

Jerry Enomoto Nat'l President

WAR CHEST

The JAACL Endowment Fund is our "war chest" in the event that any crisis again strikes Americans of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

Some JAACLers ask who we are passing this fund on to, and for what purpose? The stock answer of "to our kids" (meaning Jr. JAACLers, since this is a JAACL Fund) is not too satisfactory.

Some of us may hope so, but wishing doesn't always make it so.

Then there is also the reality that the Issei, whose contributions largely built this nest egg, are rapidly leaving us and the Nisei, whose brainchild the Endowment Fund is, will not live forever.

I am reminded of the frequently expressed cliché that it's much nicer to honor a person while he or she is alive, than to eulogize after people are gone.

Maybe this isn't a good analogy, but in that light it is understandable that some JAACLers are now wondering if there isn't some good and lasting purpose for which all, or part, of the Endowment Fund can be used.

The other things could include recreation facilities for our living aged, and for young people. Such a building to be open to Americans of all ethnic origins.

ANOTHER CHALLENGE?

We certainly don't lack for challenges lately and another one was issued recently in San Jose where noted semanticist, Dr. S. I. Hayakawa, urged Nisei businessmen to aid the economic progress of Negroes.

For what it is worth I have read some of Dr. Hayakawa's books, used some of its content in a couple of courses I have taught in the field of Corrections, and feel that his accomplishments certainly warrant respect.

I find it thus particularly disappointing to see him resurrect the old skeleton of the JAACL stand favoring the Walter-McCarran Act, in order to gain naturalization for Issei, and accusing it of "falling for a specious gift".

I don't know whether you're bragging or complaining, Doc, but you remind me of Nisei who still won't have a damn thing to do with JAACL because it "sold us down the river when Evacuation occurred".

STAFF HELP

The first meeting of the Northern California Regional Office Advisory Committee was held in San Francisco the other night. A productive meeting with Mas Satow and Yosh Hotta was held, with Dr. Tom Taketa, Akiji Yoshimura, Tad Hirota, Yone Satoda (chairman) and me.

Chapters are urged to contact and use our staff. Our programs can only be as effective as the teamwork of volunteers and staff is. We are utilizing every opportunity for communication between national officers and staff, and between staff themselves—as witness the coming "Staff Seminar".

None of this will pay off unless the chapters use them as consultants to the maximum degree.

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Join the 1000 Club

Rep. Spark Matsunaga to address PSW pre-convention rally banquet May 4

LOS ANGELES—Among the more popular speakers addressing JAACL gatherings across the country in recent years, Rep. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) will be the keynote speaker at the Pacific Southwest District Council pre-convention rally banquet May 4 at the Hacienda Hotel.

He addressed the recent Philadelphia JAACL installation, which had to change its locale to accommodate the greater than expected turnout. He also was keynote speaker last December at Central California's district convention at Fresno. He addressed the EDC-MDC Convention in 1963 at Cleveland.

Elected to the House of Representatives in 1962, when the State of Hawaii became a state as a result of the 1960 reapportionment, Matsunaga has been re-elected twice and is now a member of the powerful House Rules Committee, which reviews every piece of major legislation. He previously served on the Agriculture Committee and the Post Office and Civil Service Committee.

Second Japanese American to serve in the U.S. Congress, he hails from Kauai, graduated in 1941 from the Univ. of Hawaii Teachers College with honors and served with the 100th Infantry Battalion in Europe. Twice wounded, he was rotated back to the States and was company commander at Ft. Snelling's MISLS.

While at Minnesota, the War

Relocation Authority requested he remain in service and help efforts to resettle Japanese American evacuees. He addressed more than 800 audiences throughout the Midwest and East until his discharge in April, 1945.

He turned to studies, entering Harvard Law School in 1948 and graduating with honors in 1951. While still at Harvard, he became a lobbyist for Hawaiian statehood at the requests of Delegate Joseph Farrington. After passing the bar examination, Matsunaga was appointed assistant public prosecutor for the City and County of Honolulu.

The first bid for political office came in 1954, winning in the then strongly Republican Fourth District of Oahu for one of six seats in the Territorial Legislature. He was re-elected in 1956 and 1958. In 1959, he was chosen House majority leader.

When Hawaii was granted statehood, Matsunaga became a candidate for lieutenant governor but lost in a close primary fight. He went into the private practice of law until the 1962 congressional campaign.

Dinner will be served at 7 p.m., followed by a dance. Progressive Westside JAACL hosts for the three-day PSWDC pre-convention rally, suggests advance purchase of tickets at \$7.50 per person by writing to the chapter, P.O. Box 8776, Los Angeles, Calif. 90008.

Grateful Chicago Japanese Americans see first of 150 gift trees planted

By BERRY SUZUKIDA CHICAGO—A gift of 150 Japanese cherry trees from the Japanese American community was presented to the city April 11 at the north end of Lincoln Park lagoon opposite the new St. Joseph Hospital.

Mayor Richard J. Daley and Mrs. Daley, who chairman of the Chicago Beautiful committee, accepted the trees.

William R. McFetridge, president of the Park District, emceed the affair under bright skies with a balmy breeze off Lake Michigan waving the Nisei Ambassador Drum & Bugle Corps banners surrounding the site of the first tree being planted.

Thomas Matsuda, speaking in behalf of the Japanese residents of Chicago, explained the contribution was their way of saying "thanks" for Chicago's hospitality of 25 years ago when they settled here, uprooted from their West Coast homes during World War II.

Consul General Umeo Kagei of Japan referred briefly to Mayor Daley's fine handling of the current civil disturbances. He also praised the "will do" spirit of Chicago, predicting that as these cherry trees grow bigger and prettier in the years to come, so would the city of Chicago flourish and become even greater.

Mayor Daley, who has undergone a most strenuous week contending with the violence in the streets, expressed his appreciation for this gift of beauty to Chicago coming, he observed, from such a small segment of her population—the Japanese Americans.

The mayor was introduced to the Cherry Blossom Festival queen from Tokyo, Sachiko Sato, 22, who wore a large

Okura to chair Omaha crime investigators OMAHA—Mayor Sorenson appointed K. Patrick Okura chairman of the crime and health committee of the Citizens Crime Commission to attempt to implement some of the commission recommendations recently released after two years of investigation.

The national JAACL civil rights committee chairman is also a member of the advisory committee on law enforcement and equal administration of justice for the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

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GIFT TO CHICAGO—It will be a number of years before this cherry tree and 149 others planted April 11 will bloom, but the tree is admired anyway at a ceremony in Lincoln Park near Diversey Harbor. The trees are a gift of 30 Japanese American organizations to the city.

Sachiko Sato, a cherry blossom queen from Tokyo, discusses the features of the tree with (l. to r.) Mayor Daley, and Thomas Masuda, chairman of the Japanese American Council. —PC photo by Gil Furusho

UH STUDENTS AIR FEELINGS ABOUT DRAFT, RIOTS IN MAINLAND AND WAR IN VIETNAM

HONOLULU—Two Univ. of Hawaii Nisei students addressed a meeting of the Students for a Democratic Society on campus last week which resulted in about a dozen Caucasian and Oriental students burning what they said were their draft cards.

The FBI office was aware of the incident and is investigating whether there has been a violation of federal laws.

Richard Tanimura, a member of the 29th Brigade which received word it would be federalized May 13, said he would refuse to "suppress any people of any color".

Bradley Hara, while disagreeing with Tanimura, believed "in his right to do it".

In an explanation of what he was doing, Tanimura said: "When the men in the 442nd and 100th fought in World War II, they fought for the right to be first class citizens, so that Japanese people of later generations could do what I am going to do now—speak their mind as an American without fear."

"I thank them for that privilege," he said. He feared for his family, which might face censure and ostracism, and that he was deeply sorry about this, but "I must do what I think is right".

Tanimura said he opposes U.S. action in Vietnam and thinks the U.S. should "refer the Vietnam problem immediately to the United Nations".

He views racial troubles, he said, "not as a Negro problem. It is a white problem. The white race created this problem, and now they will use force to alleviate the problem—that is, by destroying the Negro."

Fight Poverty Instead He said the National Guard, historically used in times of emergency, should be used in the racial emergency not to put down riots, but to combat poverty by helping people in ghettos and going into the white community to solicit such help as jobs, food and homes.

