WASHINGTON—The House of Representatives this past week (Feb. 17) announced its appointment of the U.S. Commission on Marine Relocation and Assimilation of Civilian Fishermen following President Ronald Reagan's signing (Feb. 16) of S.233, amending Public Law 96-317 to include six more members. The seven new members, the Washington JACL Office reported.

S.233, introduced by Sen. Ted Stevens (R-Alaska), allows the Secretary of State to appoint nine fishermen to serve on the Federal marine relocation commission. Matching the number selected by President Jimmy Carter.

The House appointees, announced by Speaker Thomas P. Tipple, were: Arthur J. Goldberg, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, former U.S. Supreme Court Justice, and Secretary of Labor under President Kennedy; Rep. Daniel C. Danielson, former governor of Alaska; a native of the state; and four Japanese Americans, including two residents of Seattle, and George A. Ishibashi of New York. The commissioners were to be appointed by Reagan within 20 days of their selection.

The commission, with its promised $12 million to study the plight of the fisherman, is intended to end the commission's study of the effects of the Vietnam War on the fishermen. The commission's report was due in May 1973, but it has not been released.

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Rep. Matsui low-key on redress by Congress

By JOE OYAMA
BERKELEY, Calif.—Congressman Robert Matsui of Sacramento, who is a dynamic speaker, gave an unusually low-keyed speech to a packed audience of JACL members and friends at the annual Berkeley JACL Installation Banquet at Spencer's Fish Gordon Jan. 31.

Acknowledging Niiolke who contributed to his difficult 1978 and 1980 campaigns by walking precincts and coming to Sacramento, he said, "These things mean a lot when you are a candidate running as an underdog. To be an underdog can be lonely."

Reporting on the progress of the redress effort, Matsui said, "Congress appropriated $1.4 million dollars for the commission to hold seven hearings in different cities across the country to determine the causes, reasons for internment, and consequences during the World War II period."

He said everything seemed to be going well on the redress effort, except that on Nov. 4, 1980, "We probably elected the most conservative House and Senate in many years. The interesting thing is that the 96th Congress was considered to be most conservative; the 97th will be more conservative."

Not to Raise Expectations on Redress

Although many Niiolke in this state and in other states across the country had spent time in the camps and should be entitled to monetary redress, Matsui said, "I hope those of you who have leadership positions will not raise expectations. I find it difficult to believe this Congress will reimburse those who were interned. I cannot see individual hearings happening."

Matsui said that he did not want to be totally negative, but he said, "Think about what happened twelve months ago when the junior Senator from California in Jan. 1980 called for putting Iranians into camps as hostages.

"The conservatism of the new Congress is a definite shift to the right. Many people say to the far right, 'We are beginning a new decade. Nineteen eighty is the end of the seventies.'"

Shifting to a more positive stance, Matsui said that our redress effort should give us new opportunities and lend credibility to the Japanese Americans. He said, "My grandparents came 6,000 miles to settle in this country. In spite of discrimination, racial prejudice, and being unable to own property, they gave their children an education."

He also reminded us that the new chairman of the House Judiciary committee who took over from Ted Kennedy, Strom Thurmond "eliminated the consumer interest anti-trust committee and instead is forming the anti-subversive and terrorist (Security and Terrorism) committee."

Back in 1940's during the anti-Japanese period, when the Nisei were coming out of camps and their Nisei brothers were fighting overseas in Europe and in the Pacific for the United States Army, "The Japanese American Citizens League was called before the House Un-American Activities Committee and suffered contempt of Congress."

A National Holiday Not Declared

Matsui continued, "Two days ago was the birthday of Martin Luther King. The very first bill that I was asked to co-sponsor and with a great deal of pride was to declare Jan. 15th Martin Luther King's birthday a national holiday. I saw Coretta King sitting in the gallery."

An electronic vote was taken and the bill was defeated by a margin in excess of 75 votes. Disappointed and surprised, Matsui said, "The reason I bring up the election issue is: the great achievement he (Martin Luther King) made to his country and the world. The fact that the national press, TV, radio stations did not make that day a holiday shows that this country has lost some of its ideals. That is the danger that I see."

