Sen. Inouye a chief defender of New Jersey solon hit by Abscam

WASHINGTON—The fate of Sen. Harrison A. Williams, Jr. (D-N.J.), who had been convicted last May of nine felony charges stemming from the FBI Abscam investigations, was in the hands of members in the Senate this week who were vote on the man.

While senators are divided on whether to censure or expel him, one of Williams's chief defenders has been Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii), who accused the FBI of running a campaign "to destroy a good man."

Inouye said Mar. 3 that despite Williams's alleged misconduct, the senior New Jersey senator does not deserve to become the first to be expelled since the Civil War. The Senate has never expelled a member "except where treason or disorderly to the Union was involved," Inouye remarked.

"Clearly, the conduct we are asked to judge involves nothing so serious," he said.

Calls It a 'Trap'

Inouye called FBI's Abscam project "a trap" which "then cajoled members of Congress into that trap." He also said that should Williams be expelled, all members of Congress "may be subject to similar investigation."

Judge Mamoru Sakuma
files for appellate post

SACRAMENTO, CA.—Most respected and senior Asian American judge in the state, Superior Court Judge Mamoru Sakuma, announced Feb. 16 he will submit his application for a vacancy on the Court of Appeals of the Appellate District, Sacramento.

A 402nd combat veteran, the Orange County jurist, has served on the bench since 1963, having been appointed by Gov. "Pat" Brown to the Sacramento municipal court and then winning the superior court post over three other candidates in the June 2, 1964, election, assuming the post in January, 1965. He has been a presiding judge in domestic relations, conciliation court, juvenile court and appellate division, and was appellate court presiding judge in May-June, 1972.

Individuals and organizations are being requested to urge Gov. Brown to consider Judge Sakuma's application. Brown may be reached at 1104 Capitol Hall, Sacramento 95814; and a copy going to the Governor's Legal Affairs Secretary, Byron Georgiou, Esq., State Capitol.

Sakuma was a Sacramento JACLer. He dedicated his career in the "field with Bias.

Heart Mountain camp reunion expecting 1,000

LOS ANGELES—More than 500 former internees of Heart Mountain Relocation Center have indicated their strong interest in attending the first camp-wide reunion, to be held Friday and Saturday, April 3-4 at the Hyatt Regency downtown, Shig Honda, general chairman of the event, projected close to 1,000 people attending the reunion's Grand Banquet on Saturday.

Scheduled events highlight the weekend include:

• April 3—Golf tournament at Montebello Country Club; slide show program with guest speaker Bill Hoshikawa of the Denver Post and former Heart MountainSentinel editor

• April 3—Rare film taken in Heart Mountain during internment days to be shown by Etsu Sakuya, San Jose; Grand Banquet with keynote speaker Rep. Norman Mineta; Dance follows with '40s music headed by Ten Reocho on clarinet.

Also slated is an exhibit of Heart Mountain memorabilia at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Little Tokyo. Several mini-reunions are being planned by various groups, such as the HI-Jin girls club, Boy 44 Girl 44 and Heart Mountain Classes of '44 and '45.

If enough participants sign up, special rates for Disney's "Festival Japan" on Saturday would be arranged as well.

For information on registration, call Jacki Sasaki (213) 232-4992.

Floyd Mori quits state trade post

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Nisei grower to run for seat in Sac'to

MODESTO, CA.—Westley grower Mamoru "Mum" Yamai recently announced he will seek the 27th Assembly District seat (which includes Merced) previously held by John Thurman.

Yamaiha, who made an unsuccessful run for State Redemption for the 1st District in 1978, announced he will run from the GOP primary if his party comes up with a stronger candidate. Otherwise, he may challenge Assemblyman Edward Codey (D) in the November election.

Sugahara's 'foreign aid' plan puzzles U.S.-Japan

WASHINGTON—Although Japanese officials had denied any knowledge of Tatsuyo Sugahara's "foreignd aid" plan to create jobs in the U.S. (PC Mar. 5), the Nisei businessman believes his proposal is feasible. He has asked U.S. governors to submit by March 25 their ideas on how they would make his plan to Japan for "discussions with the power structure."

