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The PC frequency of publication returns from the experimental 45 issues of last year to every Friday except the last and first weeks of the year.

Young neighbors help evacuees . . .



PC Archives (Mar. 1942)

Bainbridge Island (Wash.) farmer Sukezo Takayoshi (wearing the hat), and his two sons are aided by three Caucasian neighbors unload personal belongings for storage at a government-designated warehouse by Mar. 28, 1942. Story behind this picture is best summed by Bill Hosokawa in his "Nisei: the Quiet Americans". Japanese American families were given a week's notice by the Army to move out, to take the ferry across Puget Sound to board trains in Seattle which took them to Manzanar. The island was a prime worry for the military since it faced the approaches to the Bremerton Naval Yards.

## Who Pushed the Button?

(Editor's Note: In perusing the 1946 issues for our "35 Years Ago in the PC" feature each week, it is most apparent that issues to be studied by the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians abound in the press of this era—the war being over, the Nisei trying to pick up their livelihoods despite the crippling problems that plagued them during the war years, and the JACL having embarked on its postwar legislative program for evacuation claims, naturalization rights for the Issei, etc. To help recapture the mood of the summer of 1946, we reprint Larry Tajiri's column of Aug. 3, 1946. Typical of his style of writing, the late PC editor's pieces are like an index to the mood and mettle of the times, filled with facts that are stories in themselves.)

BY LARRY TAJIRI  
(Nisei USA, Aug. 3, 1946)

This week the mass evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast in 1942 again became a matter of topical interest.

In the federal court at Los Angeles Judge Pierson Hall ruled that Gen. John L. DeWitt, who had ordered the evacuation, did not have the right to use military force in applying his exclusion orders. The case in question involved a non-Japanese (Homer Glen Wilcox of San Diego) but the principle at stake was one which could be applied to the forced evacuation of more

than 70,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry.

(In Washington) the Senate passed the Ellender evacuee claims bill but its companion measure in the House faced the outspoken opposition of at least one member, California's WRA-baiting Clair Engle whose chief accomplishment as a member of the California Legislature in 1943 was his sponsorship of anti-Nisei measures. The 79th Congress is rapidly disintegrating as its members begin to leave for their home districts and for pending reelection campaigns. It is doubtful whether the House will have time to act

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## UFW's Chavez wants recall of Union City Mayor Kitayama

UNION CITY, Ca.—United Farm Workers of America President Cesar Chavez gave his support to a drive to recall Mayor Tom Kitayama in a special Aug. 4 election.

Chavez led some 200 demonstrators gathered recently at a rally in the chant "Quita Kitayama (Recall Kitayama)".

Chavez had unsuccessfully tried to organize the workers at the Kitayama Brothers' Nursery. The recall movement had its roots in that battle over the attempted for-

mation. The community's Latino leaders want the recall because they claim the mayor is inaccessible to them. They also question his behavior concerning the storage of PCE in the city's Latino district and the construction of an apartment complex near his nursery. Kitayama, however, has denied the accusations.

In Oceanside, Gloria Soto, a UFW spokesperson, said that informational picketing at a San Diego tomato packing plant will continue "until we sign a decent contract." The UFW is protesting the failure of representatives of Kawano, Inc. growers and union representatives to negotiate a contract settlement for four years.

Soto said that the lack of settlement stems in part from legal delays, including current negotiations between Kawano and the Agricultural Labor Relations Board following an ALRB finding the grower had dismissed 50 workers for union activity. Both sides are deciding the amount of backpay owed workers who were reinstated.

## Student fund to broaden appeal

PORTLAND, Ct.—The Board of Directors of the Nisei Student Relocation Council (NSRC) Commemorative Fund, Inc., has taken initial steps to establish three regional committees in Northern, Southern and Central California, and plans to establish other regional committees in the Northwest, Midwest and Mid-Atlantic states.

These committees will educate the Nikkei community about the NSRC and help facilitate fund-raising efforts by contacting Nisei in their regions who were helped by the Council and by sponsoring various fund-raising events such as commemorative dinners.

The NSRC Commemorative Fund was established in 1979 by a group of New England Nisei who had helped over 3,500 Japanese Americans relocate from WW2 concentration camps to over 500 colleges across the country. The NSRC currently assists students through financial aid and placement services. For further info contact Mrs. Nobu Hibino, 19 Scenic Dr., Portland, Ct. 06480 (203) 342-0288.

Join the JACL

## Over 100 JACL delegates to attend Mexico City confab

SAN FRANCISCO—A delegation of some 100 JACLers from around the nation is Mexico City-bound for the historic Pan-American Nikkei Convention July 24-26.

While most of the delegates are Californians, flying south from San Francisco and Los Angeles, about a dozen are Eastern District Council members who will join the Californians at El Presidente Chapultepec Hotel or Hyatt Continental where the JACL contingents are to be quartered. The JACL group led by Chuck Kubokawa, international relations committee chair, includes a trio from Toronto, Canada, including George Imai, onetime national president of the JCCA. Other JACL leaders attending include:

Ron Wakabayashi, national director; Pat and Lily Okura, Washington; James and Margaret Murakami, Sonoma County; Floyd and Ruth Shimomura, Sacramento; Dr. Homer and Miyuki Yasui, Portland; Edward Yamamoto, Moses Lake, Wa.; NC-WN regional director George Kondo; past EDC governor Seiko and husband Hank Wakabayashi, Washington; Yasuo and Lily Abiko, San Francisco; and PC editor Harry Honda and family.

The JACL group led by Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda, West Los Angeles, is 27-strong with participants signed up from as far away as New Orleans and Hattiesburg, Miss. One member, Fred Hirasuna of Fresno, is special in that he was a delegate to the first National JACL Convention in 1930.

## '41-'42 climate of fear reinforced by L.A. press

Los Angeles

The Los Angeles newspapers during World War II had obviously played a significant role in setting the atmosphere of hysteria, racism and confusion in the city, eventually leading to the evacuation of American and alien Japanese from the area. The local Japanese American vernaculars, on the other hand, had to cope with the situation by keeping the community well informed of govern-

ment actions, and through editorials, they tried to maintain a sense of calm and order.

The two factions—the general press and the Japanese American press—were almost polarized, the former contributing to the hysteria, the latter trying to quell it. William Hiroto, currently the Executive Director of the Japanese Cultural Institute in Gardena, Ca., had done some extensive research in 1968 on the WW2 reports and editorials in the Los Angeles Times for his master's degree in Journalism at USC. Entitled, "Seventy-Five Days," Hiroto traced the Times' coverage of military and government activities on the West Coast, as well as the newspaper's editorials, from Dec. 8, 1941 to Feb. 21, 1942.

In retrospect, Hiroto said last week that his thesis had focused on the Times, rather than the Hearst's Los Angeles Examiner, because the former was (and still is) considered to be one of the most influential and powerful papers in Southern California.

Also, noted Hiroto, the Hearst papers, during the war, merely reflected their blatant, racist brand of "yellow journalism" that had been established in the early part of the 20th Century.

In his thesis, Hiroto said of his findings: "A genuine attitude of tolerance and understanding is reflected in the Times' handling of the Japanese American situation at the outset. But seemingly attuned to the early reversals experienced in the South Pacific, the early favorable comments are soon immersed under a deluge of negative lineage that includes editorializing in news columns by Kyle Palmer, Times Washington correspondent; pro-evacuation oriented 'cartoons' by artist Bruce Russell; placement of 'provocative' Japanese American stories alongside Pacific war stories; misleading headlines; and sit-

uating pictures and stories to arouse and excite."

In his thesis, Hiroto's chronology of the Times attempted to illustrate how their coverage of events contributed to the fear of possible subversive activities on the West Coast, as well as the threat of an invasion by Japan.

Immediately following Pearl Harbor, the search for "enemy aliens" was of concern—which included Germans, Italians and Ja-

panese. Hiroto noted, however, that subsequent stories would identify "enemy aliens" as Japanese only. Dec. 8, a page one headline read, "Japanese Aliens' Roundup Starts" in bold print, and other related stories, such as an Associated Press report from Washington which revealed, "President Roosevelt has authorized the arrest of Japanese nationals regarded as 'dangerous to the peace and security of the United States,' Attorney (Francis) Biddle announced tonight."