"We are going to have to stand up and speak out for those not fortunate as us. There are many areas in Berkeley where people are afraid to walk at midnight and unemployment is the highest in California. I don't think that poverty is eradicated. These are exactly the things to be concerned about."

In Berkeley, aside from the Black unemployed, according to the Independent and Gazette, most of the recent migrants to this city are young white dropouts from the northeastern United States without sufficient skills and education, competing for jobs and giving rise for racism in the job market."

(Thanks to William Nakatani for the use of his tape. Without which, it would have been like piecing a difficult jigsaw together.—J.O.)

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The Spawns of War

Los Angeles
Since Feb. 19 was a day of remembrance, here is an item to think about.

There is, perhaps, no greater human fault than mankind’s ability to wage war. Even after all the death and destruction have passed, there are still by-products that linger on, in the form of misguided perceptions and bitter memories.

Last December, a Los Angeles release of the KNXT program “Interface” featured the personal stories of the Japanese Americans interned during World War II. In this series, the history of the internment and the trauma experienced by those who went through the camps were covered.

Unfortunately, Baker had done a lot of research regarding the matter, and I think it’s important to mention her “documenta-
tion” which defended the U.S. Government’s decision to evacu-
ate and relocate the West Coast Japanese Americans.

She also said that she had plenty of detailed evidence to show that the camps were necessary for national security and public safety, as well as pointing out that many Japanese Americans gained some advantage as a result of the evacuation (such as, better education).

In rebuttal, Shigekuni and the Oda’s told of their own personal experiences in the centers. Nevertheless, Baker disarmed their evidence, claiming that her documentation told the “real” story.

In ALL FAIRNESS to Baker, she has the right to her views, even if they strike sensitive chords. However, her perspective and sensitivity are distorting, as exemplified by some of the questions she posed to the parents of her students.

—“Why don’t you more properly ask your parents why they chose to remain at the relocation centers when they could have left?”
—“If you knew your parents and the rest of your family were in ‘concentration camps’ (quote here), why would you (to Shigekuni): ‘You tried to do something that the rest of the world probably wouldn’t do?’”

Unfortunately, the program run out of time before the panel could respond. A little earlier in the show, Baker asked the most ironic question:

“Where do you begin to pay for the penalty of war?”

Obviously, many Japanese Americans have very strong re-
sponses to Baker’s questions and many persons have, in the past, debated her perspective. However, I don’t remember seeing Baker bring various articles and letters to avoid redundancy, suffice it to say that it tragically appears that Baker is paying her own penalty from the internment, but she does not do this in “documentation”, overreaching each time the term “concentration camp” is used in reference to “relocation”;

and her obsession with “historical accuracy”

Many Americans would like to forget about past wars, and in particular, the Japanese Americans would like to forget about the climate of hatred and fear that once existed, of which Baker reminds us. The memories of the war will never be erased, but it is not right for Baker to equate this with the internment. The internment was a different issue. She must, however, not one should deny all the victims of those grievous days the right to set the record straight as well.

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Pan Asian to roast Yuki Shimoda at TDC

LOS ANGELES—Another Pan Asian JACL "roast"—this time for Nisei actor Yuki Shimoda—be planned in conjunction with the Tri-District Conference (TDC) at the Los Angeles Hilton Hotel for Saturday, April 18.

Shimoda, while attending Northwestern University majoring in business, discovered his talents were in the performing arts and landed into dancing with the Chicago Opera Co. and then appeared on the Broadway stage in "The Usual Suspects" and "The Music Man." Coming to Hollywood, he worked in over 25 films, including "Midway," "MacArthur," "Tamales" and "Final Force." He has also appeared in several TV shows in such as "Kung Fu," "Police Woman," "Sanford & Son," "Invisible," and "MA$H."

Shimoda has faced many TV commercials including a recent one for Sizzler as an esaki eating crab legs "like his mother used to make."

Among the star-studded line-up of masters will be Nobu McCarthy, Pat Morita, Ernest Honda and Sam Hara.