Since his scheme was introduced here Feb. 22 to the National Association of Assemblies, Sugahara, the "Nisei Sojourner," has told Associated Press and Jiji Press (Japan) reporters in separate interviews that Japanese investment into projects such as urban renewal and "bullet" trains in U.S. cities would help ease the friction caused by Japan's $38 billion trade surplus with the United States.

Sugahara, the 72-year-old head of Fairfield Maxwell Ltd., a conglomerate of 40 U.S. corporations, told the Jiji Press Feb. 19 that he came up with the idea at talks with former Japanese Premier Takeo Fukuda and Yoshitoyo Iiyama, chairman of Toho Life Insurance Co., an investment firm.

But spokespersons for both Fukuda and Kedanren expressed surprise and annoyance at the announcement of Sugahara's plan. Although Japanese investment would be welcomed by the U.S., "it could possibly lead to the massive trade deficit in this country's dealings with Japan."

But the Times added that "the story may not be over. If the American governors should comply with Sugahara's request,"

Seattle JACL files supporting brief on desegregating schools

Before Supreme Court

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While senators are divided over Japan's role in the Vietnamese conflict, the conservative trend in Congress is not one of improvement in U.S.-Japan trade relations.

Robert Scapolino, director of Institute of East Asian Studies at UC Berkeley, and a number of other trade experts, testified before a House foreign affairs subcommittee March 4 noting:

"U.S.-Japan relations are more troubled than at anytime since the end of the war and the capabilities for that period are in the period immediately ahead."

Subcommittee chair Stephen Solarz (D-N.Y.) called attention to a number of bills pending in Congress that would demand reciprocity from Japan in opening markets to U.S. business.

Japan's Brand of Protectionism Noted

"My impression," said Scapolino, is that there is no significant challenge at the Smithsonian, but "Japan has a reasonable chance of support in Congress." He said Japan, despite its present status as one of the world's richest nations, has "aroused a policy involving very sizable elements of protectionism."

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The pledge entails an award of $500 to a deserving student over a four-week period for a total of $2,000. The JACL Student Aid Program's new criteria for the award includes:

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In responding to Kathryn Bannai’s protest over my comments in the Feb. 23 column, many of you have gone on record many times as supporting the National Council’s position on individual compensation. I think the reconstruction litigation Committee for Redress is to seek, by whatever means possible, the dictates of the National Council.

In this sense, what I proposed in my earlier column was a method of goals of the National Council based on our experiences with the Congress. It is, in our view, a method which is still consistent with the basic redress policies of the JACL.

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41. Mineta backs Brown for U.S. Senate seat

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43. Senate, at a dinner held Feb. 19 during a meeting of governors.

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70. a money award is granted by the

71. By M.M. SUMIDA

72. Silence: a 40-year cover-up conspiracy?

73. By M.M. SUMIDA (Special to the Pacific Citizen)

74. Today, any government official who attempts to carry out acts prohibited by the Constitution designed to protect
citizens of rights of citizens would be charged with a high crime, such as the change in direction of compensation, misuse

75. The concept of a "partial martial law", enabling the military to declare the west coast a military zone and

76. The President executes (carries out the law), the Court interprets

77. Do things which are illegal for the civilian government under the guise of "military necessity" and make them appear to

78. purse his job to war, martial law was not declared on

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SANSEI JURISTS—Judges Ernest M. Hiroshige of the L.A. Superior Court (left) and Jon M. Mayeda (right) of the L.A. Municipal Court welcome keynote speaker, State Supreme Court Justice Allen Broussard, at the Feb. 27 joint installation party of local bar associations at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel.

No racism found on Gardena Buddhist Church arson attacks

GARDENA, Ca.—An investigation by the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission into the possible motives behind the arson attacks on the Gardena Bud­dhist Church (PC Feb. 26) concluded that the cause was not racial or religious discrim­ination.

In a report Feb. 23 to county supervisors, the commission said it found no overt racism in Gardena, although many Nikkei believe “they were the

actual target... even if the act (of arson) represented the hostility of only one or a very few persons.”

At 30 interviews with resi­dents and businessmen in the city, investigator Borden Olive said he’s “as mystified as anybody” as to the motive behind the fires or who might have set them off.

Ministers of other churches with large Japanese Ameri­can congregations here rec­

ESGVJC seeks Nisei Week Queen entrants

WEST OVA, Ca.—The East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Com­munity Center and the San Gabriel Valley JACL are seeking candid­ates for the annual Nisei Week Queen Contest to be held in August.

