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Jerry Enomoto  
Nat'l President

### ONGOING PROGRAM

Another bit of interesting news caught my eye from the Seattle Chapter Newsletter recently. A program titled "Focus—Sansei and Nisei", sponsored by the Human Relations Committee of the Seattle Chapter, was announced. The several areas to be examined by the panel were (1) Overview of Studies on Sansei-Nisei Relationship, (2) View from 21 Years Experience with Orientation, and (3) Underlying View of Delinquency and Dependence.

In the light of prevailing JACL concerns, this program seems significant for several reasons.

First, "human relations" is an integral part of most of our present day issues, since issues do not exist without people, and it is what goes on between individuals and groups of people that contribute most to today's "bad scene".

Second, although human relations today is often concerned with the ongoing struggle for civil rights, the activity of such groups need not be restricted to that effort all the time.

Third, the aforementioned program certainly has its roots in the relationship between people, and can be regarded as a good informational, educational vehicle.

It is also evident from reading the Newsletter that the Seattle Human Relations Committee holds regular meetings. I guess what I am trying to communicate here is that an active and ongoing program, that is in step with current social concerns, is worthwhile. As JACLers, we also know that such programs do not go without a core of interested people to begin the push. Those interested people may be in your backyard, but unless the chapter leadership is willing to reexamine some of the old reliable and, in some cases, worn out program standbys, and look for new approaches, we will stay in our ruts.

I personally think it is encouraging to note that we see occasional evidence of JACL chapters embarking upon activities that bring them into the mainstream of social problems, notably those in the areas of civil rights and the "War Against Poverty". There is ample evidence to show us that it is not necessary for chapters to bemoan the fact that constructive programming is tough, or that people don't come out for "serious" events.

Chapters, especially in our larger cities, might consider the merits of a "Human Relations Committee" a la Seattle, Dayton, San Francisco, Chicago, etc.

In the final analysis, the old and unproven cliché, "it takes hard work", applies.

I would think that it would be particularly good for JACL if more of those Nisei, who have criticized the organization for its passivity and alleged lack of concern, would care enough to give some leadership.

We are trying to provide impetus on the national level, but effectiveness from the "lofty" perch high above where things are happening organizationally, is limited. We need some grass roots help.

### MESSAGE

In this business of social responsibility, I note the closing words of our National Legal Counsel in his "Closing Vignettes", talking about the problems in the deep South. "Perhaps the answer is written in the wind. Of one thing I'm sure, there will be an answer. Either we, all of us, provide the answer or we'll answer for it."

Is this a legal and Mississippi type issue, or do all of us, in whatever community we live, have a stake in the answer?

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## Utah civil rights citizens aim for equal housing

BY RUPERT HACHIYA  
(Special to the Pacific Citizen)

SALT LAKE CITY—At the annual meeting of the Utah Citizens Organization for Civil Rights held at the Guadalupe Center April 15, Alice Kasai, Intermountain representative on the National JACL Civil Rights Committee, was installed as president.

A past Salt Lake Chapter president and former secretary to the National JACL Board, Alice is one of the original members of this Civil Rights group organized in 1959 as a coordinating agency for all who are concerned to make equal opportunity a reality for everyone in Utah.

She brings to her new responsibilities as the first woman president, a wide range of experience in the civil rights field. She has been active in preparing legislation, lobbying, fund raising, recruiting membership, public relations and took over Henry's job as treasurer to the UCOCR.

"Our task ahead is clearly defined", she stated, "to borrow the slogan of the 442nd Infantry of the Japanese American Combat Regiment, we must finish the fight in housing legislation, as that is the only one remaining in Utah. Public Accommodations, Employment and repeal of the anti-miscegenation laws all passed in 1963 and 1965. This year's housing law did not get out of the sifting committee."

"Our next plan of action is to cooperate, encourage and involve all civil rights, human rights, religious and minority groups in a force for education and justice for the righteous dignity of all men."

She succeeds Albert Fritz, Salt Lake's Negro JACLer of many years. Raymond Uno, who served as UCOCR's third president, and Rupert Hachiya, past national JACL 3rd v.p., were named to the Board of Directors.

## Restaurant sued for \$100,000 by Sansei teacher

SANTA ANA — A Placentia restaurant has been sued for \$100,000 by a Fullerton woman who claims that the "dangerous, deceptive and unsafe condition of its hallway" led to her fall there June 19, 1965.

Named as defendant in the suit is the 301 Cafe, 301 Santa Fe St., owned and operated by Mrs. Thomas M. Orozco.

The personal injury action was filed in Orange County Superior Court by Pamela F. Kushida, 141 S. Yale, Fullerton. A school teacher, she is the daughter of the Tats Kushidas of Monterey Park.

In a response to the suit, Mrs. Orozco claims that Miss Kushida's fall and injuries were due to her "failure to use due care and caution."

On the committee are: Mary Hamamoto, Margarette Murakami, and Clara Miyano, regis.; James Yokoyama, fin.; Anne Ohki, Lily Okamoto, Suzy Hirooka, refreshments; Pat Shimizu, George Yokoyama, Hitoshi Kobayashi, Bill Shimizu, banquet; Dr. Roy Okamoto, 1000 Club; George Hamamoto, emcee.

which they are established."

Every business in which he has been interested reflects his philosophy in the creative and active intent personally taken by him, Dr. Sakai pointed out.

His charming and gracious wife, Andrea, shares all of his interests. Their daughter, Fawn, is married to attorney Ron Silverton, and they have three girls.

### Art Exhibition

A display of high school art in the lounge, competing for some \$150 in awards, is a special feature of the convention.

Nancy Fujihiro, a member of the Young America Singers, will entertain during the banquet. She is the 18-year-old daughter of the Robert Fujihiros of Venice. Carolyn Murayama is convention hostess.

Enomoto has called an informal national board meeting for Saturday morning. Ron Shiozaki, DC governor, will preside at the district business meeting starting at 1 p.m. Airport Marina Hotel is situated one mile north of Marina del Rey at Manchester and Lincoln Blvd. Nearby are an 18-hole pitch & putt golf course, shopping center, park and playground.

CONVENTION HOSTS — Beckoning JACLers and friends to the Pacific Southwest District Council convention May 5-7 at Airport Marina Hotel are (from left) Gram Noriyuki, Venice-Culver JACL president; Carolyn Maruyama, official hostess; George Isoda, whing ding chairman; and Dr. Richard Saiki, convention chairman. Hotel is located at Lincoln Blvd. and Manchester Ave., near Playa del Rey, Los Angeles.

## PSWDC convention awaits hefty turnout

BY FRANCES KITAGAWA

LOS ANGELES — As far as preparations go, it's all set, according to Dr. Richard Saiki, host chairman of the Pacific Southwest District Council biennial convention May 5-7 at Airport Marina. All that is needed now are people!

PSW chapters are being polled this week to provide the host chapter Venice-Culver JACL the number of delegates and boosters expected for the weekend affair.

PSWDC youth will meet concurrently to select its DYC queen, hold its own dance Saturday night and discuss Jr. JACL business.

Victor Carter, civic leader and philanthropist will be the principal speaker at the Saturday banquet. National JACL president Jerry Enomoto will address the Sunday luncheon. George Isoda will chair the 1000 Club whing ding on Friday night.

Carter is active in civic and national affairs, chairman of the board Republic Corporation, president of the Jewish Federation Council, general chairman of the United Crusade, president of the Japan America Society since 1962.

Carter "believes that business concerns have a responsibility to the community in

## Sonoma Jr. to host NCDYC session; Squaw Valley seminar to be aired

SANTA ROSA—Sonoma County Jr. JACL hosts the Northern California District Youth Council session on Sunday, May 7, at Los Robles Lodge. Youth will meet concurrently with the JACLers, according to Randy Okamoto, local Jr. JACL president.

Registration starts at noon with business sessions slated for 1 p.m. with Shirley Matsu-mura, DYC chairman, of San Jose presiding. Final reports on the Squaw Valley seminar in June to be hosted by Al-Co Jr. JACL and on Jr. JACL membership are slated.

A late afternoon mixer with something else rendering the music will conclude at 5:30 for youth delegates while advisers of Jr. JACL chapters are conducting a workshop on effective communications.

Donna Furuzawa, general chairman, is being aided by: Barbara Tsurumoto, Phyllis Taj and Ron Morikawa, regis.; Shirley Sugawara, Kathy Oda, Joyce Uyeda, Bob Shimizu and Steve Miyano, gen. arr.; Keiko Shimizu, pub.; Gayle Sunada, Nancy Okamoto, posters.

Youth will join the JACLers at the evening banquet where Tom Farrell, civic leader and local JACLer, will be the main speaker on the similarities of Japanese and Irish immigrants to America.

### DC session kickoff for JACL Japan Tour

SANTA ROSA—The NC-WNDC second quarterly session on Sunday, May 7, at Los Robles Lodge here will be a kick-off rally to invite members to join the JACL-Japan Tour this fall, according to James Murakami, host chairman, of Sonoma County JACL.

## Frank Ogawa gets 50,000 confidence votes in Oakland

OAKLAND — Frank H. Ogawa who ran unopposed in his post as city councilman from District 7 was given a large complimentary vote in April 18 balloting.

He received 52,359 votes for a short term election and another 49,175 for the full four-year as city councilman.

Ogawa was appointed to the District 7 post to succeed John H. Reading who became Oakland's mayor last April after Mayor John C. Houlihan resigned. The short term vote was to confirm Ogawa's appointment for the remainder of Reading's term as councilman which ends July 1.

Under the long term vote, Ogawa will serve until July 1, 1971.

Mayor Reading romped to an easy victory Tuesday with 56,608 votes to about 800 for his two opponents combined.

# Decision on legality of Evacuation still remains

NEW YORK — Life Magazine, in its April 28 editorial, "Epilogue to a Sorry Drama", joined its sister publication, Time, challenging the U.S. Supreme Court to overrule the Korematsu case, which validated the Evacuation of 1942.

The editorial, in the wake of the 8-0 Supreme Court decision of April 10 on yen claimants (see Mike Masakawa's Washington Newsletter, Page 2), declared: "... Yet a sorry memory remains. Wartime certainly justifies moving against individuals suspected of sabotage or espionage, and it was probably practical to move enemy aliens from the neighborhood of vital defense installations. But it was wrong to detain indiscriminately thousands of people, without charge of trial, and it is regrettable that even in making restitution, the highest court has not passed judgment on whether the mass evacuation itself was legal and justified."

"Not quite" Time magazine last week, in reporting what Los Angeles attorney A.L. Wirin had said, that the yen claimant ruling "brings to an end the last injustice visited by the U.S. government on Americans of Japanese descent during the war", added:

"Not quite. In last week's decision—as in all previous ones—the court sidestepped the prickly problem of the legality of the government's 1942 action in internment U.S. citizens without benefit of charges or trial. That precedent thus remains intact."

Allan R. Bosworth, author of "America's Concentration Camps", said as much in his latest book on the Evacuation—that the decision is a "loaded weapon" and could conceivably happen again.

(Bosworth, visiting the West Coast, journeyed with the KRON-TV news crew of San Francisco to the dilapidated Tule Lake Relocation Center for footage to be shown next month.)

Sumitomo Yen Case In Los Angeles, holders of Sumitomo Bank yen certificates are asking for reinstatement of their claims, following the April 10 decision, although the Alien Property Custodian has pointed out the situation is different from the Yokohama Specie Bank case.

There are no more funds remaining the Sumitomo Bank account, according to the Alien Property Custodian.

Hence, the Sumitomo Bank yen certificate holders, who had been awaiting the recent Yokohama Specie Bank case, believe remedy may be pursued through Congress. Hanako Arita, owner of Kyoto Silk Co., 330 E. 1st St., Los Angeles, has volunteered to serve as coordinator and secretary for claimants.

Sumitomo yen claimants had settled at the postwar rate of 360 to 1, but many refused to

turn in their certificates to sustain a heavy loss.

In recent weeks, two State of Washington papers have joined a number of other newspapers across the country in lauding the yen claimant rule.

The Seattle Times said: "The dark record of oppression of Nisei can never be erased. But the nation's highest court has given monetary satisfaction to those who benefit from the decision."

The Spokane Spokesman-Review noted: "Now, at last, the highest court in the land has cut through the bureaucratic red tape and ordered simple justice done."

"The question is whether, 26 years after the fact, justice is possible. The use of the money for those years presumably is not compensated, and a goodly proportion of the original depositors will not now be living."

"The record has been cleared by the high court's action, but the sorry picture of narrow-minded, bureaucratic bungling will remain."

### D.C. Papers

Both of the papers in Washington, D.C., were pressed to comment on the Evacuation as a result of the ruling.

The Post called the ruling a "simple act of restitution" (but) "the award can hardly be called unduly generous". The Evening Star said it "was pitifully little and shamefully late".

Of the Evacuation, the Post

noted both the FBI and the Dept. of Justice had opposed what it called "this monstrous piece of oppression. It was carried out, nevertheless, and remains a blot on the pages of American history".

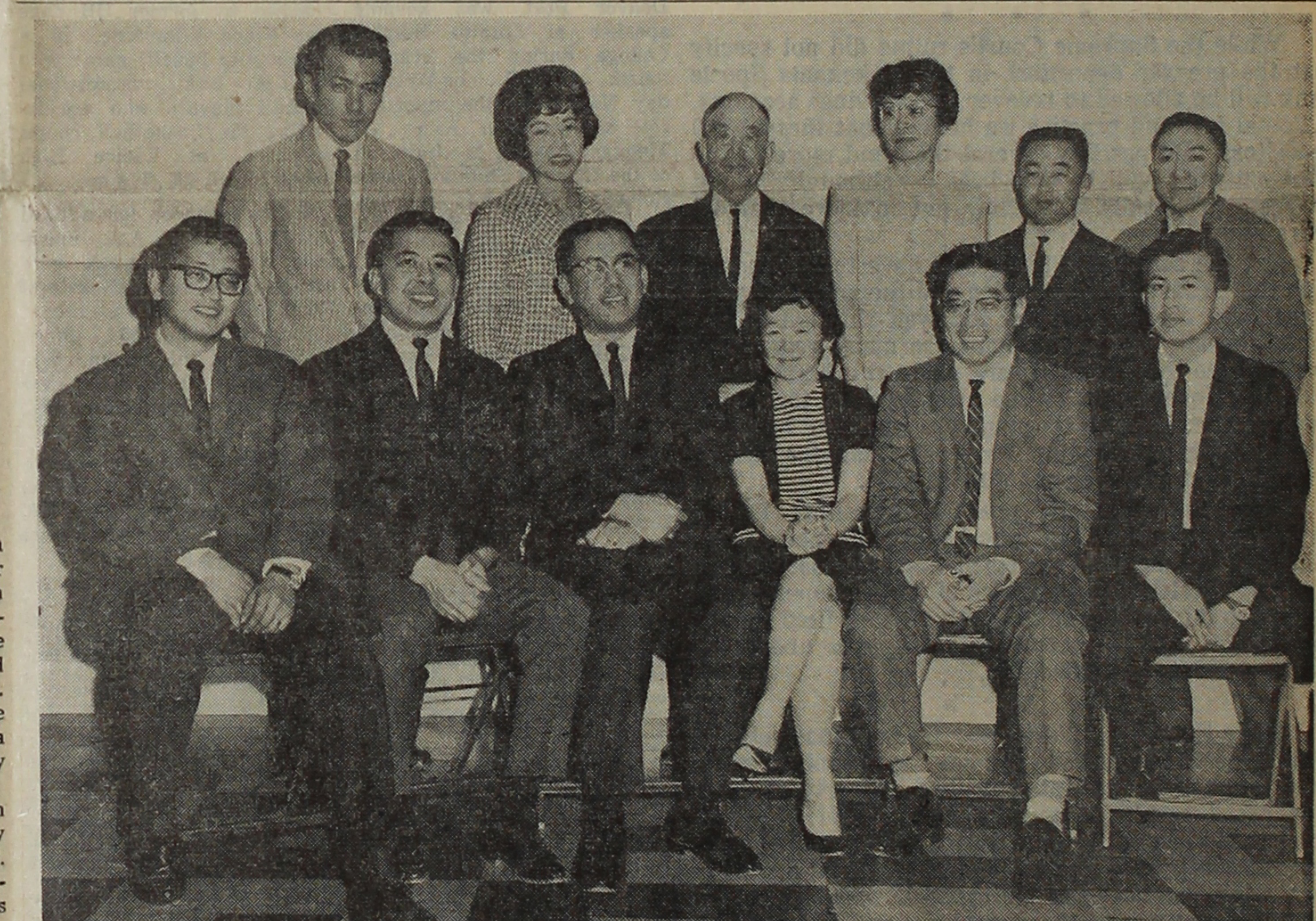
The Evening Star declared it was "racial hysteria (that) herded (the Nisei) into the American equivalent of concentration camps".

