



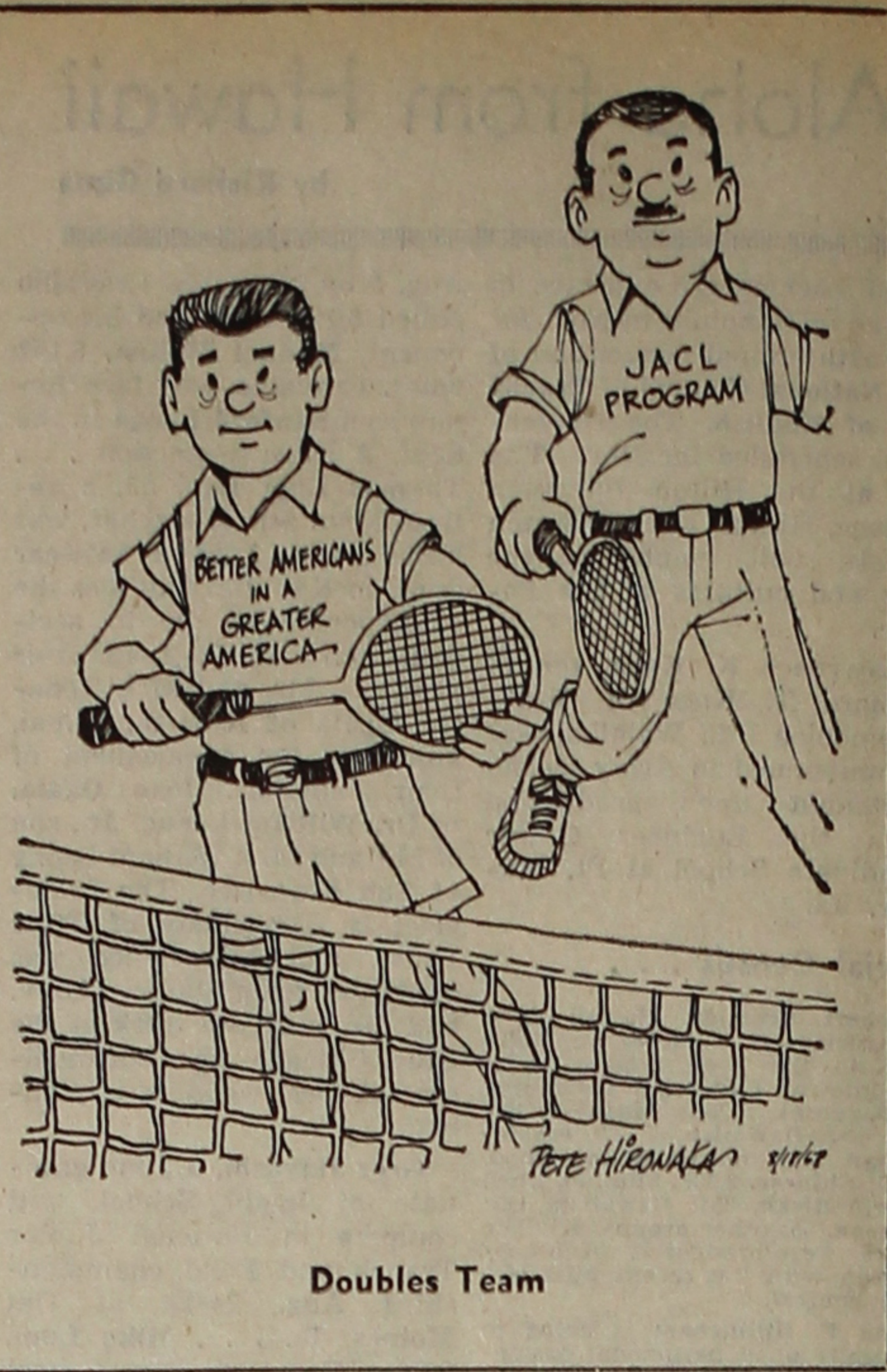








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Whither JACL?

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This question raises additional questions: Where are we going and why? What programs and activities do we sponsor? What policies do we adopt? What are our greatest needs? Our greatest problems? These are fundamental questions.

I do not have a crystal ball and I would be presumptuous to anticipate the actions of the National Planning Commission, the National Board and the National Council. But I believe that in determining our future there are certain basic factors which must be kept in mind.

I. Heredity
First, we must remember that we can never completely escape our heredity. Nor is it desirable to do so.

Because of its basic nature, heredity has posed for us most of our major problems—including the indignities of forced evacuation and incarceration. In the future, it may once again pose problems which are both unique and difficult.