For more info call 890-2568 week­days.

Nikkei shot at home in Silver Lake area

LOS ANGELES—A 34-year­old Nikkei man was shot by an unknown assailant on the night of Feb. 19 while he was walking along the west side of his Silver Lake area home.

Stanley Kobayashi was wounded in the chest and shoulder from shotgun pellets fired by a black male suspect who was standing in the Nik­kei’s driveway. Kobayashi was taken to Presbyterian Hospital where his condition was listed as stable. Police said no suspect had been found.

ASA slates meeting on drug awareness

HARBOR CITY, Ca.—A parents awareness program on “Drugs in the 1980’s” will be sponsored by the Gateway Council Parent-Teacher Student Assn. at Narbonne High School auditorium on Tuesday, Mar. 17, 7:30 p.m., with Carla Lewis as guest speaker. For infor­mation, call Dotti Hattori (323-6603)

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JAPANESE OFFICERS MITCH KATO and Ross Arai of the Asian Task Force had received the complaints on Yoon as early as 1978. Since the charges were filed, Yoon has had his license revoked by the state Board of Medical Quality Assurance.

JWO marches against Reagan cuts

LOS ANGELES—Among 50 demonstrators voicing their opin­ion against President Reagan’s policies during the executive’s visit here (Mar. 3) was Carol Ono of the Japanese Welfare Rights Organization.

While Mr. Reagan explained his “new federalism” to local politicians inside the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion at the Music Center, Ono was marching with others outside to denounce his economic and foreign policies.

Ono told the PC that Reagan’s economic plans to shift many social services from the federal to local levels are “putting a burden on the backs of people” #

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Right to Know

Japanese Americans are realizing more than ever that we need to learn much more about our past in order to understand the present. The U.S. Congress has agreed to a thorough inquiry into the mass evacuation of Japanese Americans from their West Coast homes exactly 40 years ago, and thus created a Commission with the subpoena power to go to the Bahamas.

The citizens’ right to know what our government is doing and to hold it accountable for its actions is the cornerstone of democracy. Twenty-five years ago President Eisenhower said toward making it more difficult to declare information secret. Fifteen years ago the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) was passed. It was an uniquely American achievement. It allowed that Government documents belong to the public, and not to the public servants who generate them. There are reasonable exceptions for sensitive data that the government has the obligation to keep secret. And there has been no proof that present laws have damaged national security in any way. On the contrary, the existence of FOIA has become a deterrent to illegal and abusive invasion of the rights of law-abiding citizens.

under consideration at present is the Administration’s proposal. "FOIA" means "Freedom of Information Act." Its purpose is to make it easier for the Government to withhold information, and harder for people to obtain it.

The progress made over more than two decades in limiting secrecy and giving back to the public the right to government documents would be wiped out overnight.

Those little stamps marked "Secret" and "Confidential" are the hardest device ever invented for covering up bungling, inefficiency, mismanagement and misconduct.

The government regulatory agencies and law enforcement departments ought not feel that what they do now is the public sector’s business. They must realize that they can resist turning back the clock to the bad old days when government was allowed to operate in total secrecy.

SUGAHARA
Continued From Front Page

For job-creating projects, "Then, who knows?" said the Taxpayer’s Union.

U.S. officials were worried that things, as Sugar City plan is plain, Japan may give priority to borrowers who use the money to buy Japanese technology and equipment, adding more to the country’s trade surplus.

On May 3, Sugahara, chairman of the U.S.-Asiainstitute, will attend USA’s conference at Century Plaza Hotel, Los Angeles, with a delegation and other leaders of the organization. He will address the U.S.-Asian Economic Development Conference.

On the other hand, the American Civil Liberties Union, Seattle branch of the NAACP, Seattle Urban League, American Friends Service Committee, Seattle and American Jewish Committee, are members of the coalition.

Kawakami said that although the Seattle JACL did not join in the original lawsuit because it did not benefit its members, thousands of Japanese Americans in Hawaii, as well as those who were living outside the restricted zones who were not evacuated, achieved as much "success" as those who were evacuated.

