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People in the News

**LAKE PLACID, N.Y. — The W. Alton Jones Cell Science Center plans to rededicate plans it 23 to construct its efforts on a long-term re-search program by the Plattsburgh Press-Republican.

Dr. Gordon H. Sato, director-et of the center, unveiled plans for the program at a news conference. He said the center will be making its investment to construct a new facility.

Researchers are discouraged by the funding of science, which they keep their jobs, scientists, in early career, are particularly discouraged to re-quickly order to get on and keep federal and industrial.

Sansei lines progress

**LOS ANGELES—The current film, the "Five" features a Sansei actress in a major role.

**SANSEI PLAN LAHABA PROGRESS

**LAHABA, Ca. — Steerw the progress of this north Orange County city is Kathy Kawaihama, Director of Planning and Development for the city. Kawaihama, who is the director of the department that provides services to these small communities, is a native of Orange County.

A UCLA graduate in political science, she gained her experience in her planning field working with the Institute of Transportation and Engineering on campus. Following graduation, she applied for the position of assis-tant planner with the City of Lahaba.

Kawaihama moved to the City of Irvine as planner I and II, then was called back by Lahaba as assistant planner, then city planner and current city manager. Lahaba is one of the most advanced cities in the city, and has completed less than five years of a five-year plan.

Nancy Elrod Kawaihama, who serves as direc-tor of transportation and traffic engineering for the consulting firm of Berryman & Stephenson. She is the primary driver for Lahaba’s transportation plan, and has been involved in the development of the city’s transportation system.

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Angel Island immigration site opens up for tours to public

SAN FRANCISCO—The historic Angel Island immigration station, where hundreds of thousands of Chinese migrants passed through the country's west coast entry point, will begin offering tours to the public on Oct. 11. The site hosts a fascinating history of immigration that is often neglected in the study of American immigration.

Angel Island, located in the San Francisco Bay, served as a processing center for Chinese immigrants from 1910 to 1940. During this period, more than one million Chinese went through the island, including thousands who sought to enter the United States and others who were deported.

The site is now a National Historic Landmark and is operated by the National Park Service. The tours will provide visitors with a unique opportunity to explore this important piece of American history and learn about the experiences of the immigrants who passed through Angel Island.

Tour dates and times will be announced soon, and reservations will be required. For more information, visit the Angel Island Immigration Station website or contact the National Park Service.

Asian American jazz festival slated Oct. 8, 9 on USF campus

The University of San Francisco (USF) will host the 30th annual Asian American Jazz Festival on October 8 and 9. The festival is a celebration of the diverse musical traditions of the Asian American community and features performances by local and international jazz musicians.

The festival will include a variety of events, including a concert on October 8 at 7:30 pm, featuring the Pacifica Jazz Band and other local musicians. On October 9, there will be a workshop at 10 am and a performance at 3 pm, both open to the public.

For more information, visit the University of San Francisco website or contact the Asian American Student Affairs Office.
PRESIDENT'S CORNER: by Floyd Shimomura

FROM THE NEW WAVE: by Peter Imamura

Transition
The old order changes, leaving place for new.
-Tennyson, The Prussing of Arthur

If you don't know it by now, this newspaper has a new editor who has a somewhat monumental task before him. But he's not going to use the old cliche about "carrying on the tradition, etc." Rather, the greater task ahead involves changing some of those traditions, hopefully for the better.

The word "change" has a tendency to scare some people, so before anyone decides to cancel their subscription, perhaps one should understand where this new "kid" is coming from--in terms of editorial philosophy.

To begin with, the Pacific Citizen has always been somewhat of a hybrid--on the one hand, it is a newspaper for the Japanese American community, and on the other, a "newspaper" of sorts for the JACL.

Some critics may have had the tendency to view the PC as a "flak piece" for the JACL, and the extent of truth in that may vary depending on the subject matter involved. And this view is understandable, because one may wonder how much influence, whether intentional or not, the JACL may have had on the editorial policy of the publication in the past.

But according to the guidelines established by the Pacific Citizen Board, the paper is allowed the editorial freedom that any newspaper is granted--and the news should be presented as fairly, objectively and completely as possible. The new editor, to the best of his ability, intends to maintain that policy to the fullest.

Unfortunately, this has not always been the case--for example, the case of fired Livingston teacher Mitsue Takahashi

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Letterbox

'84 Convention
As plans are being formulated for the 1984 JACL Convention in Hawaii, may I add further thoughts to Bill Makimoto's report of a few issues ago (PC Aug. 13).

Hawaii--it denotes a fantasy land for many of the average duan-paying, always volunteering JACL member. But can be at odds to all! It could be the last harbor for some. Can we make it possible to induce our future leaders, the San­ sen and the Yonisets, to gather for what may prove to be a formative (or maybe) for the JACL? Can we shed the image that we are not in the ball game in at the end of the dance at national organization's conventions?