"The answer to the race problem is not in suppressing the Negro by force, not in using violence," he said. "I do not know what the solution to the problem is, but if I am asked to suppress any people, of any color, I cannot in good conscience reply 'I will,'" he concluded.

He received prolonged applause, with many of those applauding standing.

Freedom of Speech Hara then came to the platform. "I don't believe in what Richard is doing, but I believe in his right to do it," he said. "I believe in America, freedom of speech, assembly and the press."

"President Kennedy said that we have to defend freedom anywhere—if we don't do it, who's going to do it? No man is an island."

"I don't believe in the draft system, but if they call me, I'll go. I think President Johnson is doing his best, and that's all any man can do. Who put him in office? Us?"

Hara said that "I'm not a minority, because I was born in Hawaii, and the Japanese are not a minority here."

"But I'm going to the Mainland this summer, and I hope someone discriminates against me. If he does, I won't get mad, burn down his house—I'll just feel sorry for him, because we let him down."

Hara also received loud applause. He was the only speaker during the meeting to take such a position.

SEEK CHANGE OF NAME OF LI'L TOKIO STREET LOS ANGELES—Councilman Billy Mills will ask the city to rename Central Ave., which starts in the north in Li'l Tokio, at 1st St., to Martin Luther King Ave.

He and Assemblyman Leon Ralph also seek to have the county rename Will Rogers Park and Jordan High School in the Watts area after the late civil rights leader.

TV writer aims gripe at JAACL mass protest

LOS ANGELES—A successful television writer expressed some bitter gripes in a Los Angeles Times Calendar feature April 14, bringing to light "a dramatic program about an imaginary Nisei who was a traitor selling American secrets to Japan" is sitting in a California film vault.

David W. Rintels, who does not cite the program specifically, said:

"In World War II, there was a Nisei who tried to sell America's secrets. The television show bears no more resemblance to the actual case than that: the names are different, the dates are different, the details of the crime are different, the solution of the crime is different."

"And anyway, the man did it, so it's fair comment."

300 Letters in Protest

"But when the lawyer who, more than 20 years ago, had defended the Nisei, started a letter-writing campaign that reached 300 pieces, the sponsor buried the show and with it almost \$200,000."

"Presuming that each letter writer and one of his relatives threatened not to buy the sponsor's automobiles when they had otherwise intended to, and presuming the sponsor believed them, he could still have told them to go scratch and come out ahead."

"But maybe the sponsor thought of that himself and decided it wasn't the television way."

Denial

The So. Calif. JAACL Office denied there was a Nisei who tried to sell America's secret. The Nisei who was convicted of treason for being brutal to American PWs in a Japanese camp had his death sentenced commuted to life imprisonment by President Eisenhower and subsequently granted executive clemency by President Kennedy.

The other Nisei convicted of treasonous acts related to broadcasting as "Tokyo Rose" during World War II was sentenced to a term in prison and since released.

The JAACL further recalled that the FBI is on record that no Japanese American or alien Japanese resident in the United States committed any act of espionage or sabotage.

In the summer of 1965, JAACL did protest the scheduled showing of "Will the Real Traitor Please Stand Up?" as the opening segment of the "FBI Story" over the American Broadcasting Company TV network. To date, it has not been released for showing.

Sen. Dan Inouye, in commenting ABC for cancelling the showing of the controversial "FBI Story" episode, said: "As far as I know, no such incident as described in the story has ever taken place. TV stories presented with reported FBI backing should be as authentic as possible."

JACL chapters may recall that protests were sent to ABC-TV as well as the American Tobacco Co., Alcoa Aluminum Co., and Ford Motor Co., co-sponsors of "FBI Story."

JACL is opposed to the showing of any film which may suggest in any way, directly or indirectly, to the American viewing audience that there might have been Japanese Americans in the United States who were disloyal to America.

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JACL Deadlines

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

May 17—National JAACL Essay Contest entries, postmarked by 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; 200-1,000 words typed double-spaced on letterhead size paper.

June 15—JACL Convention pre-registration: \$30.

June 15—Chapter nomination of JACL undergraduate scholarship officers submitted to So. Calif. JACL Office, 125 Weller St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90012.

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

June 30—Application and supporting papers by chapter nominee of JACL undergraduate scholarship awards submitted to So. Calif. JACL Office, 125 Weller St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90012.

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, 329 Lyndale, San Jose, Calif. 95127.

Aug. 1—JACL Convention pre-registration: \$33; after Aug. 15 convention package registration will be \$40. Refunds allowed if requested by Aug. 14.

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### The Race Problem



Following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the riotous aftermath in several of the major cities in the country, including the nation's capital, an emotional catharsis over the race problem has emerged. In a time of national sadness and tension, it is perhaps understandable that some people—Caucasians, Negroes, and Orientals—talk a bit irrationally in trying to assess who is to blame for this nation's race problems. However, this in no way is a means to finding a solution.

There are those who say the racial problem is basically a "Negro Problem". Then there are those who say it is a "White American Problem".

Let us first consider the notion that this country's race problem is a "Negro Problem"—that the American Negro has not made enough effort to help himself. Those that blindly adhere to this notion argue that the Japanese, the Jews, the Germans, and the Italians managed to pull themselves out of poverty and the ghetto. "They didn't have Big Government subsidize their living and intervene where educational opportunities were limited." Instead the first and second generations of Asian and European immigrants lifted themselves up by their own bootstraps.

Aside from the obvious fact that black skin is harder to conceal in a predominantly white society than a yellow or even a Roman nose or peculiar name, there are compelling differences between the problems and opportunities of Asian and European immigrants of the late 19th and early 20th century and those of the Negroes, who in the last few decades have poured into the largest cities from the South and other rural areas.

For one thing, the President's riot commission recently pointed out that the immigrant families were tightly held together, with a strong patriarchal structure offering the men satisfaction in family life to compensate for dirty, difficult jobs.

The Japanese Americans returning to the West Coast from the Evacuation built and lived within the so-called Japanese community. Having the desire to stick together, the Japanese Americans, equipped with shop skills, created within this community opportunities to expand economically and were able to save enough to open educational doors for their children never entered by the Issei.

In comparison, the American Negro migrating from Southern cotton farms settled in established neighborhoods, where they patronized existing white-owned stores and service establishments. As a consequence, there were few entrepreneurial opportunities for the Negroes. Predominantly living under a patriarchal family structure, the American Negro man received very little in cultural and psychological rewards. With unemployment high, Negroes, even more poorly paid, had little chance to save for a college education for their children.

Just as irrational is the notion that the racial problem is a "White Problem", or that it is "a sick white man's problem".

In the first place, it is argued that the white man's problem all started some 300 years ago, when Africans were mercilessly sold as slaves to white captains. If white Americans are to be blamed for introducing slavery in this country, centuries ago, we can also blame the Asians and Europeans for introducing slavery in their societies, both openly and thinly disguised.

More important however, is that, whether its advocates perceive it or not, the notion that all white Americans are to blame is wrong because, in effect, it gives up on human beings. If all America is guilty, and if racial emotions are universal, then it is human nature itself that is under attack. And where does that get anyone?

The trouble with both of these notions, as with so many other notions, in America's emotion-laden racial debate, is that they are over-simplifications and vastly overstated. For a problem which deserves the energies of all of this country's resources, not only the government, but also by every American citizen, we can ill afford to fiddle our time away blaming any one race while the nation burns.

It ought to be possible for all of us to realize that racial attitudes lie deep in human nature and are not confined to one nation or race. Those who hope and endeavor to eradicate such feelings deserve praise not blame.

"No American—white or black—can escape the consequences of the continuing social and economic decay of our major cities. Only commitment to national action on an unprecedented scale can shape a future compatible with the historic ideals of American society."

