

PERSPECTIVES

Jerry Enomoto
Nat'l President

POLITICAL FRONT

The recent weeks have produced some exciting and surprising developments on the political front. Candidates for office have come and gone on the Presidential scene with sometimes shocking impact. All this brings an early forecast of the many faceted picture that will face us all come election time. Regardless of party affiliation, every responsible American will not find it easy to evaluate the stands of candidates on the major and tough issues of the day.

JACL chapters have a golden opportunity to sponsor either independently, or in concert with other community groups, public information programs for their members. Such programs might feature candidates, or panels, forums, etc. where local, state and national issues may be discussed by informed people. Certainly the meat is there for enrichment of chapter program, if our leadership wants to work.

Again, JACL being a non-partisan organization cannot, and should not, endorse candidates, or partisan political issues. Let us be very sure, however, that we do not turn our backs on the social issues which demand our backing, regardless of who is, or is not, supporting them. At the same time let us make it our business to know who our public figures are, who consistently can be found on the side of justice and fair play in the treatment of minority and disadvantaged Americans.

Above all let us, as individual Americans, make our opinions count at the polls.

HISTORIC DECISION

Much has been said and written of President Johnson's now historic announcement that he will not seek the Presidency again. Comments range from the gleeful and ill-disguised reaction of his opponents, to the shocked disappointment of ardent supporters.

There are those who refuse to credit the President with a nobility of motive, but choose instead to attribute his action to a bid for a positive historical image, by quitting while he still had something left to salvage.

I prefer to see his action as an unselfish denial of self in the interest of his country. My personal view was that he was far from dead politically, and he certainly had earned the right to seek reelection, the controversies around his Vietnam policy to the contrary notwithstanding. I note this very appropriate excerpt from the editorial of the Washington Post, "The verdict of history remains to be written upon an administration that has attacked the social and racial problems of America with skill and vigor. . . . Americans need wait no longer, however, to conclude that the man who spoke to them last night is a man who greatly loves his country and who deeply cherishes its unity."

It seems to me that a lot of people have forgotten, a lot too quickly the tremendous strides in the area of human betterment taken under the President's leadership. The brief, but memorable, audience we had with him last summer now somehow seems to be remembered with a little added pride.

IMPRESSIVE

Small happenings sometimes leave big impressions. I was touched by a letter in Nihongo from an Issei in Los Angeles who sent me a check for \$5 for JACL membership. Along with the check, he apologized for being late in sending it.

OUR THANKS

To James Michener for the second year gift of \$1,000 from the Readers Digest Foundation, in recognition of JACL being named as a favorite charity by Mr. Michener, who serves on the Read-

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'FATHER OF PHYSICAL PHARMACY' TITLE BESTOWED ON NISEI PROF

Dr. Higuchi Taught for 20 Years at Wisconsin
Now Head of Own Department at Kansas Univ.

LAWRENCE, Kan.—For the past half year, Dr. Takeru Higuchi, 49, has been teaching and working with his 15 graduate students at the new \$160,000 Kansas University research facility here on the efficiency of transfer of bulk dry chemicals to the site of drug action in the human body.

Specifically, the 49-year-old Nisei professor is interested in "drug transfer systems"—tablets, capsules, pills, solutions and ointments—as well as possible changes which may take place in drugs due to light, heat, contact with other drugs and various other factors.

Honorary Doctorate

He was also conferred an honorary Doctor of Science degree by the Univ. of Michigan at its October, 1967, Convocation since his efforts and influence in pharmaceutical education, research and industry has resulted in "a revolution unprecedented in our century."

Higuchi, now in his 21st year of teaching, left his post as the Edward Kremer's Professor of Pharmacy at Wisconsin University to accept the KU appointment last August. He graduated from UC Berkeley in chemistry and from Wisconsin with a Ph.D. in organic chemistry.

He is consultant for the National Institutes of Health and brought to KU two \$25,000 Army Dept. contracts, a \$30,000 grant from NIH and

\$50,000 in research grants from drug companies.

During his 20 years teaching at Wisconsin, Higuchi has helped 100 students earn doctorate degrees. He hopes to equal the number while at KU.

Regents Professor

He is the second Regents professor, authorized by the state legislature in 1963 as the highest teaching rank in the state. A Regents professor's regular salary is supplemented from special funds available to the Kansas Board of Regents.

He will remain active in the Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences, a national organization of which he is past president.

Living here since July at 2811 Schwarz Rd., he is married and has four children: Kenji, 23, dental student at Marquette; Junji, 20, and Chie, 18, both KU students; and Peter 10.

Reagan alters his Stand, would veto housing act repeal

SACRAMENTO — A radical departure from earlier positions, Gov. Reagan last week declared he would veto any outright repeal of the Rumford Fair Housing Act should it come before him and would oppose a new initiative move to eliminate it.

"I'd have to," he told a news conference.

The Rumford Act has become a "symbol" with minorities in California and "I think we should be very careful about this." The governor had just completed a series of meetings throughout the state with representatives of minorities and reported he had learned much.

"I was greatly impressed with the patience of these people, the way that they are seeking contact and correction of these things and believe me . . . they have got some just grievances."

During the 1967 Legislature, Reagan favored serious modification of the Fair Housing Act and indicated he would accept repeal. Several measures have been introduced in the 1968 legislature seeking repeal of the housing act.

"I still stand with my belief that there are corrections and modifications needed," he said, "but I'd rather see a start with the modification than to tear down the symbol because of a danger of something to put in its place."

"I frankly admit I was greatly impressed to find out how much of a symbol this is in many areas, and I think anything that is done must certainly be done with full communication with these people."

Reagan held closed-door executive session on racial tension April 2 with mayors or their representatives from 15 California cities and described it as "very fruitful." "There is no question but that the threat of riot in the cities hangs over California as well as other parts of the nation."

(Secretary of State Frank Jordan last week approved the title for circulating petitions to have 325,173 signatures by June 27 to qualify a referendum to repeal the Rumford Fair Housing Act. It is sponsored by Bruce Stevens of Lynwood.)

Detroit suburb passes open housing ordinance

DETROIT—The Detroit suburb of Birmingham, Mich., which has only one Negro family, approved an open housing ordinance in a referendum April 2.

The vote in the city of 27,000 was 4,205 to 3,822, a turnout of more than half the 13,000 registered voters in an April election which election officials said usually attracts only about 1,300 voters.

Michigan real estate firms can't discriminate

LANSING — The Michigan Supreme Court ruled that a real estate firm must treat all members of the public alike regarding the sale of housing.

The 5-3 ruling of April 1 in favor of the State Civil Rights Commission, whose finding that a realty firm discriminated against a Negro by refusing to sell a house to him was challenged in a suit, in effect upheld the authority of the commission to hear complaints of racial discrimination in housing.

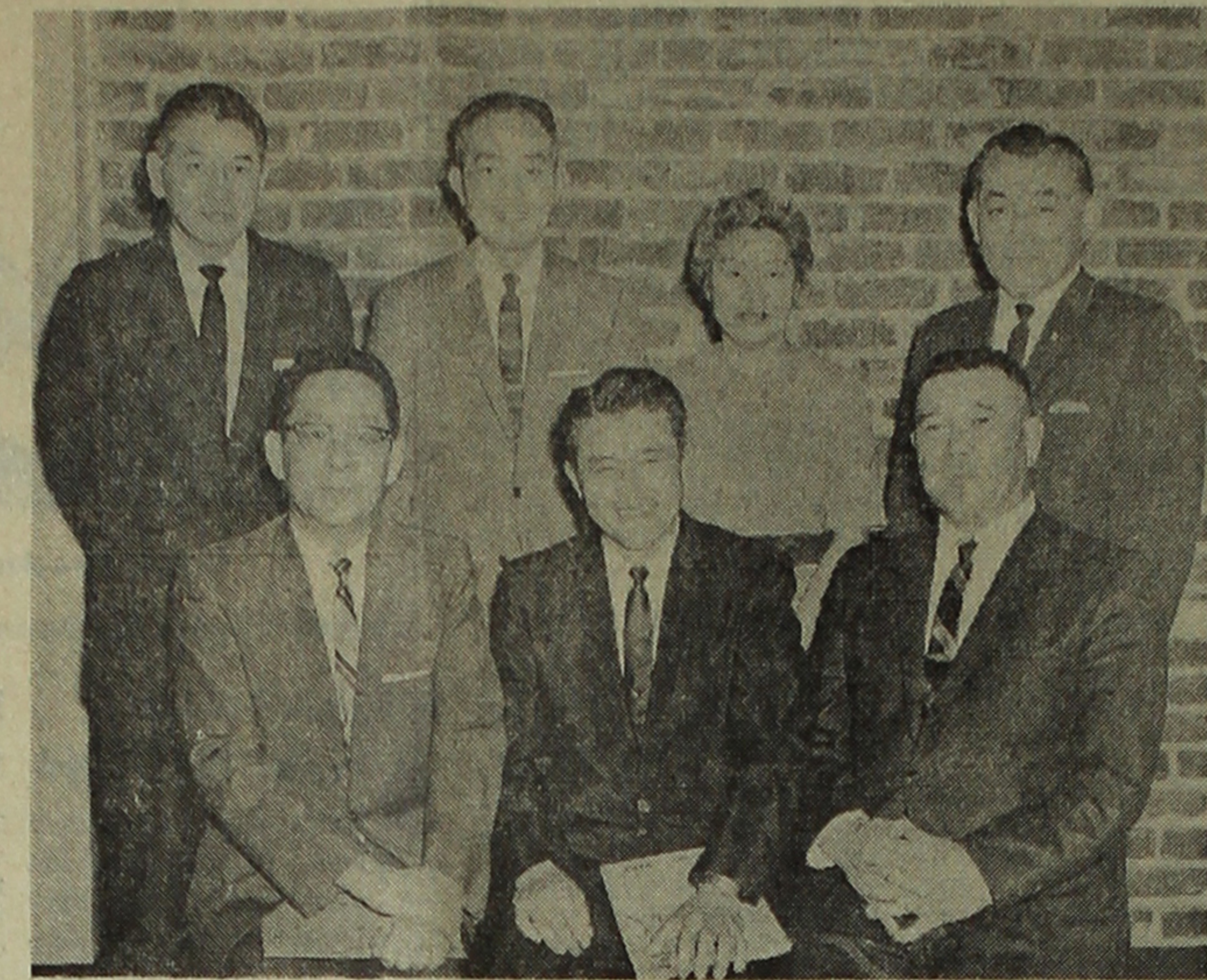
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STOCKTON CABINET—Installed during Stockton JACL's 34th annual dinner were the 1968 board members (from left): front—James Tanji, v.p.; Gary Hagio, pres.; Tets Kato, treas.; back—Tsugio Kubota, del.; George Matsumoto, past pres.; Mitzie Baba, sec.; and George Baba, del. Judge Bill Dozier installed the officers Feb. 18. —PC Photo by Richard S. Yoshikawa.

Sakura Festival draws big

By HOWARD M. IMAZEKI
Hokubei Mainichi English Editor

SAN FRANCISCO—An estimated total of 65,000 people visited the local Nihonmachi and the new Japanese Cultural and Trade Center during the three-day Cherry Blossom Festival which ended Mar. 31 with a big splash of color and sound.

On Friday, the first day of the festival, the number visiting the Center was estimated to be 10,000. The crowd grew to 20,000 on Saturday; and 35,000 on Sunday when the grand parade was held.

Although the final accounting is yet to be made, it has probably cost about \$10,000 to stage this first annual festival. Of this amount, \$3,500 was turned over to the festival committee by the S.F. Convention and Visitors Bureau as subsidy for street decorations. The rest of the money came from selling advertising space in the festival Souvenir Booklet. Although there were some outright donations (perhaps 300 dollars), the entire expenses involved were covered by income from booklet advertising and selling the booklet itself.