Concluded the Evening Star: "America must never forget, in order to make certain that this dark hour of stupidity, prejudice and hysteria will never descend on the land again. Let it be remembered, always, that we had our day of infamy, too."

Similar expressions were noted in editorials that same week appearing in the Los Angeles Times and Oakland Tribune, which were reprinted in the Congressional Record by Sen. Thomas Kuchel (R-Calif.) on April 20.

Both Hawaiian senators, Hiram Fong (R) and Dan Inouye (D), applauded the Supreme Court ruling. "I am comforted by the knowledge that thousands of claimants are still alive to reap the benefits," Inouye said.

Fong, who had protested the Attorney General's action in denying the late yen claims, was ready to have Congress take action if the Supreme Court had not ruled favorably, he said. "I am pleased this action is unnecessary," he added.



NEW LOOK AT MILE-HI — The 1967 board members of the Mile-Hi JACL are (from left): seated — Harry Harada, treas.; Everett Shigeta, v.p.; Ray Moroye, v.p.; Tami Masunaga, sec. Sam Owada, pres.; Robert Fujimoto, v.p.; standing — Eugene Yoshihara, Flor-

ence Shigeta, Frank Nakata, Trooda Hirokawa, Albert Nakata and Koji Kanai. Missing board members from the picture are Dode Uchida, Roy Mayeda, Tom Miyake, Rev. Jonathan Fujita and George Inai.

—Harry Harada Photo.

# 'Japan's Decision for War' clearly related

BY ALLAN BEEKMAN  
(Special to the Pacific Citizen)

In 1941, the leaders of Japan were agonizing over the dismal choice of permitting the nation to be strangled into impotence by American sanctions or trying to wriggle out of the economic noose by going to war with America.

Nobutaka Ike, Professor of Political Science at Stanford University, has collected the records of their discussions, edited them, and translated them into clear, idiomatic English. The result is "Japan's Decision for War," 306 pages, \$8.50, Stanford University Press.

By 1941, Japan had already thoroughly alienated American opinion. Japan had begun to feel the bite of American hostility when she had begun war against China on July 7, 1937.

Now bogged down in the profitless China adventure, the Japanese believed, with reason, that the will of the enemy to resist was sustained by British and American aid and moral support. The Japanese looked with envy at Adolf Hitler, equally hated by America, who, in the West, was scoring victory after victory with his blitzkrieg, lightning warfare.

Even the most clearheaded

of the Japanese seemed awed by the Germans and entertained an exaggerated notion of that nation's military prowess. Probably few had realized that Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka was doing his country a disservice when he signed a Tripartite Pact with Germany and Italy.

The Tripartite Pact pledged Japan to come to the aid of her Axis partners if either were attacked by a power not then in the European war.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt was doing everything he could to aid Hitler's enemies. He wanted America in the war as an active belligerent. Consequently, he felt the Tripartite Pact was directed against America and resented Japan for it accordingly.

Roosevelt manifested his disfavor by imposing heavy economic sanctions against Japan. Through his tremendous power and prestige, he persuaded other nations to join him in imposing such sanctions.

He struck his most cruel blow at Japan after she moved troops into Indo-China. He embargoed the shipment of oil to Japan, with Great Britain and the Dutch East Indies following his lead.

Japan had no oil except what she had stockpiled. With each day of the embargo these stocks became further depleted. If the stocks were exhausted, with no further oil available, Japan would be rendered impotent.

If Japan could not gain oil through trade, she must seize it by taking over the oil fields of the Dutch East Indies by force of arms. But to attack the Dutch would involve her in war with Great Britain and America.

The Japanese leaders had little enthusiasm for war with the American colossus. None of them could predict a clear-cut victory ending in American surrender. The best that could be hoped for, and that only after long and bitter conflict, would be the expulsion of America from the Orient.

So even though Roosevelt showed no willingness to soften his position, the Japanese bent every effort to break the impasse through diplomacy, though preparing for war if the slim hope for a peaceful settlement should not be realized.

There was a limit to what the Japanese Cabinet might concede to America, if only because concessions beyond

that limit would invite assassination and revolution.

As a conciliatory gesture, they dropped Matsuoka from the government. They made various overtures to the administration in Washington. But the negotiations did not prosper.

In those days of waning hope for peace, Yoshimichi Hara, President of the Privy Council, spoke for the Emperor: "Statesmen must give serious consideration to the wisdom of waging a war against a great power like the United States. . . . Hitler has said that the Japanese are a second-class race. . . . (American) indignation against the Japanese will be stronger than their hatred of Hitler. I fear. . . if Japan begins a war against the United States, Germany and Great Britain and the United States will come to terms, leaving Japan by herself. . . . don't let hatred of Japan become stronger than hatred of Hitler, so that everybody will in name and fact gang up on Japan."

Premier Hideki Tojo said, "I will be careful to avoid the war's becoming a racial war." On November 20, Japan made an offer to America.

Roosevelt, who had broken the Japanese diplomatic code, knew it would be the last offer the Japanese would make. On November 26, Secretary of State Cordell Hull handed the Japanese emissaries the American reply.

The American note was devoid of diplomatic finesse. It made stiffer demands of Japan than had ever been asked before. In every respect, except for a time limit for acceptance, the note was an ultimatum.

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### JACL nat'l. sponsor

### Kizer citizen of year

SPOKANE — Attorney Benjamin H. Kizer, 88, was named Lay Citizen of the Year by Phi Delta Kappa for his support of education and civic activities.

A National JACL sponsor during WW2, Kizer is founding president of the Spokane chapter of the English Speaking Union and of the National Conference of Christian and Jews and is a past president of the Spokane Chamber of Commerce. He is also a past president of the county and state bar associations.



Washington Newsletter: Mike Masaoka

## Yen Claimants

Monday, April 10 was an especially eventful day for Americans of Japanese ancestry not only because JACL's William Marutani became the first Japanese American attorney ever to argue a civil rights case before the Supreme Court of the United States but also because, earlier that same morning, the nation's highest tribunal reversed two lower courts and held that pre-World War II Issei and Nisei depositors in the Yokohama Specie Bank were not foreclosed from receiving their savings accounts.

In an eight-to-nothing unanimous opinion, Mr. Justice John M. Harlan declared that "Petitioners are 4,100 United States citizens of Japanese descent seeking to recover funds vested under the Trading with the Enemy Act. The District Court dismissed their suit against the Attorney General as barred by limitations, and the Court of Appeals affirmed by a divided vote. We granted certiorari because of the importance and unusual character of the questions involved, affecting the proper application of this wartime statute.

"Both as the case was treated by the lower courts and as it was largely argued here, the limitations issue has been thought to turn on whether the Government is estopped from asserting the 60-day time bar provided for action of this kind by the Section 34 (f) of the Trading with the Enemy Act. We conclude, however, that 'estoppel' is not the controlling issue, but that for reasons discussed in this opinion (relevance of the Bankruptcy Act) the period of limitations was tolled, requiring reversal of the judgment below."

In such language as this, the Court of Last Resort might be said to have strained itself a bit in order to provide some measure of justice for certain Japanese Americans.

In any event, news stories published throughout the country featured this aspect of justice to Japanese Americans, as did most of the news magazines. And a number of newspapers and news magazines editorialized favorably on this Supreme Court decision.

Senator Hiram Fong of Hawaii, in commenting on the decision to the Senate, reminded his colleagues that, as a member of the Judiciary Committee, he had twice called upon the Attorney General of the United States last year to compromise and settle these claims, while Senator Thomas Kuchel of California declared that "A harsh interpretation of the Trading with the Enemy Act held that the claims were not filed in a timely manner. The Court held simply and sensibly that the time limit specified in the law was designed to expedite settlements and not to perpetuate a wrong. While the results of the decision are hardly munificent, they do constitute a forward step in the American theory of equal treatment under law."

California's Senior Senator and Assistant Republican Leader then inserted into the Congressional Record editorials lauding the decision in the Washington Post, the Washington Star, the Oakland Tribune, the San Francisco Chronicle, and the Los Angeles Times.

While the Supreme Court's ruling did not specify that the pre-war depositors in the Yokohama Specie Bank will be allowed to recover their savings accounts, in actual fact and practice we believe that these 4,100 depositors, and possibly several thousand more in the same category, will be paid back — although without interest—practically what they put in more than 25 years ago.

But the settlement terms will have to be reached with the Department of Justice and the administrative procedures determined and followed through before depositors may be paid. Because so many years have passed since the deposits were made and because not even the Government or the attorneys for the claimants are certain as to the numbers who may be beneficially appealed, it may be several months before even the first of the claims may be paid.

And, unfortunately, pre-war depositors in the Sumitomo and other Japanese banks, internees, those who filed within the prescribed time postmarked but untimely received by the Office of Alien Property, and those who for one reason or another never filed claims, will not be able to recover their deposits under the terms of the April 10 decision.

Since the end of World War II, JACL has actively been involved in efforts to provide for the return of all this vested or sequestered private property of their "Japanese" owners, especially such property as that which was claimed by Issei and Nisei, including such items as confiscated insurance policies. Generally, however, JACL has not been successful in these legislative programs because of the "enemy alien" and "enemy alien taint" involved.

But, on at least two occasions in the mid-fifties, when the Senate approved bills that would have outlawed all yen claims on the grounds that it was too costly administratively to process them, JACL was able to frustrate them in the House. These bills were requested by the Office of Alien Property which, at that time, contended that these yen claims should be repaid at the post-war 360 yen to one dollar exchange rate. Had these bills become law, neither the 4,100 claimants involved in the April 10 case or the more than 3,000 claimants involved in the earlier Aratani-Abe settlements would have been in a position to successfully challenge the Government's case.

In all of these yen claims cases, JACL has co-operated with counsel for the pre-war depositors. In this particular matter, entitled the Ayako Honda case, JACL was able to suggest Washington counsel—Joseph Rauh and John Silard — to the West Coast attorneys for the claimants. JACL provided them with all its background on this subject and contacted congressional sources for help. But, perhaps JACL's most important contribution was in persuading Thomas Lynch, Attorney General of the State of California, to submit two amicus curiae briefs to the Supreme Court, one urging it to grant certiorari to hear the case and the other arguing that the pre-war deposits should be repaid at the pre-war rate. We have reason to believe that these two amicus briefs were most persuasive with the highest court in the land.

Although Los Angeles attorney A. L. Wirin, who has been involved probably with more cases involving the wartime discrimination of Japanese Americans than any other lawyer, has been quoted that "This decision brings to an end the last injustice visited by the United States Government on Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War II," JACL is far from that mind.

There are many other aspects and implications of that World War II mistreatment that still require legislative and litigative efforts, not the least of which is to reverse the Korematsu decision that the Evacuation was constitutional.

## NEWS CAPSULES

YWCA national convention at Boston this week was Mrs. Kaoru Tanamachi Reynolds, adult program director of the 965 Clay St. YWCA Center, San Francisco.

## Crime

For failing to disperse after a near-riot of some 600 students at Washington High School in San Francisco, six youth including Paul Jun Ho, 19, of 437-18th Ave., were arrested by police, who added that the Sanel has a long record of previous arrests involving stolen autos. Riot reportedly grew from the arrest of an Oriental boy the day before on a knife charge.

Four 17-year-old Gardena Sanel, apparently high on marijuana, drove along side and splattered a sheriff patrol car with an egg. Deputies found more eggs, rifle bullets in the glove compartment and what appeared to be marijuana cigarette butts in the Sanel's car.

## Youth

Recognizing his services during recent international scout jamboree in Mt. Fuji, Japan, the Japanese Boy Scouts awarded On-ly five and given each year.

Tom Matsumoto and Shigio Masunaga (incumbent) won seats in the Santa Clara County Evergreen School District elections. Masayuki Hike Yego (inc.) and Geoffrey Igarashi (inc.) were re-elected to their school boards in Penryn and Rocklin, respectively.

## Press Row

Newsstand operator George Yamada, upset by the National Informer's use of "Jap", dumped all of the copies in a trash barrel and told the publishers he wouldn't sell them anymore. The Informer replied, expressing its regrets to the Los Angeles Nisei, and explained the reference is only reserved for nationals in Japan, while Americans of Japanese descent are just Americans. Yamada was told his letter has stimulated thoughts of publishing an article on the injustices of Evacuation and the Nisei have overcome all obstacles. In commentary, George Yoshinaga, back from London, says "Jap" is used about 99 pct. of the time. "It's a good thing Yamada doesn't have a newsstand in London," he Kama English editor added. Bill Hosokawa, associate editor of the Denver Post, was keynote speaker at Loretto Heights College during the school's fourth annual non-Western day. He stressed the importance of Japan in Asia. Thomas Masuda is chairman of the Chicago Shimpo Board. Kohachiro Sugimoto remains as president of the semi-weekly vernacular.

Kashu Mainichi Tokyo Bureau chief, Yoshimoto Komatsu, 69, died of pneumonia April 10 at St. Luke's Hospital. A pioneer Issei newspaperman, he served with the Rafu Nichibei in the mid-20s while attending U.S. In 1931 he returned to Tokyo to start his import-export business and served as Kama's correspondent.