### CALENDAR OF JAACL EVENTS

- April 26 (Friday) San Diego—Bd Mtg. JAACL office, 6:30 p.m.
- April 27 (Saturday) Imperial Valley—Issei Night, Catholic Hall, Brawley, 7 p.m.
- Alameda—Chapter Bowling Tournament, Men's Bowl, 7:30 p.m.
- Gresham—Trotterdale—Graduates banquet, M & M Restaurant, 6 p.m.; Ray Yasui, spkr.
- San Gabriel Valley—Get Acquainted Social, East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, West Covina, 7:30 p.m.
- San Francisco—Auxiliary benefit dance, Ricksaw Bistro, 9 p.m.
- Orange County—Dinner Mtg. Rev. ere House, Santa Ana, 7 p.m.; Togo Tanaka, spkr.
- Long Beach—Oriental Fantasy Dance, Harbor Community Chr., 7:30 p.m.
- April 27-28 IBC—2d Quarterly: Snake River JAACL hosts.
- NC-WNDYC—Spring Activity: San Francisco Jr. JAACL hosts. Sequoia—Benefit movie.
- April 28 (Sunday) Watsonville—Community picnic, Santa Cruz County Fairground, 11 a.m.
- April 30 (Tuesday) Seattle—Human Rel Comm Mtg. JAACL Office, 8 p.m.
- May 3 (Friday) West Los Angeles—Earth Sci Mtg. Stoner Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.; Sheldon Ballon, spkr. "Survey or I".
- San Jose—Jr. JAACL Mtg.
- May 3-5 PSWDC—Pre-Convention rally, Progressive Westside JAACL hosts, Hacienda Hotel, El Segundo; Friday—1000 Club Wine Ding; Saturday—Oratorical Contest, Art Show, Business Session, Banquet speaker: Rep. Spark Matsunaga; Sunday—Business Session.
- May 4 (Saturday) Spokane—Gen Mtg. Buddhist Church, 7:30 p.m.; Film: Tokyo Olympics.
- Arizona—Scholarship Banquet, Safari, Scottsdale.
- Long Beach—Harbor Community Takeout, Harbor Community Center, 4-6 p.m.
- Monterey Peninsula—Joint Jr. So-
- cial with Sonoma County Jsa. Dayton—Spring Dinner, YWCA, 6:30 p.m.
- May 5 (Sunday) San Jose—Jr. JAACL Cultural Show.
- May 7 (Tuesday) Orange County—Bd Mtg. San Mateo—Bd Mtg. Sturge Presbyterian Church, CCDC—Mtg. Bruce's Lodge, Fowler, 7 p.m.
- May 8 (Wednesday) West Los Angeles—Chapter/Aux's Dinner Mtg. Ponderosa Restaurant, 6:30 p.m.; "Life in Africa" Jean-Pierre Hallet, spkr.
- May 10 (Friday) Alameda—Baseball night, Oakland v. Chicago.
- Downtown L.A.—Mothers Day dinner, Man Jen Low, 6:30 p.m.
- May 11 (Saturday) Cincinnati—Citizenship Council dinner-dance, Sheraton-Gibson, D.C.—Potluck supper, Cedar Lane Unitarian Church, Bethesda. CCDC—Oratorical contest, Readley Study & Civic Clubhouse, 7 p.m.
- May 14 (Tuesday) Progressive Westside—Gen Mtg. Tai Ping, 8 p.m.; "Functions of SNCC".
- May 15 (Wednesday) Seattle—Bd Mtg. JAACL Office, 8 p.m.
- May 19 (Sunday) NC-WNDYC—Sequoia hosts: pre-convention rally, oratorical. PNWDC—White River Valley hosts: pre-convention rally, oratorical.
- Salinas—Yamato Cemetery clean-up.
- May 25 (Saturday) Arizona—Chapter golf tournament.
- Portland—Graduates banquet, Benson Hotel.
- May 26 (Sunday) Sacramento—Community picnic, Elk Grove Park.
- Long Beach—Symphony Concert, Akira Endo, cond.; Municipal Auditorium.
- May 28 (Tuesday) Seattle—Human Relations Comm Mtg. JAACL Office, 8 p.m.
- May 30 (Thursday) Sonoma County—Memorial Day rites.

### Prominent Nisei visiting Japan

By TAMOTSU MURAYAMA  
TOKYO — Dr. Shuzho Sakamaki, dean of summer session and a professor of history at the University of Hawaii, is visiting here with the Hawaiian University debating team. His team debated at Waseda University where Zengakuren students were loudly opposing the U.S. Army hospital opened at the Oji District in Tokyo.

Dr. Sakamaki was an instructor in English at Doshisha University in Kyoto with Misses Kimi Mukayae and Jun Goto as pioneer Nisei English instructors in Japan. Kimi Mukayae later became an executive secretary at the Japanese YWCA in San Francisco.

Dr. Sakamaki made himself prominently known in the field of his exclusive studies in historical research of Ryukyua (Okinawa) and the Satsuma (Kagoshima Prefecture) Clan as well as early day U.S.-Japan relations.

Kay Sugahara of New York, formerly Los Angeles, was here for an extensive business with ship builders. His four oil tankers are currently transporting crude oil from the Persian Gulf to the Idemitsu Kosan Oil Co., which possesses the 210,000-ton Idemitsu Maru, one of the largest tankers in the world. Kay is a millionaire in the ship construction and scrap iron business.

Curtis Otani, president of the Otani Advertising Agency in Honolulu, is here for his clients in Japan. Educated in California, he has many friends on the Mainland. He built up one of the most successful advertising and PR outfits in Hawaii.

His brother is a pastor in Cincinnati.

Minoru Yamasaki, world-famous Nisei architect, was a visitor here to meet with local architects and leaders. He also disclosed his latest project, the proposed new New York Port Authority World Trade Center, which is to be composed of two huge buildings taller than the Empire State Bldg.

Dr. Yoshio Taniguchi, internationally-known architect, who designed the Crown Prince Palace, San Francisco Peace Pagoda and other important structures here, praised the Nisei architect and said that Japanese architects and experts were tremendously impressed with his latest venture.

### Five Generations

HONOLULU — The family of Noboru Tanibe in Kaimuki, a clan of five generations, was interviewed by Nippon Educational Television for its live daytime audience in Japan recently.

### NEWS CAPSULES

#### Politics

Harry Iseki, mayor of Parlier, was re-elected to the Parlier City Council in the April 9 elections. He and two other incumbents had no opposition.

#### Organizations

San Francisco Nisei Voters League elevated vice-president Edison Uno to succeed president Fred Hoshiyama, who vacated the top position because of a new job in Los Angeles. The NVL promotes political education and mutual understanding between Nisei voters and political groups and personalities.

Mrs. Lily Okura (Mountain-Plains District Governor) has joined the Univ. of Nebraska Medical Center to take over a new position, director of volunteer services, to coordinate all volunteer activities as they apply to patient services at the University Hospital at Omaha. She had been administrator of the Meyer Therapy Center for Children for the past decade.

Kiyomi Takata of Custom Interiors was elected president of the Japanese American Optimists. A charter member of the group founded 15 years ago, he succeeds Kiyu Maruyama. San Jose Community Youth Service elected Dr. Tom Taketa (general chairman of the JAACL convention) to his second term as chairman. CVS sponsor baseball and basketball programs for youth aged from 9 through 18.

Fred Muto is temporary chairman of a newly formed San Fernando Valley Optimist club, under aegis of the Crescent Bay Optimists. Mrs. Alice Hino, administrative secretary for a Santa Monica bank official, was installed secretary of the Santa Monica Business and Profes-

#### 'Jewels by Tameko' moves to larger store

LOS ANGELES—"Jewels by Tameko" has moved to new and larger quarters in Century City at 1901 Avenue of the Stars. It is owned and operated by Dorothy Katano, East Los Angeles JAACL 1000 Clubber, who recently returned from an Orient buying tour and has many objects d'art and jewels on display in the show cases.



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San Jose State College's crack judo team, coached by Yosh Uchida, won its seventh consecutive Collegiate Judo championships at Ft. Collins, Colo.

Makoto Sakamoto of USC captured his fifth all-around title in six years at the National AAU gymnastics championship at Long Beach while his current rival Yoshi Hayasaka of Univ. of Washington, who defeated Sakamoto last year, finished second.

#### Vital Statistics

Jimmy E. Jingu, public relations director of Yamaha International, Montebello, died April 16 of heart attack. The Texas-born Nisei was 47.

Mrs. Renko (Oyama) Abe, 51, of Los Angeles died April 12. She was Nisei Week queen in 1936.