Festival Workers

The grand success of the festival was due largely to the intensive planning and hard work put in by members of the festival committee, headed by Hisao Inouye of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, and the other organizations involved: JACL for the queen contest, Nichibei Kai and Minyo (folk song) group for the parade, San

Francisco Buddhist Church (headed by Susumu Saiki) for the Japanese "martial art" events, and Nichiren Buddhist Temple (headed by Archbishop Nitten Ishida) for cultural programs. Ikebana International's San Francisco chapter helped, also, by co-sponsoring its annual Spring Flower Show with the Cherry Blossom Festival.

The immense success of the festival was due much also to the kind Providence that brought one week of continuous good weather to San Francisco. Thank God! (It started to rain Sunday night and the streets were still wet Monday morning.)

Hokubei Mainichi was deeply involved in this first annual community endeavor. With the assistance of the Aizawa Associates, which did the layout and art work, and Christopher Hirose of the

"Radio New Japan," who solicited ads, Hokubei Mainichi had the pleasure of printing the Souvenir Booklet, the major sources of income for the committee.

Thriving Turnout

Nihonmachi business people profited immensely from the unexpected number of visitors to the local area during the festival. The tenants in the Center did a thriving business. The Japanese Cultural and Trade Center itself received thousands of dollars worth of publicity.

The Cherry Blossom Festival was good for everyone concerned. It went along smoothly despite the fact that it was our first attempt and the committee people who planned it were not thoroughly experienced in this sort of community endeavor on such a grand scale.

Nisei hockey star wins All-American honors

(Special to Pacific Citizen)
BOSTON — Herb Wakabayashi of Boston University, who led the nation among sophomores in scoring, was named to the 1968 All-American team by the U.S. College Hockey coaches this past week.

Waky, a 5-5, 150-pounder from Chatham, Ont., scored 43 points on 24 goals and 19 assists this season and is now 11th on the all-time BU scoring list. His older brother Mel starred at Michigan State and was also an All-American hockey player.

Grass will be greener at EOC Center, thanks to efforts of San Jose Juniors

By GERRY MITSUNAGA

SAN JOSE — A lawn was planted at the EOC Youth Center, 2070 Alum Rock Ave., on April 7 thanks to the efforts of the San Jose Jr. JACLers with guidance and assistance from the San Jose Gardeners Assn. and the nurseries in the area.

The gardeners provided both professional know-how and equipment, the nurseries donated seed and plants.

For the past year, several Jr. JACLers have been volunteering their time in helping the center, operated by the local Catholic Social Service for the Economic Opportunity Commission of Santa Clara County.

Located in a minority-populated area in the lower Eastside of San Jose, the center was organized to have its neighbors involved with community affairs. In their quiet and unassuming way, the center has become an interested and concerned member of the community.

Although progress has been slow, mainly because of building reconstruction problems, the center has formed a mothers' group, a pre-school program for children, a sewing circle. There is also a drop-in recreation program, a discussion group for 7th and 8th graders and a Saturday sculpture class.

Join the JACL



FESTIVAL — Dr. Minoru Masuda, Univ. of Washington research assistant professor, is chairman of Seattle's first Japanese Cultural Festival to be held July 12-14 at Seattle Center.

Terry Iwasaki, sponsored by the San Francisco Nikkei Lions, reigned as Cherry Blossom festival queen. Diane Nakamitsu of San Mateo and Miyo Ota of San Francisco were first and second runners-up in the field of nine candidates.

Therapeutic use of marijuana upheld by Nisei psychiatrist at MD meeting

SAN FRANCISCO — It is not true that marijuana has no therapeutic uses, a San Francisco psychiatrist told a California Medical Assn. meeting on drug abuse here Mar. 25, according to Gorge Dusheck, San Francisco Examiner science writer.

On the contrary, reported Dr. Tod H. Mikuriya, now in private practice but last year a researcher at the National Institute of Mental Health, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

During the 19th century it was widely used as a sedative and pain-killer by American physicians, who sometimes preferred it to opium and its derivatives because marijuana is safer and non-addictive.

Dr. Mikuriya combed the medical literature of the past looking for references to marijuana.

He found that American doctors used it for old people who could not sleep at night, for women with pain during menstruation, for migraine headache and for the terrible face pain called tic douloureux.

Used as Medicine

He noted that when, in 1937, the American Medical Assn. was asked to testify before the Congress on the bill (eventually adopted) to outlaw marijuana, the AMA said, in part:

"Cannabis" . . . the Latin name for marijuana . . . "at the present time is slightly used for medicinal purposes but it would seem worthwhile

CO-EXISTENCE OR ANNIHILATION, SAYS SEN. INOUE IN PEACE TALK

'We Can't Ignore Red China,' Nisei Solon
Declares During World Understanding Week

HONOLULU — World peace can be attained only when there is mutual understanding among the United States, Russia and Red China, U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye declared during the West Honolulu Rotary Club observance of World Understanding Week Mar. 22.

"We can no longer ignore China," he said. "Every fourth child born in the world is born in China. Every year the population increases by 15 million, and it is estimated that by the year 2000 there will be over one billion Chinese."

Although Westerners are dependent on second-hand information for most of what they know of China today, he said, all sources agree that the physical living conditions there are improved vastly.

Gains in Science

China also is moving ahead in the scientific field, as is shown by their having built and tested a thermonuclear bomb, Inouye said.

"Coexistence used to be an evil word in this country," he said, "but I think that most of us have come to accept the fact that there is no other solution in a thermonuclear age."

"Simply stated, the choice may be coexistence or annihilation."

"Therefore we must prepare ourselves psychologically and politically for that day when a new flag will be added among the membership flags at the United Nations."

"We must have the strength to think the unthinkable and speak the unspeakable. With the war in Vietnam we find it difficult to consider the establishment of diplomatic relations with Red China, but we must prepare ourselves for that day."

"We must also consider the problems of our friends and allies in Formosa."

Communications

He spoke of the small steps taken in communications between the United States and China, and of the breakdown in other attempts. "We have a history of over 130 meetings between American and Chinese ambassadors

in Warsaw, Poland. Most of these meetings have been cold and formal, but the encouraging fact is that we have met," Inouye said.

"Today mail is allowed to move to and from China." He said, however, that American offers for an exchange of physicians, agriculturalists, public health experts, and college professors and students have been rejected.

Russ Relations

Communication with Russia is expanding in many ways, Inouye said.

"Daily flights between Moscow and Washington will soon be commonplace and all signs point to an inevitable invasion of the Soviet Union by many more thousands of affluent American tourists," he said.

"In recent years we have concluded a test ban treaty with the Soviet Union and an agreement banning nuclear weapons in outer space."

"A consular treaty provided for more diplomatic representation in each country. We have had a 'hot line' between Washington and Moscow for a number of years and it was put to good use in last year's Middle East crisis."

"Were it not for Vietnam, I have little doubt that we could soon negotiate a joint agreement to coordinate our work on various space programs. We already have a daily exchange of satellite photographs of vast weather systems which control the world's weather."

"The warming of East-West relations has opened the windows on the West, and the Russian people like what they see. Soviet intellectuals are demanding more freedom of expression and more material fruits from the Soviet society."

"As Soviet affluence increases, the world Communist movement will lose even more of its ideological thrust."

Unity Difficult

The Sino-Soviet differences and other fragmentation of party views make it difficult to mobilize worldwide Communist unity, Inouye said.

"Revolutionary movements are still with us in various parts of the world, but they now tend to relate more to the local scene and to exploit local opportunities," he said.

These conflicts, and others, cause many Americans to lose hope for eventual peace, he said.

"Nevertheless," Inouye said, "I appear before you tonight to say that I believe—and most of my Senate colleagues believe—that world peace and human understanding is within the realm of possibility as a goal capable of human attainment." —The Advertiser.

JACL Deadlines

April 15—Requests from National Committees on special problems and budgetary considerations for next biennium.

April 15—For items from District Councils to be placed on National Council preliminary agenda, especially where budgetary considerations are involved.

May 3—For District finalists for JACL-JAL Summer Fellowships to be submitted to National Headquarters.

May 17—National JACL Essay Contest entries, postmarked midnight May 17, submitted to Mrs. Toby Hirabayashi, 941 N. 3rd St., San Jose, Calif. 95112. Theme: "JACL—Heritage for the Future"; open to youth between 16 and 21; 800-1,000 words typed double-spaced on letterhead size paper.

June 21—Nominations from District Councils for national JACL officers submitted to Mrs. Lily Okura, 2604 Garden Rd., Omaha, Neb. 68124.

July 1—For items to be placed on National Council final agenda.

July 1—Selection of district champions for National JACL Oratorical Contest; copy of speech and brief biographical sketch submitted to Shirley Matsumura, 229 Lyndale, San Jose, Calif. 95127.

"Heritage for the Future"

20th Biennial National JACL Convention

AUG. 21-24, 1968—SAN JOSE

20 Weeks Remain Until Convention Time

President's Surprise Stand

If the political surprises during the first three months of this year in any way indicate the type of excitement to come before the November elections, veteran Washington observers should be required to wear head-sets to absorb some of the shock waves.

Michigan Governor George Romney has pulled out of the presidential race, New York Senator Robert Kennedy announced his candidacy, New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller said he would not run, and President Johnson announced his withdrawal from the presidential sweepstakes.

Mr. Johnson's March 31 announcement that he will neither seek nor accept renomination as the Democratic Party's candidate for the Presidency has definitely been the biggest surprise, so far, and has changed the ball game completely.

In withdrawing from the presidential race, Mr. Johnson said his aim is to restore a measure of unity to the country and to allow him to act, without political implications and restraints, in bringing the war in Vietnam to a successful conclusion.

The President, indeed, deserves applause for his "self-sacrifice" for the good of the country. And we are hopeful that the end of the Vietnam war will soon be in sight. However, in examining the willingness by both sides to negotiate, we must not lose sight of what this war is all about. Ho Chi Minh has intended for the Communists to take over South Vietnam, and Mr. Johnson has determined they shall not.

If there is to be a negotiated settlement in 1968 over the Vietnam war, one or the other must be willing to give up or else both must be willing to settle for a compromise. We sincerely hope that the "peace" negotiations do not follow the same pattern as those of the Korean conflict, in which negotiations were held for months while the fighting and killing continued.

Just about everyone here is speculating on the impact of the President's decision not to run this year, particularly on pending legislation. While there are differences of opinion, there is general agreement that as a non-candidate, Mr. Johnson is likely to be less swayed by special political pressures, and take a highly statesmanlike role in his final months of office.

The general expectation here is that the President, because of the relatively few months remaining in his term, will find it harder to win over the legislature on controversial bills. It is believed that the main points of Mr. Johnson's legislative program could now be written off in accordance with the political axiom that a President's influence falls off sharply when he becomes a "lame-duck." It is also believed that his administration's lobbying influence will deteriorate.

What has Mr. Johnson's withdrawal done, for or against, the active candidates' campaigns? It has knocked the wind out of their sails. Up until his announcement, Senators Kennedy and McCarthy have been attacking the President on his Vietnam war policy. They have since changed, and are now criticizing his domestic programs. Richard Nixon, on the other hand, has re-appraised his campaign strategy, since he appeared to be the only "hawk" in the race.

Another interesting change is that, for the first time in years, President Johnson is enjoying praise, and not on the receiving line of sharp criticisms. With Johnson's "self-sacrifice," it is pointless, un-patriotic, and socially awkward to go on criticizing him. A good part of the population has been hooked on hate for a long time, and with President Johnson's removal as the hater's main source of satisfaction, someone else is going to have to fill the gap, Senator Kennedy, perhaps?

In any event, examining the impact of the President's withdrawal can be an endless task. Taken at face value, the President's refusal to seek or accept his party's presidential nomination appears to close the door altogether. However, should an honorable settlement be achieved over the Vietnam war before the Democratic Convention in Chicago, it will be hard for Mr. Johnson to refuse a unanimous invitation by the party leaders to complete his "Great Society" programs in a "united" front.