I would like to discuss the “Blessing in Disguise” theory. It goes something like this: The Japanese Canadians/Japanese Americans would be much more grateful for the forced evacuation during WW2 because it produced the greatest minority “success” story in history.

Kawakami said that, Kawakami said, “We in the Seattle JACL did not join in the original lawsuit because it did not benefit our members, but we were pleased that thousands of Japanese Americans living in Hawaii, as well as those who were living outside the restricted zones who were not evacuated, achieved as much “success” as those who were evacuated.

Look around and you see overwhelming signs of success, progress, affluence and change everywhere. After WW2, thousands and thousands of ordinary people were able to go to universities on the GI Bill, work their way through. They didn’t settle down back in their little home towns, they were a mobile lot, moving all over for better opportunities. They settled down in the “suburbs” which sprang up in the post war years. They were far more successful than their parents, and their children were brought up in comparative luxury.

The spin-off from military research and development provided technological advancements that brought comforts that were the envy of the rest of the world. Along with physical change there were social and psychological changes. New attitudes of social consciousness arose; human and civil rights, political, economic and social equality became the order of the day for millions of minorities, handicapped, aged, children and women, not merely for the Japanese Canadians/Americans.

The good life came to just about everybody. The Japanese Canadians/Americans didn’t need the concentration and relocation experience to achieve the “success” they enjoy now. To single out one group, the Japanese Canadians/Americans and attribute their “success” to the forced evacuation is discriminatory if not degrading, since just about everybody achieved “success”. It is high time that we stop being conned into accepting the “Blessing in disguise” theory.

JACL/PC has long opposed the so-called blessing in disguise theory with respect to the WW2 evacuation. Think of the blessings that were taken away and opportunities missed—Ed.}
When Are Asian Americans Not a Minority

By Ron Wakabayashi

A Personal, First Year Assessment of Nat’l JACL

This week completes the first year of service for me as National Director. Having achieved this milestone, I want to use this occasion to pontificate as Nikkei do from time to time. Hopefully, this discourse will not be based on my perceptions of the organization at this point in time.

The JACL remains the lone National organization serving the interests of Japanese Americans. It has a long and proud history and its strength rests with the network of organized Japanese Americans throughout the United States, who have a common identity and interest in maintaining and strengthening their community. There is absolutely no question that this network is an important and vital tool for Japanese Americans to advance their needs and interests, and to shape their identity and perspective. There is clearly an on-going need for JACL.

The paragraph preceding should have qualifications. The major qualification and reservation rests with a forward looking at the future. This is not a prediction about the future based on the present. It is based on the present needs of other organizations that have not adjusted to the needs of the future. They are significant but past footnotes in the history of minority group contributions to the United States.

Our community is not a large one. In relative terms, we remain an invisible population, whose identity must struggle in a stream of change. Our identity is often submerged in the growth of other Americans, and in the changing face of the nation. Our identity is changing through mobility, intermarriage and self-identification. Yet, there is a constant thread that binds us together. We share a common identity through institutions, social events, historical events, and the majority-culture view of us at any given time.

Our network, in the past, has contributed significantly to the advancement of the Nikkei community. The record is not unblemished but the balance sheet clearly shows a meaningful contribution. This kind of network might be replicated at considerable cost but, in fact, we have that network in place. The network helps itself. Consider the various ideas, projects in various shared resources that have generated similar projects and efforts in various parts of the community.

The network of JACL Chapters is the essential unit of the organization. Ultimately, the individual member is the other minorities, notably blacks and Hispanics, and native Americans cope with the problems of higher education and to use that education as a stepping stone toward realizing the American dream.

But it makes one wonder why that kind of money couldn’t be used more productively to study the reasons behind the educational achievement of Asian Americans. It would seem to be just as worthwhile to search out the keys to achievement as to analyze the reasons for continued problems.

I have, among other things, that blacks and other minority high school graduation rates still lag behind those of whites, that the high school dropout rate is approximately 28 percent for blacks, 17 percent for whites, 24 percent for blacks, 16 percent for American Indians and 13 percent of Hispanics who entered college in 1972 completed their degrees four years later. All very interesting. But hardly the kind of stuff that educators recognize that Asians are indeed minorities that have a different track record than other minorities, then go out and find out how come their performance doesn’t fit the minority pattern.