## School Front

Plans for San Jose State College's mid-campus high-rise library (it may be as high as 18 stories, though original plans call for 8 to 10) will be drawn by the Berkeley architectural firm of Van Bourg-Nakamura & Associates. On the same site, the late Arthur Sugino, who died in an airplane crash last year, has been sent to the Los Angeles College of Optometry. Florence Amamoto, who maintained a 4.0 grade point average during her four years at San Mateo High, is the first student in five years to score a perfect A record. A set of 100 cultural and art books on Japan, published in English, were presented by Consul General Toshio Shimanouchi to the UCLA Oriental Library. A similar set was presented to Occidental College two years ago, while Japanese editions on various topics were given to USC.

Attorney Frank Chuman of Los Angeles and Masako Hirata, San Bernardino teacher, were named to the advisory council to the Southwest Regional Laboratory for Education Research and Development, one of the U.S. Among 2,750 California State scholarship winners for the coming year were 89 Sanel. About 24,000 high school senior applied. Financial need and academic scores determine winners of awards up to \$1,500 per year. (PC production assistant Danny G. Toffi of Lovell High, was among 11 Los Angeles Sanel being honored.)

## Organizations

San Francisco Nikkei Lions elected Jutaro Shiota as its president for the coming year. He succeeds Joe Yasaki of Oakland. Attending the

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son. Yoshida, who graduated from Iolani in 1953 and from Linfield in 1962, was head coach for two years at Orangeview Jr. High School in Anaheim, Calif. He served one year on Linfield's staff and was assistant at Lora High School in Anaheim for two seasons. He played fullback at Iolani and linebacker at Linfield. He made the all-Northwest Conference as linebacker in 1960-61; Little All-Coast second team, 1961; Little All-America second team, 1961. He was named Linfield's most inspirational player in 1961 and was defensive captain in 1960-61.

## Fine Arts

Landscape and still life artist Arthur Okamura, whose latest paintings are on exhibit at Feingarten Gallery, Los Angeles, was praised by Times critic William Wilson. "While much art caroms from taste to taste, the paintings of Okamura evolve slowly. Everytime he shows he seems to have consolidated what he learned last year and to have added some meaningful element. Consolidation is the hallmark of his current exhibition. The result is visionary art."

## Business

Stockholders of Western Pioneer Finance, 2270 Broadway, Oakland elected directors

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A. Scarcella (a 1st year 1000er), is general manager of Western Pioneer Insurance, now in its 18 year specializing in automobile and liability insurance. Wayne Dermitt is president of the Oregon Sanitary Supply Assn. and represented the group at its national meeting in Boston. Minoru Takamoto was promoted plant controller for American Bakeries Co.'s Langford division at Berkeley. He was asst. controller at the firm's San Jose plant. David Nakamura of San Jose was named materials manager of Optics Technology, Inc., Palo Alto. He was formerly with Seltic Semiconductors and with Sequia Wire & Cable Co.

## Entertainment

East-West Players will present "Martyrs Can't Go Home" May 25-June 3 at Bethany Presbyterian Church. Directed by Mako, Academy Award nominee, the original Soon Tak Oh play deals with the Korean conflict. It won the 1965 Kunitz Award for foreign students at UCLA.

## Awards

Kenneth H. Kato from Spokane is one of seven students awarded \$3,200 four-year college scholarships by Great Northern Railway. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Kengo Kato, intends to major in biochemistry. Mr. Kato is mail handler for GN at the Spokane passenger depot.

Joan Otomo, Selma High, and Elaine Yamaguchi, Bulard High of Fresno were top winners in the Central Cal Science Fair. Joan, daughter of the John Otomos, showed how the barn owl helps the farmer in her exhibit. Elaine, daughter of the Ernest Yamaguchis, won a \$250 scholarship to Fresno State with her experiment, "The Transfer of Antibiotic Resistance."

Winning in the Bank of America Achievement Award program were Pasadena Sanel of Muir High School; Nancy Miyamoto, vocational art; Jim Sakamoto, science-math. Nancy is the

daughter of the Bob Miyamoto and Jim is the son of the James Sakamoto, parents who are active Pasadena JACLers. Jim was also Boy of the Month in February for the Altadena Exchange Club. Elizabeth Uno, 13-year-old daughter of the Edison Unos of San Francisco, was the only public school student placing in the 14th annual Bay Area Science Fair. The 8th-grader scored with "The Effect of Diet Food on Mice." Cal-Tech senior Dennis Furukie, 22, of San Mateo won a \$5,000 Hertz Fellowship for advance studies in the physical sciences. He is the son of the Atsushi Furukies of 339 N. Delaware St., San Mateo, a member of the Phi Beta Kappa and graduating this June with both a B.A. and B.S. degree.

Caruthers Chamber of Commerce (near Fresno) honored Sumio Hoshiko as its Man of the Year. He has served as president of the Caruthers District Fair Board for five terms, is president of the Lions, president of the Alvina Elementary School District board and a Boy Scout committee member. Avice Ichimura, Caruthers High School sophomore, who is the state AAU women's gymnastic champion, was cited for her achievement.

Up for Colorado Woman of Achievement award is Mrs. Ben Konishi of Alamosa, active San Luis Valley JACLers, who is 4-H county leader, president of the local American Assn. of University Women, and one-time school teacher. Her husband is a veterinarian and they have three children.

## Military

Names of two Rocky Mountain area Nisei killed in Vietnam, Pvt. Wesley Shimoda of Commerce City, Colo., and Curtis T. Ando of Powell, Wyo., will be added to the Nisei War Memorial Monument at Denver's Fairmount Cemetery. A U.S. Navy transport manned by a Japanese crew with Navy command personnel was attacked by Viet Cong April 21 along Saigon's main shipping channel. One Japanese was killed and four crewmen injured by small arms and rocket fire.

## Courtroom

A Hunting Beach engineer, represented by Nisei attorney George Shibata, former assistant city attorney at Huntington Beach, is suing the So. Calif. Edison Co. a million dollars for the "public scandal, infamy and disgrace" he allegedly suffered because of arrest, jail and Edison's suit last year. Edison filed a criminal complaint against Donald Medeweff for maliciously interfering with transmission lines in Silverado Canyon, Orange County. Medeweff is a registered engineer for the Huntington Beach public works department.

## Agricultural

Robert Sakata, who farms 1780 acres near Brighton, in receiving the Dinner Bell Award from the Denver Agricultural and Livestock Club, warned that if farmers lose the pride and dedication of working with the soil, the U.S. will no longer be the land of plenty. The farmer, thus, is an asset to the American way of life. A liability. Tokihiro Shirakawa of Fowler was elected president of the Central Calif. Fruit Growers Assn. With seven grovers, netted last year, gross sales reached \$350,000.

## Medicine

The new Huntington Beach Intercommunity Hospital named Dr. Akio E. Mitamura as chief pathologist.

## Architects

The Helmut and Obata, Inc., a St. Louis architectural firm, was granted a \$80 million contract to build five high schools in Pittsburgh, Pa., in a bid entered by the nation's top construction firms. Gyo Obata is a principal member of the firm.

## Beekman -

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Hull knew, and privately admitted, the delivery of this note would result in war with Japan. War came less than two weeks later.

To prevent an American counterattack as they drove toward the oil fields of the East Indies, the Japanese struck at Pearl Harbor.



By Elmer Ogawa

## Northwest Picture

USDA Mikan Hearing

Seattle The United States Dept. of Agriculture held an open hearing in Portland April 19 on lifting the ban in four northwestern states on the importation of Japanese Unshu oranges, and after a lively discussion took the matter under advisement. A decision will be forthcoming in the near future.

Representing the northwest were the Northern Citrus Import Commission of Seattle, whose Nisei leader is supermarket owner Minoru Kimura; Hollis Farwell, representing the Port of Seattle and the Chamber of Commerce and plant pathologists headed by Dr. Edmond C. Calavan of the Univ. of California.

Senators Warren G. Magnuson, Henry M. Jackson (both D-Wash.) and Mark O. Hatfield (R-Ore.) sent letters in support of lifting the quarantine.

Alaska is the only state permitted import of the mikan since the ban in 1946, and Farwell reported that of the 192,000 lbs. transhipped through Seattle to Alaska in 1966, no citrus canker was found.

## Florida Leads Opposition

Florida representatives were most vehement in opposing the lifting of the ban even though it was to affect only four states, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Oregon, which would benefit. Dr. L.C. Knorr, plant pathologist of the Univ. of Florida said his state had lost more than \$400,000 to the causer before 1939 (nearly all of this loss was in the '20's) and asked if it was not

## Immigration

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an international pork barrel which proposes the readmission of the Japanese fruit.

Dr. Calavan said that as a Californian he was not happy about the sale of Japanese oranges in the Northwest, but as a pathologist he felt that there was no danger.

Representatives of the Portland Public Docks and Chamber of Commerce gave statements in favor of the proposal. Final decision is in the hands of the USDA.

## MEN OF THE YEAR

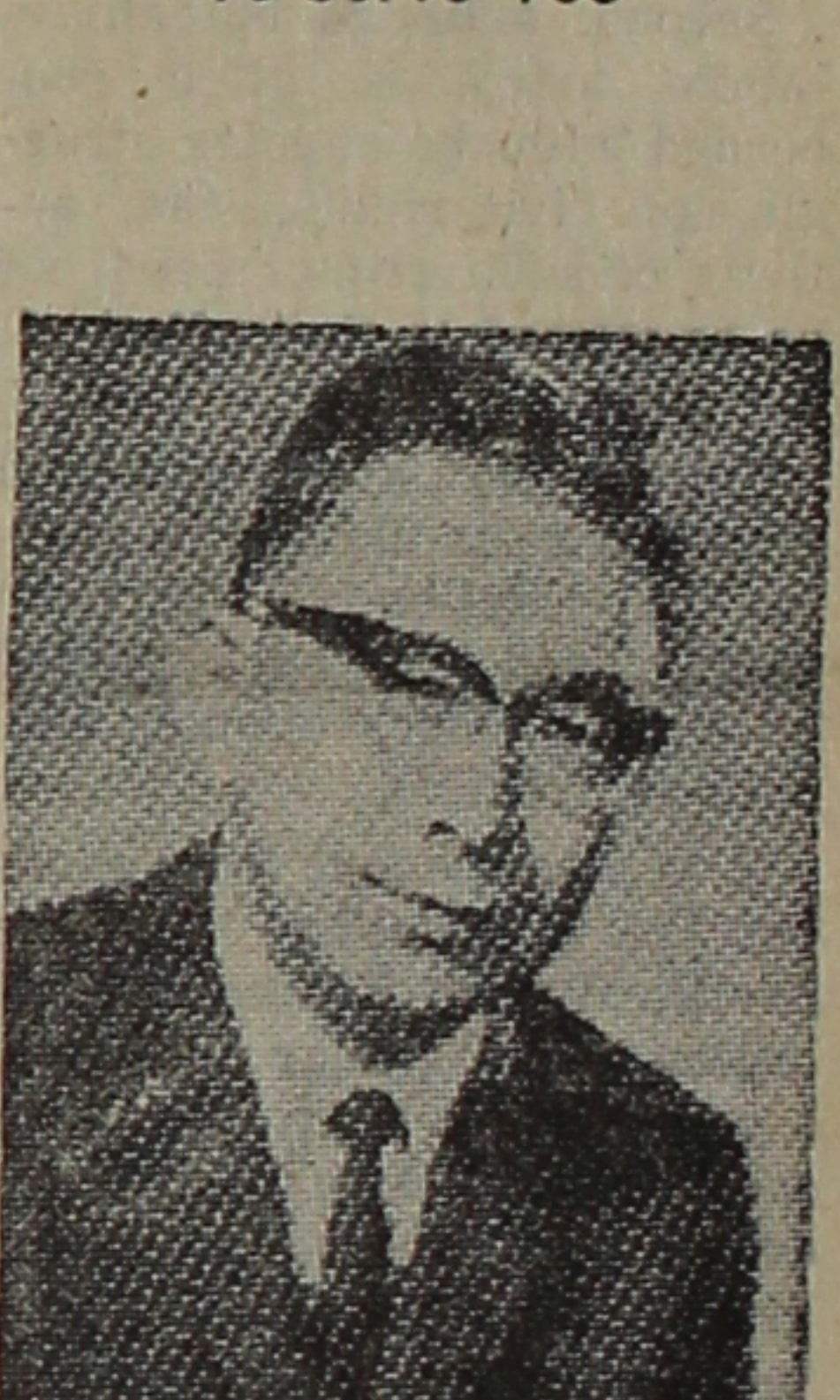
The Central Seattle (Jackson Street) Community Council broke precedent this past week and elected two Men of the Year, Genji Mihara and William A. Cannon, at the council's 21st annual meeting.

Mihara, 78, has been a leader in the Japanese Community for 30 years, and at present is serving his 19th term as president of the Japanese Community Service. JACL member Mihara is honorary vice president of the Japan America Society. He also served as president of the Japanese Language School, Inc., the Japanese Federation of Churches, and is an active member of the Seattle-Kobe affiliation committee.

Cannon is membership chairman of the Central Seattle Community Council, a precinct committeeman, and treasurer of the 37th precinct Democratic club, and has been active in the Urban League and the YMCA.

In selecting the two men, the committee said that it was unable to honor all the deserving, but yet could not single out just one person for the award.