Political history abounds with examples of men who have bowed out only to come back on stage once more. Adlai Stevenson, if memory serves me, renounced any political ambition after 1956. Nixon is known to have said in 1962, "this is my last press conference." Virginia's Senator Harry Byrd flatly retired, only to yield to the urgings of his friends.

While the political surprises of the first three months have still left Washington observers speechless, there is very little doubt that more surprises are now in the making. In fact, it wouldn't be surprising if new developments were to take place in the next few days which would discredit the contents of this column.

Manhattan Echoes: Joe Oyama

Wright's Imperial Hotel

New York "DON'T FORGET YOUR GLASSES" H. F. Studios referred me to Mr. J. of R.R.S. Co., advertising agents. Mr. J. was looking for a Japanese man between 35 and 50 years old. I'm over 50, but you'll do, he said. Not many Japanese were applying for the job.

He wanted someone to pose for a photograph for his client so that he looked like he was thinking about buying insurance. This was to appear in one of the nationally known magazine's Asiatic editions.

I was sent over to the huge Fifth Avenue studio of K.G., which was painted black, even the ceiling. Immediately, I was ushered on to a stool, and the young cameraman with a Yashica started taking one shot after another without letup. This continued for about half an hour.

Mr. J., the advertising agent, and the camera wielder, ordered me to put on my glasses, so I smiled, "Stereotype? Mr. J." And Mr. J. laughed. Later they told me to take it off.

Look into the camera, holding your glasses. Now don't hold your chin with your fingers spread out, because that means you're worried. Hold your fingers closer together, bunched up, like this (the photographer demonstrated) right under your chin. This means you're thinking.

Then they told me to pose like "The Thinker" (Rodin), so I had to slouch over the stool, put my head down, resting my head on my knuckles. One shot per second, repeat. I asked, "Why do you take so many shots of the same pose? Is it because the countenance changes?" He explained, "Attitude! People's attitude change. You also blink a lot."

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NEWS CAPSULES

Government

Richard Mitchell, who was recreation director at the Merced Assembly Center in 1942, was recently appointed by Los Angeles Mayor Sam Yorty to be director of the Community Redevelopment Agency located at 617 S. Olive St.

Gov. Reagan's proposal to clamp a \$275-a-month ceiling on welfare aid to families with dependent children was called "inhumane, shortsighted and a return to medievalism" by George M. Nishinaka, president of the Los Angeles chapter of the National Assn. of Social Workers, who cited the President's Commission on Civil Disorders recommendation that public assistance be raised to place families above the poverty level. As of now, Nishinaka said, a family with four children can receive up to \$297.25 a month. "If we deny the youngsters adequate care and provision for their needs, it is going to cost all of us much more to rehabilitate them."

Architect Ray Takata was named to the seven-member Sacramento city planning commission, succeeding another architect William Koblik. The group has four architect members. . . . George Yasukochi was elected by fellow commissioners as 1968 chairman of the Berkeley Unified School District merit system personnel commission. He has been a member of the commission since 1965 when he was appointed by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction upon recommendation of the Berkeley School Board. The commission has jurisdiction over 500 classified employees.

Politics

San Diego City Councilman Tom Hom (R) is a candidate for the California state assembly, challenging a Democratic incumbent.

So, Calif. Japanese American Republicans meet April 8, 6:30 p.m., at the Branding Iron Steak House, Anaheim, to hear Dennis Carpenter, Republican state central committee vice-chairman, of Newport Beach. Henry Kanegae will be meeting chairman, with Mrs. Sumi Akiyama and Mrs. Mary Nitta as co-hostesses.

Fine Arts

Landscape architect Lawrence Halprin, in a two-page statement, bitterly criticized the sculpture by Ruth Asawa Lanier recently installed at San Francisco Ghirardelli Square as "out of character with the space it is in . . . at the wrong scale for the plaza . . . and completely out of character with the design intent of the square." Halprin, who was the landscape architect for the square, is a member of the President Johnson's Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; while Mrs. Lanier was recently appointed to the San Francisco art commission. The sculpture depicts two mermaids seated more or less back-to-back on water lily pads. Two large tortoises share the pool with them with many frolicking frogs. General mood expressed by the piece is one of serenity. Said Mrs. Lanier: "I may not know as much about fountains as Halprin. But I think I know more than he about sculpture."

A unique collection of Japanese Ukiyo-E art is on display in the main lobby of the Sumitomo Bank in Lili' Tokyo, including a wide variety of Hokusai pieces of landscaping and the 36 views of Fujiyama by Fugaku.

School Front

Cathy Momil, Venice High winter graduate, was class valedictorian. An honor student, she is now a pre-law student at UCLA. . . . Nanoy Komai is Venice High student body secretary, while Jerry Ichien is senior class president. . . . Van Ogami, co-captain of Venice High's gymnastic team (which won the Western League title), was voted the Boy of the Year at school.

Sen. J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.), after addressing the women of the Dermott Chamber of Commerce last week, went on to dedicate a new and fully integrated school near Rohwer, site of the WRA relocation center during WW2.

Sandra Kaye Konishi, daughter of the Henry Konishi of Rocky Ford, is president of the Associated Women Students at Colorado State. . . . Mrs. Richard M. Ota, active in Denver PTA for 17 years, was awarded life membership in the Colorado Congress of Parents and Teachers. She has held several posts in the Denver County council.

Youth

Illinois Eagle Scouts "took over" state elective and appointive offices on Scout Citizenship Day in February. Among the scouts was Ken Yamamoto of Chicago.

Business

Jimmy Takeuchi, onetime Cincinnati JACL president, has qualified as Certified Public Accountant recently. Formerly of Portland and Tacoma, he is married to Ruth Kato of Broderick, Calif.; they have two sons Steven and Ken and daughter Peggy. Steven is attending MIT on a four-year renewable scholarship. . . . San Jose Savings & Loan, founded three years ago by businessmen, mostly Nisei, with \$1.5 million capitalization opened its first branch April at Milpitas, the community's first S&L office. Henry Yamate is president.

Masaharu Matsushita, president, Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., of Japan introduced 32 new products at a Panasonic sales meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico, for American dealers. . . . Edward Nagase, San Francisco designer who has gained international recognition for trademark and packaging work with his Designers World & Associates, is now established with Martel Scroggin Advertising. . . . Dennis Wakabayashi is proprietor of the House of Coins & Import, a Denver coin shop, who noted "Gold coins still are readily available, but prices are up sharply."

Agriculture

Redwood seedlings (Sequoia sempervirens) supplied by Pete Sugawara of Monte Bello Nursery, Los Altos, have been shipped as a goodwill gift of his club, the Los Altos Rotary, to Tokyo. They replaced the 100 seedlings sent 2 1/2 years ago by the Petaluma Rotary Club. . . . Don Toyoda, Cortez grower, has been named to the California Freestone Peach Assn. as director-at-large.

Science

Dr. Tetsuya Fujita, tornado expert at Univ. of Chicago, heads the latest U.S. Environmental Science Service Administration project to study photographs taken by the ATS-3 satellite in a so-called stationary orbit over the equator off the Pacific Coast to observe cloud movements prior to and during tornado formation. The project is strictly research and pictures will not be available in time for use in existing tornado warning systems.

Sachiko Hatanaka, Ph.D. student in anthropology at Tokyo University, will live with the Sisimins of New Guinea for the next five years to study one of the most primitive tribes in the world.

Vital Statistics

Retired farmer Kiukichi Nukaya, 79, who organized the Idaho Falls Nihonjin Kai before the war and helped establish a Japanese language school, died on Mar. 20.

Mrs. Toyono Yamamoto, who came to the U.S. at age 11 in 1897, celebrated her 100th birthday Mar. 23 at a San Jose convalescent home with about 60 of her relatives in attendance. She received a message from President Johnson and the Imperial Cup from Emperor Hirohito.

Zenjiro Mori, 89, of Los Angeles died of heart attack Mar. 29. He was the father of Raru Shimpo English section editor Henry Mori. . . . Prof. Jacobus tenBroeck, co-author of "Prejudice, War and the Constitution," a biting criticism of Evacuation, died Mar. 27 of cancer at the San Francisco Presbyterian Hospital. He was 56.

Sports

Youngest in the seven-man fencing team competing at the World Youth Championships under patronage of Queen Elizabeth II in London April 10-15 is Arthur Nonomura, son of the Yuko Nonomura of San Francisco. . . . Berkeley Cleaners defeated ABC Nursery of Gardena, 87-82, to win the 17th renewal of the "South Nisei Athletic Union AA basketball championship at Berkeley. The series had been discontinued for the past five years.

Entertainment

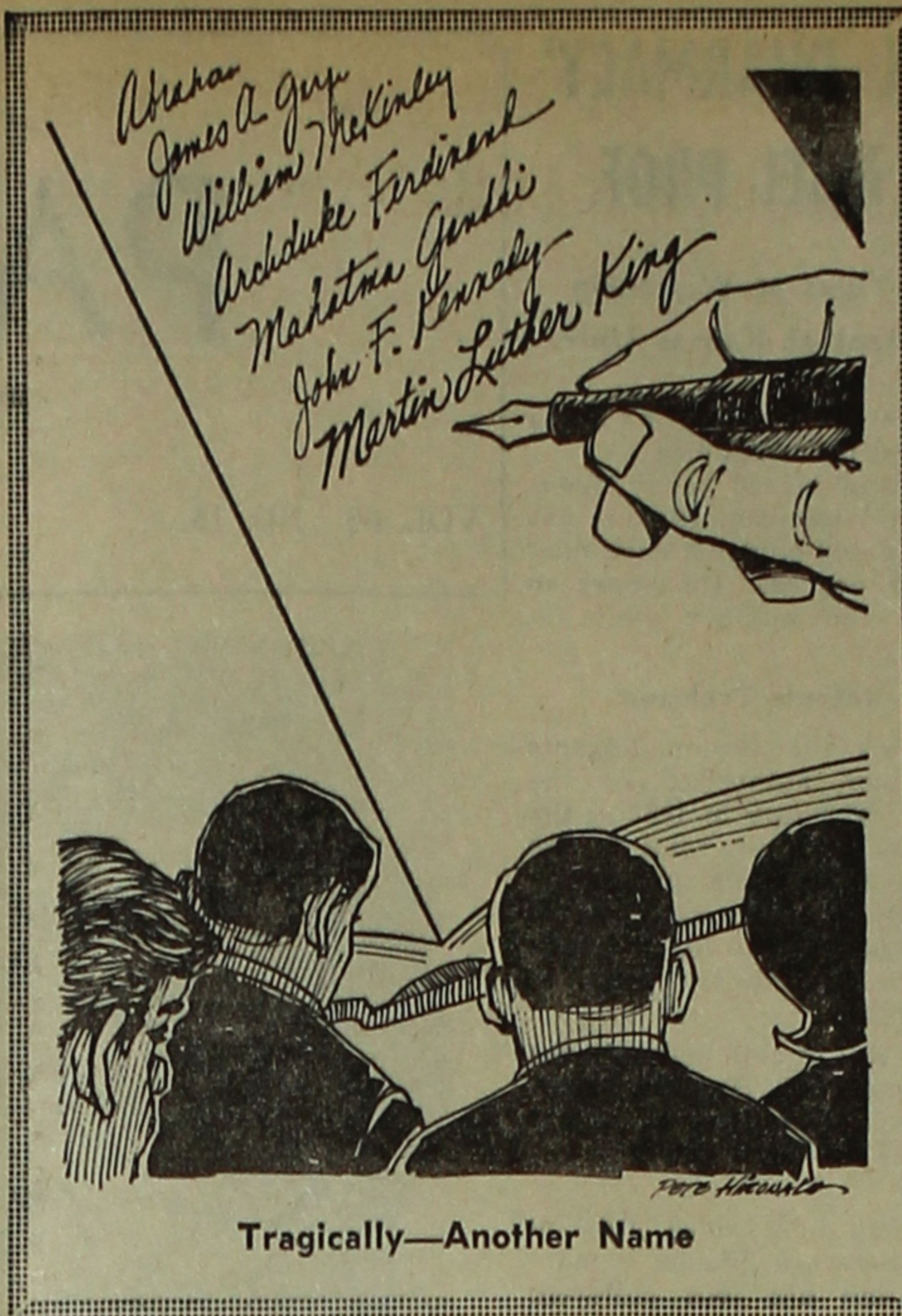
Mako Yashima, an Academy Award nominee last year for his first feature film role in "The Sand Pebbles" for 20th Century Fox, has designed the sets for Vernetta Carroll's production of "Slow Dance on the Killing Ground" now playing through May 18 at Inner City Cultural Center, 1615 W. Washington Blvd., Los Angeles. His cousin, Aki Fujinami, designed the costumes. . . . Robert Ito, character dancer with the National Ballet of Canada and performing with the "Flower Drum Song" road company in the U.S., portrays Puck in an interracial presentation of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" which opened April 11 at Inner City Cultural Center.