This isn’t racial or cultural chauvinism. It’s just common sense.
CWRIC's MacBeth on tap at Phila. fete
PHILADELPHIA—Angus MacBeth, legal counsel and executive director of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, will be keynote speaker at the Phila-
delphia JACL installation dinner dance on Saturday, Apr. 3, 6 p.m. at Williamson's Restaurant, GSB Bldg., Bala Cynwyd. High school and college graduates of JACL-member families will be honored guests.
Send reservations ($16 per person; $11 seniors, students—payable to "Philadelphia JACL") to Jim Endo, 7032 Devon Pl., Phila. 19138.

If a man own land, the land own him—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Riverside JACL installs Mac Niven
RIVERSIDE, Ca.—The 1982 Board of the Riverside JACL Chapter was installed Feb. 28 at a banquet on the University of California campus here. New President Cliff Mac Niven and cabinet were sworn in by PSWDC Regional Director John Saito and the JACL Silver Pin was awarded to Sumi Harada for her years of dedicated service to the chapter.

Among the 130 guests were Mayor Albert Brown, Rev. Homer Hill and PSWDC Governor Cary Nishimoto. Keynote speaker was Dr. Mary S. Oka, a witness at last year's Commission hearings in Los Angeles, who spoke on "the positive fallout" of racial prejudice—i.e., how the 1982 Evacuation, as devastating as it was to the Nihon, made her more determined to achieve success in the field of medicine.

Santa Barbara installs Mike Hide
SANTA BARBARA, Ca.—The Santa Barbara JACL held its 1982 officer installation dinner Feb. 13 at the Montecito Country Club, and emcee Frank Mori welcomed honored guest mayor and Mrs. John Fukunaka, PSWDC governor Cary Nishimoto and Regional Director John Saito. Mike Hide was installed as chapter chairman.

Chicago JACL joins buying service
CHICAGO—Brochures outlining the discounts and advantages of United Buying Service are to be sent members of Chicago JACL, which is now one of many organizations and firms signed with the great, the Chicago JACL account announced in January.

Issei get-together at egg hunt planned
HUNTINGTON BEACH, Ca.—Orange County JACL has added a new touch to the traditional Easter egg hunt with an Issei get-together as a county-wide springtime event on Saturday, April 16.

Under direction of the new chapter president Warren Nagano, the board is planning the program with the youngsters in mind, families bringing picnic lunches and special treats for the Isseis.

To ascertain the number of Issei who wish to come and Issei requiring transportation, they should contact Ben Shimazu, 6811 Dover Dr., Huntington Beach, Calif. 92647.

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Contra Costa to fete Issei during banquet
EL CERRITO, Ca.—The Contra Costa JACL will hold its Issei Appreciation Dinner on April 10, 7:30 p.m. at the El Cerrito Community Center, 707 Missouri Lane.

Deaths
Sadamu S. Sasaki, 72, founder of Little Tokyo's Koyasan Boy Scout Troop 229 and its first scoutmaster, died Feb. 28 after an illness. Born in Moneta, he was once a student at Sumitomo's branch manager at Los Angeles and was the Keikyu USA Inc. representative at the Elmhurst, Morton Ave. Hospital, Pomona, at the time of his death. Surviving are a brother, Alphonso, of Alhambra, and two stepdaughters.

Kellie Tanaka, 88, oldest Nisei resident in San Francisco, died Feb. 21, after a long illness. Born in 1894, served in the first World War with the American Expeditionary Force, headed the Tong Masan Nisei American Legion Post 438 before Evacuation, and retired about 30 years ago from the family laundry business, started by his father who lived to the age of 82.

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The Salinas Valley Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League was organized in 1932 by 12 to 15 members eager to peacefully counteract the discrimination prevalent in those days against the Japanese Issei and against American nationals of Japanese ancestry.

At that time there were no public, legal, or governmental agencies to help the Issei and Nisei and they had to struggle to solve their own problems as best they could.

These pioneers were mostly discontented Nisei anxious to achieve a better life and equal opportunities for themselves and their peers. They were dissatisfied with the social and economic discrimination based on race which had destined them to the status of second class citizens. They were especially resentful of the legal discrimination which prevented their forebears from acquiring American citizenship.