Tickets are $25 per person. Checks are payable to Pan Asian JACL, P.O. Box 189, Monterey Park, CA 91754. For information, call Kathy Chou (213) 261-2509.

Xylophonist Hiroaka recovers

TOOKO—After recovering from a year-and-a-half long battle with cancer, Los Angeles xylophonist Yoshi Hiroaka, 75, will hold a recital to com-
memorate his return to the stage on May 15. He will have the support of the Society to Fight Against Can-
cer of San Francisco.

Hiroaka’s life has been difficult. He had to return to Japan from the U.S. because of World War II, and after the war he went back to the U.S. He discovered he had stom-
mach cancer in late August 1979. (Now a naturalized citizen, he was at one time a San Fernando Valley JACL board member.)

He operated on Septem-
ber 22 at his home in Los Angeles. After the operation, he started playing the xylo-
phone again.

Teenage suspect charged with murder

LOS ANGELES—Two juveniles charged with the murder of Abe Miyoshi of Los Angeles last December 29 were to face trial Feb. 25. Miyoshi, 56, was shot as he was leaving his auto parts store at Avalon Blvd. and Slauson, 35 years ago, and re-
turned repeatedly.

The suspects are each 13 years old and Los Angeles residents, accord-
ing to police investigators. Detective Jerry Johnson said that the move-

was robbery and that the shooting was "gang-related." The amount taken is not known, he said.

Witnesses’ statements led to the arrests, the police detective said. One of the suspects was arrested the day after the murder and the other on Feb. 2.
It's the many years here at the PC editor's desk that have taught me something about the Nisei angle in a story, a similar vein for a column, etc., and of late the Asian American community in general. 

The Redress Phase 2: by John Tatsukichi

Letting Go!

San Francisco

Taking leave of anything to which you have a strong attachment or strong commitment is always difficult, but circumstances sometimes necessitate and even dictate certain actions. Because this is true in my own case, I have been significantly influenced by the Chairman of the National Committee for Redress.

My Holiday Issue

Editor: The magnificent 1980 PC Holiday Issue was packed full with gem and ingenuity. The Biography of Ryohtaro Ishibashi and the legs of Will Adams. I am a 62-year-old Nisei, an author and editor, and each week I read the PC with much interest, sharing it with my neighbors. Our PC is just beginning to show interest in the arts.

Thank you for the great job you are doing and for helping us maintain our country's pride.

On Being Somebody

Editor: "A Point Of View" by Judge Bill Marutani (PC, Feb. 13), was just enough.

At this particular time when "Redress" is going full steam ahead, I am wondering if we realize that "white citizens of America" are not the only ones who enjoy the highest standard of living.

We grew up knowing "what we were" and "what we weren't." So dear friend, learn to like yourself, and you will grow into a second-class citizen.

Our goal was not to emulate the white "regular" in this era. We made it, some didn't, but, that's the heck, not everyone's perfect. We were the whites as "good dudes" or "picky holucks." It was as simple as that.

When you have a group of people who will make you realized you'll have the world.

M. YAMANAKE ISSEKI, Palo Alto, Cali.

Our Daylight

The 35 Years Ago

February 23, 1946

Feb. 16—42ndRCT marks third anniversary of its formation at Camp Lagoay, Legian, Ily.

Feb. 17—U.S. court in Seattle re-
nounces citizenship of Miyoko Yusuf, 17-year-old Nisei, in Seattle since 1941, a Nisei who had married her Japanese husband in 1943, thus finding citizenship by birth.

Feb. 17—While U.S. judge orders release of seven Nisei Mountain draft evaders as case of political importance.

Feb. 18—War Dept. Investigating floods hit Colorado, reports first change in Nisei Army volontarism, sending a Nisei serving in the U.S. Navy to be reviewed at Camp Coates, Cali., and entailed for Nisei Air Force but not directed to Camp Coates, Cali.

WASHINGTON WRAP-UP: Ron Ikeda

Welcome Abroad ... Best Regards

DURING THIS transition period, it would be appropriate to express our admiration for J.D. Hokoyama, a note of appreciation and thankfulness for his personal leadership and commitment in managing the day-to-day affairs of the organization.