What we need at these gatherings is not only the official delegates with votes, but the content and input of additional booster members from each chapter. It would add great credit to our credence that we are an organized and structured group.

35 Years Ago

In the PACIFIC CITIZEN

OCTOBER 4, 1947

Sen. 29--Rev. Jiho Morikawa elected pastor of 14-year-old First Baptist Church, Chicago; first of Japanese ancestry called to take charge of a white congregation in U.S. Rev. Perry suit appointed pastor of St. Paul Methodist Church, Chicago, effective Oct. 5.

Sept. 30--Warner Bros. Pictures News spends two days shooting scenes for "Violent Years" in area to tell story of evacuee return home.

May 27--Chicago-born Nisei medic (Dr. Kanio Tashiro) denies office space in Akron, Ohio, build­ing because of his ancestry, remarking he feared some tenants might become "resentful." Paper, shattered by rebuff, backs Niseen.

Sept. 26--JACL-No. Calif. CRU brief on Fred Yamasaki case filed in U.S. Supreme Court; brief stresses Nisei entitled to equal protection of the laws in test of Calif. alien land court, that "minor child­ren in California, other than those of Japanese ancestry, may receive gifts of real estate from parents with no presumption that such trans­action is illegal"; case scheduled to be heard Oct. 21.

Sept. 30--Mike Masokos, on nat­ional tour of 20 cities in U.S. and Canada in Denver, meets Colorado Gov. Knous, former Gov. Ralph Carr and others; Denver Post's move to hire Bill Hosokawa in view of Post's wartime campaign against the Nisei.

May 25--JACL meets with Amer­i­can Filipinos leaders at San Fran­cisco to eliminate friction be­tween Japanese and Filipino Amer­i­cans; joint meetings in place of former meeting in San Francisco area desirable in wake of street fight in Lodi where five Nisei were attacked by Filipino farm workers.

Oct. 1--San Benito County JA­Club mourns death of Mrs. Win­field Freitas, wife of orchardist; couple articulated demands for fair treatment of Japanese American soldiers during evacuation period.

Books

"Mabuhay Made Easy" (Ex­position Press, Smithtown, N.Y. 11787, $5) by William Lim, who has played the game for over 30 years, describes the original Asian rules that have since been adapted and readapted over generations.

According to the author, who was born and brought up in Japan and now resides in Los Angeles, the game was played by five million from Holy Innocents (later known as Children's Home College) in U.S., anyone who knows poker or gin rummy has "half way already learned the game of mabuhay." Lim has since immigrated to the U.S. and now lives in Southern Californ­ia. It's helpful to those with a set home, wanting to advance. --CTS.

A Happy Swan Song from Happy Valley

Salt Lake City

This is one of the happiest columns I have written because it is my last. Recently, a letter from Harry read, "I know you've often offered to give up the space for some time now and this may be the occasion." He was referring to his departure as the editor of the PC on October 1 and his replacement by Peter Imamura. I called Harry immediately to tell him that was the best letter he ever wrote me. For several years, I have offered to vacate this space, very precious space, considering the paper's size limitation. More important, realizing there are many other voices wanting to be heard, deserving to be heard. Once, I had promised to Harry that I would do something to make the PC more my own. I called it 'paving the way.' But he's not his work, and now I'm not walking away from the PC. That has been on my conscience all these years. So when Harry invited me back, I vowed I would not leak the PC's my own anymore. Sometimes, it has been a difficult commitment to keep. Writing is not a talent, it is a craft, as demanding as any other honest labor.

I feel honored to have worked for two of the great editors of this paper. It has been the best of associations. I was not voting my name when my first appearance on these pages as Harry's protege. I wish Harry had lived long enough to witness my proper departure. Well, as proper as a provincial woman can make it. Since this is my last opportunity, I want to mention something that has been on my conscience all these years. When asked to replace me, I suggested he find a Sansei female. The PC has always been male dominated. This appears discriminatory, considering there are probably more Japanese American women writers than men. And most likely, some are a lot better, too.

The other gripe is of a personal nature. I have appreciated those who have welcomed openly with some of my pieces that I realize that sometimes I often write controversially. I confess a wicked delight in that. Disregenent has never bothered me. We can either relate or not relate to someone else's experience. However, when I am told not I should have written a particular piece, I become furious. I am known to scream, "That fascist!" My vehemence makes the dog jump. As a survivor of an American Concentration Camp, I will defend to the end my freedom of expression. And that of every other free person. I have tried to write as I perceive it, within my own experience. Sometimes, it has been unpleasant, but the truth is not always nice.