Feature articles on that same day, wrote Hiroto, centered on activities in Little Tokyo: "Little Tokyo Carries on Business as Usual," and the rallying of support from citizens: Japanese Americans Pledge Loyalty to the United States."

Throughout the rest of December, reports on restrictions placed upon Japanese aliens were reported, although the Times tried to remain somewhat fair in covering the Japanese community, Hiroto discovered.

However, some stories were blown out of proportion. A Dec. 9 story from San Francisco blurted the headlines "Enemy Planes Sighted Over the California Coast" and the story cited Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt officially saying, "not one but several groups of enemy planes caused San Francisco's air raid alarm." But Hiroto pointed out that this and subsequent air raid reports "proved to be erroneous if not fabricated."

Another sensational story was one that appeared Jan. 3, 1942 on page one, part two. A picture was captioned, "Two Japanese Arrested, Hissed President in Theater," adding, "They Laughed at Pearl Harbor Pictures." The story reported that two Japanese youths were arrested on suspicion of battery, allegedly spitting on a Cau-

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## Bendetsen writing to CWRIC

WASHINGTON—Names of historic WW2 Evacuation personalities appeared on the witness list this week to testify before the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, which opened Tuesday (July 14) in the Senate Caucus Room.

According to Dr. Tom Take-ta, associate CWRIC director, statements were expected for presentation at the hearings from Karl Bendetsen, James Rowe, Leland Barrows, Gen. Mark Clark, Abe Fortas, Gordon Hirabayashi, Mike Masaoka and government officials at the first session. (Full coverage will commence in our next issue.—Ed.)

Rowe, chief aide to Attorney General Biddle; Barrows, top WRA administrator; and Fortas, Undersecretary to Interior Sec. Ickes, were scheduled to testify. For the second hearings (July 16), representatives from organizations and individuals (see July 3 PC) were scheduled, including the JACL. Among the organizations and individuals were:

ACLU, (through its national chair Ed Ennis), American Friends Service Committee, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, NAACP Legal Defense & Education Fund, Americans for Historical Accuracy; JACL (Dr. James Tsujimura and Minoru Yasui), NCRR (Bert Nakano), NCJAR (William Hohri), Aleutian-Pribiloff Assn.; BAAR (Dennis Hayashi), Calif. State Bar Assn., (Carole Morita), AALDEF (New York), Asian Pacific American Bar Assn.

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## All-Navajo platoon reports for training

SAN DIEGO, Ca.—An all-Navajo platoon—first since the "code talkers" used their native language to thwart the Japanese during World War II—was scheduled to report this past week for Marine Corps boot training in San Diego. The 60 young Navajos will train as a unit for 11 weeks, then be assigned to other outfits for the rest of their tours.

During the South Pacific campaigns four decades ago, Navajos were used by Marines as radio operators, speaking their difficult language and frustrating English-speaking Japanese who monitored their frequencies. Few if any Japanese understood Navajo.

## Makabe appointed JACL vets chair

PORTLAND, Ore.—Wilson Makabe, Reno JACLer, was appointed chairperson of the JACL Veterans Affairs Committee, it was announced June 21 by President Jim Tsujimura. The committee is under the charge of the Vice President for Planning and Development, Mits Kawamoto.

Makabe, a 42nd veteran, has been a career official with the Veterans Administration.

## West Valley JACL Daruma folk fest

SAN JOSE, Ca.—The West Valley JACL and its Senior Club will co-sponsor the Daruma Folk Festival to be held Saturday, Aug. 15, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Saratoga Lanes Parking lot, Saratoga Ave. and Graves. For information call Ms. Toshi Tanaka, (408) 253-0488.

# Redress Reports

## L.A. County Supervisors back CWRIC



**REDRESS SUPPORT**—Los Angeles County Supr. Kenneth Hahn discusses a Board of Supervisor resolution in support of current CWRIC efforts with Ron Wakabayashi (center), national JAACL director, and his chief deputy Mas Fukai, who was confined during the war at Gila River, Ariz., camp. Resolution calls for Congress to appropriately compensate all Japanese Americans who were forced in live in detention camps during World War II.

## Bannai to attend PSWDC workshop

LOS ANGELES—Paul Bannai, Executive Director of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, is scheduled to appear at the final PSWDC redress workshop on Sunday, July 19, 2 p.m. at the dining hall of Little Tokyo Towers.

Bannai will give an updated report on this week's Washington

hearings and will answer questions from the audience.

A mock hearing will be held and the scheduled "commissioners" include: Fred Okrand, Legal Director of the American Civil Liberties Union; Rose Matsui Ochi, former U.S. Immigration commissioner; and Attorney Richard Sherwood of the law offices of O'Melveny and Myers.

## CWRIC

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Dwight Chuman (Los Angeles), Tom Kometani, Yuri Kochiyama (New York), Nobu Miyoshi (Philadelphia), K. Patrick Okura (Washington), Paul Sakai (Washington), Kinzo Yamamoto (Washington).

### Regional Hearings

Taketa, pointing to the regional hearings next month in Los Angeles and San Francisco, indicated the CWRIC is vitally interested in hearing from witnesses what they

would like to have the commission recommend to the Congress that would be fair and just as redress for the wartime internment and relocation.

"Get the word out that we want to hear (written or oral) from the people who were in camp," he said. "Don't pass up the opportunity to tell the story to the commission."

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# Who Pushed the Button?

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on the bill, passage of which has been urged President Truman in a forthright message, before the chamber is cleared by adjournment.

Meanwhile, the history of our national conduct during World War II is being written and it appears that the historians will place considerable emphasis on the evacuation and its effects on individual civil rights. It seems possible that the strong criticism of Yale's Eugene V. Rostow who called the evacuation "our greatest wartime mistake" will prevail. The Supreme Court's rubber-stamp of approval given the Army's evacuation and curfew measures may be regarded in the future as a booby-trap set against the rights of every individual American.

In an important article in the July 17 issue of *Far Eastern Survey*, Bradford Smith, a key OWI official during the war, declared that the evacuation was "unnecessary and indefensible". "Its later white-washing by the Supreme Court was a blow to constitutional liberties," Mr. Smith adds.

Meanwhile, the publication of a definitive study of the effects of the evacuation has been announced by the evacuation study project headed by Dr. Dorothy Thomas at the Univ. of California (Berkeley).

The evacuation is under close scrutiny this week. It is possible that current studies may fix the responsibility for the mass exclusion order upon some individual or group. Gen. DeWitt who ordered mass evacuation is the likeliest candidate.

Judge Hall this week assessed \$100 nominal damages against Gen. DeWitt for exceeding his authority of using military power to force the evacuation of an individual excludee. Although President Roosevelt had granted Gen. DeWitt blanket powers to evacuate any and all citizens from military areas, there is every reason to doubt that FDR intended that the army commander would put his authority to such extreme use. Had mass evacuation been a matter of administration policy, or of overall military planning, Hawaii's 163,000 persons of Japanese ancestry would have been included.

(New light on the relationship of FDR to the evacuation may be shed in Louis Adam's forthcoming book, "Dinner at the White House".)

The identity of the person or persons who pushed the final button which set mass evacuation in motion is one which has intrigued many.

Bradford Smith noted in his *Far Eastern Survey* article that Navy Intelligence opposed wholesale evacuation.

There is every reason to believe that the Justice Department, including the FBI, also opposed mass evacuation. It is doubtful whether there was unanimity in the War Department on the move, particularly in view of the decision of Gen. Emmons in Hawaii against evacuation.

There is no reason to dispute the view that Gen. DeWitt acted in good faith and with the apparent conviction that his order would help insure the security of the West Coast area. His impatience with democratic procedures, however, is a matter to be regretted. In England where a problem of persons of enemy ancestry also existed, individual hearings were given.