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LOS ANGELES—The Council of Oriental Organizations and the Indian Centers, Inc., have been invited to join the Economic and Youth Opportunities Agency board to implement a new congressional amendment requiring a increase in the number of community agencies represented among its members.

This move came after it was decided that it would be virtually impossible to settle on a "representative Negro group" and a "representative Mexican American group", according to Joe P. Maldonado, executive director.



SALES REP — Japan Air Lines' first woman sales representative on the Mainland is Joyce Favorite at JAL's Chicago office. A native of Honolulu, she is married to Ernest Favorite and they have one daughter. She has been with JAL for the past five years. —JAL Photo.

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Placer County—Issei Night, Placer Buddhist Church.
April 20 (Saturday)
Sacramento—Family Night potluck supper, Nisei Hall.
San Jose—Potluck supper, oratorical contest, Buddhist Church Annex.
San Diego—Issei Night potluck dinner, Buddhist Church, 6:30 p.m.
Oakland—Charter flight to Hawthorne, Nev.
April 21 (Sunday)
Cincinnati—Issei recognition, YWCA, 1 p.m.
Contra Costa—New Member Welcome-Issei Appreciation potluck dinner, Kennedy High School.
Placer County—Community picnic, JACL Recreation Park.
Milwaukee—Spring Social.
April 25 (Thursday)
Sacramento—Gen Mtg.
April 26 (Friday)
San Diego—Bd Mtg. JACL office.
April 27 (Saturday)
San Francisco—Auxiliary benefit dance, Rickshaw Bistro, 9 p.m.

Cultural center drawn for downtown Denver

DENVER—Jeff S. Aoki, architectural student at Colorado University, has proposed a Japanese cultural center in lower downtown Denver in his thesis for B. Arch. degree.

Plans developed by the Urban Renewal Authority for Skyline Project which embraces the Japanese shopping area were also studied by the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Aoki.

The graduating Sansei architecture student envisions the culture center built around Nihonshoku restaurants, retail stores, a theater-auditorium, a Japanese garden, and possibly a housing development for senior citizens. Denver Buddhist church also would be desirable for that center.

Part-time workers

Students who worked part-time or during the summer may have a refund coming on their 1967 Federal income tax returns. If they earned less than \$600 and taxes were withheld from wages by their employers, they should file a return in order to obtain a refund of the tax withheld from their wages.

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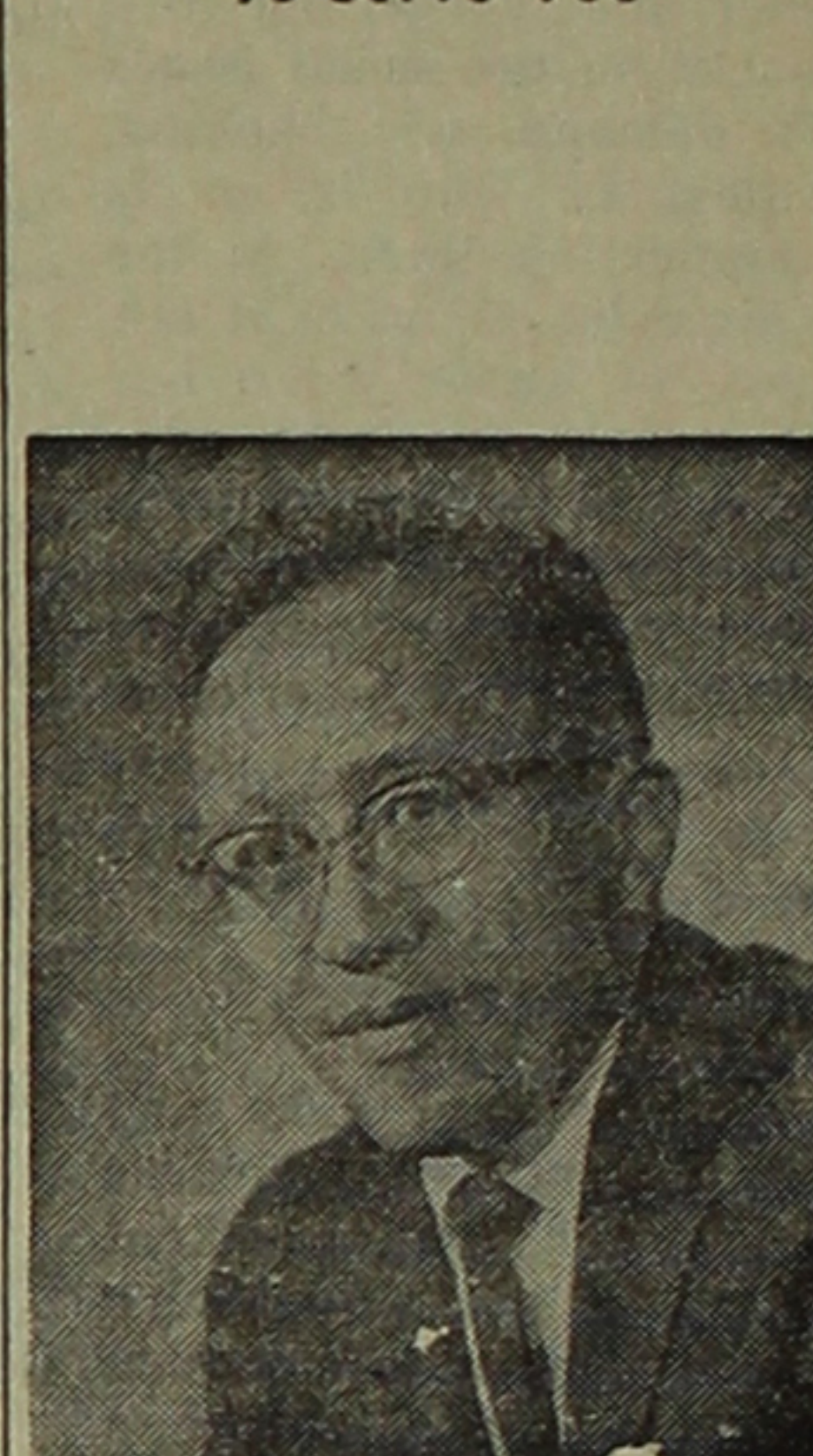
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By Bill Hosokawa

From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.

THE ARTS—Ever since the Nisei world lost Larry Tajiri the columns of The Pacific Citizen have been lacking in reports and critical analyses of Japanese Americans in the arts. Larry's work had to do with the world of the theatre, music and entertainment, and from it he was able to pick up a variety of fascinating tidbits about Nisei performers. He knew each of their professional pedigrees the way a race track habitue knows horses, and frequently he wrote about them in his Pacific Citizen column.

Perhaps Joe Oyama had some of this in mind when he sent along a couple of reviews from the New York Times about Yuriko and her dance company who, on three successive Saturday nights, staged ballet performances in Manhattan. The terminology of the ballet is as unintelligible to me as professional football is to my wife, so I shall not try to comment on the reviewer's observations. However, I got the idea that, generally, he thought she was pretty darned good, which is understandable.

Yuriko started work at the Martha Graham school of the dance in February, 1944, on a scholarship. She was invited to join the Martha Graham company in May of that year, which is something like being No. 1 draft choice of the Green Bay Packers, and she remained with the group until this year when she set out to build her own company. Of Yuriko herself, the reviewer observes that she "has a beautifully piquant and personal style of dancing" which of course one would expect.

In the best Tajiri manner of reporting, it should be noted that in private life Yuriko is Mrs. Charlie Kikuchi, he being a psychiatric social worker at the Veterans Hospital in Brooklyn.

COMEBACK OF THE STEAMERS—Among visitors this week was Raymond Mits Akashi of San Francisco who, as an American President Lines sales representative, would like everyone to know sailing across the Pacific by ship is a lot faster than it used to be and is a pleasant, comfortable way to travel. Airplanes are faster, but the comfort quotient is not very high in a tourist class seat as even Shige Kameda of Japan Air Lines will agree.

Mits and I got to talking about the last time I traveled on a President liner. There were four of us crowded into a cabin designed for two, but no one complained because we were happy and grateful to be aboard. The time was October, 1941, and although none of us was aware of it, the operation which was to result in the bombing of Pearl Harbor had already been put into gear. We boarded the President Cleveland in Shanghai when the war clouds were gathering and she scooted for home. It was a nervous voyage. Some day, when the pressures let up a bit, we may head westward again on a leisurely cruise when time is not of the essence.

THE AUTO RACE—Shoji Hattori, Toyota Motor's top man in the United States, has me on his mailing list, and his latest release on import cars makes interesting reading. Volkswagen easily topped the list of imports in 1967 with 446,060 units. Opel was second with 50,186, giving the Germans a clean one-two sweep. Datsun (33,189), Volvo (33,189) and Toyota (32,996) are closely bunched, with fewer than 900 cars separating them in the fight for third place.

The two Japanese companies faced shortages due to changes being made to comply with U.S. safety regulations. Hattori reports Toyota was the biggest gainer in 1967 with sales up 108 per cent over 1966. He predicts continued growth with Toyota planning to import 100,000 units this year, while Datsun has scheduled 80,000 units. What a far cry from the immediate postwar days when Tokyo taxis were largely decrepit American-made jalopies fueled by gas from charcoal burners installed in the trunk compartments! At the projected rates, Toyota and Datsun will rank second and third this year behind Volkswagen among all imported automobiles.

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Civic women groups appraise ethnic minorities; Kumamoto speaks to group

BY HENRY MORI

LOS ANGELES — Women members of three civic organizations were appraised of the Japanese in America in the second of a series of School for Community Action during an all-day meeting held at Wilshire Blvd Temple Mar. 19.

One of the afternoon speakers was Alan Kumamoto, national JACL youth director. He gave a brief history of the Issei immigrants who came to the United States at the turn of the century and the subsequent second and third generations of Japanese.

Co-sponsoring the "Spotlight on the Family" series were the National Council of Jewish Women, Los Angeles section; National Council of Negro Women and the Young Womens Christian Association.

Culture Patterns

The initial session was held on Feb. 29 at which time the group brought out the problems and values and cultural patterns of today's family, emphasizing ethnic groups and the disadvantaged and middle-class member.

Louis Garcia, Joint Ventures, San Fernando Valley,

was critical of those who professed complete integration and declared "there are those of Mexican descent who like to remain in 'barrios' (ghettos) but only to strengthen their cultural background."

Garcia said the church is leading the way to elevate the living and educational standards of the Mexican Americans. "While we believe in integration, we still feel that quality education can come about if interested leaders work hard at it—even though we find ourselves residing in certain sections of the city."