Saburo Inouye, associate director of the Inouye Student

#### Sports

The Lodi Baseball Club announced Ted Yamada, partner in the Sell-Rite Market, has taken over control of its California League franchise. At the same time, League president Ed Mulligan said Yamada has been named to the league's board of directors. The Florin-born businessman is the first Nisei to own a professional club in organized baseball. Till he was signed last year as a fulltime scout with the S.F. Giants, Cappy Harada, was its general manager.

Two golfers from Japan, Hideyo Sugimoto and Chen Ching-po, were among five finishing in a five-way tie for 35th place in the recent Masters golf tournament at Augusta, shooting the four rounds at 291. Phys-ed instructor Yoshimasa Torii in Shizuoka has cleared 16 ft-5, the first Japanese to soar to such heights. Working with the fiberglass pole, the six-footer may reach 17 feet.



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# From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

Denver, Colo.

**THE BIG STEP**—My friend Hatch Kita from Tokyo, who has been visiting us together with his wife Kyoko, had only two matters he wanted to take care of during his week's stay in Denver. The first was to get in a day of skiing. The second, and more important, was to see that Kyoko was naturalized as an American citizen.

The first was relatively easily taken care of. We drove up to Vail, one of Colorado's more glamorous ski resorts, took the gondola up the aerial tram to Mid-Vail or whatever it is they call it, and promptly lost sight of Hatch who disappeared among the lean, fearless, whipcord-tough devotees of the sport. Unfortunately Hatch's day on the slopes was a brief one. Having just recovered from surgery, he was sadly out of shape. That plus the fact that his sea-level lungs were not yet acclimated to Colorado's altitude soon found him willing but too weary to continue.

The second matter was somewhat more involved, but the outcome was more satisfying. To explain matters a bit, Hatch is a Nisei who went to Japan soon after V-J Day as a G.I. interpreter and translator. He took his discharge in Japan and is now a civilian employed by the U.S. Army, doing much the same kind of work he did while in uniform. Kyoko is a Tokyo girl who married him about 15 years ago. Although she had expected to become an American citizen, somehow she had never gotten around to it. This trip to the United States, her second, provided an opportunity to make application for "expedited" procedure. And this she did through the Denver office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. It was a big step, and one not to be taken lightly.

But once the decision was made, the fates seemed to be arrayed against its consummation. First, a very important form was lacking, and it was necessary to get it from the personnel officer in Hatch's outfit in Japan. Then, after the Kitas had come to Denver, it was discovered for some inexplicable reason that the entire file had been sent to the Immigration and Naturalization Service office in Honolulu.

**WHO IS THE VICE PRESIDENT?** — By the time the file was returned to Denver, Kyoko was in pretty much of a state about the impending examination, even though one would never have known it. Her composure appeared unshakable. After she learned the file was back safely, she had only three hours to present herself for the citizenship examination. Having studied the manual, she knew that the three branches of government in the United States are the executive, legislative and judicial. She knew the first ten amendments to the Constitution are known as the Bill of Rights, that the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776 but the Constitution was not drawn up until 1787, that the Senate is the upper house and each state has two senators regardless of population.

Well, as it turned out, the examiner didn't ask her anything about these matters, which frustrated her just a bit. First, he asked why, in filling out a questionnaire, she had said she would refuse to bear arms in defense of the United States. She had an answer to that one. "I wrote that because I am a woman," she replied "and women do not fight."

That must have set the proper tone, because the examiner then asked who Christopher Columbus and Abraham Lincoln were. That was easy. Then he asked who is the vice president of the United States, and she had to reply: "I know, but I forgot his name." He laughed about that and told her, so she would not forget again, and passed her so that the last barrier to citizenship was removed.

Later, we talked about the awesome responsibilities of citizenship, and what a momentous matter it is for a person to renounce his or her allegiance to the country of birth and voluntarily seek membership in the family of another nation. And in the case of the Japanese, naturalization as an American is an even more sacred event because not so many years ago that privilege was not extended to them. And Kyoko Kita, realizing all this, and having sought American citizenship of her own volition, will make a good American.

## Marysville offers new scholarship for collegians

**MARYSVILLE** — In addition to the \$250 Marysville JACL scholarship going to an outstanding Nisei high school graduate in the chapter area, the chapter is offering a second scholarship of \$150 for college students who are completing their second year.

Helen Manji, scholarship chairman, of 731 Winslow Dr., Yuba City 95991, said application forms have been sent to all high schools in the counties of Yuba, Sutter, Butte and Colusa and interested applicants should see their school counselors.

The college scholarship applicants must have maintained a 3.5 grade point average to be eligible and application made by May 15 directly with Miss Manji.

## 5 points compose IDYC ethics code

**ONTARIO, Ore.** — The Intermountain District Youth Council code of ethics contains five points, it was revealed this past week, as follows:

1—All delegates attending the quarterly session are expected to be present at all meetings.

2—No drinking or smoking.

3—Host chapter will set the curfew hours.

4—Proper dress will be required for all functions.

5—Good behavior will be expected of all delegates.

The IDYC Code of Ethics will be among the items to be discussed for adoption by youth delegates this weekend here at Eastside Cafe.

The IDYC oratorical contest will be held at the Ontario Community Methodist Church at 5 p.m., followed by a dinner-dance ending at midnight.

## Alameda slates events for its sportsfans

**ALAMEDA** — The Alameda JACL bowling tournament at Mel's Bowling this Saturday, April 27, 7:30 p.m. will be a singles and mixed Scotch doubles championship, chairman Shig Imazumi announced.

Mit Ikeda, Rose Imazumi, and June and Mas Kadota will be defending their respective titles. Trophies and prizes will be awarded for those with averages and those without averages.

The first Baseball Night for the members will be on Friday, May 10, (Oakland A's vs. Chicago White Sox). Chairman Shig Futagaki (643-6028) is in charge of reservations. Tickets and transportation will be \$4.25. Bus leaves from the Buena Vista Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m.

The chapter will also hold its first golf tournament for members on May 19 or 26. Gordy Kono will be the chairman for this event.

## San Franciscans set for discotheque dance

**SAN FRANCISCO** — A swinging discotheque-style dance at the new Richshaw Bistro in Chinatown, 453 Grant, for JACLers 21 years of age and up has been planned as the San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary benefit this Saturday, April 27, from 9 p.m.

Dance contests and door prizes are to be featured. After the dance, the swingers will meet for coffee and fashion show at Peta's Continental Coffee House.