It is also evident that Gen. DeWitt accepted without question the race myths propagated by the West Coast racists regarding persons of Japanese ancestry. The order for complete and wholesale evacuation of any and all persons of Japanese ancestry, including the aged, infirm and babes in arms, was touched with the hysteria of one who sees saboteurs under the bed and traitors in dark corners.

The ugly fact of the prevalence on the Hawaii sabotage rumors on the West Coast and the fact that these were not officially denied until the evacuation was underway (although the truth must have been known to competent authority a few days after Pearl Harbor) never has been satisfactorily explained.

The suggestion has been advanced that one reason for Gen. DeWitt's insistence on

mass evacuation was the danger of violence to the Japanese American population on the West Coast at the hands of organized hoodlums. There were at least a half a hundred authenticated instances of violence against persons of Japanese ancestry in California in the first three months after Pearl Harbor but it is difficult to rationalize the practice of jailing the victims and not the perpetrators of such violence.

It must be conceded that Gen. DeWitt was under tremendous pressures from politicians, competitive economic interests and organized racists to remove the Japanese American population. Delegations of West Coast businessmen visited Washington. A meeting of congressmen was held in the office of the late Sen. Hiram Johnson to demand evacuation. In the atmosphere of hysteria which existed at the time and which the false rumors of Hawaiian sabotage intensified, there was no organized opposition from any large body of West Coast citizens against mass evacuation.

Whatever justification may have existed, in Gen. DeWitt's reasoning, for the removal of persons of Japanese ancestry from the coastal area, there was none for "second evacuation" from the interior zone in California. It may be recalled that the initial evacuation orders issued by Gen. DeWitt provided that persons of Japanese ancestry might move from Zone A (the coastal area) to Zone B (the interior) of California. Assurance was given by officers representing Gen. DeWitt that persons moving to Zone B would not be

evacuated and approximately 8,000 took the advice and re-established themselves in the eastern half of California.

Since Gen. DeWitt had advocated voluntary evacuation into the California interior, his order in June, 1942, for the complete evacuation of Zone B can be interpreted only as a broken promise resulting from his surrender to the delegation of farmers, community groups and representatives of racist organizations who protested the arrival of the evacuees in their districts and threatened or hinted that violence might follow. The "second evacuation" can not be justified on any grounds as "military necessity".

The genesis of the evacuation is one which will concern historians for many years to come. It presents a frightening picture of the effect of racist pressures on a military decision. The sanctification of the curfew and evacuation orders by the Supreme Court (in wartime decisions, to be sure) already have lessened, in the opinion of constitutional authorities, the liberties of every American.

At a time when legislation to repay the evacuees for justifiable claims for evacuation losses meets opposition in Congress, in the person of California's Rep. Engle this week, it would be well to remember that a reexamination of the facts will provide testimony that evacuation was not a necessary wartime sacrifice.

Evacuation, though inspired by military considerations, was influenced by greed and prejudice. #

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## 1941-42: Climate of fear

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casian woman in a Downtown L.A. theater and applauding the bombing of Pearl Harbor. They were also accused of hissing at Roosevelt and Churchill who were on the screen. The charges against the two youths, who denied the accusations, were later dropped, because the woman failed to appear to sign a complaint.

Washington correspondent Palmer reported stories of Congressmen calling for evacuation, such as Rep. Leland Ford's desire for all Japanese on the West Coast on Jan. 22:

"... (Ford) feels that these native born Japanese 'may not be any more loyal than are foreign born,' (his) statement said, but stated that again there may be those who are loyal, if they really are, should be willing to acquiesce in the movement.

"He develops the fact that other loyal Americans are enlisting in the (armed forces) ... and it is not asking too much of the Japs to make theirs in the form of permitting themselves to be placed in

concentration camps, although they may be loyal."

Columnists, both local and syndicated, also contributed to the pro-evacuation stance. Hiroto said, "The various writers studied reflected the general attitudes prevailing—especially the columnists. They seemingly understood the plight of the Nisei and at times went out of their way to urge compassion and understanding of the resident Japanese.

"But, as has been seen in the news columns, sympathy turned to hatred and kindness to cruelty."

Syndicated columnist Walter Lippmann, considered a highly influential political writer, wrote Feb. 6:

"... Then there is the fact—unpleasant but inescapable—that American citizenship, whether acquired by birth or by naturalization, is not an infallible guarantee of loyalty. We know that some of the most dangerous Axis agents, and some of their most subversive organizations, have been recruited from naturalized citizens. We also know that there have been native



Wm. 'Wimp' Hiroto

citizens who have worked for the Axis ..."

Lippmann was apparently referring to Nazi sympathizers but the obvious reference to the West Coast reader during this time would be towards the Japanese.

Other local columnists stirred more fears, such as Chapin Hall, a Times' writer who wrote Dec. 8 that Japanese children are taught in school to take things from other countries if so desired. Tom Treanor, another Times writer, said Jan. 26, "... It is scarcely believable that we can go through an entire war permitting hundreds of an enemy race to move at will ..."

Hiroto pointed out that on Jan. 23 the Times, which had previously presented pro and con stories concerning Japanese Am-

ericans, presented its own initial editorial stand:

"Many of our Japanese, whether born out here or not, are fully loyal and deserve sympathy rather than suspicion. Others, in both categories, hold to a foreign allegiance and are dangerous, at least potentially. To be sure it would sometimes stump an expert to tell which is which and mistakes, if made, should be made on the side of caution."

From here, said Hiroto, the Times began a consistent editorial campaign in favor of mass evacuation. Erroneous reports of alleged "spy" and "sabotage" activities were released, though unfounded. During the month of February, a series of articles from New York Times reporter Hallett Abend, entitled "Japan Un-

masked," gave "An Amazing Disclosure of Japanese Plans for Its War Against America."

Hiroto's findings indicate that even the powerful Times, the largest and most respectable newspaper in the city, was vulnerable to overemphasizing misinformation and inaccurate reports, and allowing columnists to voice their own biased opinions.

To sum up the result of such contributions to wartime hysteria by the Times and other papers, Hiroto quoted Yale Law Professor Eugene V. Rostow, who said in Sept. 1945:

"One hundred thousand persons were sent to concentration camps on a record which wouldn't support a conviction for stealing a dog."

To Be Concluded

## Former AADAP director to head L.A. anti-gang program

LOS ANGELES—Tommy Chung, a former executive director of the Asian American Drug Abuse Program Inc., was named July 7 director of the county's newly-formed program to curb gang violence. The Board of Supervisors hired Chung to the \$45,000-a-year post to replace John Flores, who had been on the job less than four months, but was dismissed because of reports of poor program management and excessive out-of-town travel.

Chung, a former gang member himself, will head the \$1.3 million Community Youth Gang Services Project, which involves the use of paid street workers, many of them ex-gang members with police records, to function as peacemakers between rival youth gangs.

Born in East Los Angeles, Chung has worked in various ethnic neighborhoods, including the black community, where the anti-gang project reportedly has gotten its slowest start. In addition, he has been involved in such organizations as the Asian Joint Communications, Asian Involvement and is currently a member of the JAACL Pan Asian Chapter.