Under difficult and sometimes trying situations, J.D. has consistently shown an even-handed and fair attitude toward the JACL operations, and toward J.D. to his future endeavors.

FOR THE JACL membership, now is the time to pull out all of our organizational strengths to become active and to participate in the issues program which will face JACL and the Japanese American community in the months ahead. Let us begin to work together now.
Elizabeth Humargar honored at county fete

Among the 11 San Joaquin County women who were honored at their annual Susan B. Anthony Banquet (Feb. 14) was Elizabeth Humargar, the retired Delta College and Stockton High School teacher. She was honored by the Japanese American Citizens League Stockton JACL chapter in the area of Community Service.

Miss Humargar has dedicated her life to helping minority students and to combating racial prejudice, especially against that which was directed against persons of Japanese ancestry.

After graduating from the University of Kansas at Lawrence, Ks., Miss Humargar taught at the old Stockton High School in 1923. She became interested in assisting some Kibi students in learning English. Previously, she organized a Japanese club at Stockton High School, advising minority students and encouraging them to finish high school and continue on to college.

When World War II broke out, Miss Humargar vigorously opposed discrimination against both people and organizations of Japanese ancestry. She continued to counsel and assist students in the Stockton Assembly Center, doing whatever she could to help, while maintaining her job as a teacher at Stockton High School.

As an extra-curricular activity, she continued to visit high school classrooms throughout the county to inspire students to continue their education.

CLIFF'S CORNER: by Dr. Clifford Uyeda

Your School's Memory Book

In this issue there is a PC first—a chapter anniversary special. The idea originated with our editor, Harry Hendrickson, who saw the need for a special feature to commemorate the 75th anniversary of his chapter.

Many chapters will be celebrating anniversaries in the months ahead. The feature will be an excellent opportunity for the national membership to learn more about the history and functions of certain chapters.

Preparing these special features (approximately $7 per page for additional four pages—Ed.) will be covered by support of local advertisers—Stockton in this issue. These special features will be made up from articles submitted by the chapters. JACL chapter histories are fascinating, interesting, and important. Interest among PC members will certainly be stimulated as they become acquainted with their chapter's unique history and traditions.

We hope that the anniversary special will become a regular feature in the PC.
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BRIEF HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

In 1967, the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) established the Elizabeth Humbargar Award, named in honor of Elizabeth Humbargar, a long-time leader in the Stockton JACL and a dedicated community service provider. This award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to minority representation and human rights in the United States.

The Humbargar Award is presented annually to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding service to their community, particularly in areas related to minority representation and human rights. The award aims to honor and acknowledge the achievements of those who have worked tirelessly to promote equality and social justice.

Stockton JACL Scholarship Recipients

The Stockton JACL Scholarship is a fund established to support students from minority backgrounds who are pursuing higher education. The scholarship is awarded annually to students who demonstrate academic excellence and a commitment to service and social justice. The recipients are chosen based on their academic achievements, leadership qualities, and demonstrated dedication to improving the lives of marginalized communities.

Eligibility for the Stockton JACL Scholarship is determined by a set of criteria that include academic performance, community involvement, and financial need. The scholarship helps to bridge the gap between educational opportunities and financial constraints, ensuring that deserving students have access to higher education.

The Stockton JACL Scholarship has played a vital role in supporting students from minority backgrounds, providing them with the resources necessary to continue their academic pursuits and contribute positively to their communities.

The Humbargar Award and Stockton JACL Scholarship are emblematic of the organization’s commitment to recognizing and supporting those who strive to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. These awards not only honor past achievements but also inspire future generations to continue the legacy of social justice and community service.

1955 CHAPTER HONOREES—Stockton JACL recognizes Tillie Wiseberg Lewis (left), head of Tillie Lewis Foods, and George Stokel, the firm’s personnel director, for leadership in fair employment practices. Presenting the awards is Henry Kusama, ’55 pres.

Unless specified, all photographs in the Stockton JACL Anniversary section come from the Chapter files.