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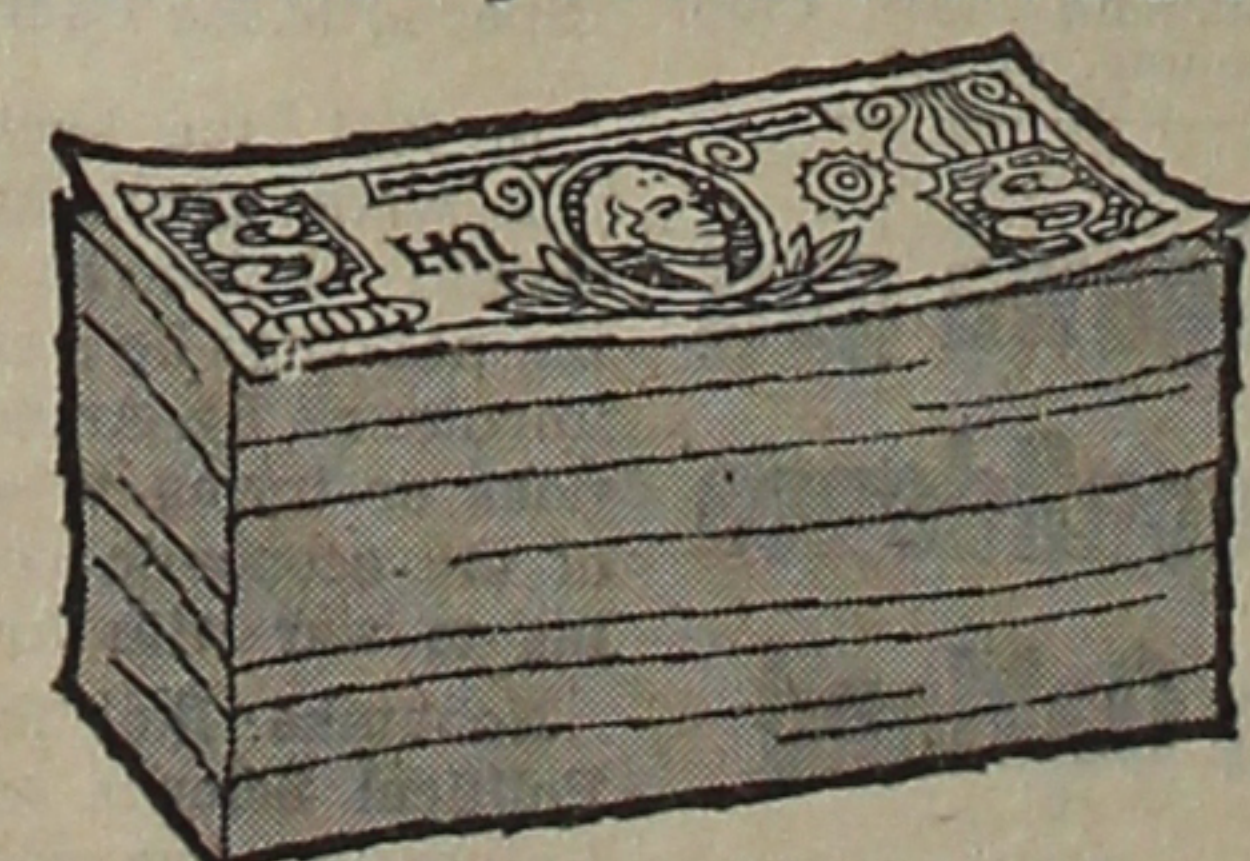
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By Bill Hosokawa

## From the Frying Pan

**HIT AND RUN** — Three times in the last six months business has brought me to the City of Angels, yet not once have I been within sight of City Hall or any part of downtown Los Angeles. It is possible to land at the airport, wait patiently for one's baggage, then take off to conduct one's business without ever approaching the heart of the city. Not so in New York or Chicago, or Denver for that matter. The important offices are centered in the downtown core city. But here the urban sprawl is at its most impressive; this in truth is a series of towns interconnected by a network of magnificent if cruelly overburdened super-highways.

One needs only to drop into an area like Sawtelle boulevard in West Los Angeles, as we did briefly, to realize the validity of the statement above. It is within sight and sound of the San Diego freeway where eight lanes of traffic race north and south. Yet Sawtelle on a Sunday afternoon is sleepily peaceful, like a small town in one of California's inland valleys, with neatly manicured lawns between the nurseries with their displays of bedding plants and exotic flora. The decades appear to have brought little change to this street. There is the drug store, the Pop and Mom grocery, the barber shop, curio and are goods shops closed for the day with a note in the window urging anyone with business to leave word at the drugstore. It is a wonder of sorts that this unhurried island of quiet survives in the midst of society afflicted by frenetic haste.

**HISTORY** — On the sixth floor of a campus building with contours like a waffle, the joint UCLA-JACL Japanese American Research Project is making progress at the studied academic pace of the campus. An astonishing amount of material has been assembled in two modest rooms by a staff now headed by Dr. Robert Wilson assisted by Joe Grant Masaoka. It will take a long time to sift through the books, magazines, diaries, scrapbooks, bound volumes of newspapers, albums, directories and other memorabilia contributed to the project, to evaluate it, index and classify it. Meanwhile, much that has been assembled is still packed into carton boxes.

Already, however, it is evident that an enormous amount of information has been collected, and more is being gathered through questionnaires, through the magic of magnetic tape, in yellowed documents, microfilm, clippings and photographs.

Bob Wilson, a Japanese history specialist, is spending his sabbatical year on the project, and his credentials are impressive. His contact with the Nisei goes back to youth in Oregon. He had friends among the Nisei during undergraduate days at Willamette University. During World War II he studied Japanese at the Navy's language school at the University of Colorado, served as an intelligence officer with the Pacific fleet. He spent a year in Japan after the war as a Fulbright fellow and took his doctorate at the University of Washington where Dr. John Maki was one of his mentors.

**SWIRLING MISTS** — Hanging in the history project office is an oil painting I first saw at Heart Mountain, Wyo., more than two decades ago. It is the work of Estelle Ishigo, a Caucasian woman who accompanied her husband into the relocation camp. The painting shows three nude figures on a mountaintop. A man stands peering into the swirling mists of the distance. Seated on the ground at his side, head bowed in weary dejection, is a woman. And on the other side, clinging to the man, is a child. One needs no explanation to understand that the three symbolize a Nisei family, evacuated, stripped of dignity, rejected, trying to fathom the future. Wilson hopes to use the painting in his book on the history of the Japanese in the United States. It is a poignant work, and its impact is all the greater today when the mists have parted and the sun shines on the Nisei.

## Eggshell tulips in bloom

LOS ANGELES—A "Blooming Banquet" to honor Issei was a two-weekend affair for Hollywood JACL.

Mrs. Amy Ishii chaired the Sunday afternoon dinner at Imperial Garden where eight Issei pioneers from the area were honored. Mrs. Peter Susuki being cited as the eldest at 87. Others were Henry Chuman, Mrs. Osako Uno, Mrs. June Takeko Tanabe, Itaro Takeshita, Mrs. Waka Takeshita and Mrs. Riyo Itaya.

Each Issei guest went home with tulips fashioned from colored egg shells and gum drops. They were also entertained with a program arranged by Mrs. Masayuki Suysishi.

The following weekend, Easter Sunday, Issei patients at City View Hospital were visited by Hollywood JACLers who presented them with the tulip creations, which were designed by Mrs. Muriel Merrell, chapter president.

Hollywood Jr. JACLers, at the same time, presented over 200 patients at County General Hospital with more of the artificial tulips.

**ISSEI, EVEN** though not naturalized, may join the 1000 Club as long as they are residents aliens.

## Chapter Call Board

### West Los Angeles JACL

**Orchid Farm Tour:** West Los Angeles JACLers will meet at Dos Pueblos Orchid Farm, Goleta, this Sunday at 1 p.m. with Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda as tour chairman. The orchids are now at the height of beauty.

### Chicago JACL

**Law Lecture:** "Tort Law" will be the subject of the second in a series of Chicago JACL law lectures at North Park Hotel on Sunday, May 7, 7:30 p.m. The speaker will be Professor Robert Johnston of the John Marshall Law School. Simply stated, Tort Law is bad manners to which the law attaches consequences. Professor Johnston will delve into this phase of law which is many-sided and sometimes confusing.

The final lecture in the series will be on Criminal Law on June 4.

**Art Lecture:** A specialist in Chinese Art, Robert Maeda will speak for the Chicago JACL on Sunday, May 21, 7:30 p.m., at the North Park Hotel. He is completing his Ph.D. dissertation after studying Chinese Art at Harvard University and the Tokyo University of Fine Arts. The lecture, with slides, will be on "Ways of Looking at Chinese and Western Painting." Public is invited. Non-members will be charged \$1.

### Stockton JACL

**Picnic:** Stockton JACL's annual community picnic will be staged at Mickle Grove, May 7, in the traditional vein: games, prizes, reunion. Jack Matsumoto and Tom Okamoto, co-chairmen, are being assisted by:

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**SAN FRANCISCO BOARD** — Guiding the San Francisco JACL this year are the following board members (from left): seated—Roy Omi, Mary China, June Uyeda, Yo Hironaka (pres.), Toyoko Doi, Nancy Okada, Yukio Isoye; standing—Bill Hikido, Kahn Yamada,

David Asano, Fred Abe, Ben Tsuchimoto, Tomio Ozawa, Ron Nakayama, James Sasaki, Franklin Tokio-ka, Mas Yanase, Wes Doi. Missing from the picture were George Yamasaki, Dick Yamashita, Louise Koike and Don Negi. —Steve Doi Photo.

## Issei view Nippon art masterpieces

**EL CERRITO**—Paintings and prints of important Cultural Properties and National Treasures of Japan were on exhibit at the El Cerrito Community Center April 23 under sponsorship of the Contra Costa JACL Chapter.

Preview of Japanese fine art, the largest and most comprehensive exhibit of its kind ever presented in the United States, was held in conjunction with the Issei Appreciation Night and Potluck Dinner with Meriko Maida and Henry Yoshisato as chairmen.

On display were original paintings as well as numerous reproductions of masterpieces of Japanese fine art. An original painting of Keigetsu Matsubayashi's Mt. Fuji was a personal gift to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Yamashita who are currently assembling the fine art for future exhibition in the U.S.

In this connection, Mrs. Yoko-yama Takan has contributed several reproductions of her husband's paintings to this exhibit.

### Kogeisha Technique

The idea to organize and assemble the present exhibit was first planned by Mrs. Chieko Yamashita, granddaughter of the founder of Otsuka Kogeisha Co. in Tokyo. The Japanese Government has designated Otsuka Kogeisha as "The Possessor of an Art Technique to be Given National Preservation".

The last major exhibition of traditional Japanese paintings to be shown in America took place in 1966 in Los Angeles, Detroit, and Philadelphia. The first major exhibition was held in 1951 at the M.H. deYoung Memorial Museum in commemoration of the signing of the Peace Treaty in San Francisco and the second was held in 1953, but because of the limitation of time placed upon objects on loan from the Japanese Government, and for the very safety of these objects, the great exhibitions could be shown in only a limited number of cities.

There were countless additional people in other metropolitan areas who wanted to have the opportunity of experiencing such an exhibition, and so Mrs. Yamashita made several trips to Japan with the plan of forming a major exhibition to remain in the U.S. permanently.

According to Mrs. Yamashita, the exhibition is expected to cultivate a deeper and wider appreciation of Japanese culture. She also stated that by experiencing the truly expressive work of art, a profound insight and understanding of Japanese art and philosophy will be engendered.

**Chinese Art**  
In addition to the Japanese fine art, several reproductions of Chinese paintings, were included to demonstrate the similarity as well as the differences in the paintings of the two countries.

On display were works of such Japanese masters as: Ogata Korin, Ogata Kenzan, Tawarayama Sotatsu, Sesshu, Aoki Mokubei, Kitagawa Utamaro.

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## Nisei version of Huck Finn teaches sportmanship

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Seven years ago, members of the San Francisco Nisei Fishing Club helped kids catch trout at the Examiner-sponsored Huck Finn Pool in the Cow Palace Sports and Boat Show.

Members had such a good time, they figured once a year wasn't enough so the club organized its own Huck Finn trip to Lake Berryessa.

The excursion, limited to 40 boys, from 8 to 12 years of age, on a first come, first served sign-up basis, includes chartering a bus, members going along as instructors and a mammoth noon barbecue. Every youth comes home with fish.

Club secretary Mike Okubo advises the eighth annual Huck Finn trip will be scheduled May 21. The sign-up book is maintained at Wong's Bait and Tackle Shop, 1588 Post St. Deadline is May 14. Parent or guardian must accompany the youth at sign-up time, who is given a data sheet which points out, among other things, "In the short time we have custody of your child we hope that he will have a good time, he will learn to be a litterbug, and he will become a sportsman".

Rules are still the same except that boys making the trip for the first time have priority. Sons of members have been barred since the first trip since they have enough opportunities with their dads.

Ed Neal, Rod and Gun columnist in the Examiner, devoted his April 16 column to the Nisei club. Neal noted: "Race or creed mean nothing in the Nisei Club, although it originally was organized as a Japanese American group. The club roster carries such names as Aaron, Colombo, Gaul, Ito, Smalling, Tanaka and Wong. You'll see black, yellow and white instructors and the same racial potpourri among the youngsters (at the Huck Finn trip)."

Neal accompanied the club at its 1964 and 1966 outings.

## Be a Registered Voter

## Scholarship deadline nears for S.F. grads

**SAN FRANCISCO** — The local JACL chapter scholarship deadline is Monday, May 15, for high school seniors of Japanese ancestry who are residents of San Francisco graduating this year.

Winner will receive \$250 from the chapter and represent it in the National JACL scholarship award program. Applications may be secured by chairman George Yamasaki (b: 434-0171, r: 921-6384).

## Chicago JACL conducts three Nihongo classes

**CHICAGO** — The JACL Japanese Language School, meeting on Tuesday nights at the JASC Bldg., 3257 N. Sheffield Ave., began its spring session of 10 weeks on April 11.

Advanced class is being instructed by the Rev. Z. Muekushina, intermediates by Mrs. Nakashima, and the beginners by Mrs. E. Sasaki.

## JACL chapter to run S.F. queen contest

**SAN FRANCISCO** — A Japan Festival to mark the opening of the new Japanese Cultural and Trade Center here will include a queen contest which will be managed by the local JACL chapter.

Various Japanese community groups are supporting the Japan Festival, still in the planning stages.

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## Ye Editor's Desk

### MAKING THE INDEX

The Pacific Citizen has been publishing weekly since June, 1942, or 25 years and the need for an Index has become more apparent with each passing year. Some editors can recite chapter & verse when a particular story appeared, even remembering where on a particular page. This one is not among them.

We must rely on our files even though they aren't up to date. There are gaps in the files, while the material to be filed has been stored. This open confession about our "morgue" should deter would-be researchers, but it won't.

It is also common practice among the people-who-are-in-the-know in the local Japanese American community to pass complicated and tedious inquiries about Japanese in American to the Pacific Citizen for answers. And our endeavor to maintain this "prestige" of being the "last resort" on such questions or leading the inquirer to the fount of knowledge has been pressed to the point where an Index is necessary and vital.

Such an Index, for one thing, would unlock the wealth of material contained in the past issues. No one in our office has time to flip the pages and very few students or researchers are allowed to flip them either. The Rafu Shimpō, which has the best Japanese American newspaper file on the Mainland, has sustained some irreparable damage to its newspaper files with certain pieces actually scissored out of the page.

The Index will help the PC staff unearth information. It will also assist the JACL offices with bound PCs and a fortunate few who still have their PCs on file in their home libraries.

More important, the Index is necessary as the PC Board has approved in principle the request to have the past issues microfilmed. Our micro-filming will also enable universities and libraries to have a permanent record of the Pacific Citizen and the stories of the Japanese in America in a couple of tiny containers rather than taking up valuable shelf space.

With assurances of outside help in the tedious cataloging of stories and columns of "lasting" value (publicity stories are being passed up), we shall compile annual PC Index editions as well as a PC Holiday Issue cumulative index in about a year's time. We have targeted ourselves to have these completed by the 1968 National JACL Convention at San Jose. We also hope to have the PC microfilmed by that time.

No sale price has been determined, but the microfilms and index will be available to all those interested.

**Sakura Script:** by Jim Henry

## Taxing Problem

**Yokohama**  
In Japan every citizen and resident is required to file an income tax return. According to the current law, exemptions from income taxes embrace only those families which consist of the parental couple and three children and which have income of under 630,000 yen per year. In other words, anyone making over 50,000 yen a month is duty bound to pay taxes.