## ZIP+4 gets green light from White House

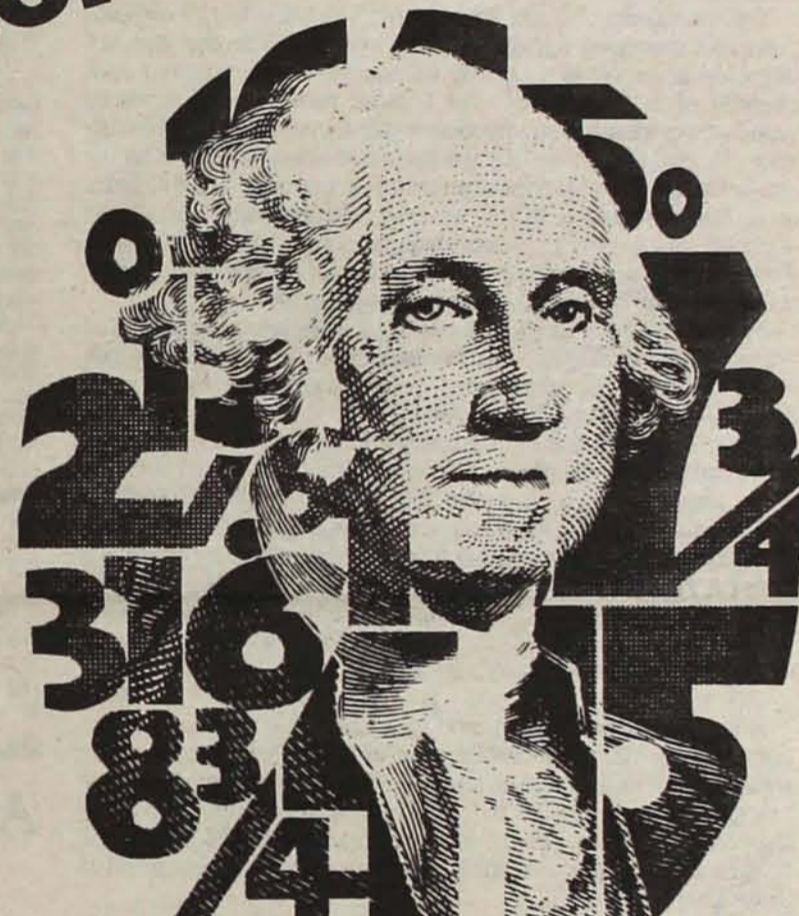
WASHINGTON—The proposed ZIP+4, reportedly to increase automation and save money for the U.S. Postal Service, has been given the green light by the Office of Management and Business, in a letter dated June 23 to Postmaster General William Bolger.

Use of the additional four numbers will be voluntary with perhaps mass mailers being encouraged by a 1/2¢-per-piece saving by the finer sorting. The USPS plans to begin sending out master lists of ZIP+4 addresses as requests are received.

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## Japan Trip

Part 8

Acceptance of self is the precursor of self-confidence and the prerequisite of security. Individually and collectively, human nature seeks stability and surety.

Thus it comes as no surprise that the very mention of a sensitive, perhaps controversial issue such as JACL's role in strengthening U.S.—Japan ties elicits reactions that run the gamut from appall to applause. Within our membership, itself, there is diversity of opinions, based perhaps on the degree of individual self-confidence and security attained.

This recurrent thought focused my attention to my own actions and reactions during my visit to Japan. The trip was not intended to serve as a convoy in search of my roots nor as a channel of self-discovery. Yet I came away with a renewed value of my identity. Acknowledgement, acceptance and assurance, in that order. Unless we can first acknowledge who we are—Americans of Japanese ancestry, accept ourselves as heirs of a dual heritage with its two-fold responsibility, and assert ourselves with confident assurance, we cannot expect non-Asian Americans to acknowledge our citizenship, accept us as equals, and know with certainty where our loyalties lie.

Ascertaining our identity is essential if we are to be effectual architects of our destiny. We cannot escape the harsh reality that American sentiments towards U.S.-Japan relations, even today, directly affect the Nikkei. Japan's growing success in industry and trade aroused waves of anxiety and resentment, earlier this year, among the people of a troubled America faced with an ailing economy, unemployment and inflation. Anger and frustration sought release upon a convenient scapegoat. This backlash unfairly hurled at Japan also found its target in the Japanese Americans. With each new crisis and renewed stirrings of hostilities, we come to understand that the veneer that hides underlying racial prejudice is very thin indeed and is readily exposed when pricked by economic hardships.

Recent voices of protest and lobbying pressures for protectionist measures were reminiscent of the racist climate of the 40's. It is especially timely that we are now in the process of bringing those injustices to light through the Commission hearings on Redress. It is only through the educational process of enlightening the general public that we can avoid a repetition of those grave wrongs.

Likewise, it is through factual knowledge of Japan's true character and history that we can hope to correct the false image, misleading misconceptions and damaging accusations that hurt America's strongest ally in the Pacific arena and which endanger the mutually beneficial alliance between these two countries. The mass public is unaware of the numerous grants and goodwill programs introduced by Japan to further better relations.

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**YE EDITOR'S DESK: by Harry Honda**

## Silver Strand

San Diego, Ca.

Fourth of July is the traditional day for San Diego JACL's summer picnic at Silver Strand State Beach—a sandy stretch south of Coronado. We were not the only out-of-towners enjoying the sea-breeze and sunshine as Salt Lake's Jeanne Konishi (whose sister here is Tom Kida's wife) wasn't too sure an Angeleno would come this far for an outing, and before she had a chance to ask—I was greeting her. She was a PC by-liner who had helped tremendously during the 1958 National JACL Convention at Salt Lake City. Besides visiting relatives here (as we do whenever we come down), Jeanne said she couldn't pass up the low \$52 airfare.

Probably not much different from other beach picnics, so far as activities go—swimming, pits to cook over, lots of sodapop and snowcones (which was crushed ice with syrup that seemed to hold up a bit longer), fishing derby for shore fish, fun games, races on the sand—this being a state park, the ample parking lot is within 30 yards from the sand and surf. (Most Southern California beaches operated by the state are similarly planned.)

To help pay for the picnic goodies and prizes and the chapter scholarship fund, we made our usual contribution to Mas Hironaka at the picnic. "Didn't you win a big prize—a 10-speed bicycle—some years ago?" I was reminded again. That was five years ago but we add each time our daughter Patty had won that. Starting next year, undoubtedly we'll be reminded of the first prize—a video recorder, presented to Patty again. We'll keep contributing at the JACL picnic here in silvery hopes of landing a first prize ... like the countless others who contribute to the scholarship fund.

## Letterbox

● **Thanks to Patty, too**  
Editor:

My introduction to the JACL came as an auditor for Alexander Grant. There were fundamental inadequacies in the fiscal operation of the organization. Over a period of time, my role evolved. What started as a temporary relationship to assist in refining the fiscal operations of the organization has become a staff role over the last three years. I always intended my relationship to be temporary, but somehow, it has extended far beyond that. In retrospect, I think that my tenure lasted because of the many really good people in JACL.

For my own career development, I need to move on. I have known that since the time it started. It is a difficult departure. I have made many friends, and have many fond memories.

There are a couple of JACLers that I wanted to acknowledge. One is Bob Yoshioka. Outside of the office and a few Board Members, most JACLers don't know Bob. He is a local CPA, that has volunteered many hours to the organization. Bob knows the finances of JACL as well as anyone through his work with us. He receives no compensation; he receives no recognition. He just works hard for the organization.

Another person that I would like to recognize is the infamous George Kodama. Since I was the Business Manager and George was the National Treasurer, we spent much time working together. George is someone that I could call at 10:00 at night to work out a fiscal situation. George made many trips to Headquarters to work on the organization's finances. Often, he paid for these expenses out of his own pocket. I know that he is busy. I also know that he gave a great deal of his time and heart to JACL. He had a difficult role in the organization. In order to establish a good fiscal management system, his role required him to take positions that were unpopular. He made much personal sacrifice to the organization.

Bob and George have laid a firm basis in our current fiscal operation. The pattern of deficit spending has been reversed, and JACL is now a financially responsible



operation. There are systems that need development and refinement, but a firm basis has been provided by the work of Bob Yoshioka and George Kodama. The new National Treasurer, Hank Sakai, and National Director, Ron Wakabayashi, can carry this work forward. They have demonstrated their commitment in this direction and the future for JACL looks very encouraging.

PATTY PAGANINI  
San Francisco

### ● Oyama's Outcry

Editor:  
With all due respect to Naomi Kashiwabara, who is a friend of my sister, Mary Mittler, I must reply to his letter of June 18, 1981 in the PC. In no way was I a part of a "volunteer host family" program as Kashiwabara intimated.

Paul Imaizumi, a long-time friend of our's and the father of Erie, the exchange student from Japan, out of concern for his daughter's safe return to Japan arranged to have his daughter stay with us a couple of days after the termination of Erie's exchange program in Oklahoma.

The whole emphasis of the (10/

11/80) article I wrote on the contrast between big city Tokyo and bucolic Pryor, Oklahoma, where this particular student stayed almost a year.