In speaking of the problems posed by his heredity and his early environment, George Washington Carver, the famous Negro scientist who was born the son of a slave and who was reared in a one room shack said, "I have had the advantages of disadvantages."

No. What Carver meant was that supreme effort and character were needed to overcome the problems posed by his heredity and environment.

We Americans of Japanese ancestry have also had the "advantages of disadvantages." Can we escape our heredity? We can try to run away but eventually we find that there is no place to hide.

II. Complacency
Complacency could be perhaps—the major internal problem facing the national organization. The false thinking that "our work is all through" could become the Achilles' heel leading to JACL's disintegration.

All of JACL's work cannot be glamorous, exciting or challenging. Let's face it: Much of the work is ordinary, time consuming, tedious and sometimes frustrating. Immediate and striking results are not always evident.

III. Youth and the Future
We must endeavor to instill in our youth all of the qualities we held dear in our heritage and promote and support even greater opportunities for them in scholarship, leadership and good citizenship.

We should make available to them a history of the Japanese in America and help them to become aware of the unique problems faced during wartime so that there will be no inclination for our youth to take for granted the wonderful status that all of us enjoy today.

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Ye Editor's Desk

20TH BIENNIAL—A YEAR HENCE
San Jose JACL, the "Ichiban" chapter, is flirting with the idea that the National JACL Convention it is hosting in 1968, will be the "Ichiban" Convention in the national organization's 40 years.

To certify preparations in that direction, the chapter this weekend is hosting a triple-header: (1) the third quarterly session of the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council, (2) the NC-WN District Youth Council, and (3) National Jr. JACL council interim session, which is drawing youth representatives and adult youth commissioners from JACL's eight district councils.

Topping the convention fever now gripping San Joseans will be the selection of Miss JACL 1968 tomorrow night at Civic Auditorium. And anticipating a great booster delegate turnout, there will be a fashion show-luncheon, golf tournament and duplicate bridge tournament for their enjoyment.

And in the tradition of all great JACL conventions, the banquet finale features a fascinating speaker in Attorney William Marutani of Philadelphia, JACL's national legal counsel whose call by the U.S. Supreme Court to address them in the recent Loving Case, which invalidated anti-miscegenation statutes, puts him in line to be the next Nisei of the Biennium.

Though the NC-WNDC has no district convention as do other JACL districts in the odd-numbered years, what San Jose JACL offers this weekend has all the trappings and attractions.

Under the attentive command of Dr. Tom Taketa, 1968 Convention Board chairman, his colleagues (adult and youth) preparing for the 20th Biennial the third week in August next year will have a two-day sample of the bustle and ginger that spell a national convention. To insure that "Ichiban" convention, all who can attend this weekend should—just to subject the convention board on what might be expected in 1968. Dr. Taketa will have them razor-sharp a year hence.

WHITE POWER
In the midst of the racial upheaval at Newark, N.J., about a 1,000 Negro leaders were in secret session for a national conference on Black Power. And at the same time, white leaders gave them examples of how power is abused:
1—National Guardsmen without search warrants ransacked Negro homes in Plainfield, N.J., looking for 46 stolen Army carbines. (The American Civil Liberties Union last week sued Gov. Hughes and other New Jersey officials for \$1,075,000 damages on behalf of residents of 66 homes, claiming the searches were unconstitutional invasions of privacy.)

A CONVERT TO OPEN HOUSING
The shift of John I. Hasselblad to open housing is worth a few lines of type here. Well known in Colorado and in real estate circles throughout the country, Hasselblad was president of the Denver Board of Realtors and a director of the National Assn. of Real Estate Boards. Two years ago, he led the battle against a stronger fair housing law in Colorado.

Immigration
How can a father's illegitimate child left overseas join his family in the United States?
Question: A friend of mine, a native of the Western Hemisphere, immigrated here some years ago with his family. He left behind an illegitimate daughter who had been living with the family all her life but was not issued a visa by the Consul because her relationship to the family was not formally recognized. Is there any way in which the child can be brought to the United States and reunited with the family?

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'Homer Shallow'
Editor:
That "Homer Shallow" of the American Legion who strongly objected to the student relocation program instituted in 1942 to enable college students in relocation centers to complete their studies in the east and mid-west (see Aug. 4 PC) is none other than Homer Chaillaux, who was Americanism National director for the American Legion in 1942-43 operating out of their national headquarters at Indianapolis. In 1945, he was adjutant for the California Department commander until his death in 1946.

25 Years Ago
Dear Editor:
This in reference to the small item which appeared in the Aug. 5 PC, in the column "25 Years Ago" — "Nisei in Manzanar petition President for combat duty overseas. WWI AEF veteran Tokutaro Slocum led petition."

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