Writing the column has also been a learning experience for me. I wish I had the idea that Nisei were grudging in spirit, quick to criticize and belittle, gloatting in another's failure. Only a small minority are so impoverished and for them I feel a real burden to Harry. The examples of others have been overwhelming. I have received wonderful letters and telephone calls from strangers. My modest house has been honored by the presence of strangers. Sometimes, I have been slightly connected by me has been the column. To all of you, I remain most beholden.

I wish to thank the JACL for the opportunity it has provided me. I am glad to see ordinary woman has occupied this space! Over the years, I

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Don’t Judge a Book by Its Cover

Philadelphia

ALTHOUGH I DID NOT believe the book would be of much interest, one evening I picked it up and began leafing through its pages. Longtime friends from San Francisco, the Sato's, had sent the book to me since my kuni was also Hiroshima and the book was a firsthand account of an Issei woman from that same ken. The book was Kuni Kuroki's "Through Hushen Mountains: The Life of a Japanese Immigrant Woman" (Chandler & Sharp, Novato, California).

VERY QUICKLY, SOME familiar phrases, experiences and passages began to catch my eye and soon I was deeply engrossed in reading, in the course of which many things from my boyhood flooded back. In many ways, I was reading about my own mother, my own parents, our own family: the parallels were striking. Mrs. Kikumura (Mrs. Gary Yano) translated her firsthand account boldly, starkly—holding very little, if anything, back. If the narrative didn’t parallel our family in every respect, there were families within the Issei-Nisei community that I recognized from my own boyhood days.

THE BOOK IS the story, a starkly realistic account, of the Issei-Nisei survival in America, both the successes and the struggles. I was engrossed in this book, and consent of my family. My husband and son are probably the best judges, but the one advantage it has lies in the fact that I have a sense of humor. Without it, I would not have been able to stop and ask the question, "How is this book going to be received?"

This new editor hopes he can continue a sense of fairness, in spite of the limitations of being only one person who can only be in one place at one time.

Although the JACL Constitution states that the PC staff is technically part of the "National JACL staff," and must answer to the National Director, and in the editor's case, the PC Board Chair, this new editor believes that in terms of editorial matters, the position of "PC editor" really isn't responsible to the National Director or even to the PC Board. It is the editor's duty to work with the National Director, who can be held responsible to the JACL membership and the Nikkei community.

And this gives the PC the potential to become a better publication, the report not only of the Nikkei community, but of the larger society as well. The PC, however, will continue as it has been, to seek more coverage to JACL activities, course of the current magazine, there have been many crises within the organization. Without this, there would be no mention of the Pacific Citizen in the Japanese language community.

For the PC might become merely an "organizational mouthpiece," with little or no editorial content. And the one responsibility it has lies in the fact that the JACL is not the only organization that has a sense of humor. The PC is the only one that can give more coverage to JACL activities, but the one advantage it has lies in the fact that the JACL is not the only organization that has a sense of humor.

As for news about the JACL, which has been a complaint heard by this new editor from many JACL members (many members are never sure what is going on in the JACL), this paper will not be the PC's only source of information. There are many other sources, including the JACL News, and the people in charge of the JACL have been working to improve the newsletter.

So foremost, the Pacific Citizen should be a straightforward newspaper for the Nikkei community, because that is the one service this publication can provide for JACL members. If it's just going to be a "talk piece" for the League, then JACL Headquarters might as well do away with the PC completely, and assign one of its staff to put out a monthly newsletter.

As for its editorial opinion section, the new editor intends to use it as a forum for different viewpoints—and welcomes letters and guest columns (please try to limit pieces to 200-250 words, type, double-spaced, and stick to one subject). The new editor is also seeking out new ideas. If anyone younger, or anyone who might want to contribute their views to the opinion section—particularly on the subject of the JACL or the Nikkei community.

And on that note, the new editor requests that JACL officers, staff, board members, districts and chapters keep him abreast of what's going on—because he can't report what he doesn't know.

The proposed changes, of course, will be somewhat gradual, since the logistics must be carefully worked out. But this new editor hopes he has at least gotten some insight of things to come.

In a recent PC column, Bill Marutani expressed his concern that the PC might become merely an "organizational mouthpiece," for the JACL. And this is a valid concern. There have been many crises within the organization, problems which were many times brushed over in the PC, leaving the membership in the dark.

He needn't worry. I can tell you, personally, as a journalist rather than a public relations specialist, won't allow it, simply because his profession, as well as the community, wouldn't allow it.
Milwaukee JACL awarded for design in floral contest

MILWAUKEE—The Milwaukee JACL Chapter, in an effort to keep their community beautiful, recently won an award for best design in a floral contest held by the county. Budget cuts last fall had prompted Milwaukee County officials to eliminate the planting of flowers in many of the county’s outstanding parks in the spring, but it was suggested that flower beds be planted through a flower-decorating contest.