JOE OYAMA  
Berkeley, CA

### ● Let this be

Editor:  
Subsequent to our telephone conversation regarding the error in reporting the debate between Yasui and Baker, there was to be a retraction by Pacific Citizen.

In the June 26th edition, there was no retraction except to change the word "debate" to "discussion". Nowhere does it state that Lillian Baker was not scheduled to appear on the same discussion program, but rather it underlines the assumption that I will.

I find this ruse appalling, particularly so after my telephone call. However, I want you to know that at any time Yasui or members of JACL or NCR [sic] want to debate or discuss the issues, Lillian Baker is ready, willing, and able.

Please print this letter as my personal challenge and also to inform your readers of the facts in

the above misprint.

LILLIAN BAKER  
Gardena, Ca.

### ● Mad as hell

Editor:  
Lillian Baker: I have been reading your vitriolic comments for years. I suggest you back-off and take a good look at your conscience.

Someday you will get down on your hands and knees and thank the Japanese American community for giving their blood and guts to a noble cause.

Let me remind you—the "Constitution of the United States" must NEVER be violated!!!

M. YAMANAKA ISEKA  
Palo Alto, Ca.

### ● South Bay Salvo

Editor:  
We appreciate the fine coverage you have been giving us on the results of our Redress Forum and on our Nisei Week Queen contestant. Thank you also for reprinting some of my articles from our newsletter.

EDWIN Y. MITOMA  
South Bay JACL  
Newsletter Editor

## SPEAKING OUT:

# A Japan JACLer's views on membership in JACL

By SEN NISHIYAMA  
(Japan Chapter Special Member)

The following points should be considered in any JACL decision on the type of membership that non-U.S.-citizens (hereafter called non-citizens) can hold in the organization.

1—JACL engages in many activities of a political nature, such as promoting action in State and National legislatures aimed at progress in equality and the elimination of discrimination. Even the promotion of legislation on cultural exchange programs, which probably would have nothing to do with discrimination, would also be a political action.

Indeed, such politically oriented activity is one of the main focuses of JACL as an important minority organization in the political life of the United States of America. Obviously, only American citizens should be engaged in such direct political activities in the United States.

2—Non-citizens should not be allowed to involve themselves as direct political activists. Otherwise, they would be foreigners interfering with the internal affairs of a sovereign nation. Other nations jealously guard this important element of sovereignty and independence. To prohibit non-citizens from this activity is no more discrimination than limiting the right to vote in public elections to citizens.

3—Discrimination becomes a valid issue when the basic freedoms of speech, religion, education, work, etc., are withheld in fields where citizenship is not a requirement. It is not discrimination when a non-citizen is not allowed to become an American military officer or an American government official, for example. Where loyalty to the United States is a key requirement, JACL should be the first organization to come forward to uphold the requirement.

Where discrimination is of a social or cultural nature and not political, non-citizens could legitimately become active in eliminating such sources of misunderstanding. However, any legislative action to eliminate even the causes of these areas of discrimination would be a political process in which only citizens should be involved.

4—JACL must continue in the task of maintaining its public acceptance as a reputable organization of American citizens. This effort would be seriously hampered, if not completely destroyed, if non-citizens became full, voting members, meaning they could become officers of JACL.

5—It is not only legislative action but also various government administrative action that can have political elements. Where

ever such political elements in the governments of local and national bodies are involved, the primary activity should be limited to American citizens. The rescinding of the Executive Order on relocation of American citizens of a particular ethnic origin, for example, was a political process, even though many non-citizens were also victims of the action in World War II.

The only activities in which non-citizens might become legitimately involved in the political areas of American life would be in such cases as serving as witnesses, reference sources, etc., in matters where American citizens need the information to take proper political action. The redress commission investigation is an example.

### NON-CITIZENS AS 'SPECIAL' OR 'ASSOCIATE' MEMBERS OF JACL

1—It is to the advantage of JACL to have non-citizens as dues-paying, non-voting, members who support the objectives of JACL and wish to participate in its activities. They can be fully involved in the cultural, social, educational activities of JACL on an equal footing with the citizen members and thereby broaden the resources of the organization.

2—The international nature of JACL, which cannot be avoided even though JACL is primarily a citizens' organization, is enhanced by the active participation of non-citizen members. With the Japanese American relations being "the most important bilateral relations in the world," in the words of U.S. Ambassador Mike Mansfield, the efforts of Japanese American citizens in promoting and improving relations with Japan can be a major contribution to world peace and order. This is greatly aided by the active cooperation of non-citizens having strong cultural and historic ties with both countries.

3—Financial support is essential. Non-citizens can be an important source of support.

4—With the rapidly growing investments and activities of Japanese enterprises in the United States, the American enterprises in Japan, the role of both citizens and non-citizens is becoming increasingly important. JACL is, willy-nilly, affected by these developments. Therefore, special or associate members can help in making the influences of these developments positive and progressive through JACL.

5—The interpersonal contacts generated by membership in JACL are valuable in all areas of international life. Having non-citizens in JACL aids in developing the position of citizen members who are interested in expanding their activities beyond the limits of strictly U.S.-oriented interests.



FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa

## A Glorious 4th, But With Less Sizzle

Denver, Colo.

As has become our custom, most of the clan got together on the Fourth of July to observe our national holiday. That meant a picnic type dinner followed by fireworks as the cooling twilight gives way to darkness.

Alice cooked up the main courses—spareribs and potato salad. Everyone agrees her potato salad is superb, so she has become the designated potato-salad maker of the outfit. The other branches of the family contributed their own specialties, all of which added up to a first class feed although it is unclear why anyone should practice gluttony on Independence Day.

If there was nothing Japanese about our Fourth in recognition of ethnicity, that was fitting and proper. The Fourth of July is a strictly American occasion and deserves to be celebrated as such. Our New Year's day wouldn't be complete without Japanese delicacies, which the grandchildren have learned to enjoy, and that's proper too because New Year's is a much bigger holiday in Japan than it is in the U.S. A bi-cultural background has its advantages. But I digress.

Eventually it became dark enough to break out the fireworks. Back in the good old days, fireworks of the explosive kind made the Fourth hideous for adults and delightful for kids. Judging from the sounds, with old tomato cans being blasted high into the air, it would seem a second rate war was raging in the neighborhood. Not any more. Spoil-sport municipal officials, wearying of fires, maimed children, complaining adults and frightened dogs running wild, have banned the more barbaric of Fourth of July fireworks. All the kids can get now in our part of the country are the kinds that spout fire without going bang.

This has done nothing to reduce the cost of celebrating. The guys wouldn't tell me how much they had invested in

the stuff that would be burned up that evening, but I guess it would have amounted to about a week and a half's pay back when I was shooting off fireworks for them. Long ago, I recalled, I had written a column about celebrating the Fourth and later, just for fun, I looked it up in the Frying Pan book. There it was on page 96.

Mike and Susan and I had driven up to Cheapskate Hill, overlooking the stadium, to get a free view of the big fireworks display. We were far from affluent those days. Let me quote a few paragraphs:

"After the show was over we pulled out a few sparklers and a couple of Roman candles of our own. The children's eyes reflected the flash of the sparklers—they were happy as only kids can be when they are playing with forbidden fire.

"The Roman candles were the finale, the dessert course. They had been treasured ever since we had bought them and because they cost 20 cents apiece, the children received only one each. Susan offered to shoot hers off first. A match was touched to the fuse and for an instant there was the exciting sizzle that precedes the first outpouring of flame.

"She clutched the candle tightly, tense and anticipating and half frightened by the novelty. She held it enraptured as one by one the balls of fire spewed forth and whistled out into the darkness. And when all too soon the tenth ball had glowed and died, a long, happy sigh escaped her.

Mike was next, and Susan stood by his side, envious and yet glad for him because it was his turn and he was having his fun. But it was all over too quickly, and time to go home and to bed.

"She cuddled up close as we started back and she said: 'That was fun. Next year, Daddy, can we have TWO Roman candles? Please?'"