## San Francisco JACL scholarship deadline near

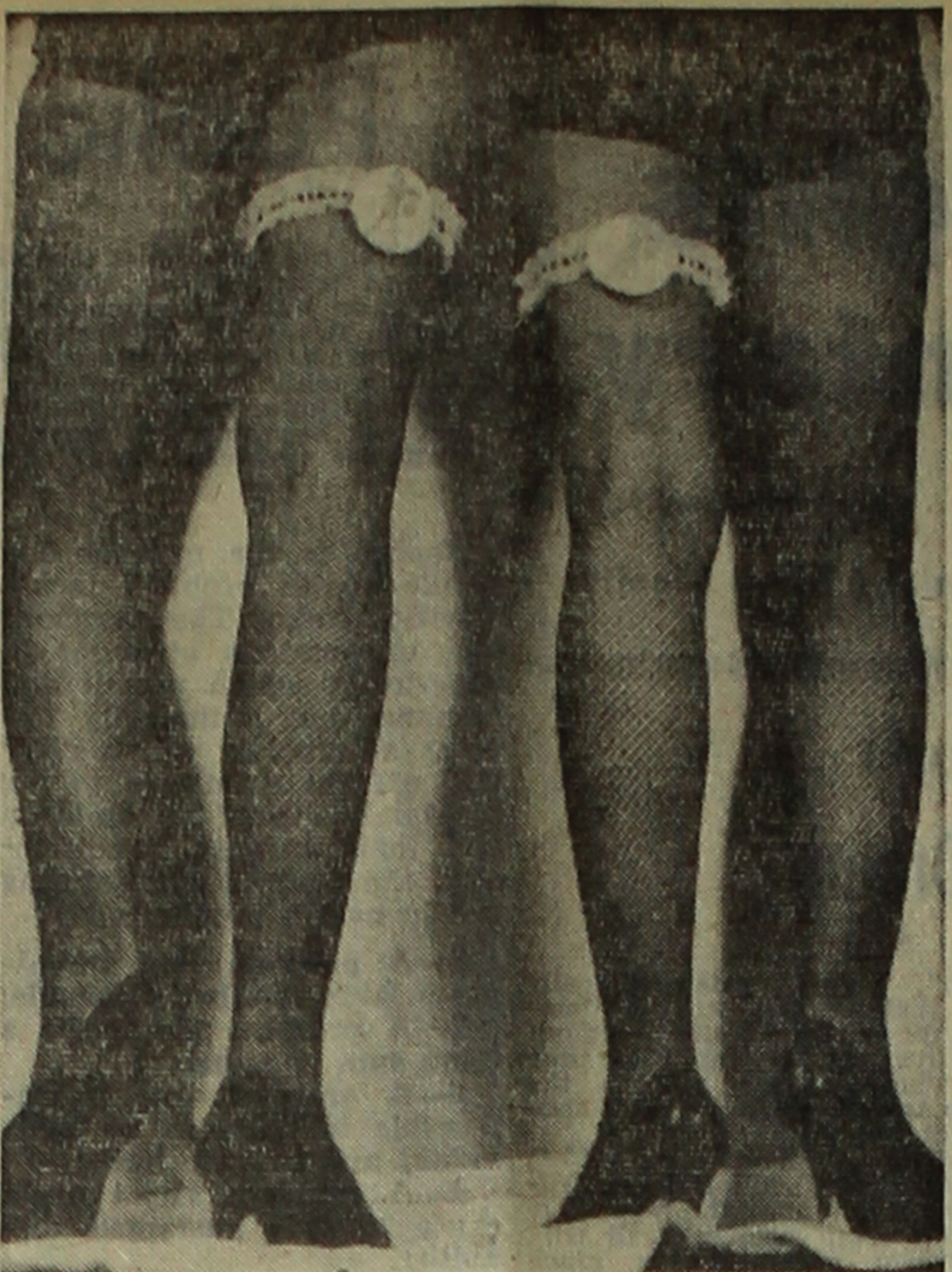
**SAN FRANCISCO** — April 30 is the deadline for applications for the ninth annual San Francisco JACL scholarship, reminded Ron Nakayama, YU 1-3365 (day) or 548-1190 (evenings).

The award is \$250 and the chapter's winner will become eligible for the National JACL Scholarship Award.

To be eligible the applicant must be: (1) a high school senior of Japanese ancestry; (2) graduating in June, 1968, or have graduated in January, 1968; (3) intending to attend college in Fall, 1968; (4) resident of San Francisco.

## Imperial Valley to host Issei Appreciation Night

**BRAWLEY** — Some 20 Issei will be honored at the Imperial Valley JACL Keirokai April 27 at the Catholic Hall here, according to Hito Ikeda, chapter president.



ANOTHER VIEW OF GAMS

Just heard from PSW District Governor Ronny Shiozaki, who asked me if I was afraid to show the back sides of the legs. Well, ladies and gentlemen, here it is. Not bad, is it? How's that Ronny?

I think it's worth it for you, Ronny, to come in and see the actual legs. How does this sound? The PSW Gov. Ron Shiozaki, and the PSW District 1000 Club Chairman Mas Hironaka state they would like to challenge any district to a "2000 Clubbers or Beans." Mas and Ron state that every district should have a quota, and the payoff comes at the Whing-Ding in San Jose. The district governor and the district chairman that do not come up with the quota will eat beans and those meeting the quota will receive an unusual delicacy and fine entertainment. How does that sound? Let me hear from you 1000 Clubbers on the above matter.

## THOUSAND CLUB NOTES

**April 15 Report:** National Headquarters acknowledged 124 new and renewing 1000 Club memberships for the first half of April as follows:

- 20th Year: Gardena Valley—Hideo Satow; Snake River Valley—George Suga.
- 19th Year: Salt Lake City—Roy Tachiki.
- 18th Year: San Francisco—Dr. Tokuyuki Hoshino; Idaho Falls—Yukio Eke Inouye.
- 16th Year: Downtown L.A.—Harry K. Honda.
- 15th Year: San Francisco—Dr. Carl T. Hirota; Twin Cities—Thomas T. Kanno; Gresham—Troutdale—Hawley H. Kato; Philadelphia—Mrs. Teru Nakano; Cortez—Joe A. Nishihara; St. Louis—Mrs. Manet Yamamoto; Yukinobu Yamamoto.
- 14th Year: Orange County—George Kanno; Ben Lomond—Mitsuru Miyazaki; Stockton—Joseph Omachi.
- 13th Year: West Los Angeles—Jimmy K. Fukuhara; Cleveland—Joe Kadovaki; Mile-Hi—George Mits Kaneko; Sacramento—George I. Matsuzaka; Livingston—Merced—Robert Ohki; Gardena Valley—Mrs. Fumi Satow; Chicago—Lincoln Shimidzu; Long Beach—Harbor—Dr. Masao Takahashi; St. Louis—Dr. George M. Tanaka.
- 12th Year: Puyallup Valley—Yoshio Fujita; Santa Barbara—Harold Lee; San Jose—Phil Matsumura; Detroit—Minoru Yamazaki.
- 11th Year: San Francisco—Mrs. Shizuko Egerhaugh; Sequoia—Satoru Yamada; Clovis—Tokuro Yamamoto.
- 10th Year: Salt Lake City—Ichiro Doi; Watsonville—Dr. Clifford C. Fujimoto; Downtown L.A.—George T. Hirota; Chicago—Dr. George T. Hirota; Philadelphia—N. Richard Horikawa; Sanger—Thomas K. Kumano; Eden Township—Yoshimi Shibata.
- 9th Year: Twin Cities—Mieko Fujita; Spokane—Frank Hisayasu; Arizona—Harry Masunaga; East Los Angeles—Walter Tatsuno; San Francisco—Dr. Himeo Teumori; John T. Yasumoto; Chicago—Kay Yamashita.
- 8th Year: Chicago—Theodore K. Kometsani; Dr. George T. Okita;
- Mile-Hi—Tom T. Masamori; Dr. Mahito Uba; Philadelphia—Dr. K. Stanley Nagahashi; San Fernando Valley—Kay Nakagiri; Mid-Columbia—Setsu Shitara; Cleveland—John Takashima; San Francisco—Harry Y. Tono; Puyallup Valley—Nobuo Yoshida.
- 7th Year: Delano—Jeff Fukawa; San Francisco—Katsunori Handa; Hirofumi Okamura; Yozo Sakai; Peacetto—Dr. Juniro T. Kihara; San Luis Obispo—Ken Kitassako; Mid-Columbia—Masashi Migaki; Gilroy—Shig Yamane; Gardena Valley—Dr. Stanley H. Yanase; Stockton—F. Ed Yoshikawa.
- 6th Year: Chicago—Hiroshi Miyake; Placer County—Robert Nakamura; Salt Lake City—Floyd Okubo; Venice—Culver—Dr. Richard R. Sakii; Berkeley—Sho Sato; San Jose—Tad Sekigahama; Sonoma County—Martin Shimizu; Marysville—Isao Tokunaga; San Diego—Edward Y. Urita.
- 5th Year: Salt Lake City—Tad Hatanaka; Sequoia—Dr. Harry H. Hatanaka; Albert N. Nakai; Seattle—Tsuyoshi Horike; West Los Angeles—Dr. Sakae Kawata; Mid-Columbia—Harry Morioka; Stockton—Harold Nitta; Chicago—Jochi Togami; Alameda—Shiro Takeshita.
- 4th Year: West Los Angeles—George M. Deguchi; Milwaukie—Elizabeth J. Dixon; Chicago—Alan I. Hagio; San Francisco—Dr. Pearce Hura; Dr. Wilfred Hura; Downtown L.A.—Masashi Kawaguchi; East Los Angeles—Dr. Wilham Sato; Watsonville—Tom Tao; Salt Lake City—Ben Terashima; San Jose—Henry Uyeda; Reedley—F. Bill Yamada.
- 3rd Year: San Luis Obispo—Hilo Fuchiwaki; San Francisco—Ken Kwata; Franklin M. Tokioke; Milwaukie—Yutaka Kuge; Hollywood—Alan F. Kumamoto; San Jose—George K. Tsukagawa.
- 2nd Year: San Francisco—Mrs. Yo Hironaka; Chicago—Dr. Alfred Y. Kawamura; Kiyoto Nishinobu; Detroit—Arthur S. Morey; Arizona—Patrick A. Taylor; Watsonville—Kenzo Yoshida.
- 1st Year: St. Louis—Robert Denby; San Jose—Dr. Gregory M. Hironaka; Duncan Iwagaki; Dr. Tadashi Kadonaga; Tad Tomita; Itsu Uenaka; George Yamamoto; Gilroy—John Kado; Lawson Sakai; Ventura County—Stanley I. Kimura; Kometani; Dr. Wallace Y. Nishikawa; Chica-

## Spokane Sanel dies in Vietnam

**SPOKANE** — Bryan Thomas Mukai, 19, a 1967 graduate of Lewis and Clark High School, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Mukai, W1825 Fifth, died April 10 of grenade fragment wounds inflicted by enemy action in Vietnam, the family was informed by the U.S. Army.