Lil' Tokio's Role

Kumamoto described the pre-war Lil' Tokio as playing a "survival role" in helping those Issei who were unable to communicate in English. He reminded his audience that alien Japanese were the brunt of hard discrimination in the early 1900s and only after World War II that "things became better for all of us."

The JACL official said the last war produced what he called a "legal and legislative era" in which many of the racial pitfalls were erased through new acts in Washington and in Sacramento. He

cited the Oriental Exclusion Act of 1924 as one of the "most vicious forms of racial discrimination."

Kumamoto agreed with other speakers that "we have a bad tendency to stereotype ethnic groups."

"You may be surprised as you walk down Lil' Tokio just how many of those merchants or office workers have actually not gone to or seen Japan."

"Yet you find that non-Nisei would ask how First and San Pedro Sts. compared with that of the Ginza in Tokyo."

Negro Speaker

Mrs. Pauline Hopkins, president of the Los Angeles section, National Council of Negro Women, who presided over the morning session, said the heritage of most of her race was American. "How else, since very few of us have lived in Africa."

She said there is an awakening among community leaders that the time is here when "we must see that all races are treated as human beings—no higher or lower than the next minority or majority group."

"We must be alert to investigate, probe and search for the truth and fair and just treatment," Mrs. Hopkins declared.

Under the subtitle of "Human Interaction and Citizenship Responsibility" to which the speakers delivered their lectures, Dr. Charles Posner, Community Relations Committee, Jewish Federation Council, found similar drawbacks but added determined characteristics of the Jewish race were the factors which eventually won out.

"Our school-church ties are strong and discrimination in education against us produced many counterparts to offset that block," Dr. Posner asserted.

He said the Jewish boy or girl, too, has drive for good grades and good education and would rebel if not given proper guidance.

In the summary, Kumamoto and others admitted that "we live in a racist society" but through better communication and concerted organization efforts the barriers can be weakened.

The audience reaction was that a combined drive is needed to bring about solution to all community problems, regardless of geographical differences.

Another meeting is scheduled in mid-April.

—Rafu Shimpō

Chief counselor speaks

FOWLER — Emanuel Diel, Fresno County counselor, addressed a recent Fowler JACL dinner meeting attended by 40 members.

Realizing their cause is lost, some of the rebels still at large, including Hatanaka, kill themselves before the Imperial Palace.

The nation has been given an extra ration of electricity to listen to the Emperor's address, which had been announced well in advance. All over the country his respectful subjects stand at attention

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Colorado community scholarships available; applicants bid by April 30

DENVER — Five Japanese American community groups, coordinated by David H. Furukawa as chairman, are sponsoring the annual community-wide scholarship programs for June graduates.

The cooperating groups and their representatives are: John J. Oya, commander, Cathay Post 185 American Legion; Don Tanabe, Brighton Japanese American Assn.; Rev. Jonathan Fujita, Simpson Methodist Church; Albert Nakata, Tri-State Buddhist Church; and Harry H. Harada, Mile-Hi JACL.

Cathay Post offers the \$250 regional Nisei War Memorial award and a \$200 Cathay Post Award.

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An awards banquet-dance will be held at the Cosmopolitan Hotel June 15, and all graduates shall be guests. All eligible graduates should submit their names and addresses to receive invitations to David H. Furukawa, 1121 S. Denver St., Denver 80226.

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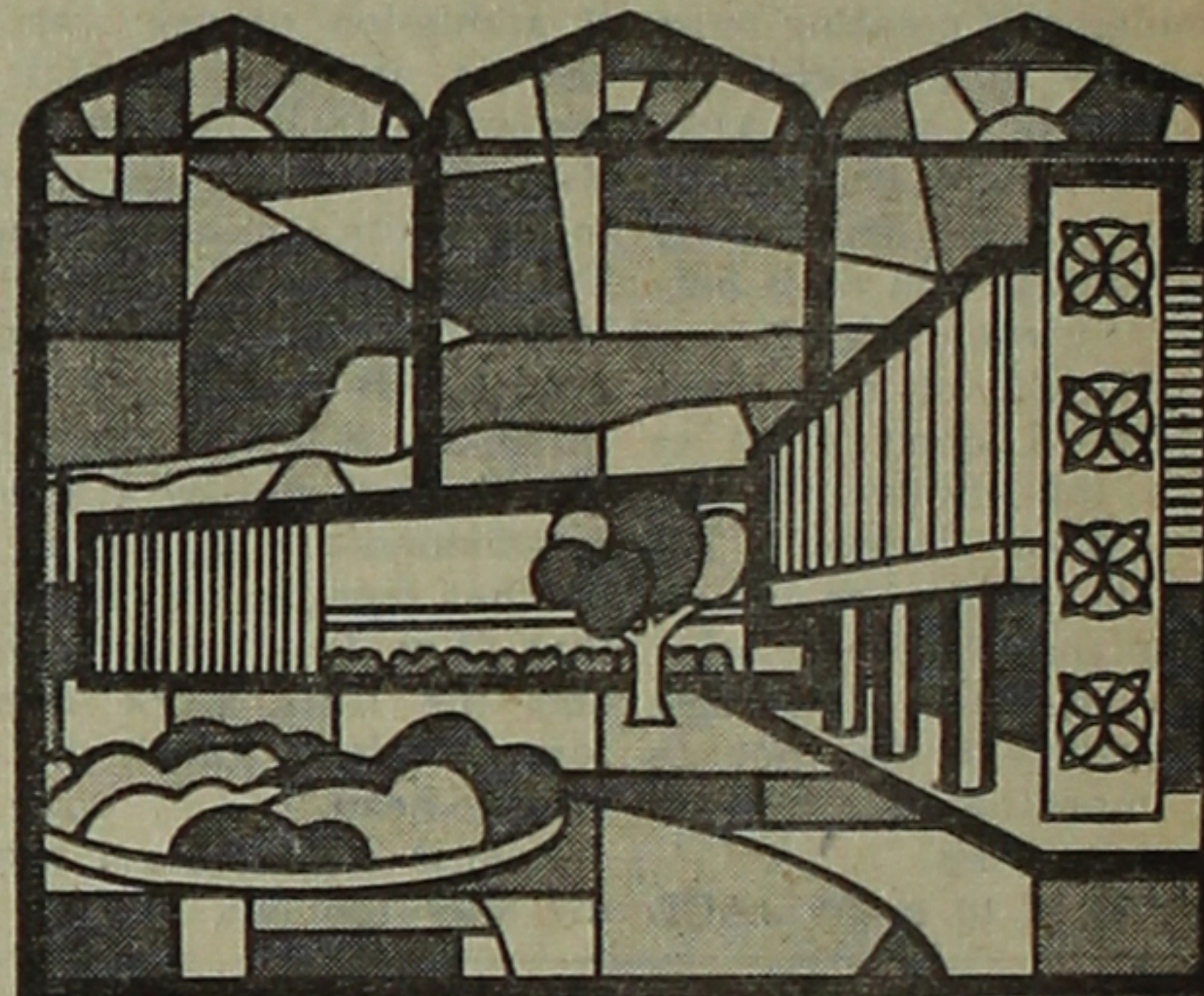


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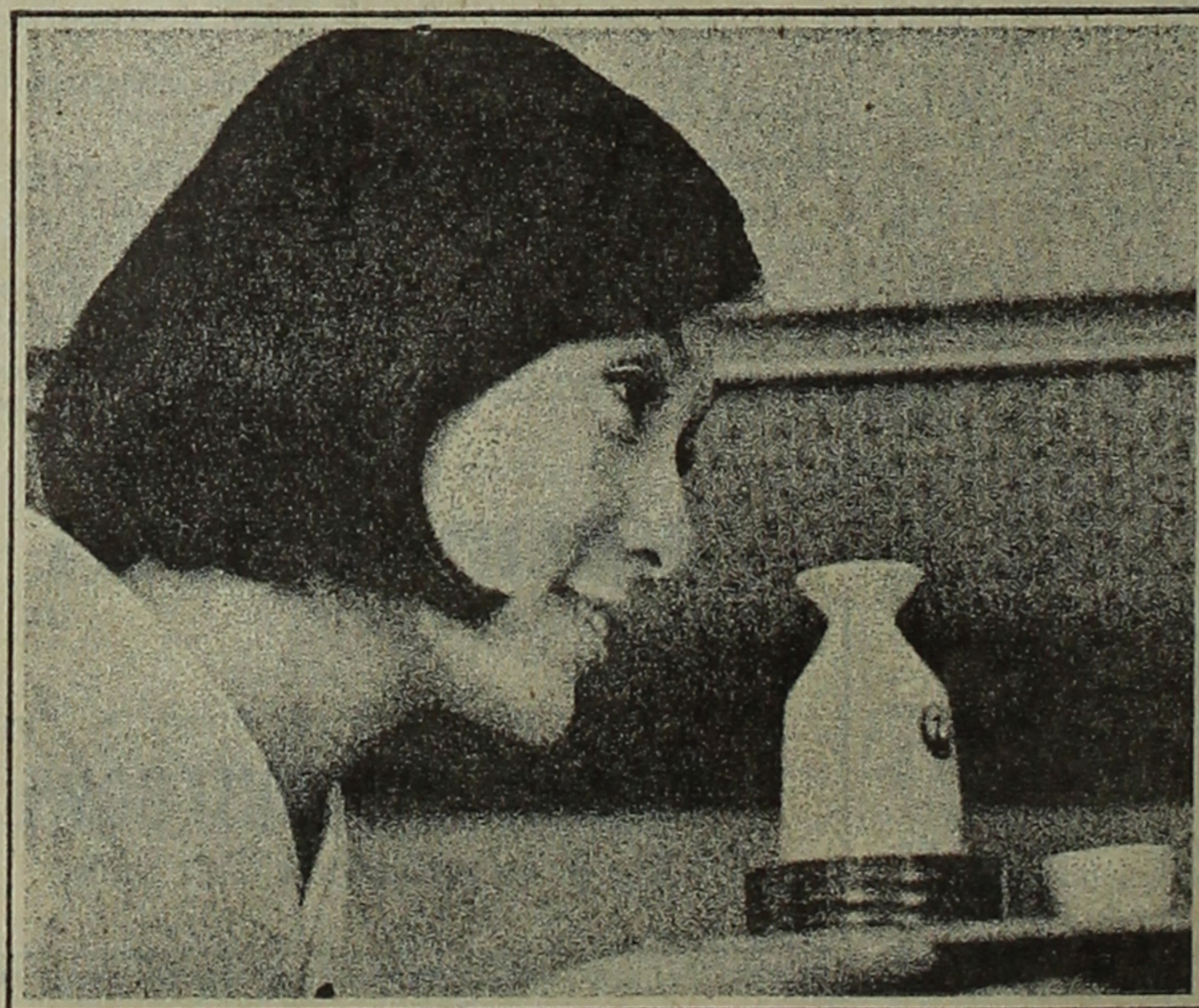
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Accent on Youth Alan Kumamoto

Yesterday's Tomorrow

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That "today" applies to the many youth of today as they struggle and search, pressing out against the layers of conventionality that society offers as its dictum. The "today" was taken from the paperback "It's Happening", described as "a portrait of the youth scene today."

To other youth, today is quite a different picture. There are those we term the draft dodgers, and the others still that are in the armed services waiting for tomorrow and wondering if today will herald in the next.

And aside from the casualties of the war, youth face the battle to survive. Within



this framework we find the physical dropouts as well as the emotional ones. The Los Angeles Times just completed a three day serialization on the physical dropout problem within Los Angeles. Their statistics reveal the figures of 15,000 young people annually reported within the city and county as teenage runaways.

"The disintegration of family life and the communication gap between the generations are most frequently cited as causes for the problem" according to the Times.