That was back in July of 1949. Thirty-two years ago? How could so much time have ticked off, so much water flowed under the bridge, so many Roman candles fired into the night? But it was true, and now Susan had her own youngster by her side. Too young yet to touch off his own fireworks, he watched from the sidelines. Perhaps next year he will be big enough to share more actively the excitement of the Fourth of July. But he won't have the thrill of firing off a Roman candle. They, too, are illegal now.

## 35 Years Ago

JULY 20, 1946

July 15—President Truman reviews 442nd RCT men on parade under steady drizzle down Constitution Ave. to Ellipse; attaches seventh Presidential Unit Citation ribbon to regimental colors. Truman's statement: "You fought not only the enemy, but you fought prejudice—and you have won. Keep up that fight and we will continue to win—to make this great Republic stand for the constitution says it stands for the welfare of all people all the time." ... 442nd deactivation locale and time changed from Ft. Belvoir, Va., to Hawaii in the fall. (The group returned by sea through the Panama Canal.)

July 10—Nat'l JAACL organizes Anti-Discrimination Committee to fight race prejudice in 5-point program: (1) civil rights for all Americans, (2) repeal of anti-Japanese laws at federal, state and local levels, (3) informing the general

public of Japanese American contributions, aspirations and problems, (4) to participate in litigation involving rights of persons of Japanese ancestry, and (5) eliminating discriminatory practices because of race and national origin wherever found.

July 12—U.S. Dist. Judge A.F. St. Sure, San Francisco, dismisses ACLU suit seeking restoration of U.S. citizenship for 1,500 Nisei renunciants at Tule Lake; 20 days allowed to file amended petition.

July 13—JAACL president Saburo Kido urges U.S. remove law barring Japanese to become naturalized citizens at Tennessee race relations forum.

July 14—Compromise solution indicated in Minneapolis (Jon Matsuo) housing case. (Matsuo, a war veteran, was denied a lot to build his home on Oak Hill, reserved for veterans attending University.)

in the Pacific Citizen

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani



## A Most Valuable Resource

Philadelphia

IN THE PREVIOUS column entitled "The Changing of the Guard," we proffered some observations on the process of change, the shifting of leadership, particularly as it relates to the national JAACL. We mentioned the inevitability, the desirability, of such shift and change. At the same time, we also suggested that the so-called "older leaders", with their wealth of background and experience, have a meaningful role and substantial contributions to make. (I hasten to add, presumptuously, I make no such claim on my own behalf.) One of these leaders is preeminently and indubitably, Mike Masaoka.

AT THE OUTSET, let it be known that Mike and I have not always concurred on some issues, and there have been several occasions where I had openly taken positions opposite his, both in print as well as vocally. On those occasions, however, I did so with a deep and abiding respect for him, both as a person and for all that he has sacrificed for the welfare of the Issei and Nikkei. There were also occasions where differences were soberly discussed between just the two of us and an accommodation was reached. At all times, even when dealing with an issue that Mike felt most strongly about, his response was gentlemanly. And, yes, there continue to be a few issues on which we continue not to agree, but then that's true of any other relationship that I have.

THERE MAY BE some who are either unaware, or choose to be unaware, of the scope of Mike's knowledge and vast experience from no other source, can be gained. And, accordingly, in years past I have sought his comments and perspectives, and continue to hope to do so. As to certain issues, one would be an arrogant fool not to seek the benefit of Mike's wealth of background information. I may be arrogant at times, but seldom a fool. This does not mean, however, that his comments are not subjected to an independent evaluation, subjected to the same reasoning process that one would accord to any comment.

IT'S NOT CLEAR to me why everyone would not seek to tap this unselfish source of background information and evaluative perspective: it may be that some are awed (perhaps not without some cause) by his articulate personality. I must confess that after having heard so much about him for so many years, when I first heard him speak and then met him, my initial reaction was the same. Indeed, even today, when I see Mike take the podium and then proceed, without notes, to engage in a spell-binding discourse, my thoughts harken back to that first meeting.

I SOON LEARNED that this awesome individual was a most thoughtful, sensitive, deeply concerned and dedicated person. There were many little gestures, seemingly insignificant, that told much of the person, that confirmed my deep and abiding respect. Underneath his awesome personality, I continue to see these little, but significant, gestures... and know that he is the same, unchanged.

HE IS THERE. Solicit and "use" him. If it be timidity on your part, set it aside. Receive and evaluate. But receive. Above all, don't be an arrogant fool. #

■ One is slave to his lust, another to his avarice, yet another to his ambition, and all to hope, all to fear.—Macrobius.

Education

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MUSUBI: by Ron Wakabayashi

## 'Tough'-Going at Times

I speak in Japanese American. When I was a kid, I remember seeing a lot of "kamaboko" houses. I go to the "benjo" more than to the bathroom. I couldn't find the word, "kuichi", in the dictionary, Japanese or English. I once heard an Issei lady in the elevator of a large department store mutter, "kusai!" I couldn't stop laughing.

The baby finger on my left hand has great coordination and strength. It's from typing the letter "A" so often because my name is Wakabayashi. I spell Wakabayashi on the phone all day long. It takes at least ten seconds more than other people. I will probably have to sign that eleven-letter name over 6,000 times in the next twelve-month period. I remember that my father used to get mail addressed to Walker, Wakabayashi, Walingbyitch, and a number of other interesting salutations. In college, when roll was called on the first day of class, as soon as the instructor paused in the W's, I would announce my presence, knowing it would be far worse to let him proceed.

Secretaries hate me. "Please tell so and so that Ron Wakabayashi is calling." "Oh my, can you spell that for me?" Ten seconds of spelling follow. She takes ten more seconds to spell it back to me. Then she tries to pronounce it. 95% of the time, the secretary blows it. I pronounce it slowly, syllable by syllable. The secretary tries again, gets closer. I now have to make a decision. On long distance calls, I acquiesce. On local calls, we try it again. At the other end, after all of this, I picture her telling her boss, that a Ron with a long last name is calling.

Old ladies hate me. Flying back from Washington D.C., an old lady sat next to me. Very deliberately, carefully enunciating, she asked where I was from. She looked disappointed. She said, "No! Where are you from?" "San Francisco," I answered. Again, she was disappointed, and repeated her question. "Lady, I am from San Francisco. What are you asking me?" She asked me, if I were Chinese. Now, I know I don't look Chinese. Nobody takes me for Chinese. Jim Tsujimura's kids think I look Mexican, but nobody thinks I look Chinese. "I told her, 'I'm not Chinese.'" Maybe, she thinks all Asians from San Francisco are Chinese, I thought. "What are you, then?" she continued. "I'm Japanese American." I said, firmly. She proceeded to tell me about some lady she met just after World War II, who was Japanese, and asked if I knew her. It was a long flight home.

On arrival in San Francisco, she politely said goodbye to me. As she left her seat, she turned to me and said, "You speak English very well." Thanks, lady I really needed that. Boy, it's tough being Japanese American.

This is the first of Ron Wakabayashi's column as national JAACL director. About a decade ago, he penned a regular PC column, "Checkmate", covering youth interests. His new column head, *Musubi*, has two meanings in Nihongo: (a) an end, a knot or tie; (b) a rice-ball. Knowing him as we do, he probably has both notions in mind—which could never happen had the title been in Kanji.—Editor.

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## Non-Citizen Members

Should non-American citizens become full active members of JACL? The present constitution forbids this. The subject has been hotly debated within the organization.

I had been for eliminating citizenship requirement primarily because I felt that we were creating two classes of membership—the privileged and the unprivileged. As long as the members can support the concept spelled out in the JACL national constitution I thought that they should all be on equal footing. There are many ethnic organizations in America without a citizenship requirement although they are active politically in Washington.

I know that many of us spoke out for the elimination of citizenship requirement because some "Special Members" resented their unequal status. Were we assuming too much? Sen

Nishiyama's statements which appear elsewhere in this issue is thought provoking. I believe I need to review my own thoughts and concepts to see if the basis for my views were valid to begin with.