One of the first impressions that arises in connection with Japan's system is that the impositions of taxes here is far from being fair.

One glaring example is the elusive cabaret and bar hostesses who escape filing returns, not to mention the questionable sums filed by political figures.

The hostesses in Tokyo's Ginza area alone are alleged to be evading 1,000 billion yen per annum.

An inspection revealed that there are 1,143 bars in the Ginza area, where up to 15,000 hostesses work for a nightly salary ranging from 2,000 to 10,000 yen plus tips.

They are able to live in apartments with rents of over 100,000 yen a month and readily admit they have never paid taxes. Such rents are often paid by men "supporters," and not even from their own pockets. Such income certainly comes under "miscellaneous income," but ironically the tax office officials have their hands tied, so to speak. They find it next to impossible to look into such income from these girls because of the problem of "privacy infringement."

The first step toward correcting this unfairness is for high income earners and business leaders to file honest returns themselves. Likewise the members of the Diet and Cabinet should lead the way. But, alas, it looks as if the situation will continue as in the West. The rich get richer and the poor have more mouths to feed.

### PAMPERED YOUTH

One of the first things noticeable to visitors here, if they are perceptive, is that all things are allowed to children.

Probably nowhere in the world do children have their whims catered to more than in Japan. They are sassy and spoiled. If they are not given a seat on crowded commuter trains they immediately set up a squawk and even hit passengers on the legs and irritate them by rubbing their dirty shoes against them to get what they want. Parents just laugh and say "you shouldn't do that, it isn't nice."

Medical authorities now agree that the high incidence of mental disorders, suicides and stomach ulcers among young adults here is the alarming result of this pampering of children. When they come of age and go out on their own in the working world, they are unfit to cope with the hard core problems of everyday life.

### NO NUDISTS IN JAPAN?

Japan proudly proclaims that, unlike both North and South America and most all of Europe, it has not one single nudist or none of those "notorious" nudist camps. The truth is, however, this is not so. A Japanese named Kiyoshi Oikawa has long been a proponent of stripping off clothes and returning to the nudity of nature as a means of health. He has been pushing his creed for 40 years, even during the war, holding aloft his banner touting nudity inside streetcars and in front of stations. He now heads the "Hadaka Club" (Smiling Nude Club) consisting of about 30 members.

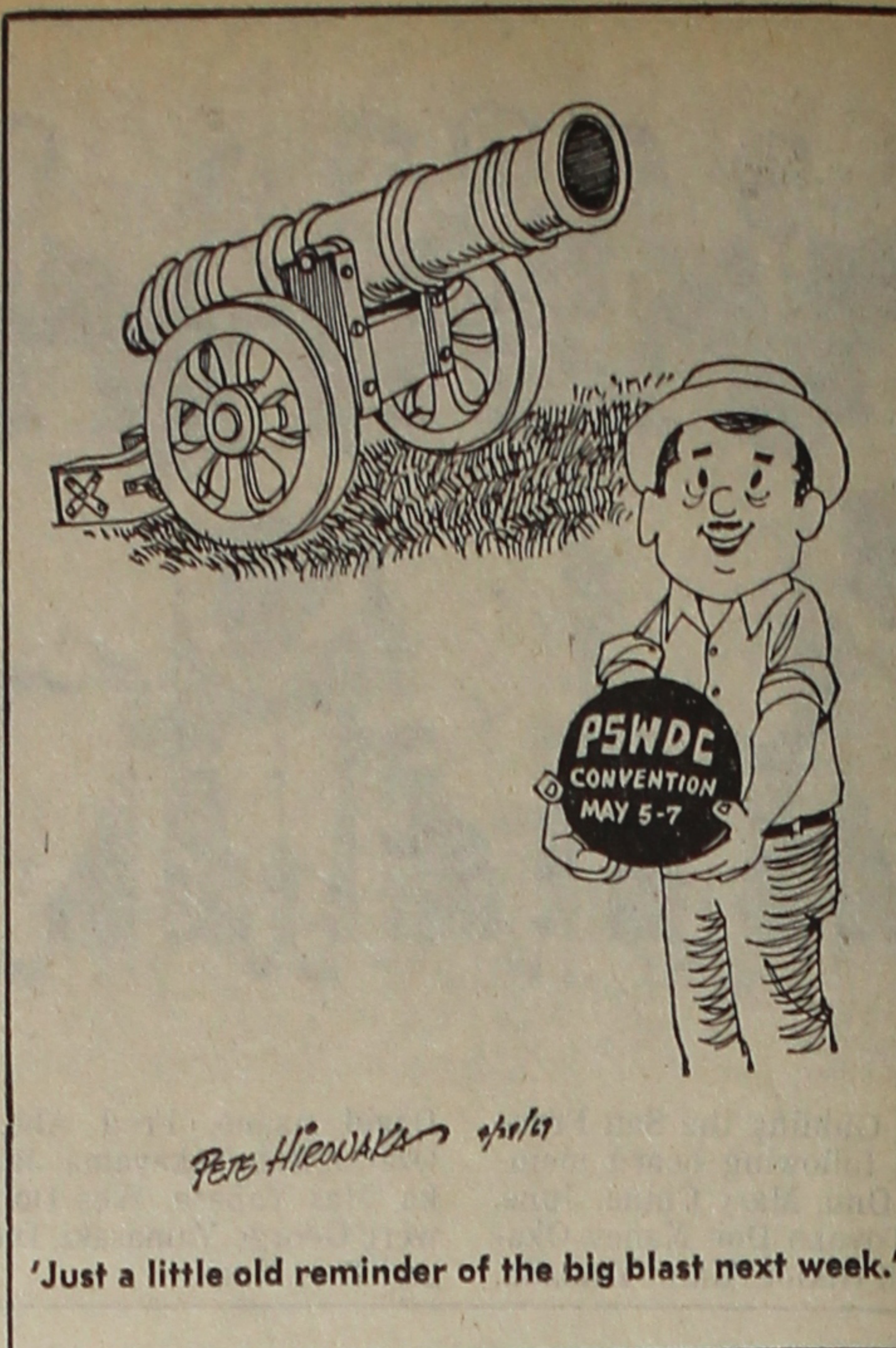
Every winter the club travels to the Okhotsk Sea where the members go swimming amid the ice floes. It is said to be quite a sight to see the group flicking in the water of the big fountain in front of Nippori Station.

(Speaking of notorious, how do they account for Miss Toruko?)

### POST-SCRIPT

After having traveled to Japan several times, I have finally discovered the difference between valor and discretion.

To travel here on an ocean liner without tipping is "valor." To return on a different ship is "discretion."



**Human Relations:** by Phil Hayasaka

## With Delinquents

Seattle  
Recently, the Seattle city council unanimously passed an ordinance authorizing the mayor to execute an agreement with CAMP (Central Area Motivation Program) for the conduct and supervision of a detached workers program. This program, as recommended by the Seattle Human Rights Commission, seeks to combat problems concerning teenage delinquency.

There have been many instances of aggressive acts by youths (not confined to the Central Area) that had been the concern of a number of citizens. Some acts have tended to increase unrest and tension in the community. At a specially called meeting by the Human Rights Commission, representatives from many private and public groups (Atlantic Street Center, Juvenile Court, Youth Commission, etc.) discussed the situation and deplored the fact that there were no programs to reach this particular age group that were behaving in this manner.

The more aggressive youths were not going to the "in-building" type programs, or if they did go, they were being evicted because of their behavior. For the hostile minded youths, the rules of no smoking, drinking, bad language and fighting were challenges to battle and test, and the other youths resented them, as did their parents.

However, as Saul Bernstein, in his book "Youths in the Streets," points out, "There may and often does, come a time when the aggressive group is ready to abide by the requirements in the organization, but much good work must precede this stage, and a sensitive diagnosis is essential to avoid premature and its ensuing eruptiveness."

In the recognition of the growing problem of delinquent and pre-delinquent youths, of their congregation in the streets and being idle during daytime and nighttime hours; and in the recognition of the special volatility of the problem in the Central Area where a concentration of poverty, minority group youth, high unemployment and a high drop-out rate prevail, and that the minority group status of many of these youths makes them

prone to the kind of violent acting out that has occurred in other cities, a detached workers program was adapted.

It will be through the detached workers program that professional staff persons would seek out the delinquent youths, establish contact, communication and rapport, gain their confidence and eventually motivate their behavior toward more positive ways. The "office and office hours" of the workers would be out in the street where and when the youths are there.

At the initial stage, staff will consist of three workers and a supervisor. Their first responsibility will be to identify the youths and the problems by gathering descriptive information, contacting residents and local public and private agencies, establishing communication with youths to obtain knowledge of their operations and their relationship with others, and defining the control structures relating to the youths.

The workers then will develop programs to neutralize the negative behavior influences and identities on the youths by encouraging opportunities whereby the youths can be viewed and identified as neutral or positive influences.

Finally, the workers will act as catalysts to motivate and prepare the youths in different interests, toward in-building type programs, toward individual responsibilities, toward employment, and toward responsible internal structure of group relationships.

Throughout the entire activity, the Human Rights Commission will be receiving oral and written reports on the operation of the program.

A special advisory council has been formed to assist the program. On this council are representatives from the school, police department, probation and parole of juvenile court, sociology and social work departments from the University of Washington, the mayor's office, Atlantic Street Center, Neighborhood House, Mental Health Clinic, YMCA, Economic Opportunity Board, park department, Judges of the Superior Court, Youth Commission, City Council, CAMP and the Human Rights Commission.

## In the PC — 25 Years Ago

March, 1942

(This was the last regular issue before Evacuation, printed in standard format for the first and only time until 1961.)

Thomas C. Clark, alien coordinator, sees Evacuation of Japanese in 60 days. Three-fourths of enemy aliens either paroled or interned after hearings.

FBI arrests 5,151 enemy aliens, of which 3,250 are Japanese.

National JACL conducts emergency farm survey of Japanese.

JACL pledges full support to Federal Government on eventual evacuation of all Japanese as matter of military expediency integral to national security.

JACL president Saburo Kido calls for greater unity in message on eve of Evacuation, keep faith in the Government.

National JACL issues identification certificates to its paid-up Nisei members.

Committee of Fair Play in San Francisco urges just treatment of "citizens and aliens of Japanese ancestry." (Dr. Henry M. Grady was president of the group.)

Columnist Chester Rowell in San Francisco Chronicle warns California against dangers of

**By the Board:** Kaz Horita

## Jerry's Jaunt to Washington in July

Norristown, Pa.  
A little more than two months from now, National JACL President Jerry Enomoto will be coming East to visit the Chapters in the Eastern District Council. Official appointments to discuss JACL matters with various Administrative and Congressional officials in our Nation's Capitol are being arranged for by our Washington Office. We are anxiously awaiting Jerry's visit.

Although the travel time for crossing the Continent has decreased miraculously during the last few decades, we, in the East, are not fortunate enough to have a visitation by the National JACL President more than once each biennium. As the present District Council Governor, I am waiting with pride to "show-off"

the National JACL President to the good members of this District Council.

President Jerry will be flying into Philadelphia on July 8 ready for a visit to the Seabrook Chapter on that date. July 9 is reserved for the Philadelphia Chapter and we hope he will have time for the Liberty Bell (not the race tracks because there is one here by that name), a tour of Valley Forge and the Pennsylvania Dutch Country.

Monday, July 10, he will visit with the New York Chapter as well as take care of some official JACL responsibilities there. Some time will be spent in visiting the United Nations and just sightseeing around New York. Those buildings are darn tall, Jerry.

From Tuesday, July 11

through July 14, it will be official JACL matters in Washington, D.C. An Eastern District Council meeting will be held on the weekend of July 15 and 16 in Washington, D.C. to fill out a big week.

The Washington, D.C. Chapter has also been working on a special program and tour for JACL and Jr. JACL members during the time of President Jerry's visit.

Beginning Thursday morning, July 13, special tours for JACLers, with unique features, and special programs are being planned for by the Washington group. It will be a most interesting few days for the members.

EDC members interested in participating should notify their Chapter Presidents immediately.

More information on this special week will be reported in the Pacific Citizen at a later date as plans are finalized.

An encouraging facet of the EDC meeting and the special events prior to the meeting dates in Washington will be the cooperative programs of the Jr. JACL and the JACL together. There is no doubt that the joint meetings and participation of the two groups are quite important in working towards the goals of the future JACL.

Needless to say, a red carpet welcome is being readied for President Jerry. We'll check our contacts in the Weather Bureau to see if we can't "dial-in" a week of California weather for him.

## Little Bit of Paper Goes a Long Way

**BY ESTHER SUZUKI**  
Twin Cities JACL

Eight years ago the St. Paul Gallery and School of Art asked me if I would do origami for their Children's Fair. I told them I hadn't done it since I was a child and could only fold about three different things. I tried to get out of it further by suggesting Japanese from Japan like my mother, but they had their minds set on someone who could speak English understandably.

No one asked me to do any flower arranging as my centerpieces had the faculty of disintegrating as I put them together right under my own nose. And I will never forget trying to dress my sister in a Japanese kimono in a church sanctuary for a woman's group. It was like a strip tease in reverse and I finally gave up on the intricate obi tying and settled for a square knot.

I kept telling everyone I was not an authority, but my appearance covered or took care of it all. I began to feel like a fraud and a "duper," especially when people would ask if I had been to Japan. When I would reply, "No," they would then discredit everything I had said, which was all for the better. But one day as a minister was giving a prayer at a meeting, a happy thought came to me, "Some people speak of heaven and hell and I'm sure they've never been there either."

So while true Japanese go into depth and study for years and become masters in the tea ceremony, flower arranging, black belted in Judo and so on, I decided I'll just be a disseminator of culture in a vague and general sort of way.

Ori means fold and gami means paper. My mother had no competition with television, dancing school and Camp Fire Girls so on rainy afternoons or when we were recuperating with childhood diseases, she taught us three girls how to paper fold. She learned this art in Japan where it is passed down from generation to generation. Actually it is a marvelous past time for it takes only paper to make three dimensional figures; no scissors, paste or mess.

**BY ELLEN ENDO**

Los Angeles

"Sherry, meet Ellen," "Ellen, this is Sherry."

After a congenial exchange of how-do-you-do's, Sherry looked up as if to say, "Well, teacher, where do we go from here?"

It was the opening session of a new tutorial program for college students who would be willing to give up a few hours a week teaching such subjects as math, language, and grammar to youngsters in deprived areas. This reporter had volunteered to take part in the project as a means of obtaining a first-hand view of life in a slum.

For weeks, we marveled at how interesting the experience would be, observing the poor people, but as the day for that initial meeting with our pupil approached, we became frightened. What if she became hostile? What if she tried to attack me with a knife, or something? What if I became impatient and called her, "Stupid," or something like that?