And below the final article was a story titled "Psychiatrist's Advice on Vanishing Teen-ager." The professional advice follows the tact of parents taking a stand and letting their teen-ager know how

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West Wind

Yoh Hotta

Rococo

In our mode of daily living, the rococo (never make a straight line, when a curve will do) philosophy seems to have taken over. Among the various apprenticeship programs being projected to ease the problems of creating more work, many of the skills require years of training. After completion of the course, the job doesn't exist because by then a machine can do it better. So why even begin?

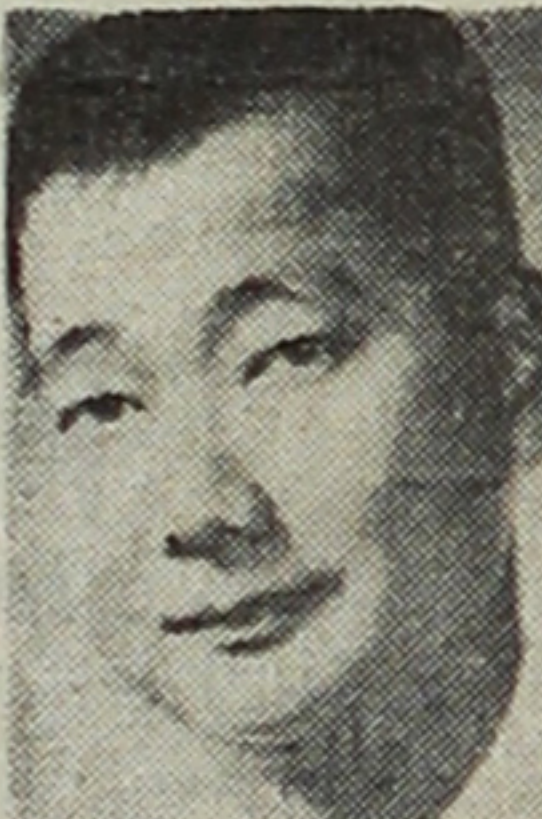
The thought of our times might be: "I don't want to work in that funky old car wash." Who, indeed? We would all rather be chiefs than Indians. But our solution, the consensus of our best minds seems to be, not to create more work, but to create more titles.

We've been to many JACL

"Issei Appreciation Nights" and invariably it is announced that all persons over 75 can come free. It's amazing that anyone can get in for gratis. Although admittedly no lady would attend for free if admission of age was the criteria, it might be fair to lower the free ride age to 50. Even that, in our day, seems to be quite an achievement. The Koreans have the right idea. Any man reaching a good age is automatically entitled to wear a stovepipe-like top hat and be a honest-to-goodness-Chief. That top hat has significance, it means that "I've lived long enough, and the little work I perform wouldn't knock the hat off my head."

Excuse me, while I adjust my silly top hat.

Sounding Board Jeffrey Matsui



Green Power

There has appeared to date three articles on the Green Power Foundation in the PC. Each has in its own way explained the structure and purpose of the organization and the reason why JACLers were being encouraged to lend support through a \$10 associate membership contribution. But aside from a half dozen readers, the appeal has been ignored. And this is perfectly understandable. It took me over a month to get warmed up to the Green Power concept—and I'd been receiving individual attention on the subject. Now I'm sold on it.

If you asked me exactly why I'm sold on The Green Power Foundation, Inc., I probably couldn't pin point the reason. So let me in my own inimitable confused way ramble off some of the thoughts and impressions that came to mind when I think of the GP organization.

First, both volunteer and paid, professional staff members seem to be bubbling over with enthusiasm and optimism. And this is strange behavior for people who have to work seven days a week in a monstrous, dilapidated abandoned warehouse leased from Pacific Telephone Company of \$1 per year. About six weeks ago they had almost run out of funds and had the gates closed so when the workers arrived in the morning they were told to go home as they had no money to pay wages. But the workers said they got no place to go. If GP doesn't hire them nobody will so they might as well go inside to do some work and learn. The gates were opened and a few days later a bank loan was obtained.

Who are these workers that are being trained on the job? Well the 22 workers being presently trained have police records that show that convictions per person easily average out into double figures. Most have never held a regular job in their lives. Some cannot read or write.

At Green Power, however, nobody is asked to complete an application. All a person has to do to qualify is to want to work. He doesn't even have to know how to write "I want to work." He has only to say it—and mean it.

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One worker was very happy and excited when he got his initial pay check as this was the first time he ever received one. He rushed off to a clothing store to buy a brand new coat, which would have been another first. He was really enjoying himself trying on the different coats in front of the mirror until the policeman, the owner had called, came in arrest him. Both the owner and the policeman "knew" this guy must be up to no good. It was six days before staff members found out that the worker was being held in jail and went to get him out. Other workers are not able to cash their checks until a staff worker drives out to vouch for the worker that he is working and this is his check. When you're at the very bottom of the social strata, life appears to be just a whole bunch of insults.

At the Green Power Foundation plant, each person is treated with respect and the workers seem to be responding very well. It looks like this endeavor will succeed and result in rich dividends for all members of society. I personally feel it's going to be a winner and I've put my money on it. If you'd also like to invest \$10 on a better future, please do so right away.

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PROGRESSIVE WESTSIDE CHAPTER COMMENDED AS THE 'DOINGEST'

LOS ANGELES — Addressing the "doigest" chapter in JACL, Dr. David Miura, national second vice-president, commended the Progressive Westside JACL for its work with the mentally retarded.

The chapter has conducted two gigantic Christmas parties for the mentally handicapped children, a program which "reflects your compassion for people", the Long Beach dentist declared. He was guest speaker at the chapter installation dinner Mar. 23.

Dr. Franklin Minami was sworn in as chapter president. As a young adult group, the Progressive Westside has been urged to "help bridge the Generation Gap" and especially lead the way in the area of Civil Rights.

Noting that National President Jerry Enomoto has convinced the membership they should become involved, Dr. Miura thought that chapters are frustrated because they want to do something but are at a loss as to what to do.

Urged to Try

"Because of the uniqueness of your chapter, you may be able to provide the necessary leadership—before it's too late to matter," the Progressive Westside JACLers were told.

1000 Club Notes

Mar. 29 Report: With 67 new and renewing memberships in the 1000 Club acknowledged for the second half of March, the current total stands at 1,814. The goal is to break the 2,000 mark by Convention time this coming August.

18th Year: Twin Cities—Tom Koshobayashi.
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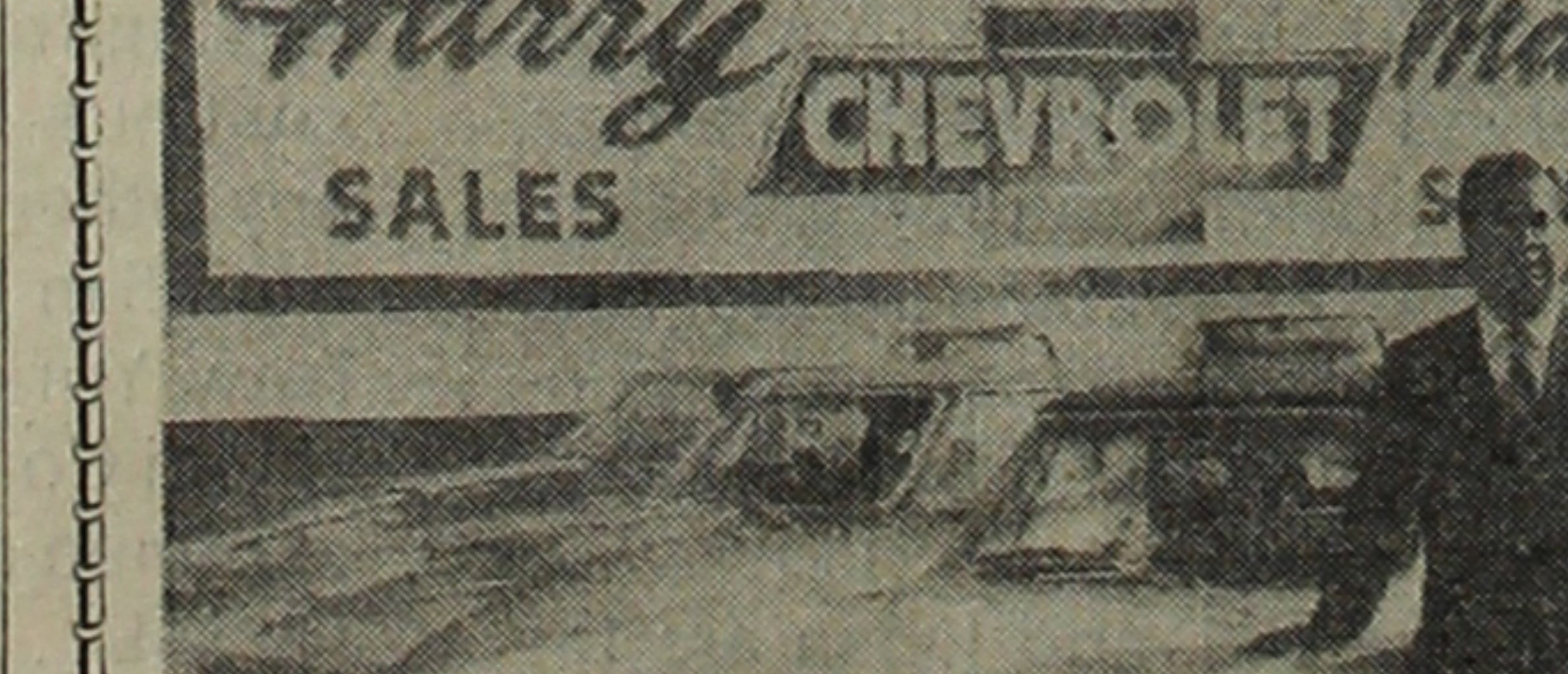
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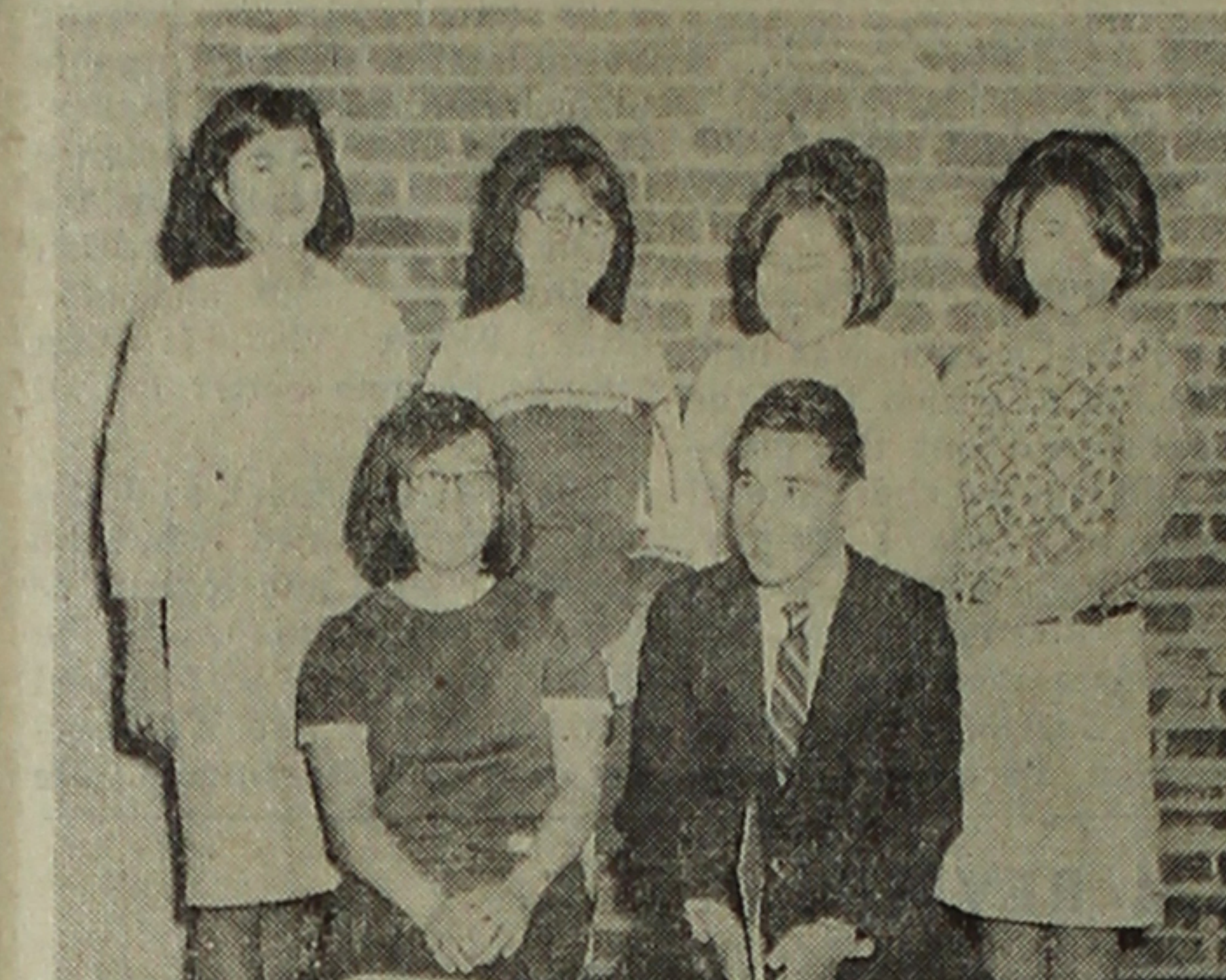
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PORTLAND — The Portland Junior JACL entertained two contestants of the Miss Teen International pageant. Miss Teen Japan, Sachiko Yamana, and Miss Teen Philippines, Imelda Villacruz, were in the City of Roses to do some filming sequences prior to the Saturday (April 13th) pageant in Hollywood.