Sen Nishiyama is a Nisei member of the Japan JACL Chapter. He was one of the principal figures in helping out president Jim Tsujimura during his recent visit to Japan. Back in the depression era of the early 1930s Sen found employment as an engineer in Japan, and since 1935 he has been a naturalized Japanese citizen. He is well known to the Japanese media, and is a distinguished and highly regarded top Sony corporate executive in charge of International Affairs.

## IDC aids Idaho Historical Society's Nikkei project

CALDWELL, Ida.—Intermountain District Council allocated program funds to three member chapters at its recent quarterly session here June 6. Recipients were:

Boise Valley JACL—to help purchase display cases to house historical material on the Japanese and Japanese Americans of Idaho at the Idaho State Historical Society in Boise.

Idaho Falls JACL—to assist Idaho Falls' sister city affiliation with Tokaimura, a Japanese city.

Salt Lake JACL—to start work on the upcoming IDC biennial convention over the Thanksgiving weekend. This will also be joint district conference with Mountain Plain chapters attending.

The next quarterly meeting will be hosted by Pocatello JACL on Aug. 15. A summer barbecue is being planned.

## Chapter Pulse

### Cleveland JACL OKs group legal plan

Cleveland JACL board, at its March meeting, adopted a group legal plan. Membership chair Ken Kurokawa was appointed to promote the service through letters, pamphlets and ID cards.

Scholarship awards were presented June 20 at the graduates dinner to Kenya Kozawa, George Nishimoto Memorial Award; Therese Petrus, Cleveland Japanese American Foundation Award; and Susan Maki, Barbara Takiguchi award.

Expenses for the scholarship dinner were covered by interest earned from the chapter scholarship fund, it was added by treasurer Masy Tashima.

### Philadelphian forms theater group, RICE

WEST CHESTER, Pa.—Yoko Hashimoto Sinclair, a Philadelphia JACLer who has been teaching theater arts at West Chester State College here for 12 years, is the organizer of RICE (Repertory for International Cultural Exchange) theater group, which has performed to Japan and in 12 states in this country.

### Deaths

Wesley K Oyama, 72, retired import-export businessman, died July 6 in Merritt Hospital, Oakland. He established Modern Food Products Co. in Denver during WW2, moved his firm to San Francisco where it later became Japan Foods. He then opened American Drug in Tokyo, until returning to San Francisco. Despite loss of voice due to cancer some 20 years ago, he continued to be active. Surviving are: s Roger, d Reiko, br George 'Clem', Joe, s Mary Mittner (Los Angeles), Lily Sasaki (Berkeley).

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### French Camp JACL benefit bazaar

The French Camp JACL annual benefit bazaar, which will raise funds for chapter activities and the community center's maintenance, will be held Saturday, July 18, beginning at 4 p.m. at the French Camp Community Hall. #

### Mile-Hi fund-raiser called profitable

Participation by Mile-Hi JACL for the first time in the recent Capitol Hill People's Fair was reported profitable, thanks to efforts of the many members and volunteers. A financial report was due at the chapter meeting June 25 at Cathay Post. Chapter is also sponsoring a community picnic for Sunday, Aug. 2.

### WLA Sansei JACL installs officers

LOS ANGELES—The first annual installation banquet for the newly formed West Los Angeles Sansei JACL was held June 26 at the Travelodge International Hotel. WLA Chapter President Bill Sakurai installed the following new officers:

Ron Sakurai, pres; Craig Watanabe, 1st vp; Paul Suyetsugu, Ricky Maruyama, 2nd vp; Kevin Yamaguchi, Connie Sakurai, 3rd vp; Claudia Kajihara, sec; Judy Kamikihara, treas; Caren Oshiro, corr sec; Ron Kimura, pub/hist; Ken Sakurai, Roy Nakabara, Dan Sakurai, Diane Hiram, Julia Kajihara, tele comm; and 29 committee members.

### Sacramento JACL to celebrate 50th

SACRAMENTO—The Sacramento JACL will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Saturday, Nov. 14 with a gala dinner dance at the Woodlake Inn. Honored guests will be the charter members of the chapter, who are asked to contact the Sacramento JACL at 2739 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento 95818.

### Mt. Olympus outing includes dinner

Mt. Olympus JACL's annual outing Aug. 8 at Evergreen Park features games at 5 and dinner at 6:30 p.m. The Issei Center is holding bingo for the seniors while games for all others are planned.

### Spokane honors Issei, Nisei seniors

SPOKANE, Wa.—A well-attended banquet was held here June 28 in honor of the remaining Issei pioneers and, for the first time, elderly Nisei over age 70. Mayor Ron Bair welcomed the guests and paid tribute to the seniors. Guest speakers included Rep. Tom Foley (D-Wa.), Dr. Jim Tsujimura of Portland, National JACL president; and Japanese Consul General Naoki Nakano from Seattle.

Responses for the Issei was made by Harry Yoshida. Fred Shiozaki was emcee.

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Seabrook: 15-Ellen Nakamura.  
Seattle: 1-P H Schmidt.  
Twin Cities: 1-Esther Suzuki.  
Venice-Culver: 9-Yoichi John Asari\*.  
Washington, DC: 11-Dr Patricia K Roberts\*.  
West Los Angeles: 6-Harry Fujino.

### CENTURY CLUB\*

1-Dr Victor Makita (Gar), 1-M Paul Sagawa (SGV), 3-Yoichi John Asari (VNC), 1-Dr Patricia K Roberts (WDC).  
SUMMARY (Since Dec. 31, 1980)  
Active (Previous total) ..... 1,500  
Total this report ..... 18  
Current total ..... 1,518

### PERSONALS — Sacramento

1000er Louis Seto closed his pharmacy for three big reasons and a well-deserved vacation to visit his sons in Los Angeles: #1 Steve completed UC Irvine med school and will be interning at Harbor-UCLA General Hospital, #2 son Brad, asst. prof. at UCLA Dental School and wife Marla had a baby son, and #3 son Ronald was graduated from Schurr High School in Montebello, Ca.

(This is just an experiment, but personal news items about our 1000 Clubbers would be welcome. We can also plug new 1000ers in business, too.—Ed.)

"Non-citizens, who wish to become full members, ought to fulfill the naturalization requirements and become American citizens," he wrote me recently. "I don't think this separation of category is discrimination," he said.

JACL is multi-interest and multi-view in nature. This diversity creates in-house controversies, but that is healthy and stimulating. This subject will certainly again be debated at the next national convention in 1982. There could be a compromise such as—Special Members may vote and hold local chapter office, other than as president or official delegates, but Special Members may not hold a national elective office, etc.

A permission was received from Sen Nishiyama to publish his statements in the PC. It is an interesting perspective that needs serious consideration.

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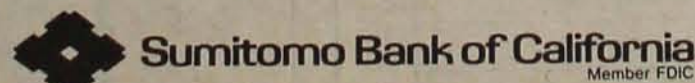
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# TSUJIMURA

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tions, not only in cultural and educational fields but in industry as well. Contrary to special interest groups' allegations of Japan's prosperity-gained-at-America's-expense, Japan has, at her own expense, established plants in the U.S. that provide employment for hundreds of Americans.

Little note has been given to Japan's long-standing loyalty and unwavering support in sensitive areas of U.S. international policies—the boycott of the Olympics, sanctions against Iran, denunciation of Soviet invasion in Afghanistan to name a few—which often harbor great risks and consequences for Japan.

A country which honors integrity of commitment, Japan has long since paid off all war debts to the U.S. She has demonstrated willingness to work out areas of contention (e.g. curtailment of auto imports) and has absorbed with dignity some disappointments resulting from perplexing U.S. policies—too delicate, perhaps, to mention here but which might have been avoided had there been better understanding and communication between people-to-people and nation-to-nation (areas wherein JACL might have been of service).

JACL being a human/civil rights, educational and cultural organization, does not hesitate in the least to share its knowledge of the culture and traditions of Japan. Neither, then, should we hesitate to communicate to the unenlightened sector—those mentally mired in the propaganda of the Pearl Harbor myth—accurate information at the grass-root level as well as at the upper echelons of political power. We must not stop short of impacting legislative policies that affect our future and security, viz., promoting sound U.S.-Japan relations.