He had been in Vietnam only one month being assigned to a unit stationed between Khe Sanh and Hue. His unit was Co. "D," First Battalion, 502nd Infantry, of the 101st Airborne Division.

Young Mukai was a National Merit Scholarship runner-up and a member of the Lewis and Clark High School band. He was also a member of the school's mathematics and chess clubs.

He joined the U.A. Army on

## Nisei group helps develop city park

**BRIGHTON, Colo.** — Accord was reached by the City of Brighton and the Japanese American Assn. of Brighton for development of a seven-acre park area owned by the association.

A 25-year lease was signed, providing for city development of the park. The Nisei group constructed the baseball backstops and grandstands in the park. The city plans to install underground irrigation, landscape the area and install picnic facilities.

Future development is tied to a federal recreation assistance application on file with state authorities.

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## White River Valley

The valley south of Seattle, served by the White River Valley chapter of the JACL, truck gardening and dairying industrial growth of the key cities, Kent and Auburn.

The population growth of little over ten percent during the past year would be considerably more if housing construction could only keep up. The White River Valley area through which actually flows the Green River is having its growth pains. Auburn leads the valley cities in population growth, 2,479 since March 1967 to make Auburn's unofficial population now 19,575.

Mayor Gaines was a bit disappointed that the city did not reach 20,000 by the interim census figure deadline, so that his town could get another quarter share in the \$22,000,000 special allocation of State funds. Homes that are abounding, and the near completion of a large mobile homes park will send the figure booming by August, and something special may be done finance-wise for Auburn in the near future.

Kent, with most of its growth in industrial development has a similar report. The unofficial Kent count is 15,835, and increase of 1,826 over last year. Meanwhile numerous plots of one-time farmland are now being studied for subdivisions and apartment construction.

After years of raising small question marks, we have finally become better informed on the river dilemma. Like why is the Green River flowing through the White River valley where we have a chapter so named? It takes an old-

timer and a few references to thrash the whole thing out.

The Green River rises in the Green Pass in the Cascades, and the White flows off Mount Rainier. Prior to 1906, the White joined the Green near Auburn, and the waters of both became the Duwamish, to be discharged into Seattle's Elliott Bay.

There was a river flowing out of Lake Washington known as the (guess what?) Black River, and it became a part of the White River when it joined up at Auburn.

In 1906, many miles closer to its source, the White River was diverted to the Puyallup near Sumner, and eventually emptied into Commencement Bay at Tacoma. So it must be the old timers — well, it all reminds me of the elevated conductor who argued with me about the pronunciation of "Howston" street in Manhattan. "Say listen mister, it may be HEWston, Texas, but it's the HOWston STREET." Well, it may be the Green River down there, but it's White River Valley.

The Black River is no more either. From about 1909 during the 6 or 7 year period while the ship canal was being constructed, Lake Washington was lowered some dozen feet, so the Black River ceased to flow. The Green and other runoff becomes the Duwamish some three miles below Auburn, and for the final five, called the Duwamish waterway because of dredging improvements and ship acter-

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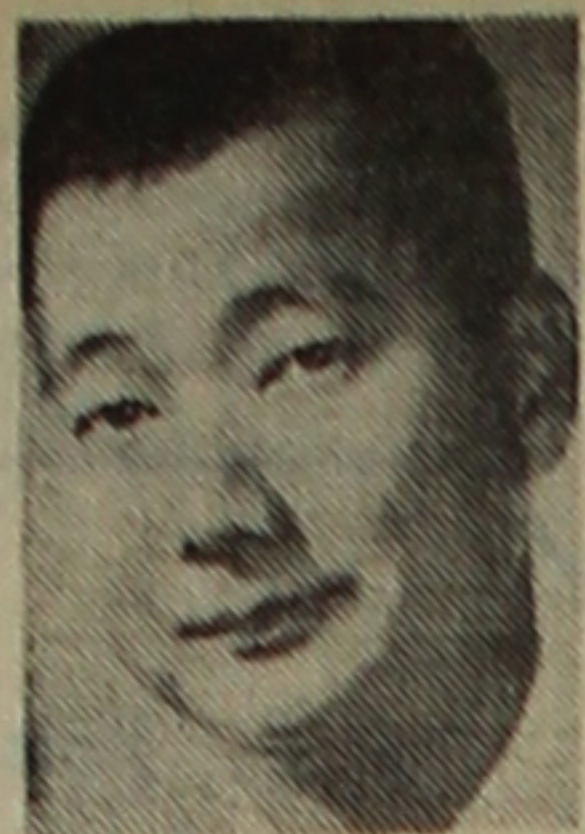
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'More Class'

The Pacific Southwest District Council's three day pre-convention rally starts next week beginning with the Thousand Club whing ding on Friday, May 3. Host chapter, Progressive Westside, is soliciting tickets a "little" different this year. Instead of sending the printed tickets to PSW district chapters to be passed on to their strong-armed salesmen, the Progressive Westsiders mailed out ticket order forms which states "Please send order in by Wednesday, April 24. Order Now! Tickets available are LIMITED!" This shows more "class".

Remember how ticket solicitation was done in past years. You just held the person down with your left hand while you clenched the tickets in the right hand and waved them in front of his face. Or if you were the pushy sort, you'd use the less sophisticated "both hands on the throat" method. What the old solicitation methods lacked in finesse, they more than made up for in results.

Unfortunately, the Westsiders' order form method has not resulted in a heavy pouring in of returns. In fact the drizzle has turned to a slow drip. A subsequent telephone campaign has been met by four letter words: "can't come", "won't help", "don't know", etc. The result is understandable if you're familiar with the long standing Nisei policy of "never make reservations unless you want to miss out on watching the host sweat out his commitment with the restaurant."

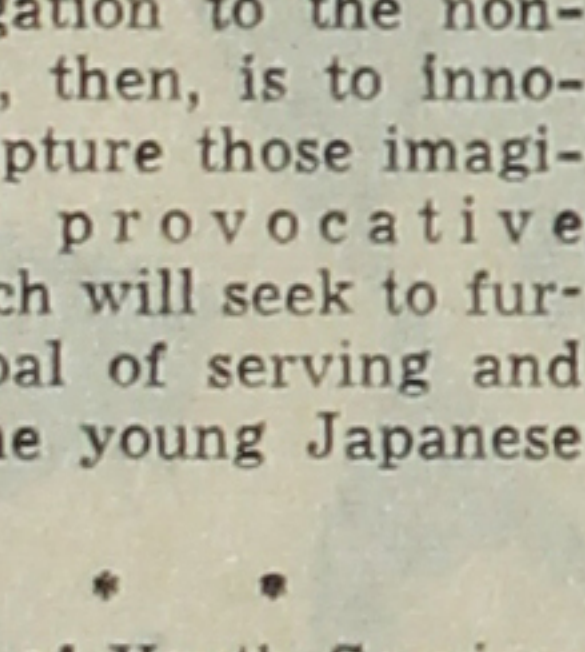
However, maybe we should break tradition just this once and call in to make our reservations. It would be appreciated and it would also be only fair since the Progressive Westside chapter accepted hosting this mammoth three day affair just three months ago after other larger and more experienced chapters had refused. There is no question in my mind that the youthful, energetic Westsiders will do an excellent job of planning and hosting. The only question is whether enough people will turn out to enjoy the fruits of their labor and keep it from becoming a financial loss.