Accompanying the two girls were 1967 Miss Teen USA, Sandee Jones, and the sister to Miss Teen Philippines, Lily Villacruz.

With the gracious offering of Portland Chapter President, Mrs. Nobu Tsuboi, the girls were able to relax in a typical American home setting. Following potluck dinner, 30 Junior JACLers enjoyed the accordion playing of Georgia Yamada. Informal conversation and spontaneous games climaxed the festive evening. The activity was planned by chairman Ann Nakadate, assisted by:

Sandy Kagawa, Peggy Nagae, Laura Nishino, and Marilyn Mizote.

Sandee Jones, reigning Miss Teen USA, commented that the evening was simply marvelous, and it was really the only time the two girls were able to meet American teenagers in an informal setting. It was a pleasant break from their usual busy schedule.

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The exotic reds of the Orient, low lighting, decor reminding one of medieval castles with lavish, bellowing canopies and banners has made Chinatown's new night-spot popular. Besides dancing, there will be a light show and a dance contest. Proceeds are for the Laguna Honda nursing home.

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Falling Cherry Blossoms

CHERRY BLOSSOMS are again flowering all over the nation and, in some places, have already passed away. The beauty of these falling pink blossoms has been exalted in poems and stories since ancient times. This occasion recalls wartime memories to many Japanese whose religion and outlook is closely related with nature and death.

For example, it was on April 7, 1945, that the huge battleship Yamato was sunk off the western coast of Tokushima with 3,000 officers and men aboard. It carried only enough fuel for a one-way trip to Okinawa—a trip from which there was no hope of return. On the day before it started out from the Seto Inland Sea, the man on watch on the bridge sighted cherry blossoms blooming along the shore through his binoculars, and shouted to his shipmates. This account, written in Mitsuru Yoshida's book, "Senkan Yamato no Saigo" (Last Days of Battleship Yamato), is particularly pathetic. It is not known in what part of

Yamaguchi Prefecture the cherry blossoms were blooming, but the crew members fought for a glimpse of the blossoms through the binoculars. "Sakura, sakura of Japan, sayonara. Filling the clouded glass of his binoculars. The sakura seems to be beckoning me." The Yamato then sailed away to meet its fate.

ANOTHER FAMOUS wartime recollection of cherry blossoms is noted in Toshio Takagi's "Chiran." During the war, Chiran on the Satsuma Peninsula of Kagoshima Prefecture, was an air base for army kamikaze pilots. Many young pilots flew from this base never to return.

The pilots were sent on their lonely way by girl students who had been mobilized to work on the runways. The girls waved cherry blossom branches as a farewell gesture to the pilots, their tan faces wet with tears. War correspondent Takagi was standing in a daze after the planes had left when something white floated down before his eyes. He caught it in his hand. It was a cherry blossom petal. Cherry blossoms placed in a pilot's cockpit by one of the girls had apparently been scattered in the sky and floated down to Chiran after the planes were out of sight.

EVERY YEAR the cherry blossoms bloom and fall, leading a short life. Cut down in their prime, they are ordained by fate to be drifted through life. They bloom and fall, and it is impossible for loved ones to forget their young that likewise fell in the springtime of life, no matter how many years pass.

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Ye Editor's Desk

A CONFRONTATION NEXT

The eulogies and homage to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. are still ringing as Americans search the void created by his passing for the answers to "what's next?" To help assess this loss, one of Dr. King's co-workers said in Memphis last week after the senseless assassination, "The white man has lost his best friend among the Blacks." It has come down to the sober realization now that a crucial test is at hand: the confrontation of white power and black power.

Being more familiar with white power, the Nisei is likely to see himself depending upon white power though as a member of a persecuted minority just 25 years ago, he may still remember that since the pains of Evacuation have all but ceased.

While the Supreme Court decision of 1954 desegregating schools did little to desegregate schools, it was a much-needed boost to the civil rights movement. But it also told the black man later that laws are not enough.

The disease of racial discrimination went untreated. Fourteen years have passed and a National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders had to be established by the President to probe the disease and look for preventative measures.

For the white man, the Brown v. Board of Education opinion seemed adequate for it held equal schooling meant more and better schools, better jobs meant more and better housing—all for the black man. Once the black man was no longer poor and ignorant, he would certainly be welcomed into the white society.

Unfortunately, this approach by the white man disregards the emotional damage done the black man and his society in the centuries of slavery and discrimination. America is slowly realizing this psychological hurt. The law was changed, but it did not change the heart of the white man.

Every man has a dream. Dr. King eloquently uttered his in the 1963 March on Washington, an event that will be long remembered by those band of JACLers who participated, and now accented by the tragedy in Memphis. The black man had his own dream and called it Black Power. To the man in the ghetto, it had a nice sound. To the white man, especially the liberal, it loomed as a nightmare.

Black Power has been described as:

"All right, white man, you won't accept me; you won't pat me on the back and call me 'good nigger.' I'm not going to ask you to do that any more because it seems to bother you and it has always bothered me. So let's stop fooling each other. Our relations have been bad for both of us, because they have tied my life to yours more than either of us wants. But they have been especially bad for me, because your mistakes have been made my failures, and my mistakes have been mine to keep. Sure, I sound mad, because I'm a century late in waking up to these facts. I'm mad at you for letting me lick your boots, and I'm mad at myself for doing it. So I'm not going to do it anymore. I'm going to be my own man without worrying about whether you approve or not. I'm not going to be a 'good nigger' if it's not in my interest, and I'm not interested in any rewards when it is in my interest. Maybe I'll be poorer without the rewards and the handouts, but then the churches say there's nothing immoral about being poor, don't they? You may not want to make me free in white America, but I'll be free in black America."

In short, until Black Power, the black man was dependent upon the white man economically, psychologically and spiritually. Through Black Power, he seeks respect and acceptance on his terms. Black Power is throwing the white man out of the black movement (note they don't call it "civil rights" any longer). Black Power is a harsh reaction to harsh conditions.

While the Commission on Civil Disorders thinks differently of the ideals of Black Power, it has praised their advocates:

"The American Negro population can assume its proper role in society and overcome its feelings of powerlessness in society and lack of self-respect only by exerting power over decisions that directly affect its own members."

But Black Power won't work, says the Commission, because the ghetto and the black people are still too dependent upon white services, white industry and white politics. Instead, says the Commission, Black Power preaches black racism. It retreats from a direct confrontation.

Hence, the conclusion of the Commission was inevitable: "Our nation is moving toward two societies, one white, one black separate and unequal . . . Discrimination and segregation have long permeated much of American life; they now threaten the future of every American . . . The movement apart can be reversed. Choice is still possible." The Commission urges a "commitment to national action—compassionate, massive, sustained" to build a better society, free of violence and injustice.

Not thoughts that it is the right thing to do but action . . . confrontation, in other words. The so-called Riot Commission report has several chapters on how to act.

The irony of America is that its present course for making the world "safe for democracy" may be a hollow victory when democracy at home is weakened by keeping the black man in check. This is the crucial test.

One couldn't help but realize the noble attempts of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., when the medias recounted his struggle and victories the day after he died, that the Negroes in America shall be more united than ever in trying to work out their own destiny, betting on their lives that white America will let them do so.

It's not said in America but it was most appropriate when a clergyman at Carnegie Hall that night said: "The King is dead. Long live the King . . ."



Letters from Our Readers

Nisei Dilemma

Dear Editor:

I was dismayed to read Mr. Iseri's answer (PC, Mar. 22) to the provocative question posed by the Sounding Board dated March 1. To say the least, Mr. Iseri's answer was a little bit much. In essence, he says don't rock the boat and don't make waves, just educate ourselves and show society how good we are. Mr. Iseri further implies that we are not in the same boat as the other "persecuted minorities" because we docilely accepted evacuation without dissenting.

I somehow detect a note of prejudice on the part of Mr. Iseri or is it simply ethnocentrism? The laudable trait of the Japanese people in suffering privation to provide etc., therefore Japanese are in this unique position of acceptance by society. If this position of acceptance is on such tenuous foundation that to dissent on major issues of civil rights or Vietnam would tumble down our accepted place, then we haven't found our rightful place in this society. I think our collective voices should be heard in dissent and when warranted in dissent as well, only in this arena of democratic exchange of ideas can we have a vigorous and dynamic society. I certainly don't recognize this as a formidable destructive force in our society.

I cannot be so naive as to accept the statement, "At no time yet has it become absolutely necessary for the person in America to engage in activities that would invite . . . beatings, jail etc.," just simply look at the path which has led to our present labor laws and note the part the innumerable cracked skulls and jailings played in their enactment.

We are, here in America, at one of the most critical junctures in our history. But we are not unique, look about you, changes and turmoil are occurring throughout the world. We Nisei can ill afford to be apathetic and least of all just simply be sympathetic to our fellow man.

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'Enryo' Disadvantage

Dear Sirs,

There's a certain firm peddling stainless steel pans at the exorbitantly outrageous price of about 8 pans for \$300 or \$37 per pan. These are "guaranteed for 100 years." The salesman will stand on the pan to show how strong it is . . . it should be 'cause it's heavy enough to use as a weapon. This company aims at young, single girls, living by themselves; they have special salesmen who deal only with those of Japanese or Japanese-American ancestry.

The salesmen use the well-known method (which will trap a Japanese or Japanese American anyway) of stressing that their pans are of tremendous superior quality which of course must justify the exorbitant price. This selling method, by the way, is used in selling vitamins, medicine and women's cosmetics . . . to a point, the higher the price, the better these items will sell; but those of Japanese ancestry are particularly vulnerable to this come-on, being as they greatly value high quality . . . which in most cases costs more. The pans this firm is peddling are certainly not worth the price . . . for \$37 one can buy a complete set of pans.