### First Day Fears

We had almost decided not to show up for the first meeting, but had already committed ourselves to the task. We got a ride with two friends to the Avalon Community Center, a run-down building in the heart of the now infamous Watts area, where the tutorial project headquarters were located. Tutors and youngsters gathered in one large room to hear which of the children would be assigned to whom. We were no eager to see this young boy or girl, whom we nobly pledged to mold into a useful human being.

The first thing I did was to purchase a book which was written in Japanese. So armed with this small amount of information, but garbed in the full Japanese regalia to cover up any misgivings, Nami Jean and I performed at the gallery. The newspaper printed a colored picture of us and immediately everything snowballed and we became overnight experts in origami. Study groups, classrooms, church family nights, art classes, etc., asked us to appear.

I was a vacation school teacher for two weeks one summer and the superintendent told us we could illustrate the daily lessons in whatever manner we wanted. We folded flowers and birds for the lesson on how God takes care of the lilies of the field and the birds of the air; ships and fish for the lesson on Jesus calling the fishermen to be his disciples; and the day we learned about the prodigal son, we folded pigs and pigs and pigs. As a service project, we all folded objects and made a mobile to take to a crippled children's hospital.

The teachers were asked to write an evaluation sheet on what had been accomplished during the ten day period. I decided to let the children write what impressed them the most and the notes read like this: I love origami, I liked going to the hospital. I wish I could fold more pigs. I think Mrs. Suzuki is Japanese, but I like her anyway. I hurriedly scrambled through the rest of the papers but found nothing about loving the Bible and no mention of Jesus. I didn't even hand these to the superintendent might think origami was a foreign god or something.

Nami Jean and I were asked to appear on television to promote attendance at the St. Paul Festival of Nations and I folded a bird whose wings flapped. Since there was spare time, the commentator asked me to fold another object. I folded a ball and said, "Now I will inflate it." It would not blow up and after three more attempts, it finally became round. I could only comment with a beet-red face, "I'm glad this program isn't in color."

Then one day an airmail

letter came from Memphis, Tennessee, asking Nami Jean and me to come for the Children's Art Fair in the local art gallery. I couldn't believe anyone would be willing to pay just to have us demonstrate origami. I presumed it was a crank letter and wrote back saying we would need two airplane tickets. The return mail brought two round trip tickets.

Ethel had suggested I take pictures of this first plane ride so I had Nami Jean run up to the plane while I took her picture. Fifty businessmen were queued in line behind me and they all politely waited. The gentleman behind me asked if this were our first plane ride and then kindly offered to take my picture also. The line had to wait even longer as he called me over to show him how to operate a Brownie Box camera as he was only familiar with his Nikon.

There was little time for a stopover in Chicago and I worried that Nami Jean would get hungry so I had packed a lunch for her in a shoebox. The stewardess came and snapped trays into our chairs with a complete turkey dinner. Nami Jean started to say, "But, I have my lun..." and I quickly covered her mouth. We dropped the shoe box off in a receptacle in the Chicago station. I never dreamed I would be sent first class tickets; I was expecting tourist or cargo.

Upon arriving in Memphis, we discovered our Japanese kimonos were left behind in Chicago and there were a few tense moments because without our trappings we wouldn't look the part of the "Japanese artists from St. Paul, Minnesota." The hotel was immense and Nami Jean turned into a regular Eloise and enjoyed the elevator. Due to excitement she awoke at 5:30 a.m. and since I was not ready to get up I suggested she take a bath, so for one hour she occupied herself in this manner.

Never having been below the Mason-Dixon line, I was warned by George not to open my mouth as he would not be able to come and bail me out. The first evening meal was served to us at a sculptor's house. She later took us into her studio to show us a bust

### PC Letterbox

#### Evacuation

Editor:

Frankly, I can't disagree more with your answer No. 1 to the Takeuchi letter (PC Apr. 21). If the Army had gone along with the FBI and Navy Intelligence that there was no need for Evacuation, it would never have been ordered. Read DeWitt's Final Report and the various documentaries on the subject and it is clear that the Army, more than any other factor or agency, brought about the Evacuation by making out the case for the disloyalty of the Japanese population and the military necessity for the mass exclusion of the Japanese from the West Coast.

President Roosevelt did not initiate the "demand" for Evacuation; he simply went along with it in order to avoid political and military troubles from the West Coast.

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#### Worth Reading

Editor:

In a recent PC article there was mention of a book by Ronald McDonald on his experiences in Japan in 1948 when he deliberately shipwrecked himself near Hokkaido. This book entitled Ronald McDonald 1924-1994 by Lewis and Murakami was printed in 1923 and can be obtained from:

Eastern Washington State Historical Society, 2316 W. 1st St., Spokane, Wash. 99204.

The book sells for \$10 plus tax (if applicable) and 25 cents for postage. There are a few left from the original 1,000 printed.

This is an interesting book on life in the Pacific Northwest and Japan. It is also a good reference book with good bibliography and footnotes.

In brief this is an autobiography of Ronald McDonald (of Scotch-Indian descent) from his early frontiers life and education, to traveling around the world as a whaler and adventurer. After his shipwreck he describes his observations of Japan and the Japanese while a prisoner. He was a relatively well educated man and his intention in Japan was to teach English. He taught basic English to a number of Japanese who later played important roles during the Restoration.

I believe this book is well worth reading.

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—Rafu Shimpō



# Where's Civil Rights Movement Heading? Who's Who? CLCH Conference -- 1966

**BY ROGER NIKAIKO**  
(Special to the Pacific Citizen)  
Washington

What has happened to the contemporary civil rights movement? What has become of the illustrious protest marches, the lunch counter sit-ins, and the heroism that spurred dedicated men and women to fight for the cause of liberty?

We no longer read the dramatic newspaper headlines of yesterday. Restless youths lying in front of private business entrances in defiant protest of discriminatory practices.

In contrast, the news media of today depict the once active youths as vacationers in Euphoria with a one way ticket via LSD; or hippies slipping on banana peels; or draft-dodgers lighting up their cards.

Maybe the rumors are true, as some have claimed, that the civil rights movement is

dead. Perhaps we experienced just another crusade for liberty that comes and goes in a brief gust of courage.

These suggestive questions and rumors were brought to light, examined, and discussed during the recent National Civil Liberties Clearing House 19th Annual Conference held in the Nation's Capital. Over 150 local and national organizations and federal government agencies were represented at the two day conference. Representing the newly formed National Jr. JACL organization were Chairman Russell Obama and Finance Committee Chairman Brian Morishita.

**Movement Not Dead**

Subject discussed during the first day was "The Economics of Equality: Civil Rights in Transition". Formal speeches were given by three distinguished men of their profession; Commissioner Samuel C.

Jackson, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; Jack T. Conway, executive director, Industrial Union Department, AFL-CIO; and a Republican Congressman Thomas B. Curtis of Missouri.

Jackson firmly discredited any rumors that the civil rights movement was dead. He did, however, express his disappointment with the negligible progress the Negroes have made within the past two years. He pointed out that the Negro of today enjoys a smaller share of the nation's prosperity than he did a few years ago.

In 1939 the average Negro's income equalled 45 percent of that of the average white person. In 1955 it had reached 60 percent, but by 1966 it had dropped to 55 percent.

Jackson observed that the occupational structure of the Negro labor force is seriously imbalanced and out of line

with the work force in general. The Negroes are disproportionately represented in the lower occupations, and only very slight improvements have been registered during the past 20 years.

As an example, he pointed out the situation where Negroes account for 11 percent of all employed workers, but they make up 44 percent of all household workers, four times their proportion of employed workers. Of the total employed Negro males, 43 percent are working in jobs below the semi-skilled level, compared with 15 percent of employed white workers.

The occupational situation described by Jackson is particularly important in considering future labor trends. For the Negro of today, it definitely does not lend itself to adjustments with future technological changes. It also means the Negro will be particularly vulnerable to cyclical fluctuations and unemployment.

**Financial Problem**

Jackson also revealed internal and external forces besetting the civil rights organizations. Internally, the problem of declining financial support has caused concern among Negro civil rights leaders. Admittedly, he spoke of this problem as being relatively small, but it is interesting to note that the operating expenses of civil rights organizations continue to exceed their incomes. For the NAACP, in 1966 82 percent of their total income was derived from membership funds.

There is also the growing problem within civil rights organizations of not only dwindling financial support, but to what priorities or projects deserve the biggest expense accounts. There has been of late, wide spread evidence that there is dissension among the Negro leaders of the country as to what civil rights projects should be implemented first.

Externally, the Negro leaders are concerned with the effects of federal government cutbacks in domestic spending. There is immense concern over the declining support from the non-civil rights groups who have redirected their efforts to different avenues of civil liberty injustices.

In solving these problems, Jackson stressed the need to support public and private programs designed to overcome discrimination and to eliminate the "disadvantaged American" or poverty stricken. He suggested new methods for reaching still others, those for whom other concerns have so far held greater importance, must be planned, and new coalitions must be formed.

In his closing statements, he said, "We dare not lose the faith which has strengthened us throughout the battle thus far—faith in the inherent rightness of our cause, in the goodness of our system and our people."

**Programs Enduring**

Conway emphasized that the civil rights movement was not dead, but that it was moving from protest to program. He said, "Protest is a powerful weapon but, protest, to have an enduring effect, must lead to the solution of problems, and that means program."

Yet, Conway admitted, as did the first speaker, that problems exist which have taken a toll in the civil rights movement; white backlash, black power, etc.

He spoke at length of the unemployment problems among the non-white worker whose unemployment rate is two to ten times more than for white workers.

Accepting the figure of \$3,000 annual income as the poverty line, he said that there are about 34 million people who live in poverty in the United States. A further breakdown shows that there are 43 percent of non-white households living in poverty as compared to 17 percent of white households living in poverty.

What he suggested the non-white and white households living in poverty need are jobs, adequate income, more response and more comprehensive human services within their communities and a proportionate share of democratic power.

**Anti-Poverty Fight**

More specifically, Conway recommended, as a solution

**Next Watto?**

OAKLAND — John H. Reading, who built his food processing concern to a \$1 million enterprise, thought business methods might solve the racial matter in his city when he became the mayor last year. "But it hasn't worked out that way," he said. "It takes sociological know-how."

Reading looks to education of the Negro minority and a maturing attitude on the part of the white majority as the key to keep his city from becoming the next Watts.

**Not Clear Cut**

Zakoji suggested that the problems involved was not as clear cut as some seemed to feel. Involved, he said, were matters of human relations and "communications". He went on to discuss the impact made on Indian society by a dominant non-Indian culture.

Stressing that the challenge of the future could not be met by one group or organization alone, Zakoji said:

"It is convenient but completely useless to contend that you can't do anything 'unless they help themselves'. Somewhere, we have to make a larger break in the vicious circle and we have to take the

## Civil Rights Commentary

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## Our 'Involvement' Record

**BY PATRICK OKURA**  
Omaha

The initial launching of the monthly Civil Rights Page in the Pacific Citizen is now a matter of history. I wish to take this opportunity publicly to thank all those individuals who assisted in the birth of this first edition. As Coordinating Editor I was happy with the appearance of our initial endeavor.

At the Interim Board Meeting held in February 1967 in San Francisco, I made a report to the National Board relative to the brief survey regarding Chapter involvement in civil rights programs. This was a follow-up of the research completed last July and reported at the 19th National Biennial Convention. Summary of findings reported in July showed that approximately 40 percent of our Chapters were active or involved in C.R. matters.

educational kit of basic information if made available by the National JACL.

6. Has your Chapter made any financial donations to any civil or human rights project or program?

7. Should a suitable project or program be launched by your National Committee, would your Chapter be willing to participate or financially cooperate to the extent of its ability?

8. Do you feel that our National Organization is doing enough in this matter of Civil or Human Rights?

Returns from the Chapters showed that 44 chapters or 50 percent of the National Organization made the effort to answer and return the questionnaire. This in itself is remarkable since any return in a general survey over 35 percent is considered good. From this fact alone we can say that our membership is interested and concerned about this matter of civil rights.

**Kits Welcome**

Question 5 asks whether Chapters would use a basic educational kit if National would make one available. The response here showed that most Chapters would welcome and put to use such a kit. 88 percent of the Chapters answering the questionnaire stated in the affirmative.

Question 6 requested information as to whether Chapters had made any financial contributions to any CR program or project. The response showed only 27 percent of those answering had made any financial sacrifices in this area. This seems to be consistent with the 30 percent that are active or involved as Chapters. Conclusion can be drawn that those Chapters willing to be involved are putting their money where their mouth is.

Question 7 asks if Chapters are willing to support a worthwhile project both in participation and financially. It was surprising to find that 31 Chapters or 70 percent of those answering stated yes. This points up the fact that individual Chapters are waiting to have our National Committee propose a suitable and worthwhile project or program. We feel that the Civil Rights page is one avenue which Chapters can rally around by sending in articles and expressions of thought on this whole broad problem of civil rights problems, War on Poverty, and other related matters.

**Chapter Participation**

Question 8 was asked to give not only our Committee, but our National Board an answer as to whether we as a National Organization are doing enough in this important area. The response showed 26 Chapters or 59 percent thought that National JACL was doing an adequate job. This on the surface sounds encouraging, however, as we further analyze the responses, we find 21 of the 26 Chapters who answered "yes" answered "no" on question 3 and 20 of the 26 Chapters who answered "no" on question 4 which is quite revealing. These results tell us that 80 percent of the Chapters who state National is doing enough are not doing anything themselves as Chapters to become involved.

**SUMMARY:** It is recognized that the questionnaire was not a scientifically designed tool meeting all the criteria of sociological research techniques but for our purpose this gives us some valuable information about our involvement in the whole matter of Civil Rights.

If our readers differ with the analysis of our findings you are welcome to express your viewpoints in the following issues.

**Is This Reason?**

Many may ask if this was the reason a special CR page appears each month in the PC? Our justification is based on the findings of my recent follow-up survey in February which we reported to the National Board. On the basis of this report the Board approved and authorized the CR Committee to undertake and initiate a CR page.

Following questions are the questions posed to the Chapters in our recent follow-up study which were answered by either yes or no.

1. Has your Chapter or any member in your Chapter submitted articles to the PC or other publication on any phase of Civil or Human Rights?

2. Are there members in your Chapter who are active or have participated in any phase of Civil or Human Rights programs?

3. Has your Chapter been involved to any degree in Civil or Human Rights programs with any other organizations (Church, Civic, social, etc.)?

4. Has your Chapter sponsored any informational or educational programs on Civil or Human Rights topics (speaker films, discussion groups, workshops, films, etc.)?

5. Would your Chapter use an

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The civil rights movement of today is in transition, a transition from protest to programs. From the protests, we have gained legal guarantees of non-discrimination. From the laws and legal remedies, we have gained anti-poverty programs.

From these programs, we have created a climate of hopeful expectations of removing the ugly stigmas attached to the poor in America.