"Don't rattle the cage" lest we rouse the sleeping giant of

## Calendar

### ● JULY 18 (Saturday)

\* Los Angeles—Miss Sansei Pageant, Beverly Hilton, 6:30pm dnr.  
\* Cleveland—Obon Festival (2da), Buddhist Church, 6:30pm.  
\* Oxnard—Obon Festival, Buddhist Church, 3-10pm.  
\* Mtn. View—Obon Festival (2da), Buddhist Temple.

### ● JULY 19 (Sunday)

PSWDC—Redress mock hrg, Little Tokyo Towers, 2pm; Paul Bannai, CWRIC exec dir, spkr.  
\* Portland—Folkfest, Waterfront Park.  
\* Cincinnati—Bd mtg, Pat Ikeda's res.  
\* San Jose—Tennis tourn, San Jose State, 8am-4pm.  
\* San Francisco—San Jose Nikkei Sgls Club outing, Sigmund Grove concert.

\* Los Angeles—Joint violin-piano concert: Leon Spierer, Anna Fujita-Teng, (2da) JACCC Library; 3pm Sun, 7:30pm Mon.  
● JULY 22-29  
Mexico City—1st Pan-American Nikkei Convention (Nat'l JACL delegation, led by Chuck Kubokawa, will be quartered at El Presidente Chapultepec Hotel; PSW delegation will be staying at Hyatt Continental Hotel); Wed: golf, sports, hotel check-in; Thu: regis, 6pm; welcome party, Nichi-Boku Kaikan, 9 pm; Fri-Sat: bus sess, Nichi-Boku Ga-kuin, 10am-5 pm; Fri: Japan Embassy reception, 8pm; Sun: Sayonara party, Nichi-Boku Kaikan, 8pm.

### ● JULY 22 (Wednesday)

Berkeley—Initial dance class, Berk United Meth Ch, 7:30pm.  
● JULY 23 (Thursday)  
\* San Jose—Sansei Club mtg, Sumitomo Bank Bldg, 7pm (every 4th Thu).  
\* Sacramento—Gen mtg, Nisei Hall, 7:30pm.

● JULY 24 (Friday)  
\* San Jose—Nikkei Sgls Club mtg, Sumitomo Bank Bldg, 7:30pm.  
● JULY 25 (Saturday)  
Philadelphia—Picnic, Moriuchi Home, Moorestown, N.J., 2-7pm.  
\* Santa Cruz—SJo Sansei Club beach party, New Brighton, 10am.  
● JULY 26 (Sunday)  
Seattle—1000 Club golf tourn, Jefferson, 11 am; award dnr, Perry Ko's South China Rest.  
Detroit—Comm picnic, Warrendale Area, Edw Hines Park.  
Salinas—Obon Festival, Buddhist Church.

● JULY 28-AUG. 28  
Sonoma County—Cha-ya (concession), Sonoma County Fair.  
● JULY 30-AUG. 2  
EDC-MDC/St Louis—Biennial Conv, Washington University.  
● JULY 31 (Friday)  
\* Salt Lake City—Oriental Festival (2da), Japanese Ch of Christ.  
● AUGUST 1 (Saturday)  
\* Los Angeles—Nisei Week baby show, Parker Auditorium.  
● AUGUST 2 (Sunday)  
NCWNPDC—JACL swim meet, Gunn High, Palo Alto, 8am.  
Cincinnati—Potluck picnic, St Edmund's.  
\* Mile-Hi—Nikkei picnic.  
● AUGUST 8 (Saturday)  
\* Anaheim—Nisei Week Coronation Ball, Disneyland Hotel.  
\* San Francisco—Nihonmachi Street Fair (2da).  
● AUGUST 9 (Sunday)  
Mt Olympus—Comm picnic, Evergreen Park.  
\* Los Angeles—Nisei Week parade, Little Tokyo, 3pm; cultural displays, many at JACCC, 12n (thru the week, ending Aug. 16).  
● AUGUST 12 (Wednesday)  
Seabrook—Old-new bd mtg, Scott Nagao's res.

racism is to perpetuate the anxiety of insecurity, and yes, the complex of inferiority. In a country where everyone is an immigrant or the progeny of one (with the exception of the American Indians) there should be no fear of reprisals for nurturing friendship with a people of the land of our heritage. There should be no fear that dark shadows of doubts will be cast upon our character and allegiance. We have already been tried and tested. And we have triumphed.

It is time to throw off the oppressive yoke of fear and insecurity. It is now time for JACL to rise to the full measure of its stature and to reach outside of itself, to take upon a role and responsibility that is natural to assume, and indeed, expected of us by both the U.S. and Japan.

To have the confidence to accept the challenge is to know security.

## PC PEOPLE

### ● Awards

Margie Higa, a Foothill College student, was recently selected by the Golden Gate Optimist Club of San Francisco as Optimist Youth of the Winter Quarter. She is the Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jitsuo Higa of Mountain View.

Stacy Hirakawa of Reedley, Ca., was presented with the Phi Chi Theta award May 19 for leadership and scholarship at CSU Fresno. Hirakawa, a graduate student, is a member of Phi Chi Theta Women's National Professional Business fraternity and the Asian American Students group.

The Salt Lake City Community Services Council honored Tomiye Ishimatsu for her six-year service on the council board, working on minority issues and recruiting seamstresses for Functional Fashions. Ishimatsu, a Salt Lake JACLer, was presented a distinguished service award.

Honolulu Police Department's Sgt. Edwin K. Awakuni, who helped plan and carry out crime prevention programs in the city, was honored as City and County Employee of the Year at the 200 Club awards dinner last month.

In Hawaii, Nobuo Shinno and Rita Lau received Oahu's 1981

Outstanding Older American Awards for their contributions to the community at the 15th annual Mayor's Senior Citizens Recognition Program on May 8.

Although Miss Los Angeles County Cheryl Vaneleave won the Miss California title in Santa Cruz June 20, Sansei beauty Donna Jill Kimura, 21, representing San Joaquin, took top honors in the talent competition of the pageant. A music major at the Univ. of Pacific, Kimura won a \$350 scholarship for her rendition of Chopin's "Ballad in G Minor."

### ● Business

The Berkeley office of Northern California Savings announced that Lindsay Hiratzka was appointed vice president and manager May 1. Hiratzka, 28, is a graduate of UC Berkeley and has been with the savings and loan firm since 1976.

### ● Courtroom

In San Francisco, 13 Japanese American applicants passed the February Spring Bar Examination given by the State Bar of California's Committee of Bar Examiners:

Colleen Awara-Bannigan, Carlsbad; Jay Shigeru Kajimura, Bryan M. Yagi, and Don T. Yamamoto of Sacramento; Richard K. Uno, San

Francisco; Leland Kazumi Nerio, Campbell; Akiko Lynne Uriu, Davis; Lynne Michiko Oshita, Arthur Nakazato, Los Angeles; Richard M. Ota, Jim Tanizaki, Gardena; Derrick Kensei Takeuchi, Monterey Park; and Mary J. Ueki, Agoura.

### ● Education

Prof. Masayoshi Yamaguchi of UC Davis retired from the faculty July 1. He has been with the University since 1941, with his main areas of research being the physiology and biochemistry of vegetable crops. Yamaguchi received the Fulbright research award in 1959 and is a member of Sigma Xi, the American Chemical Society, the American Society for Horticultural Science and the American Society of Plant Physiologists.

David Hamamoto of Monterey Highlands Elementary School in Monterey Park, Ca. was one of 11

Los Angeles County students to win an award from the California Energy Education Council for his project on the environment.

Ronald Takaki, a professor of Asian American Studies at UC Berkeley, was among the six faculty members honored May 26 with the 1981 Distinguished Teaching Awards from the campus Academic Senate in cooperation with the California Alumni Association.

Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., presented its outstanding research award May 7 to Tetsumaro Hayashi, professor of English and founder-executive director of the John Steinbeck Society of America. A native of Japan, Hayashi is internationally recognized as a Steinbeck scholar and is also known for his research and writing about Robert Greene and William Shakespeare.

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