1959 CHAPTER BOARD—Back row: Sam Itaya ’53, ’66; Alice Tsunekawa, Henry Kusama ’55; Dr David Fujishige ’53, Mitzie Baba. Seated: Al Umino, George Baba, pres, ’54, ’59, ’77-79; and Fred Dobana.

1959 SILVER PIN AWARD REES—Being congratulated by Akiji Yoshimura (left) of Marysville JACL, nat’l 1st v.p., and Nat’l Director Mas Salow are Issei leader Harry Hayashino, Girl Scouts organizer Mitzie Baba who were awarded the Nat’l JACL Silver Pin; and Ruby Dobana, a gold pin for faithful service to the chapter.

1969 PAST PRESIDENT—Nat’l Director Mas Salow pins the JACL Past President’s Pin upon Stockton JACL’s 1968 president Dr. Dave Fujishige at the ’69 installation emceed by Kats Nagai (seated). Those who completed additional years in office were given other suitable awards.

1969 AUXILIARY BOARD—Back row: Fusae Tanaka, Mitzie Baba, Ruby Dobana, Aiko Yoshikawa; seated: Lily Tanji, May Saiki (pres.), and Amy Matsumoto.

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History of the Stockton, Calif., Issei- 1890 to 1935

Then a practicing attorney and member of the Stockton JACL, Congressman Norman D. Shumway (R-Cal.) is the author of this piece, "History of the Stockton, Calif., Issei", which appeared in the 1969 Holiday Issue. The Stockton chapter celebrating its 50th year has through the years honored the Issei in their midst. One of them, Kinji Ushijima of Fukushima-ken, was a prominent Issei personality who is remembered in Japanese American history as George Shima, the "Potato King". (The PC would appreciate hearing from anyone who can lead us to a comprehensive biography on this man for publication in a future Holiday Issue.-Ed.)

By NORMAN D. SHUMWAY (Member, Stockton JACL)

STOCKTON—The Japanese population of the City of Stockton and its immediate vicinity has, as its humble beginning, the encampment of a handful of Issei settlers in the early 1890s. There had been, as early as 1888, a settlement of Issei in the town of Valley Springs, situated some 30 miles from Stockton. There were even earlier settlements elsewhere in California. But Stockton, eventually to become a major stopping-place, was not among the earliest sites to attract Japanese immigrants.

From the few original inhabitants, Stockton's Issei population, made up primarily of male adults, increased rapidly. According to later accounts, the first Japanese woman resident of Stockton did not settle there until 1903. It is most likely, however, that the area surrounding Stockton, being devoted entirely to agriculture, attracted the greater number of Japanese, and, among them, many female Issei.

In any event, by the year 1908 Stockton purportedly had one of the major Japanese communities on the western seaboard. In 1912 there were 4,322 Japan-born persons in the general area. In 1922 Issei numbered 3,000, and in 1935 the total was approximately 3,500. At the outbreak of World War II, Stockton, with 1,725 foreign-born and 2,759 local-born Japanese in its vicinity, was ninth among the cities of the United States in its Japanese population.

Delta Farming

The early settlers came, in large part, from Japan's Aichi-ken. They had been farmers in their own country and migrated to America seeking opportunities to use their skills in tilling and developing the soils here.

The Stockton area was surrounded on three sides by fertile farms and orchards, most of which were already owned and cultivated by local farmers. But on its western periphery was situated an immense delta formed by the confluence of the San Joaquin and Sacramento Rivers. This delta was subject to tidal flow and consisted almost entirely of tules and reeds. Yet it contained some of the richest peat soil to be found anywhere in the world and offered unlimited possibilities in agriculture. Stockton's delta was therefore most attractive to the Issei who already knew how to farm, and who, were, by birthright, industrious and hard-working. Believing they would eventually return to their native land, only few of the early settlers sought to purchase the property which they farmed. They were content to rent or lease their farm lands, and many who achieved rapid success did, in fact, return to Japan. However, many of the offspring of the original settlers, or Nisei, had less desire to journey to Japan, and commencing about 1910, bought their farm lands.