The roots of this anti-Japanese discrimination went back to the days of the Chinese immigrant laborers who had built our railroads and tamed our wilderness, but who were treated like the black slaves of the Confederacy. The Chinese were bought and sold like the slaves, but they were despised and barely tolerated, and were eagerly victimized by the politicians whenever it suited their purposes.

This hostility to the Chinese reached a peak in 1882, when the Chinese Exclusion Act barred any further immigration of Chinese laborers because they were considered undesirable.

Eventually the Japanese laborers were recruited to replace the Chinese in the fields, the shops, and in the fishing fleets. But the Japanese thus incurred the hostility which had previously been directed to the Chinese and we had discrimination similar to the isolation of Japanese school children in San Francisco and their segregation to the Oriental School in Chinatown.

Prewar Anti-Nisei Discrimination Recalled

In our own town of Salinas such anti-Japanese discrimination took the following forms: Japanese citizens, even those born in this country, were not welcome in most hotels and bars, and some of the insurance companies, notably Metropolitan Insurance Company, would not issue life insurance to the Issei or the American-born Nisei. The legal system also discriminated against them and the chances of an American of Japanese ancestry winning a court case were slim indeed. Nor were they permitted to serve on juries. If one was called to jury duty "by mistake", he would immediately be dismissed from jury duty when it was determined that he was an Oriental. The real estate market was also closed to them and they could not purchase a house in certain districts of Salinas. Because of this discrimination it was also very difficult for the Japanese Americans to secure a fishing license, thus many commercial fishermen were denied a living. Even the educated Nisei were discriminated against and it was arduous for them to practice law, medicine, and the other professions.

The tenor of the times was such that the rights granted by our Constitution and Bill of Rights to native-born and naturalized citizens were withheld from the Japanese Americans, and the Nisei along with the Issei, were relegated to the status of second class citizens. Members of the Salinas Valley Chapter were not rebels and activists as they did not agitate or take to the streets to demonstrate. They had a profound faith in American democracy and in American ideals and they sincerely believed that they could improve their lot through the ballot box.

Thus, with the formation of the Salinas Valley Chapter, these abused and maligned American citizens and their parents chose to work through their organization to improve their public image and to be accepted by the community as legal and hard-working members.

To accomplish this purpose they set to work on community projects such as helping to collect Red Cross donations, distributing containers to the stores for March of Dimes collections, by participating and sponsoring floats in parades and ceremonies, notably the Colma del Rodeo parade, by encouraging Nisei of voting age to vote for the candidates of their choice, and by participating in numerous community welfare activities.

Prior to World War II, the Chapter had established scholarships for high school students in Salinas, had secured pledges for a new community hospital, and they had made plans for a new Japanese American Community Hall. And when the 60th Tank Battalion left Salinas, they organized the Japanese American Citizens League Blue Cross Hospitalization program for Chapter members, formulation of the JACL annual scholarship program for local high school students, and the prosecution to a successful conclusion of the Rhee Court case.

And now, with the completion of the 50th Anniversary of the Salinas Valley Chapter, the torch of leadership passes from the original members of the Salinas Chapter to a new generation of Nisei and Sansei, whose task will be to enrich the sense of pride in what their parents have done so that the Americans of Japanese descent might achieve their rightful place in a greater and more compassionate America.

Flowers second to famed lettuce

Late in 1963, a group of enterprising Japanese arrived in Salinas. Their leader, Mr. Yoshihi Shibata, president of Mt. Eden Nursery, and a well established family in Salinas, had organized a partnership consisting of himself and eight families, to develop a group of immigrants from Kagoshima, Japan. These immigrants came to the United States during 1966 and 1967, as refugees from stoned-ravaged parts of Japan.

After establishing a flourishing, cut flower carnation greenhouse operation on Williams Road, most of the immigrant families separated to start their own businesses in the area. The original eight families then established the Salinas Valley Japanese American Citizens League chapter in 1972.

With a determined objective of starting their own businesses, these hard working new residents of California frugally saved enough funds to purchase some of the residential land in this area. They established the first branch of the Salinas Valley Japanese American Citizens League in the Salinas Valley during the late 1970s. Their efforts were rewarded in 1982 when the Japanese American Citizens League chapter was chartered by the State of California. The chapter continues to work with the Japanese American community to maintain and promote the traditions of Japan. The current chapter has over 500 members and is one of the largest in the country.

