





Hawaii press bares campaign racism

PRAYER A PERSONAL MATTER, SAYS SEN. INOUE ON BECKER AMENDMENT

Groundwork for '66 JACL Bowling mee spaded in Denver



By Bill Hosokawa

From the Frying Pan

AND SO WE MOVE ONWARD — I cannot recall any political campaign in which more people said they wished the whole thing were done and over with long before election day dragged in. Perhaps our campaign periods are too long now for a people who have become accustomed to the speed of jet flight, direct distance dialing and instant potatoes. Back in the days of whistle-stop campaign trains, a candidate needed time to wind his way across the country to be heard and seen. Today he can get a hearing in virtually every home in the country simultaneously by way of television. Unfortunately the quality of the oratory has not kept pace with the speed of communications.

In some countries, notably Britain and Japan, the period of political campaigning is limited by law. In others, the amount of money that may be spent in a campaign is restricted. By custom we build up to a furious crescendo every four years, then all but go into hibernation until the next cycle begins. How much better it would be if we could maintain a high level of political interest from year to year. Then there would be no need for the frenzied activity of the election years, and the chances of getting better government would be infinitely better.

If one were to take seriously the shotgun charges shouted in the heat of political battle—some foreign observers have done this—he would be convinced this nation would collapse in chaos the day the other party seized power. But somehow this has never happened, and we muddle along until the next oratorical orgy. Democracy is a great thing, but perhaps it needs some streamlining.

STATUS SYMBOLS — A recent news item out of Tokyo reports that the "three treasures" desired most by Japanese households until a short while ago were an electric washing machine, an electric refrigerator, and a television set. These goals have been achieved now by a large percentage of urban families, and now the "treasures" have been upgraded to an automobile, a villa and an air conditioner.

The question that logically follows is: "What are the current status symbols among the Nisei? I suppose that depends on where he lives and what he likes to do. Cadillacs and minks, I've been told, are fairly common, although not in my league. Some families consider a deep-freeze and a stereo set as necessities with color television close behind. So what's left to covet? A cabin cruiser? Private airplane, fishing cabin, swimming pool? You tell me. Perhaps we are not particularly status-conscious in this high country outpost, but we seem to be less concerned with the status value of material possessions than people in places, let's say, like Southern California. Or to put it another way, we have less money to spend.

I can remember when anyone who could afford to buy a brand new Model T Ford was considered affluent. But by the time the Model A made its debut, times were good enough that our well-to-do friends were driving Buicks. My Dad's first car was a second hand Star touring with celluloid side curtains and while it ran somewhat faster than a Model T, it was nowhere as reliable.

THEY LEFT TOO SOON — As frugal and self-sacrificing as most Issei were, they like most immigrant groups were exceptionally status conscious. It was a matter of great satisfaction when their Nisei offspring were able to move into white collar jobs, even though that meant less pay (and more expenses) than if they'd stayed on the farm or continued to drive truck.

Unfortunately, most Issei left this life too soon to enjoy the pleasure of seeing Nisei succeeding in everything from politics to the arts, medicine to the law, high finance to science and engineering. The times have changed, indeed.

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The newspapers sprang to the defense with their tried and true political gambit the "racial issue." The newspapers deplored the "racial issue." Neal Blaisdell denounced "race baiting." The American Legion suspended Godfrey. Godfrey, who is no fool, accepted this treatment calmly. "That's okay," he said, "I've got my supporters too."

Kikuchi Incident In the meantime, the Republicans had found a champion in Yoshio Kikuchi, a member of the Japanese Diet for the past 18 years. Kikuchi had come to Hawaii wearing a Goldwater button next to his insignia of Diet member. He announced he had campaigned on the Mainland for Goldwater.

Godfrey Incident The issue may have been considered helpful, but a more promising one developed. Harold Godfrey, adjutant of the John R. Rowe American Legion Post 17, wrote, in the post's monthly newsletter, "There is a slogan in the political race 'Now is the time. Vote Doi for Mayor.' The meaning of this slogan is 'Now is the time to attack Pearl Harbor.'"

Crisis Posed by Doi But in the crisis posed by the declaration of Doi, it must have been principally to the newspapers to which the local authorities looked for aid.

Pres. Johnson appoints Goto to South Pacific post WASHINGTON—Baron Goto of Honolulu was appointed by President Johnson as alternate U.S. commissioner on the South Pacific Commission, succeeding Manuel F.L. Guerrero of Guam who was appointed as full commissioner.

Intent of Message Godfrey rose to the occasion. He said his message had been intended to convey that the "Japanese want to take over right now and leave our Hawaiian boys out in the cold."

DEATHS Seichi Hatamiya, 80; pioneer Issei leader, struck by truck while walking on a highway, Oct. 26; survived by W. Sato, S. Roy, George, Bob, D. Kikue Tomita (San Jose), Toshiko Minabe (Livingston), Tamaki Sugaya (San Francisco).

LOS ANGELES Kiuchi, Frank Y., 77; Oct. 28—s David Minoru, Kazuyoshi, d Misao Sato, 6 gc. Matsunaga, George S., 82; Oct. 30—w Mary, s Ben (New York), Tom, Koichi, d Martha Teramoto, 14 gc. Nishino, Hiro, 89; Long Beach, Oct. 31—w Yasuie, d Chiyoko Okawachi (Formerly of Vacaville).

SEATTLE Nishitani, Haruki, 66; Oct. 31—w Iyoko, s Henry Hideo, d Sue Kazuko Takahashi, Teruyee Morimoto, Yasu-ko Yamachi, Helen Hiako Koono, 9 gc. Ueno, Kosaku, 82; Oct. 25—d Shizue Okochi, bro Gidai Sunada.

IDAHO Shoda, Tokuchi, 88; Weiser, Oct. 26—w Kazumi, s Dick (West Point), d June, Sally Yamasaki (Idaho Falls), Pat (Sacramento), Yoshie Kusaka, Chiyoko Miyayama (Los Angeles), Mickey Morioka (Chicago), 14 gc. UTAH Hirabayashi, Kulehi, 68; Syracuse, Oct. 23—w Yasu, s Dick (West Point), George, Max (Ogden), d Lola Yamamoto, June Nagao, 9 gc, bro Joe (Lindsay, Calif).

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HONOLULU — Sen. Daniel K. Inouye last week voiced his support for the Supreme Court's 1963 decision outlawing required Bible readings in public schools because this infringes upon the First Amendment's freedom of religion clause. Inouye also voiced opposition to the proposed Becker amendment which would overrule the Supreme Court decision through adoption of a Constitutional amendment.

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Immigration director TOKYO — Masao Yagi, 51, who served as Japanese consul general in San Francisco several years ago, was named director of the immigration bureau of the Justice Ministry last week. He had been Ambassador to Iraq since 1961.

SEATTLE — The local Nisei Veterans Committee is sponsor of the Explorer Post 442 with Masaru Uno and George Minato as adviser and associate adviser, respectively. It is highly unusual for a Nisei veterans group—which includes those who served in the famous all-Nisei 442nd RCT—to be sponsoring a Boy Scout unit designated with the same numbers—442.

SAN FRANCISCO — Yone Satoda was elected president of the San Francisco Japanese American Republicans this past week. The group also unanimously voted to defeat Prop. 14.

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