The Alien Land Law, prohibiting most Japanese ownership of land, was not enacted until 1923. By this time, the Japanese had thoroughly established themselves as successful farmers, raising primarily potatoes, onions and rice.

Potato King

Noteworthy among the early inhabitants of the delta was Kinji Ushijima, better known as George Shima.

In subsequent years he dredged out marsh waters and reclaimed his own farmland in the delta, and at various times operated on 19 islands consisting of over 60,000 acres. Most of the produce from the Shima farms was transported by barge to Stockton where it had a wide distribution.

When he died in 1926, Shima's estate was estimated to be in excess of $15,000,000 although he was still an alien ineligible for citizenship. His success in developing great portions of the delta by building dikes and draining off nearby stagnant waters, and later plowing with a steam engine, has to rank among one of the most significant contributions to the growth and prosperity of the Stockton area. As a memorial to him, a prominent island in the delta still bears the name "Shima Tract".

First Issei Merchants

Not all the early settlers were farmers. In 1894 Stockton had its first Japanese merchants, a retailer of bamboo wares. By 1912 it was estimated that there were 200 stores or businesses owned and operated by Japanese in the area.

Among these businesses were listed barbers, laundry operators, food and dry goods merchants, hotel and restaurant proprietors, medical doctors, cooks, and financiers. In large part, they were located in the area bounded by South Charter Street, East Lafayette Street, South San Joaquin Street, and East Market Street.

The Stockton Japanese established in 1900 a Nihonjin Kai or Japanese People's Association. This organization was followed in later years by associations representing each of the geographical areas in Japan from which the early settlers came. Schools were established at an early date for the training of Japanese children. The purpose of the Issei in associating themselves and setting up schools was to preserve the language and culture of their native land inasmuch as most of them did intend to return.

In 1896 a Japanese Christian church was founded in Stockton, with a Christian Mission being established in 1897. In 1906 a Buddhist church was organized with 29 charter members. It obtained its first permanent building in 1910.

In 1908 an amateur theatre group was organized which produced a Japanese-style play in the spring and fall of each year, no doubt for primarily Japanese audiences.

Issei Air Pilot

An example of the adventurous spirit of the early settlers was the operation by a young Issei in early 1918 of a bi-wing, pusher-type airplane. The airplane had been flown over the Panama Canal and brought to Stockton by two Japanese pilots. Its local operator, however, crashed and lost his life while attempting to qualify for a pilot's license. Nevertheless, that early year and at a time when other obstacles were almost insurmountable, the young pilot displayed the courage and ingenuity which was characteristic of the Japanese immigrants.

Stockton and its general area owes much to the Japanese settlers and appreciates this opportunity to recognize their achievements and to commend their heritage and culture. Their story is one of great significance in the history of Stockton and their efforts have contributed to the abundant growth and prosperous economy of Stockton and its delta area.
OF STAMPS, HAYAKAWA AND ALIENS IN JAPAN

Denver, Colo.

It seems my friend Zoko Scher is barking up the wrong war with his Japanese postage stamps. You may recall that a couple of weeks ago in this space I mentioned an 18-year-old GI, who had been assigned to Tokyo a few weeks after the end of World War II. One day a postal official with an unusual formality approached Occupation official gave him some Japanese stamps. Scher put the stamps away and found them again just recently.

A friend said the Japanese characters printed on the stamps read "Teiku Koku Kofu," which translates to "Enemy Country Surrenderers." We wondered if the stamps had been printed in anticipation of victory over World War II, and had been hidden away when Japan was defeated.

Editor Harry Honda sent a proof of this story to Jin Konno, whose Moshi-Moshi column in this newspaper has been a treasury of Japanese history. That was the right thing to do because the stamps proved to be nothing so mysterious as the erudite Mr. Konno.

It seems that Japan's 90th emperor, Kameyama (1259-1274), produced 37 tablets, writing with gold paint on dark blue paper, which were preserved at the Hakozaki Hachiman shrine. During 1258, the last army who had been much of his boyhood. One of the tablets was reproduced on the stamps Scher was given. The original probably was created in connection with the invasion of Japan seven centuries ago and Konno says the four characters seem to be an imperative rather than an indicative sentence. "Enemy Country, Surrenderers" would be more to the point.