So pick up your phone immediately and make your reservations. Just state the functions you plan to attend, number of tickets desired and your name. You pick up the tickets and pay for them at the door.

For reservation or information on the pre-convention rally call: JACL Office (213) 626-4471; or for local numbers in Southern California, Orange County—Mas Uyesugi (714) 542-9510, Long Beach—Mrs. Barbara Miura (213) 431-0404, San Diego—Mas Hirakawa (714) 233-0590, West LA—Mrs. Betty Yumori (213) 837-8587 and Pasadena—Tom Ito (213) 681-4411. All chapters north of Hollywood, please contact your local president.

Here is the menu of events: Friday, May 3—Whing Ding. Begins at 6:30 p.m. Price is \$6 per person. Saturday, May 4—Oratorical Contest and Luncheon. Begins at 12:30 p.m. Price, \$2.50 Banquet. Begins at 6 p.m. Price, \$7.50. Keynote speaker will be Congressman Spark Matsunaga. Sunday, May 5—Luncheon and Japanese Cultural Show. Sponsored by the District Youth Council. Begins at 12:30 p.m. Price, \$4.

Accent on Youth Alan Kumamoto



Program Development

Time has come for JACL to provide Youth Services not necessarily geared to bolstering the ranks of Jr. JACL, which has been organized. In fact, the concept of Youth Services can pass and be aligned to a denuding of issues concerning self, of relating to others, and of concerns facing us domestically and internationally.

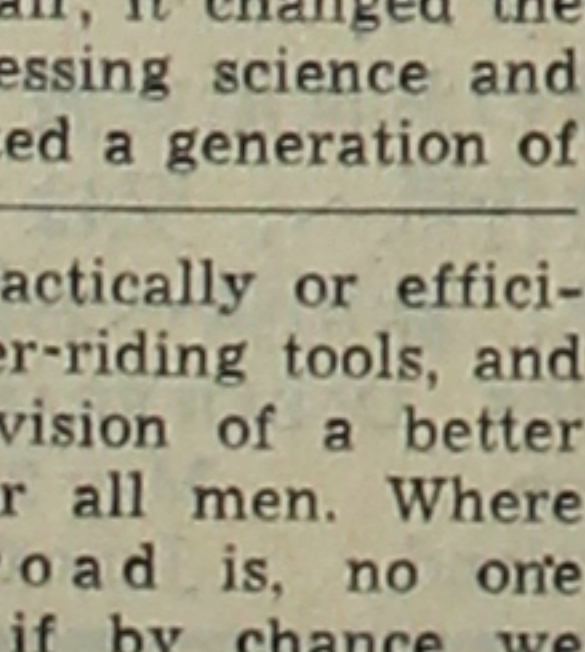
Our obligation to the non-Jr. JACLer, then, is to innovate and capture those imaginative and provocative change which will seek to further our goal of serving and servicing the young Japanese American.

The area of Youth Services deserves greater attention of JACLers in general. And one kind of attention that is not needed are those who show "ambivalences" toward the Youth Program.

The "ambivalent", in our book of definitions, is one who is usually drawn toward youth not 100 per cent but on adult terms. It's got to be his way or nothing. The "ambivalent" feels overridden by youth waiting for handouts instead of being self-sufficient.

The kind of attention that is needed is born from the realization that youth is a special time to learn, grow and develop—not necessarily with handouts, but with some assistance, guidance and love. With the last two areas holding the most weight for development.

West Wind Yosh Hotta



Dreams

When the first sputnik shot up in the air, it changed the course of education for our young by stressing science and technology. One critic has said that it created a generation of educated barbarians. Be that as it may, it would appear that the ferment among college students worldwide is caused by a dream that perhaps the ultimate goal of our lives is not merely the accumulation of materialistic goods but that it might be possible with our surfeit of wealth, that we can truly find better relationships among all men.

Of course these are dreams, but it's worthwhile dream. The only true words we know today, and this, at the risk of making Bill Marutani's ear twitch, is that if one says in Japanese, Osaka is a rich place, baby, it comes out: Osaka tomi beibi. Tokuzo would understand.

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Civil Rights Commentary

K. Patrick Okura ..... Coordinating Editor

To Secure Equal Opportunities and Equal Dignity

YOUTH SPEAKS: Don Hayashi

To Fulfill a 'Dream'

Portland With a single shot on April 4, the Nation was stunned by the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This man, a Nobel Peace Prize winner, was killed while he was helping garbage workers. For those trying days, schools closed, political campaigns abruptly halted, hundreds of thousands attended memorial services across the Nation, and others participated in silent marches.

While the Nation stopped to pay its respect to the nation's fallen leader of non-violence, frustrated blacks were on the rampage, pelting law enforcement officers and setting buildings ablaze.

And while the American flag was lowered to half staff, leaders were pondering the question of what direction the Civil Rights movement would take next.

Would it become violent as many blacks reacted? Or would the death of Dr. King arouse the conscience of Americans, both black and white?

Birmingham Jail Letter

Possibly the direction can be measured through a reflection of one of the concerns, which Martin Luther King expressed five years ago as he sat in the Birmingham Jail: "I must confess that over the last few years I have been gravely disappointed with the white moderate. I have almost reached the regrettable conclusion that the Negro's great stumbling block in the stride toward freedom is not the White Citizens' Council or the Ku Klux Klan, but the white moderate who is more devoted to 'order' than to justice; who prefers a negative peace which is the absence of tension to a positive peace which is the presence of justice; who constantly says 'I agree with you in the goal you seek, but I can't agree with your methods of direct action' who paternalistically feels that he can set the timetable for another man's freedom; who lives by the myth of time and who constantly advises the Negro to wait until a 'more convenient season'."

Shallow understanding from people of good will is more frustrating than absolute misunderstanding from people of ill will. Lukewarm acceptance is much more bewildering than outright rejection. These remarks seem to hit hard at the attitude of many Japanese Americans. What is needed at this time is not a reflection on past accomplishments or praise for the passage of the new Civil Rights law, but rather a more intensive introspection and outward involvement.

If JACL is to join in the struggle for equality, as it so persistently argues, the time to do something is now. It will not be enough to simply mingle with those "acceptable minorities," nor will it be enough to complacently watch form the sidelines.

'I Have a Dream'

As a speaker at Portland State College's memorial service for Dr. King said, "What concerns me is what will happen Wednesday (the day after the funeral) after the flags go to full mast." It occurs to me that the highest tribute which one might make to offer constructive direction is to work toward the ideals of Dr. King, who said in Washington: "I have a dream, that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.'"

Let us, as JACLers, make that dream possible and live out the meaning of the organization's motto, "Better Americans in a Greater America."

Sociologist calls belief that Negroes cause property values to drop a myth

LOS ANGELES — The widespread belief that Negroes moving into a previously all-white neighborhood cause property values to drop has been called a myth by a USC sociologist.

Rather, says John M. McQuiston of USC's Population Research Laboratory, prices decline before Negroes move in and not because they do.

McQuiston's findings, confirming the conviction held by many human relations and open-housing groups, are included in his research study, "Changing Relative Housing Values in Negro and Caucasian Neighborhoods in Los Angeles."

He based his study on the population censuses of 1940, 1950 and 1960.

The price decline in a neighborhood, he contends, often begins at least 10 years before Negroes move in and is caused by the fact that the housing has begun to deteriorate and become less desirable to Caucasians.

McQuiston says, "The oft-used term, 'Negro invasion,' or Revolt will be presented at an open meeting May 10 by St. Peter's Episcopal Church. The Rev. Timothy Nakayama, vicar, will be moderator.

Seattle church discussion

SEATTLE — A symposium on understanding Youth's Protest or Revolt will be presented at an open meeting May 10 by St. Peter's Episcopal Church. The Rev. Timothy Nakayama, vicar, will be moderator.

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Policy Statement: Committee on Minority Group Children

Public Health Problem

(After the recent Riot Commission's report that warned America was being split by white racism and black racism, the committee on minority group children of the Joint Commission on Mental Health of Children, Inc., Chevy Chase, Md. issued a policy statement last week that regards the same issue as the "No. 1 public health problem". This committee, of which K. Patrick Okura, national JACL civil rights chairman is a member, has been meeting monthly for the past half year on the particular problems facing children of minority groups.)