In retrospect, our JACL chapter has been a period of constant growth and mutuality, with the chapter's members vigorously and progressively contributing to all aspects of Salinas Valley life.
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PORTED having experienced no attacks and that their mail, which could be attributed to racial bigotry.

Olive, who conducted the investigation for six weeks, called it "one of the most frustrating cases (he has) ever encountered because there’s no enemy out there.” He estimated the city’s diverse ethnic mix, 23 percent of whom are Japanese Americans, to a mini United Nations. He added that in his 15 years with the commission, he’s never had to come to Gardena to deal with a racial problem.

This city is like a marshmallow...everytime I pushed somewhere for an answer, I got a giveway,” Olive said.

Although Olive’s report said that racism or religious intolerance was not the cause of the arson attack, Japa­

ese Americans acknowledged that racial prejudice does exist in the city. How­

ever, they believe it is only a minor problem and does not have a significantly negative effect on the course of social rela­

tions in Gardena.” The report also said that among those in­

terviewed “there was a very positive feeling about Gardena.”

Church members and local businessmen had put up $22,000 as a reward for information leading to the arrest of the arsonist, who may have possibly caused all three fires which occurred in July 1980, November 1980 and the latest one which scorch­

ed the recreation site Feb. 12 of this year.

Berkeley JACL slates basketball tourney

BERKELEY—The 3rd Annual Berkeley JACL Invitational Bas­

ketball Tournament will be held March 12-13, at the University of San Francisco. To form teams, contact Berke­

ley, Costa Del Sol, Em. Park. For information, call San Francisco, San Jose and Stockton.

Schedules include: opening rounds, March 26, 7 p.m., at King Jr. HS and PV HS; quarterfinals, semi­

inals, March 27, 7:30 p.m., King Jr. HS; finals, March 28, 8 p.m., at Tilden High School.

Chi Alpha Delta bridge tea Mar. 28

LOS ANGELES—The Chi Alpha Delta Alumnae will hold its Annual Scholarship Bridge Tournament Saturday, March 28, 1 p.m., at the West Los Angeles Buddhist Church, 203 Corinna Ave. Prizes will be awarded to the winners for UCLA students, for more info call Fred Miyata (213) 636-6095.

AADAP slates wash-pancake feed

Los Angeles—AADAP’s First Annual Federal Housing Authority wash-pancake fundraiser will be held at the AADAP’s 6284 Auburn St. office, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call Fred Miyata (213) 628-4431.

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Bad Press for L.A.

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"Los Angeles," home of the world champion Dodgers and site of the 1984 Olympics, has certainly been getting a bad press recently.

Since the shooting of a Japanese tourist couple in the Los Angeles Fashion District in mid-November, the news media have been coming up with more stories than ever about Los Angeles crime.

Of the two shots in the robbery, the wife, a mother of a child, was hit and the man, who was badly injured. The Japan Times reported her return to Japan on Jan. 20 after hospital treatment under the headline: "Tourist Shot in California Returns to Tokyo in Coma."

Los Angeles police had played up in all their Japanese newspapers. One of the weekly magazines, giving an account of the incident as well as other crimes in Los Angeles, termed L.A. "Criminal City."

Early in December, a British article appeared in the Asahi Evening News saying that L.A. has the reputation of being the "rape capital of the world." The London Observer Service story said that statistics showed one of three women in L.A. over the age of 14 were raped or sexually assaulted in their lifetime.

The tale of the Sakai municipal assemblyman who went to L.A. to testify on the burglarization of his hotel room, and then became the victim of pickpockets, also appeared in the Japanese papers. "Man Returns From California. Man Shot."

In January, Asahi TV advertised a filmic crime in Los Angeles. The film showed that the LAPD seems to have no end of cases to handle. Los Angeles' image is not the brightest. No- guchi's name has been appearing so often in the news of late that it's easier to remember than the Los Angeles mayor's.

Foreign office sources here disclosed recently that Los Angeles county authorities have warned Japanese tourists traveling to the United States not to carry cash in order to avoid becoming victims of crime.

This warning is said to have been better sent to the Japanese consul general in L.A. in connection with the shooting involving the Japanese couple. It suggested use of checks or travelers' checks.