So now you know, and until a better interpretation comes along, we'll accept Jin Konno's explanation as amusing.

CONGRESSIONAL INSIGHT, a weekly Washington newsletter published by Congressional Quarterly Inc., reported recently that "they're lining up to run for S.I. Hayakawa's seat in the Senate." The newsletter says: "The former San Francisco mayor, who ran unopposed in 1982 after one term in the Senate, but many California politicians seem to think he will. He is 73 and is plagued by news reports of doting off in the Senate at times. Many think President Reagan will offer Hayakawa an ambassadorial clear to walk for a more vigorous GOP candidate. That list includes Reagan's daughter, Maureen Reagan's successor, Gov. Jerry Brown (D), also may run."
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JACL Membership

Each JACL chapter has now received the 1981-82 membership drive packet which includes a nine-page package (Nov. 10, 1980) relating to Membership Chairperson. The JACL National campaign has been successful. Every active JACL member ought to become familiar with these suggestions and comment on them to their local chapter chairman.

Some general suggestions:

1. Begin the campaign by signing up the easy ones—those standing at the door. This will give chapter officers and members of their families. On several occasions, in looking up the addresses of officer-select, we have found that some had forgotten to renew their membership.

2. Some of the renewals will soon join by giving them a phone drop or doorstep visit. In person contact is usually appreciated.

3. Be sure to go after renewals. Each year we lose hundreds of members. 

4. There is no substitute for personally contacting potential members. 

5. Leave a long time to correct your membership drive. 

6. Hold a special membership-campaign activity—a party, dance, barbecue, potluck, or other social activity, and specify it as a membership drive. Each member bring a friend and approach them to join JACL.

7. Do a mass mailing in your local community to all Japanese Americans and others who are interested in the civil rights and political activities of your local JACL chapter. Personal visit or phone call encouraging them to support JACL.

8. Set up a JACL drive and announce the drive in your local newspaper, on radio and television through public service announcements, which are offered free of charge to non-profit community organizations.

9. Select a representative from each local high school and college in your community and invite them to attend your chapter meetings. Each of these students who might be interested in joining JACL. Then, either contact them in person, by phone, or send a letter and brochure to them, inviting them to become members.

10. Post the JACL brochure at schools, churches and clubs, leaving copies of the brochure for others to see. 

11. Encourage JACL membership through your local newspaper, magazine and television through public service announcements, which are offered free of charge to non-profit community organizations.

Favorable reviews of the JACL are spread throughout the community at the next social gathering. Be positive and tell them you're a member and why you're so proud of your local JACL. And explain the reasons for the lack of a membership campaign and if they are interested, they should join JACL, just to receive the benefits of membership.

12. Encourage regular members to upgrade their membership to the 000 level.

13. Form a special committee to approach corporations and large businesses in the area to become members of the Corporate Club.

14. Form a special committee to approach local newspapers, radio and television for support of the membership program.

15. Make comments on their applicability.

The new black and white picture brochure has been printed and will be mailed to each chapter. This brochure is a most favorable and positive representation. I believe that many Japanese Americans will join us if we just ask the brochure can be used to initiate a conversation and the whole idea of the benefits of belonging from community meeting places and restaurants to publicize JACL.

Now is the time to renew your JACL membership. It would be a real loss for the organization if each of you could bring in a new member. Ask a friend or relative to join. Invent some way to support your campaign to attract a new member.

FOLLOW UP: The most important point in any membership campaign is drive to follow up the activity or contact with a phone call or visit. We all can do a great job in our own area, which is often lacking in a mass campaign. Try to make interested people feel part of the group.

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Friends of the Big Sister Corp named Sen. S.J. Hasegawa (D-CA) "Environmentalist of the Year" for his contributions in saving the Big Sister corp from federal government supervision.