So a few Milwaukee JACLers thought participating in the “Petal Your Parks” competition would be an excellent community service, and they picked two adjacent sites at Brown Deer Park where the chapter’s annual picnic is usually held.

As a result of their efforts, the Milwaukee Supervisors awarded the chapter with a certificate of commendation and a trophy. The chapter project was coordinated by Renko McKendry of the Milwaukee JACIs and designed by Sanae Kiefer, who came up with a beautiful Japanese-style garden.

A total of eleven volunteers took part in producing the JACL entry, including: Ed Jonokuchi, Helen Jonokuchi, Tak Kataoka, Helen Inai, Ron and Sanee Kiefer, Todshi Nakahara, Tak Ohsuga, Chie Tanoue, McKendry and her husband David; Three youngsters also pitched in: Paula Kiefer, Jesse and Jason McKendry.

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BY THE BOARD: Chuck Kubokawa

IRC Biennial

Palo Alto, CA.

As chairman of the International Relations Committee, I would like to provide a review of the past biennial IRC activities, in which many members have participated, and some new developments. It was through the support and approval of active members and the IRC National Council over the past two years, recent resolutions of international relations, which sparked the interest of many inactive and new IRC members.

The U.S.-Japan economic problems have been of recent concern, although these issues have been ever-present for the Nikkei community, and the IRC was started 12 years ago to spur and educate the negative forces emanating from the initiative.

Sadly enough, we are still trying to educate the majority of the U.S. and those who would permit such a shift into a pool solely interest in the wave action from the tidal changes of the East-West relations whether we like it or not.

Recent biased media reporting spotlighted the Japanese investments in the U.S., which increased 31 times the capital invested during the period from 1973 to 1980 from $132 million to $4.2 billion. The figures were not placed in proper perspective along with the 6.3 billion foreign dollars invested in the U.S. for the same period. The Japanese investment in the U.S. is, in fact, only 4.6% of all foreign investments in the U.S.

Pan American Relations

The IRC provided the environment for seeking methods for increasing the interests and activities of members by letting our committee expand into an international and Pan American affair, helping us establish the Japan and Latin American chapters.

The endorsement of the Federation of International Nikkei Enthusiasts (FINE) helped the IRC establish the first international Nikkei and organization of its kind, the Pan American Nikkei Association (PANA). We played an integral part in the planning and took part in the first successful Pan American尼克特尔 Mexico last July.

In keeping with the worldwide efforts, IRC is also promoting the improvement of international understanding and friendship. But with race, violence, and media coverage here in the U.S., the main tasks of JACL are well-defined. To promote improved understanding of culture in other countries where JACL is instrumental in initiating the first trip to Japan for then-President Jimmy Carter. Thanks to the proper coordination and assistance from the Japan Chapter and all the members, President Carter met influential people who will play a rôle in future international activities with considerations for the sensitivities of the Nikkei. They were all provided with a pamphlet on JACL in Japanese, describing our organization's past history, present efforts, future outlook and the direction we are taking in the future.

All in all, we have accomplished much and our committee is now in the process of determining goals for the future and the organizations and mankind. It's a juggle out there in the real world and we are trying our best not to rest on our past accomplishments, but progress the best way we can towards our organizational goals.

There are positive results and rewards in the horizon but unless we take time to nurture our efforts with constructive thoughts and positive actions we will never enjoy the fruits of our efforts. Though we may zero in on the U.S.-Japan relations, the future efforts of the IRC will most certainly include the support of Pan American Friends who share along with us the common environment...the tidal pool affected by the changes in the East-West relations. More information of this subject will be heard at the next PAN conference, set for Peru, Japan in July 1983.

The IRC has provided the JACL membership with new avenues of activity and excitement. When you take the time to see the new committee with ideas and constructive criticisms to help make the IRC program a valuable and effective stage for useful future output.

I wish to thank the past committee members for their devoted service. Some names: George Horii, Ben Takahashi, Happiness Pedra on, Mr. Hiro Hataetaka, Frank Kasama, John Taguchi, Carl Nobo, Marge Watanabe and Sharon Iwamasa.

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Among them were three IRC JACL scholarship recipients. They are: Archibald Asawa, California H.S. (winner of JACL Saburo Kido Memorial Scholarship of $300); Kim Brown, Immaculate Heart H.S., Choue-He Ham, Crossroads H.S.; Sally Kim, Long Beach Polytechnic; Christopher Lee, Lincoln H.S.; Bradley Liu, Marshall H.S.; BolsaMun, South Torrance H.S.; Margaret Namkoon, Buckley H.S.; Bernard Ng, Alhambra H.S.; San Pedro Schurr H.S.; Conover H.S.; Liberty, Richard, JACL of L.A.'s Mr. and Mrs. Takashi Morichi Scholarship of $1,000; Kirk Okimoto, Mesa Costa H.S.


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