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**Registered Agencies**

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Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority  
Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, AFL-CIO  
American Association of University Professors  
American Association of University Women  
American Baptist Convention  
American Book Publishers Council  
American Civil Liberties Union  
American Council on Education  
American Ethical Union  
AFL-CIO  
American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO  
American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO  
American Friends Service Comm.  
American Nurses Association  
American Parents Committee  
American Textbook Publishers Institute  
American University  
American Veterans Committee  
Americans for Democratic Action  
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slums for Negroes, ghettos are destroyed and new cities for all are built.

The seven basic objectives of Freedom Budget are:

1.—To provide full employment for all willing to work and able to work.

2.—To assure decent and adequate wages.

3.—To assure a decent living standard to those who cannot or should not work.

4.—To wipe out slum ghettos and provide decent homes for all.

5.—To provide decent medical care and adequate educational opportunities at a cost all Americans can afford.

6.—To purify our air and water and develop our transportation and natural resources on a scale suitable to our growing needs.

7.—To unite sustained full employment with sustained full production and high economic growth.

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**Next Watto?**

OAKLAND — John H. Reading, who built his food processing concern to a \$1 million enterprise, thought business methods might solve the racial matter in his city when he became the mayor last year. "But it hasn't worked out that way," he said. "It takes sociological know-how."

Reading looks to education of the Negro minority and a maturing attitude on the part of the white majority as the key to keep his city from becoming the next Watts.

**Not Clear Cut**

Zakoji suggested that the problems involved was not as clear cut as some seemed to feel. Involved, he said, were matters of human relations and "communications". He went on to discuss the impact made on Indian society by a dominant non-Indian culture.

Stressing that the challenge of the future could not be met by one group or organization alone, Zakoji said:

"It is convenient but completely useless to contend that you can't do anything 'unless they help themselves'. Somewhere, we have to make a larger break in the vicious circle and we have to take the

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## Accent on Youth: Alan Kumamoto

# Al-Co views 'on being different'

Los Angeles

In the Al-Co Jr. "Nanjan Kanja," there was an anonymous letter. We have to agree with the PC Editor that as a rule, anonymous letters aren't printed because they don't hold as much credence as signed ones. However, since we encourage an exchange of ideas and views to stimulate and give a broad picture of the opinions and frustrations of the Saneis, the following is printed:

### On Being Different ... So What About It?

Okay, now it has been firmly established that we Japanese Americans are different from Caucasians. But what about it? We know that we Saneis feel a little conscious of our color when we are in an all white crowd; however, the question is what we suppose to conclude about it or do about this fact? Do we assume the stereotyped Japanese attitude toward life and remain passive and merely mention the fact that this situation exists (as did the author of "On Being Different")? or will we try to get a realistic view of this fundamental problem and establish definite philosophies toward which we will strive?

If one takes the easy way out and chooses the passive path, he will probably become a "no where man," the kind of person who has few goals in life, few opinions, and does little more than exist through his daily activities.

Let me explain this pathetic condition by pointing out examples that are much closer to the Saneis' life. Striking examples are found in the Nisei generation. I am quite certain that the majority of Nisei have become "no where men" due primarily to the fact that they have always been aware that they are different and have never really given it any further thought and action.

For many Nisei, the only social groups or organizations to which they belong are Japanese American in nature. Sure they have Caucasian friends (especially at

work) but their social lives are obviously in a predominantly yellow environment. From the JACL to the Nisei Bowling Leagues and Golf Associations to even the Japanese American centered churches there always exist organizations which give the typical Nisei a convenient escape from being different.

You may say that it's only natural for the Japanese Americans to want to do things with other Japanese Americans. But is it not true that the Nisei situation has reached a pathetic extreme; that is, not only have they reserved almost all of their life to yellow organizations but it has come to a point for many where these few organizations have indeed become their entire life. From my point of view, life was not intended to be this restricted.

This should not become the life pattern for the Saneis generation. Although many Saneis will passively submit to the easily obtainable security offered by these Japanese American organizations, I hope that most Saneis will not feel so very different that they will confine their entire lives to only such groups. Obviously the Nisei type of life was not of their own choosing. We all know about the great discrimination that they experienced prior to and during the World War II period but the Saneis live in a more open environment and need not resort to live by such sickening regains as "Security through Unity."

There really is not any general solution to the matter of being different. After all, one must establish his own personal philosophies and try to find an outlook on life that he really believes in.

In my personal philosophy, the Saneis are different, in an all Caucasian environment, as he chooses to feel.

For instance, your Caucasian friends think of you for what you are rather than as just another Japanese. In this respect, I am quite confident that people recognize others as individuals and not by races. This confidence is the basis for my philosophy "on being different."

I feel that the Saneis must first establish a sense of really knowing himself and finding his goals in life and thereby establish his individuality. From this, I feel he

will be judged for what he has made of himself.

The fact that he is different in color is quite irrelevant to what he can make of himself. For if people know you at all, they will think of you first as an individual; for your personality, your accomplishments and just plain you. This narrows down the "being different" problem to those who don't know you.

Furthermore when we are concerned about "being different," we are actually only thinking of those warped individuals who feel prejudice against the Japanese race. Are you going to let these few people direct your life to a point of near isolation? Let's hope not.

In conclusion, all Saneis are indeed different. But each Saneis must find what things really matter in his life, he must determine how he wants to live his life and he must at least attempt to achieve a sense of individuality. As he goes through life he should try to step out of his daily activity and seek a realistic viewpoint for his own existence.

From his increased awareness, he should then determine how different he really is from other people and significantly this difference should be stressed in his life.

—In Sincerest Anonymity

My personal commentary to the above is limited and reserved, but I wish only to add that these are some of the "writings on the wall," which some Saneis are expressing. Are these a Saneis majority view or limited to a vocal few? Are they getting the true Nisei message and picture? Is this merely an oversimplification and wishful hope for the future?

### OH YEAH!

"Oeyama" might sound to the not-so-discerning ear, like "Oh, yeah!" But for those who are rather, "Oeyama," or the "Demons of Rashomon," was the title of the Seventh Annual Spring Show for the San Francisco Jr. JACL.

As a first-timer, I was impressed with the presentation by the energetic members of the youth group. They started from scratch to create the script, and story line; they begged, borrowed, and made their own scenery and wrapped it all into a not-so-often seen Japanese cultural gem of a program.

The Spring Show, which has been recreated with different Japanese fairy tales, is one which deserves some merit and thought. San Francisco Jr. JACL has something to be proud of in having this rare gem of a program.

### MEMBERSHIP

While in San Francisco this past weekend, I met District Youth Commissioner Frank Oda, who asked about membership. The following list is being provided, and lists membership as of April 25:

Mid-Columbia	6
Portland	63
<b>Total</b>	<b>69</b>
NC-WNDY	33
Al-Co	29
Contra Costa	24
Monterey	34
Sacramento	26
San Francisco	51
San Jose	48
<b>Total</b>	<b>221</b>
PSWDC	24
Chanel-Westside	31
Hollywood	31
San Diego	63
West L.A.	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>135</b>
IDYC	18
Footello	18
Rexburg	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>
MDYC	75
Chicago	18
Milwaukee	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>
EDYC	17
Washington, D.C.	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Overall Total:</b>	<b>571.</b>

### PROFESSIONALLY IN

One organization which takes in professionals such as JACL Staff members is the National Association of Inter-group Relations Officials (NAIRO). Recently, having been involved in local NAIRO

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chapter matters, we find that there are a vast number of like professionals who deal in private and public agencies; basically working with specific ethnic groups or intergroup relations, and its many facets. It's wonderful to find out that you are not alone.

This raises another question about the coming summer months. There are professionally sponsored and conducted workshops and conferences. To cite a few, Brotherhood USA and Anytown USA in Southern California give a definite broadening experience for any high schooler who wishes to live for one week in a human relations oriented setting.

Nationally, there is the Encampment for Citizenship, held in three different locations for six weeks each. Of course, all of these workshops and conferences aren't free, and perhaps it would behoove senior chapters to investigate the workshops in their areas and the possibility of sponsoring youngsters to attend. Professionals from these sponsoring organizations have contacted us regarding a few Saneis conferees.

### DON'T FORGET

National JACL Scholarship Program deadlines are drawing closer and closer. To date there is one applicant from Philadelphia; but I am sure that in the next two weeks, especially around the deadline date, our mailbox will be swamped. Have you found your candidate?

Chapters are reminded that by May 15, names of undergraduate and graduate candidates should be submitted directly to the So. Calif. Regional Office.

### EFFORTS APPRECIATED

If you watch the Dean Martin Show (which we sometimes watch if not at a meeting), the congenial host always keeps mentioning to keep those cards and letters coming in.

Well, I wish to thank those youth groups which are currently publishing newsletters and continually sending me copies. It helps keep me informed on what's happening and how people are doing.

Two which recently arrived are: Cleveland Jr. JACL's "Saneis Banashi," which was explained as a Saneis "gossip," or "talk" publication; and "Nanjan Kanja," which is Al-Co Jr. JACL's Newsletter. Both were jam-packed editions, with youth-related news and information. For the editors and staff, we really appreciate your efforts and hard work.

### FOOTPRINTS

Jeffrey Matsui and I flew into Phoenix, Ariz., to have a taste of Spanish food, to conduct some business for the Japanese American Research Project, and visit the Jr. and Sr. JACLs. It was good to clarify a few points and to be able to renew acquaintances and establish friendships. They are hosting the PSWDC-DYC Meeting in November.

After a luncheon stopover at UCLA, we met with Dr. Harry Kitano and Dr. Mamoru Iga to discuss the possibility of conducting some type of Saneis survey to be of value for the National Youth Program.

Once in San Luis Obispo, we feasted on a potluck dinner, spoke our few words and were again on the road back so that we could make our various JACL weekend engagements back in Los Angeles.

PSWDC is going strong and is tying in the bits and pieces in preparation for their District Youth Council Meeting, scheduled at the Airport-Marina Hotel on May 5-6.

Mas Kataoka, of Wilshire-Uptown JACL, is helping the National Youth Commission prepare its Youth Manuals. With Mas involved, we may see less words and more picture sketches.

San Jose Jr. JACL's Conven-



**ICHIBAN PRESIDENTS** — Mrs. Yo Hironaka takes over as San Francisco JACL president from Don Negi, whose term in office accounted for some 1,600 members to lead the national organization in the chapter membership race for the 1966 Ichiban status. As membership chairman in previous years when the chapter scaled the 1,000 mark, Mrs. Hironaka will drive hard to retain the Ichiban laurels.

—Steve Doi Photo.

## Long Beach-Harbor JACL present local symphony in Concert Japaneseque

LONG BEACH — "Concert Japaneseque," featuring the Long Beach Symphony Orchestra in a program consisting of classical Japanese compositions and lighter music with a Japanese flavor, will be presented by the Long Beach-Harbor District JACL in association with the Pacific Southwest District Council May 21 at the Gardena High School Auditorium.

Proceeds are to be used for future cultural programs in Southern California.

The benefit concert, conducted by Akira Endo, is truly an innovation for both the JACL and orchestra, and promises to be a long-remembered, stimulating event for music lovers.

The program will also feature Mrs. Kazuo Kudo, a student of the late master kotoist, Michio Miyagi.

Endo came to the United States from Japan at the age of 15 under sponsorship of a sailor and his family who were impressed by the brilliant violinist that they made arrangements for him to further his studies here.

Endo attended Wilson High School in Long Beach, then USC, and is presently on the music staff of the Long Beach City College. He has been very active in the musical activities of Southern California as violinist and is a member of the Pacific String Quartet, a professional group.

He was named music director of the Long Beach Sym-

phony Orchestra for the 1966-67 season. This celebrated position made Endo one of the youngest conductors of an urban symphony in the U.S.

The local JACL is proud of his accomplishments and feels fortunate that he was instrumental in arranging a concert of this nature.

Long Beach chapter president Frank Hayashi urges support of the concert and bear witness to Endo's contribution to the image of the Japanese American community.

Donation to the concert is \$3, or \$5 for preferred seating. The committee, headed by Dr. John E. Kashiwabara, is seeking patrons at \$25 which includes two \$5 seats and special listing in the program. Parties should contact: Ticket Chairman, JACL Concert, 121 Linden Ave., Long Beach, 90802. Phone. 436-7953.

Candidates must submit a 500-essay in their own handwriting on some aspect of what further education means, school record forwarded to the committee and completion of an application form regarding extracurricular activities, character, leadership and service.

Scholarship committee members include Tom Ohno, Agnes Deverell, Sally Sudo and Kimi Hara.

**PSW youth advisers workshop this Sunday**

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Gene Monel and John Saito of the L.A. County Commission on Human Relations, Mrs. Barbara Nakatsu, YWCA, and JACL youth director Alan Kumamoto will be speakers.

Workshop is open to any interested adult. San Fernando Valley JACL is hosting the luncheon.

