents and relatives in Japan, in time having a bride found for them, via pictures or otherwise, and finally raising a family.

Oda would have been more believable, had he at least a wife, particularly since there was no lack in his character or appearance to explain his bachelorhood. They could have been a childless couple, or they could have had a son who died in World War II. His wife could have died soon after, leaving Oda to live alone in Little Tokyo.

In fact, a whole dramatic crisis in the life of the Issei, when divided loyalties rent families throughout the American concentration camps, is missing in "Hito Hata".

THE SAME ISSEI-AS-VICTIM mentality is seen in the sequels involving Tatsumi, Oda’s friend who takes the money at the office, at the same time trying to make you feel comfortable.

The scenes in Oda’s Little Tokyo apartment were gems of the telling detail, beautifully photographed. Such everyday gestures as giving the goldfish a home at the carnival, or mixing a cup of instant coffee (with three teaspoons of sugar) told more about Oda’s life and his Issei-ness than any number of dramatic and expensive flashbacks, including a re-creation of a 1900’s Nisei Week, which was useless to the story. A rapid montage of sepia photographs would have been just as effective.

If Visual Communications can recognize writing is every bit as specialized a field as cinematography or directing and leave off trying to fit the story to what they think life ought to be, they have a great future. I salute their courage and perseverance in making the film. They have the Issei pioneering spirit, but at this point of their development, they haven’t quite figured out how to package it in a film.

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