• Awards

Affiliated "Big" Bobs of Los Angeles was recognized as the Baldwin Hills Lions Club community leader of the year for his work with the Seinan Senior Citizens as its founder seven years ago and then initiating a hot meal program three years ago, becoming its president-manager. He also organized a crime prevention program for blocks, within, within, Chicago, and Asians in the Sansei area when an elderly lost was stolen.

• Education

William H. "Bud" Muramoto, owner of the Interface Group, Inc. and former Special Assistant to the Board of Education, was featured in the Feb. 1981 issue of "Assa" Japan's (in English) for the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. The executive recruiter discussed, in an interview with Currents' managing editor Anna Inouye, the latest points of job hunting and career advancement. Muramoto also offered suggestions on how to compose a better job resume as well as tips on impressing employers.

• Health

Sakuramoto, CA.-Gyo Edmond M. Brown, Jr. has reported to Dr. Kenneth H. Otsuka in Sacramento and Dr. Craig Hoshi in Michigan the Board of Medical Quality Assurance. After 1800 completed last spring in the 18th annual, Sakuramoto art program for secondary students in the high schools of California. Final judging in San Francisco dispersed $9000 in scholarships shared by 14 recipients and their respective schools. Elaine's parents are the Hideo Kiyama, longtime San Jose JACLers. Ruth Inouye, noted sculptor and San Francisco art commissioner, was among the final judges this past year.

• Los Angeles Japanese

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among the lords to succeed Hideyoshi created conflict and friction. It was at that time that Ishida Mitsunari, mistrustful of Ieyasu, started to muster a coalition against him. When Maeda Toshiie died in 1600, the balance of power tilted toward Ieyasu and the Maeda house rallied to his support, even to the extent of sending hostages to him. Other daimyo pledged their support, and toward the end of 1600, Ieyasu decided to make a hard push to become Lord of the Land (Tenka Dono). Many of the other daimyo belonging to the Toyotomi Hideyoshi league joined Ieyasu and the conflict grew.

On October 21, 1600, the battle of Sekigahara took place. Just before the battle started, three daimyo under Ieyasu numbered 76,000 while the western army led by Ishida Mitsunari commanded only 35,000 because of defections among its ranks. Many daimyo who were just retained and side with the Ieyasu camp to decide which side to join while others defected to the eastern army in the midst of fighting. But the western army fought as a whole force and the remnants of the Ieyasu army general called Otsu Yoshitsugu. The eastern army led by Ieyasu numbered 56,000, more than three times the strength of his opponent. The contest for the ultimate power over the land was over in about four and a half hours and resulted in Ieyasu's total victory. Ten days after Ieyasu marched to Osaka, the supreme military hegemon of the country was established.

But Ieyasu's conquest was not complete yet. His influence was not paramount west of Osaka in the provinces which had pledged allegiance to Hideyoshi. Ieyasu was still concerned that he would be compelled to display loyalty to Hideyoshi and outwardly supported Hideyoshi's successor, Ieyasu, their base, patiently gathered support and took measures to assure them and to hold only hegemony in Japan. In 1603 he assumed the title of Shogun and reconfirmed the pledges of the daimyo including their hostages at Edo castle where he was situated.

After relinquishing the post of Shogun to his son Hidetada in 1605, Ieyasu took the title of Ogonoe of Shogun and moved to the family castle of Sumpu. He remained behind-the-scenes and manipulated the opportunities to bring down in a final fashion the Toyotomi house. In 1614 he attacked Osaka castle with a combined force of 180,000 men as compared to the 90,000 the Toyotomi could gather to pit against him. The carnage was so great that it was heard in the abattoir. Ieyasu's side lost only the 35,000 men. Finally in the summer of 1615, Ieyasu succeeded in bringing about the fall of the house of Toyotomi and the last of the defenders of the castle. Ieyasu died the following year after establishing a regime that was to last 250 years.

In the middle of the Edo period, the following poems were written about the triad of unifiers:

Nisei balloonist's quest ends in mud
MILAPURK, India — The quest to circle the globe came to a muddy and tragic end for two American balloonists, and it was held to a 35,000 meter balloon, which was at sea 8,000 meters above the ground. The cardiologist, the world's highest peak.

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