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## CALENDAR OF JACL EVENTS

April 29 (Saturday) Orange County — Dinner Mtg. Water Wheel, Anaheim, 7 p.m.; Joe Grant Masaoka, spkr. San Jose—Ragtime Dbis, 4th St. Bowl, 7:30 p.m. San Jose—Potluck dinner, Betsuin Annex, 6:30 p.m. Santa Barbara—Jr JACL progressive dinner.	April 30 (Sunday) West Los Angeles — Dos Pueblos Orchid Farm tour, 1 p.m. Long Beach-Harbor—Youth Fashion Summer Daze, Veterans Park Clubhouse, 101 E. 28th St., 1:30 p.m. Hollywood—Clam digging, Ventura County Fairground beach, Sequoia—Bowling Night, San Carlos Bowl. PSWDC — Advisers' workshop, San Fernando Japanese Comm. Ctr., 11 a.m. Hollywood — Ikebana class, Flower View Gardens, 2 p.m. May 2 (Tuesday) Wilshire-Uptown — Bd Mtg. St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 8 p.m. Venice-Culver — PSW Convention Bd Mtg. May 4 (Thursday) Puyallup Valley — Gen Mtg. Tacoma Buddhist Church, 8 p.m.; Ronald Hendry, spkr. May 5 (Friday) Oakland — Gen Mtg. Sumitomo Bank, 8 p.m.; Police Capt. Thorvald Brown, spkr., "Narcotics." San Jose—Jr JACL Mtg. Sumitomo Bank. Chicago—Jr JACL Mtg.	May 7 (Sunday) NC-WNDY — Qtrly Session: Sonoma County hosts, Los Robles Lodge, Santa Rosa; Thomas J. Farrell, spkr. PNWDC — Mid-Columbia JACL hosts quarterly session. Stockton—Community picnic. Monterey Peninsula—Auxy Spring Luncheon, Pine Inn, Carmel. Chicago — Know Your Law series, North Park Hotel, 7:30 p.m.; Prof. Robert Johnston, spkr., "Torts." Milwaukee — Spring Festival, International Institute, Dayton—Festival.	May 9 (Tuesday) New York—Bd Mtg. Japan Society, 6:30 p.m. supper. May 11 (Thursday) Downtown and East Los Angeles — Mothers Day dinner, Man Jen Low, 6:30 p.m. May 12 (Friday) Spokane — Gen Mtg. Buddhist Church. May 13 (Saturday) Hollywood — Mother's Day Matinee Theater Party, Muste Center. Twin Cities—Jr JACL Play. May 16 (Tuesday) Pasadena—Bd Mtg. May 17 (Wednesday) Seattle—Bd Mtg. JACL Office, 8 p.m. May 18 (Thursday) CCDC—Mtg. Freeway Lanes, Selma, 8 p.m. May 19 (Friday) Hollywood — Ikebana, Flower View Gardens, 7 p.m. May 20 (Saturday) San Jose—Jr JACL recognitions banquet.
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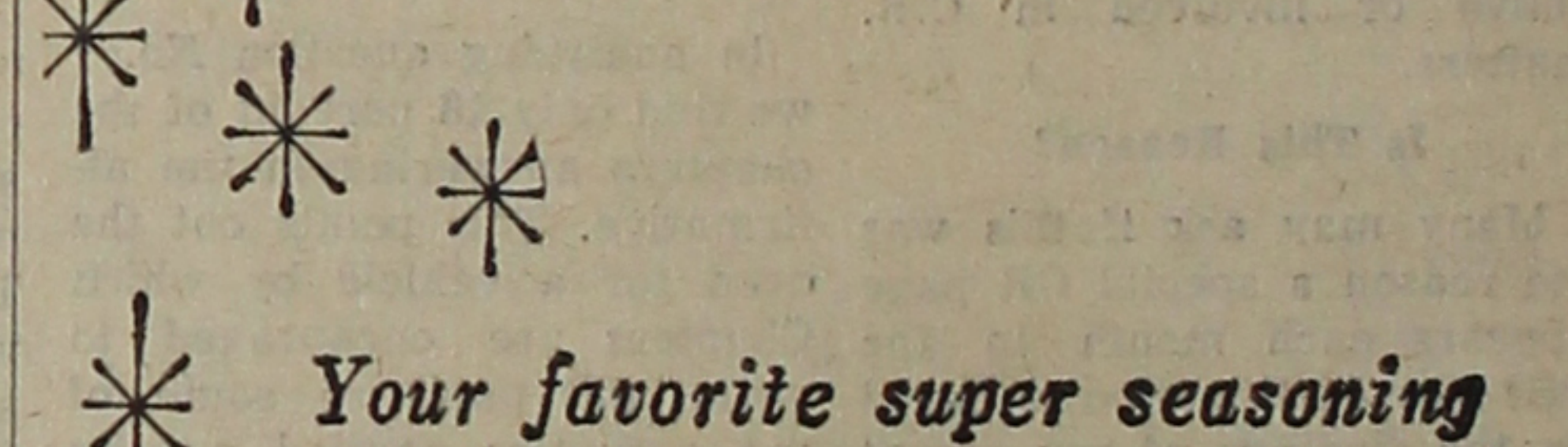
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## Scholarship Dances

**FRESNO** — Proceeds of the Fresno State College Nisei Club dance April 29, 9 p.m., at the local Buddhist Church Annex, have been earmarked for the Mary C. Baker scholarship. The Diminishing Returns will play.

May 26 (Friday)  
San Diego—Bd Mtg.  
(May 28, Sunday)  
Chicago — Jr JACL Mother's luncheon.  
Hollywood—Ikebana, Flower View Gardens, 2 p.m.  
Hollywood — Afternoon concert, Assistance League Playhouse, Venice-West L.A. — Jr Track Meet, Venice High, 12n.

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## Some Enchanted Evening

Berkeley \* Am I not American? And doesn't that carry certain other implications about my heritage? Who am I? Does my personal and interpersonal life belong to me or to society or to a certain segment of it? To whom am I ultimately, repeat, ultimately responsible? . . .

### Gima -

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co are the parents of the bridegroom. Bride is an engineer with Pacific Telephone in San Francisco. The bridegroom will graduate from the Univ. of California medical center's school of pharmacy in June. . . . Gene Tokie Miyagawa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Y. Miyagawa, was married to Melvyn Kazumi Yukumoto, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack M. Yukumoto, Apr. 1 at Univ. Ave. Baptist Church. Mrs. Yukumoto is attending the Univ. of Hawaii and her husband is a systems engineer with International Business Machines. . . . Nancy Natsuko Uyesugi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Koichi Uyesugi, became the bride of Eddie Tetsuo Miyatake, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shiro Miyatake, Apr. 1 at Honpa Hongwanji Mission. The bride was graduated from the Univ. of Hawaii and her husband is an alumnus of Central Technical School of Calif.

To the Negro I have heard it (indirectly) said: "We went through hardship and suffering too, but in spite of the overwhelming odds we 'made it.' " I could record my disagreement with this comparison for a paragraph or twenty, but I suggest that the pertinent feature about this kind of statement or feeling is that we do think of ourselves as having "made it."

So now we find ourselves in a very new social environment. One would think that the environment would exact its measure of change and adaptation. Indeed it is so, but "one" does not always "think."

Many of us find that we are working, learning, competing, and associating in daily, almost constant contact with what will here be loosely termed the Caucasian population. Quite naturally, acquaintanceships and friendships (some very close) will form, totally aside from racial considerations (which often turn out to be very positive anyway). As far as I know, no one objects to these "friends."

My own circle of friends includes members of both sexes, but one sex is of particular interest here. Now it will occasionally happen that for some unexplainable reason a spark will turn a "friend" relationship between a boy and girl into a more romantic one. Empirical evidence shows the transition period to range from milli-seconds to days, weeks, months, and even years. What is it? A twinkle, that strange "look" in her eye (a very reliable albeit fleeting cue)? Current terminology would call this a true "happening."

Anyway it turns out in my experience that not only a girl with my racial background will act in this way toward me but also some Caucasian girls. Blondes even, and brunettes no less! " . . . is it not strange and strange?" "Nay, it is ten times 'strange!'" (Shakespeare, Measure for Measure, and admittedly lifted out of context.) Naruhodo! We learn something new every day! It comes into being all so very naturally and maybe this is an indication that I am being considered as a human being, a person, as an equal, not whether I am a Japanese or whatnot. A small step forward in social relations amidst racial strife.

So I like this girl very much and that she is a (stunning) blonde is certainly no negative attribute in my book. But her blonde hair has no significant importance over the fact that mine is black. The great thing about her is her fantastic personality, her total being. I am moved to call her "Sunny." A great intellectual capacity and a brilliant academic record to boot. With her its communication and together we can discover where it's at and what it's all about. Total!

Obviously any romantic involvement can lead to marriage. Ay! and that's the rub, for some. For such would not be a "normal" marriage; it is "intermarriage." And ripples sweep across the pond in the Japanese garden.

Spirits out of the past whisper hauntingly "heresy," "betrayal," "contamination." She is a truly wonderful girl, the embodiment of what I had considered to be my too great demands. Some spirits rustle in the leaves, telling me that she is a threat to my "pure Japanese blood," a threat to my heritage, my culture. That she is blonde provokes undue attention and criticism. The cherry blossoms sway before my eyes, as if to say "preserve the pink flower of Japanese (womanhood)!" "Sakura no wanabira! Sakura no hanabira!"

In spite of the natural evolution of this relationship, suddenly the spirits imply that it is unnatural, wrong. But is all this really necessary, even relevant?

Nevertheless, let us consider me, I reply to the spirits. How pure is my blood? What is "pure"? Where did the "pure" Japanese come from? Why is purity important? What, exactly, IS my cultural heritage? Is it all Japanese?



**CONGRATULATIONS** — Harry Fujita (left), Wilshire Agency manager of Cal-Western States Life Insurance, compliments Bill T. Yamashiro on being named a \$5-Billion Man, credited with having sold the policy boosting Cal-Western's total life insurance in force over the \$5 billion mark.

## Spoken Japanese language, dialects subjected to scientific investigation

**TOKYO** — The first of six volumes of Japan Language Charts showing the history and the distribution of dialects now in use in this country will be published by the Kokuritsu Kokugo Kenkyusho (National Language Research Institute) shortly.

This institute carried out a large-scale investigation of dialects by mobilizing some 50 dialectology researchers, including Munetaka Tokugawa of the institute's local language research room. It took the group 12 years to complete its research of all dialects in this country.

The results are embodied in 300 charts printed in seven

colors. The first volume, to be published shortly, will include charts on voice and adjectives. The institute is scheduled to publish one volume per year. The charts will be divided into six volumes.

In Japan, the same word is pronounced differently in widely separated districts. For example, the word Suika (watermelon) is pronounced as Suika in one area and Suikwa in another. The researchers investigated such differences of pronunciations for some 300 representative words in 2,400 districts, ranging from Hokkaido to Okinawa.

Such extensive scientific research into dialects is the first conducted in Japan.

## SANSEI CO-ED TO RECEIVE ONE OF THREE YOUNG AMERICA MEDALS

**HONOLULU** — Drusilla C. Akamine, a 19-year-old Honolulu college girl who dedicated herself to making life brighter for the mentally retarded, has been picked for one of three Young America Medals.

Miss Akamine, a sophomore at the Univ. of Hawaii, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Akamine of 1469 Pule Place, St. Louis Heights.

The three winners were chosen from among 64 teen-age nominees submitted by the governors of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam and Puerto Rico. They will receive the awards from President Johnson in a ceremony later this year.

Gov. John A. Burns nominated Miss Akamine on the basis of volunteer work she did in 1965 for the Hawaii Association to Help Retarded Children.

She put in 800 hours that summer, working at a day camp for mentally retarded children, planning evening-social events and circulating a petition asking the Legisla-

ture to provide additional classes for retarded children. On the petition she and her friends came up with 11,000 names, enough to convince the legislators to add some classes.

Miss Akamine received the news in a letter last week from U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark.

One of the first persons to congratulate her was State Sen. Vince Yano, who lives across the street.

Yano said Miss Akamine has spent many hours helping his 14-year-old daughter, Therese, who is mentally retarded.

"She's wonderful," Yano said of Miss Akamine. "She takes my daughter to can- teens and work shops, all kinds of events."

Judges of the competition this year were FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, Solicitor General Thurgood Marshall, and Cliff Sessions, director of public information for the Department of Justice.

Miss Akamine was the second Island teenager to get the Young America Medal in recent years. The first was Kenneth Magallanes of Aiea, who rescued a child from an old cesspool full of toxic fumes in 1965.

### Nisei farmers, nursery operators hit by rain

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Month of April proved disastrous weatherwise for Issei and Nisei growers and nurserymen of Northern and Central California as they looked forward to a halt in rain and unseasonal cold. Worst damage was inflicted April 18 when 1½ inch of hail ruined orchards and grapevines in the Fresno area.

Nursery operators reported business during March and April fell far below average as usual spring plantings were curtailed by rain.

State Agriculture Director J. Earl Coke in Sacramento said it was too early to assess how much damage has been to California's \$3.8 billion agricultural industry (the state's biggest industry) because of the wet and cold. He said fruit growers in the Central Valley have been hit hard, asparagus production has been cut sharply and better plantings in Salinas have been hit hard also.

### PUFFING BAKED PEELS OF BANANAS NO GO

**RIVERSIDE** — Effects of smoking baked banana peels, latest rage among the hippies, are all in the head, according to Dr. Junji Kumamoto, UC Riverside chemist with the agriculture department.

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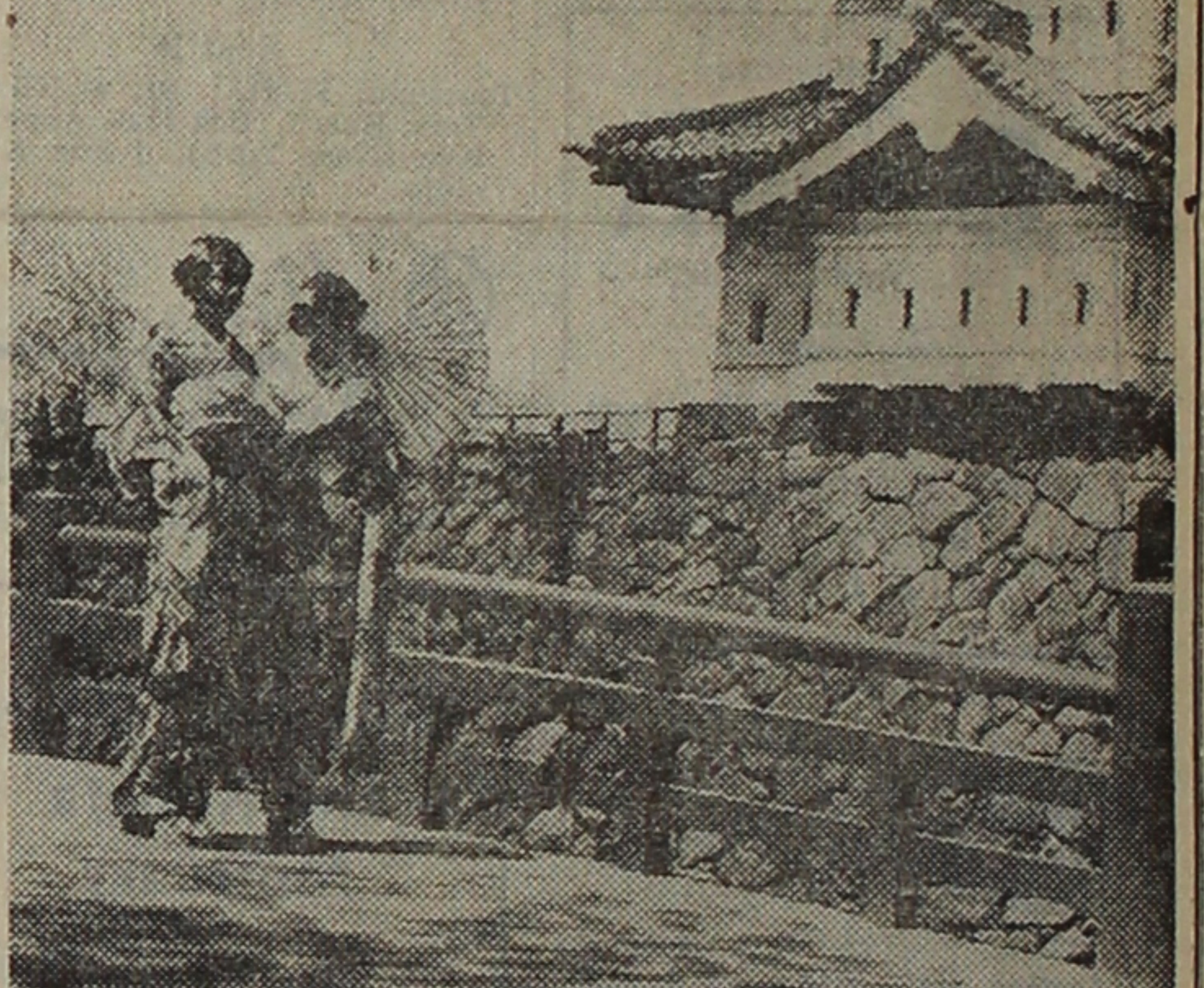
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