The System

The salesmen also know how difficult it is for us to refuse in a face-to-face meeting . . . so all sorts of devices are used to get an in-person meeting. First of all, he has gotten our names from a fel-

low Japanese-American to whom he has shown his wares. He knows too well the importance of the Japanese introduction and our weakness in refusing if we know our friend or acquaintance has recommended us. The salesman visits your place several times, and even if you are not at home he will leave you a "free gift" . . . to make you feel guilty for not even taking time just to "see" his wares. The free gifts are in fact rather nice . . . a stainless steel knife imported from England, a cloth-cutting scissors run by batteries imported from Japan, salad fork and knife.

After all the phone calls one figures, well why not just let him come and show his pans. Well, he begins his pitch by first admiring your home decorations or some other flattery, then he tells you how much he enjoys working with those of Japanese ancestry, and in fact he only works with this group. Since he can make a mint off of 'em, especially young, unsuspecting girls who being in the marriageable age group are easy set-ups for peddlers of wares—necessary to perform their roles as housewives.

The particular salesman who visited me said that he had sold his goods to 25 out of 40 girls in one of UCLA's Japanese-American sororities. For girls who want to buy these pans, and can afford them as sorts of status symbols, that's fine, but the nasty part is their underhanded methods in trying to sell their pots to those of us who can't really afford them. The persistence of the phone calls, even to actual threatening is really disgusting. Their salesmanship is based completely upon taking advantage of Japanese "enryo", our introduction system, and good naturedness and quiet politeness.

The whole pitch is aimed so cleverly and subtly at one's very human greed. After the above talk he, of course, has to give yet another free gift . . . this time in person to further entwine you into feeling obligated to listen to him. After a bit more well-timed and well-calculated chit-chat he brings out samples of his pots and proceeds to thoroughly confuse you with—if you buy this and this, this you will get the additional free gift of this and this, but if you take out this and that pan, you can substitute this pan and that gift or these two pans and that gift. This mumble-jumble will continue as long as you allow it to, as he is obviously having a good time performing. Of course, he hasn't bothered to mention such an unimportant thing as the price.

Somewhere along the way he tries to get the names and phone number of your other SINGLE GIRL FRIENDS so that they can be bestowed with "such lovely free gifts" . . . oh, and what's more if your girl friends buy, you are told you will get further gifts.

Try to get this guy to go home . . . and one will quickly find it is necessary to have one's boy friend or the manager come over for the finale.

ANTI-SALESMEN
 West Los Angeles.

The Stamp Act

The British Parliament in 1765 passed the Stamp Act, first direct tax ever levied upon America. There was virtually unanimous opposition to the act in the American colonies, mainly because of fear that this tax would lead to many others. A year later, Parliament, fearing a loss of trade, repealed the Stamp Act.

Be a Registered Voter

EAST WIND: Bill Marutani

The Flypaper

Philadelphia By the time of Dien Bien Phu, the U.S. was paying almost 80% of the cost of the French war effort and when the beleaguered French commander pleaded for American relief, our chairman of the joint chiefs proposed launching air strikes from our bases in the Philippines; Vice President Nixon suggested the possibility of "putting our boys in". This was in 1954. Dien Bien Phu, as we know, fell and in the Geneva negotiations which followed, Laos and Cambodia obtained independence and Vietnam was partitioned at the 17th parallel with promises of all-Vietnam elections in 1956.

But because of the threat of communist expansion (President Eisenhower, later in his memoirs, was to concede 80% of the vote to Ho Chi Minh), the U.S. decided instead to bolster the Saigon regime in the South headed by Ngo Dinh Diem and from 1954 to 1959 the U.S. poured \$2.3 billion into South Vietnam, three-fifths of it economic and the balance in military assistance.

A RAT-HOLE

And while all this aid was conditioned upon certain social reforms being instituted in South Vietnam, this was all but forgotten by Diem who, as a member of the older aristocracy, was not interested in upsetting the status quo. Diem's increasing autocratic rule intensified discontent in the countryside and by 1958 there was open insurrection. It was not until 1960, however, that the Communists in the North, who had been warily observing developments in the South, began active support of the Viet Cong, a ruthless pillaging organization. At first nearly all the guerrillas who came from the North were former South Vietnamese who had gone North in 1954, and most of their arms were those captured from Diem's forces.

THREE PRESIDENTS

When President Kennedy inherited the mess in January 1961, reluctant as he was to have American forces involved, the number of "advisers" increased to 1,300 by the end of 1961, up to 9,800 by the end of 1962 and by the time of the President's assassination there were 15,500. During these years the President was receiving glowing, but inaccurate, reports of the success of political efforts of pacification and containment in the South.

In fact the situation was deteriorating, manifesting itself in revolts and the assassination of Diem. Three weeks later President Kennedy was dead and President Johnson inherited the problem which, as of then, was still not considered very serious. (There was still Cuba, Laos and Berlin, etc. to worry about). In 1964 Candidate Johnson's campaign replied to Candidate Goldwater's "Hirohito: Emperor of Japan." Since Oya did his research and writing in the language of the participants, the movie account may be presumed to be the more accurate version.

But it was not to be so. By August 1965 the bombing was intensified and we had 125,000 troops.

And so, beginning with President Eisenhower in 1954, continuing with President Kennedy, and onto President

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ers Digest Association Board. A word of appreciation to the Hiura family, who will begin a biennial contribution of the first place U.S. Government Bond of \$300 to the winner of the National Oratorical Contest at San Jose. This contribution is in memory of their Issei pioneer father who recently passed away.

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25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, April 15, 1943

Gen. DeWitt opposes return of Evacuees in testimony before House Naval Affairs Committee, "a Jap's a Jap . . . and it makes no difference whether he is an American citizen or not." Hawaiian Nisei volunteers arrive at Camp Shelby April 14 to start training. Three Hawaii Nisei soldiers win Army decorations for success of secret mission between Dec. 20, 1942, and Feb. 28, 1943. . . . Topaz resident James Wasaka killed by shot fired by military police.

Calif. Gov. Warren says state not actively opposing return of evacuees during conference of Western governors at Salt Lake City. . . . Columbia Steel plant at Provo tables plan to use Nisei evacuees. . . . Santa Barbara County board of supervisors opposes return of evacuees. . . . FBI director says Japanese in Hawaii not responsible for espionage before Dec. 7. . . . Calif. State Civil Service Dept. plans to revoke rights of Nisei employees, charges against 94 Nisei made because "continued employment was incompatible and inimical to public service." . . . Colorado Nisei defended as clerk by his state civil service commission. . . . Toledo, Ohio, drops opposition to Nisei evacuees. . . . Seattle Post-Intelligencer in April 10 editorial advocates release of loyal evacuees.

Johnson, the U.S. proceeded, reluctantly, to take on additional step, in the hope that it would be the last and necessary step, only to find another step waiting to be taken.

It may be all too easy to criticize our leaders on "Monday morning". Decisions were made following a situation in which the Reds took over China in 1949 on the heels of which North Korea invaded the South in 1950. And the Free World had not forgotten the symbol of the folded umbrella at Munich and the appeasement which whetted Hitler's appetite.

With this brief background, in the next contribution to this column, we shall submit some of "East Wind's" observations, such as they may be.

CONFAB CORRAL: Phil Matsumura



SAN JOSE—All attending the national JACL convention here in August will receive a carefully planned and attractive booklet, which will provide vital program information, including many pictures and references, directions, directory, and messages, and it will be a book that you would find pleasing and to be retained as a souvenir.

One will never know the amount of planning, leg-work, correspondence, finance and pressure that goes into putting out a good convention book unless you have served on the committee that is in charge of it.

For one thing, a good quality book is expensive to print . . . you need the right kind of lithography, printing, paper, art work and photography. This is why any convention booklet committee works so hard to make end meet and why the local committee is hopeful that sufficient cooperation is forthcoming from all chapters to help defray expenses.

The committee is certainly

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to hear his speak. At noon his voice goes on the air according to schedule.

"To our good and loyal subjects . . . we have ordered our Government to communicate to the Governments of the United States, Britain, China and the Soviet Union that our Empire accepts the provisions of their joint declaration . . ."

The greatest war in history has ended.

More Accurate Version

Based on the book by So-ichi Oya, the film differs in some details from other accounts of the incident — for example, the account in Leonard Mosley's "Hirohito: Emperor of Japan." Since Oya did his research and writing in the language of the participants, the movie account may be presumed to be the more accurate version.

Oya's book was adapted to the screen by Shinobu Hashimoto. The film is directed by Kihashi Okamoto.

Film is the best medium through which to bring the war, from the Japanese point of view, to Western viewers. Conceded to be a great actor both in Japan and abroad, Mifune gains increased stature from his portrayal of Aami. As he did in "Taiheyo no Arashi—The Storm Over the Pacific" in which he had the role of one of Japan's most able officers, Rear Adm. Tamon Yamaguchi, who went down with his ship at Midway when the battle, and Japan's cause was lost, Mifune continues to bring the war to life for this generation of moviegoers.

BY THE BOARD: Grant Shimizu

Functions of District Council

San Jose Although it was not as easy as supposed to find a subject to write about for "By the Board" this week, some discussion of the District Council, its function and significance, might be in order.

The District Council is traditionally an association of chapter delegates through which information is sifted from one chapter to another or National to all the chapters. It also serves as an originating point for ideas or recommendations which are made available to chapters for action or inaction.

More important, however, is the role that it plays in funneling or directing the collective energies of all the chapters in the district to-

wards some common cause or goal which is not the objective or is incapable or realization by one or more of the chapters because of the limited resources in manpower and finances or just plain apathy.

While it may seem quite elementary to many in terms of what the District Council can do, I think the significance lies in the fact that since the internal pulling and straining in the body politic of each chapter, no matter how well intentioned its members may be, tend to restrict and limit any activity in participation in the area of human rights, the District Council can provide the compelling force and leadership to move forward with some specific programs designed to improve some of the social-economic injustices that now prevail among the minority groups.

CONCERTED ACTION

I wish to emphasize that this article is not intended to propose programs in the civil rights area, nor is it an attempt to castigate the chapters or members for their shortcomings insofar as involvement is concerned.

Above all, it is not an exhortation to become active. Abundant articles, statements and appeals have already been made in this regard, and I believe that most of us are already committed.

Being aware of the fact that each chapter is peculiar in itself with its own problems and diverse in the context of their environment, it can readily be seen why there may be apathy.

Consequently, it would seem that a concerted effort at the District Council level should fill the void and also implement the participation of local chapters, which have already formulated and progressed on some programs guided by the conscience of their enlightened board and members.

However, one observation should be made. Much criticism has been leveled at JACL for its apathy in the field of civil rights, and it seems to me that the term "civil rights" has been banded about with great abandon and in vague generalities by the critics.

NEED FOR SPECIFICS

The question is not whether we are going to do something, but rather what specific projects should we emphasize and undertake with hopes of reasonable success in terms of our resources and the end result. For example, there are many areas in which we can attempt something constructive, such as working in the ghettos with unemployables and dropouts, providing tutorial services or technical knowledge, peaceful demonstration if a good purpose is to be served, training the small businessman and host of other activities, and I might say that it doesn't take too much imagination to conjure up many more.

But the basic problem is specific rather than generalities and constructiveness rather than criticism. In fact, we would welcome any and all specific proposals that would fit into our plans at the District Council.

It can be fairly assumed that most chapters have no hesitation in becoming involved in civil rights or human relations, or whatever term that may be applicable to correcting some of the inequality that exist in today's society.

The extent and means employed to achieve this end, perhaps, will find disagreement, but honest differences should not be an excuse for totally rejecting the participation of the District Council.

Therefore, I advocate that full support and consideration be given to your District Council in their endeavors for a meaningful program towards that end.

Oyama--

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When the shooting was over, the cameraman turned to Mr. J., "Don't you think we got some pretty good shots?" Mr. J. nodded his head.

On an average, I go to these advertising jobs about once a year, having started by default when a Nisei friend couldn't show up. Once I overheard an overconfident advertising agent say to his prospective client over the phone (This was even before he saw me!), "I have just the right man for you! He looks just like 'Fu Manchu'!"

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