Japan's Tourist Organization, however, said it might be wise to carry some cash, perhaps about $200 or so, when going abroad to avoid being assaulted by a robber angry over getting no loot.

Los Angeles is said to be visited by about 300,000 people from Japan annually. And no doubt the flow will continue to travel happy-Japanese, eager to see Hollywood and make the rounds at Disneyland.

This ex-Angeleno, however, is not likely to be among them. I've already been in his best days, when there were no porno joints all over the place. And I'm a wee bit old to be visiting Disneyland. Most of all, I don't intend to be the next elderly tourist victim.

I didn't become leery about going back to L.A. until a few years back when the Pacific Citizen carried an item on the shooting of Hideko Davina and her wife, operators of a restaurant. Rosie, I recalled, was a ballplayer in his youth, whose last name was Matsui until his adoption.

Here in Japan, thanks to the strict gun laws, we don't have to be worried about being robbed. The National Rifle Association may get a big laugh out of it, but even model guns are taboo, when they can be remodeled for fire bullets. Smuggled guns end up in the hands of gangsters, who use them against rival hoodlums. But most of the shooting we see goes on in Yufu Ishihara's exaggerated cops and robbers series on TV. Few have to worry about looking down the barrel of a gun in Japan and that's a big relief.

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1.2 million Japanese visited U.S. in '81

WASHINGTON—A report from Undersecretary of Commerce Peter McCoy Feb. 3 indicated that 1.2 million Japanese tourists visited the United States last year.

McCoy also noted that the total number of visitors (staying over 24 hours) from Europe, Latin America, Canada, and the Far East—23 million—exceeded the number of Americans who traveled abroad.

He added that for the first time, foreign tourists last year spent more in money in the U.S. as American tourists spent in other countries.

Antitrust suit against gift shops filed

SAN FRANCISCO—Steve Conn, owner of two gift shops, is seeking $8 million in damages on grounds of violating antitrust laws in a suit filed Feb. 11 in the U.S. District Court against 19 similar shops, four opera houses, and a bar service catering to tourists from Japan in northern California.

Most of the defendants were named in a suit in a similar filed last year by the Tokyo Tours which reports said has financial backing of Corin.

PC's Calendar of Events

Wednesday, Mar. 15

1. (Friday) Martin Luther King Day, no school

2. (Saturday) Cherry Blossom Tour—BEIJING, HANGZHOU, SHANGHAI, GUANGZHOU, HONG KONG, May 15-May 28

3. (Sunday) Spring Green Tour—Disneyland will hold its Sixth Annual Festival: "Wishes for Children" May 28-May 30

4. (Monday) Early Summer Tour—ANAHEIM, CA.-Disneyland will hold its Sixth Annual Festival: "Wishes for Children" May 28-May 30

5. (Tuesday) May 28-May 30

6. (Wednesday) July 30-Aug 20

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Boycott of medfly-hit fruits

SACRAMENTO, CA.—Two different estimates have emerged recently regarding the damage being caused by the medfly in California. The medfly's pest status was confirmed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The insect has been found in the state of California, and the Department of Agriculture and Sub-Cabinet have put the loss at $7 million.

The losses were attributed to the Japanese boycott of the state's produce and price reductions caused by consumer reaction to the medfly scare.

The $1.84 million figure came from the chief of Southern California's director of marketing services for the state Food and Agriculture Department. The $7 million estimate came from a survey of 40 county agricultural commissioners.

Jerry Scribner, deputy director of the state department, said the county commissions' estimate was compiled at director Richard Cumberford's request. Fresno commissioner reported his county's losses of $10 million, which exceeded the Scrumbord's total.

Adams said the biggest losses were sustained by orange, lemon, melon and strawberry growers. He added that about 30 per cent of the state's oranges are shipped to Japan and even though an attempt to curtail the fly had been made, relatively little was actually shipped.

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San Jose JACL set for bridge tourney

SAN JOSE, CA.—The local JACL will hold its annual bridge tournament on Saturday, March 30, from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Westley's Church social hall, 566 S. St.

San Jose JACL set for bridge tourney

San Jose, CA.—Disneyland will host its Sixth Annual Festival Japan March 27-28, featuring performers, craftsmen and artists from Japan and Southern California. For ticket information and group sales, call (714) 999-4123 or (213) 638-6005 ext. 4125