Racism is the number one public health problem facing America today. The conscious and unconscious attitudes of superiority which permit and demand that a majority oppress a minority are a clear and present danger to the mental health of all children and their parents. Traditionally, the criteria for defining public health problems are:

- 1—A problem that threatens a large number of people;
2—A problem that costs a large sum of money;
3—A problem that is impossible to treat on an individual and private basis;
4—A problem that could cause chronic sustained disability.

This committee believes that the racist attitude of Americans which causes and perpetuates tension is patently a most compelling health hazard.

Severe Crippler In terms of mental health, it is more pervasive and a far more serious threat than childhood schizophrenia, mental retardation, psychoneurosis or any other emotional derangement.

Its destructive effects severely cripple the growth and development of millions of our citizens, young and old alike. Yearly, it directly and indirectly causes more fatalities and economic loss than any other single factor.

Over the last two decades, there has been a proliferation of scientific papers in the behavioral sciences attesting to damage to children, black and white, that can be directly traced to this endemic condition.

Historically, minority groups of color have experienced the lash of racism. This is true whether we study the degradation of Indians, the subjugation of Mexican-Americans, the exploitation of the Puerto Ricans, the brutal relocation of the Japanese, the callous treatment of all Orientals, or the unresolved black question.

Not a White Nation We must accept that the United States is not a white nation. The idealized image of the melting pot has, fortunately, never been realized.

Our strength as society rests in cultural pluralism. Biological evolution demonstrates the survival value inhering in a range of physical types within the species.

So does a nation profit when the unique cultural skills, styles and genius of diverse peoples are valued as societal assets.

URBAN COALITION CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

WASHINGTON — In memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, the National Urban Coalition last week declared, the nation must take immediate action on "the crises confronting our cities." Member Whitney M. Young, executive director of the Urban League, said he will be forced to become a revolutionary if America is not shocked into action by Dr. King's slaying.

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One of the realities of present-day America is that increasingly large segments of the minority population will be obliged to live in segregated communities, at least over the next couple decades.

In general, without massive intervention, this means that minority children between now and the end of the century will be growing up in mentally unhealthy atmosphere rampant with substandard housing, inferior education, and poor health care.

What Must Be Done

The country must outgrow its legacy of racism. There must be massive outpourings of resources, both financial and human, if the problems are to be resolved.

A minority child in the ghetto must grow up seeing himself and his life as having positive value. The white child must be equipped to live as a member of a multi-racial world. This will allow him to grow up free of the crippling effects of guilt, fear, anger, and anxiety.

The mutual distrust so prevalent in this country is leading to the polarization of Americans.

Sound Investment

The growth and viability of our society are dependent on everyone achieving a full measure of growth and development. This is true no less of the majority white than the minority group member.

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eradicating racism in all walks of national life will obviously be immense, the result of making it possible for millions of wasted human beings to contribute to our national production and creativity, the development of millions of new consumers for our national product, the improvement of our commercial relations with problems of other nations, the cut in the present enormous costs of inadequate welfare programs would seem to make it a relatively sound investment.

The society can truly find new strength and integrity by an acceptance of all diversity. As with other psychiatric disorders, the hatred of one racial group by another is basically a persistent maladaptive immaturity. This society must either grow up or blow up.

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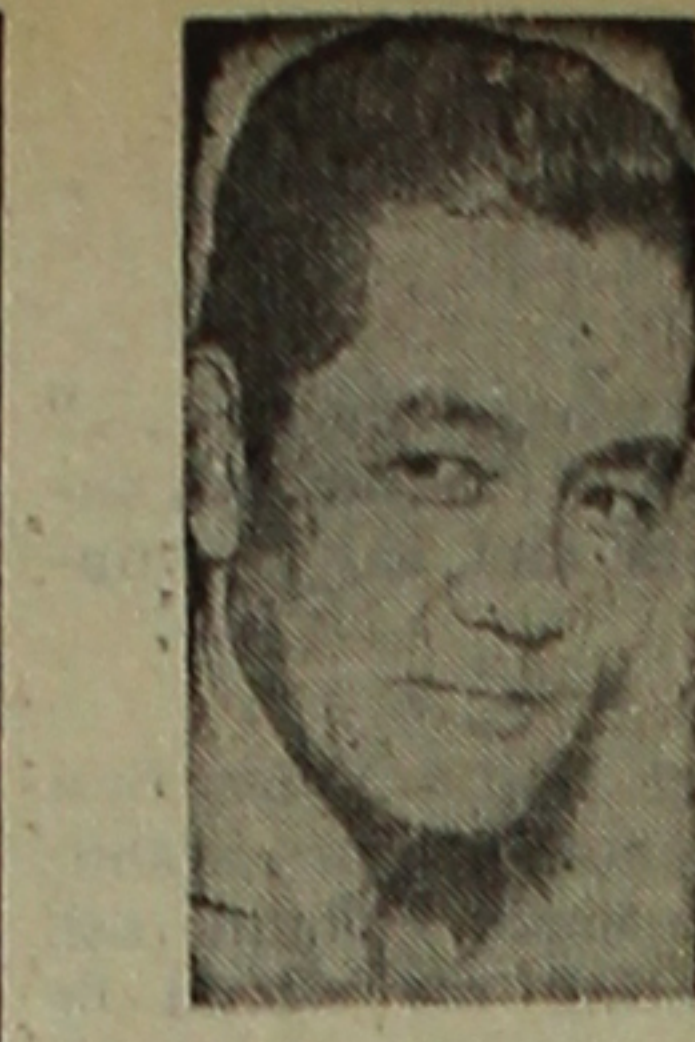
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## Political Convention

Honolulu  
Sen. Daniel K. Inouye will be keynote speaker at a banquet of the state Democratic convention May 11 at the Ilikai Hotel. Inouye, Sen. Hiram L. Fong and Rep. Patsy T. Mink were among those who greeted President Johnson on his arrival here April 15. Rep. Spark M. Matsunaga was not at the airport at the time of arrival... Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink was guest speaker Apr. 8 at the annual conference of the Future Homemakers of America. Richard Edwards of Puna and Erloy Osorio of Hilo were winners Apr. 6 in a three-way battle with Tom Toguchi of Kau for the Big Island's two delegate seats at the Republican national convention in Miami this summer. Toguchi and Richard Penhallow of Kukuiaui Ranch were elected alternates. The Republicans also chose Paul T. Mannen, the county party chairman, to serve as chairman of the Big Island delegation to the state GOP convention.

**SAKURA SCRIPT:** Jim Henry

## Where Are They Now?

**Tokyo**  
Hawaiian-born Japanese American Harold Sakata was catapulted into film success after his debut as the lethal and menacing mute Korean manservant named Oddjob in the James Bond film, "Goldfinger."  
Prior to "Goldfinger" he had never acted. "I was rather frightened because I was among big stars," he said. "Then one day I was introduced to Ian Fleming on the set in London. He told me, 'I'm not sure whether I wrote Oddjob for you or whether you walked right into my book.'"

**Returning to Japan**  
On his recent trip here he visited relatives in Tokyo and Kyushu and grappled twice in public. He expects to return in May for additional wrestling matches after discussing new films and TV appearances in Hollywood in addition to making a Vick's TV commercial.  
He was without the iron-brimmed derby he flung about in "Goldfinger" and admitted he only uses it to make his entrance when traveling. "If I don't wear it," he confided, "people ask where's my hat." He reportedly does not give demonstrations emulating his deadly skill with the derby as in his "Goldfinger" characterization. "I let people draw their own conclusions on how great I am. They take my word for it."

**New Fans Born**  
His first film opened up a whole new field for him in a second profession. Sakata, who had been wrestling professionally as Tosh Togo for more than 15 years before "Goldfinger" acknowledged that the movie brought new dimensions into his life. It won him new fans throughout the world not only in sports but in all fields. He subsequently appeared in four more films and many TV shows.  
Where is he now? As a wrestler he is Paris-based, touring mostly in Europe. Why did he go back to wrestling? "Because I love it," he stated frankly on his first visit to Japan in six years. "Besides I need the exercise." Sakata, holder of an Olympic silver medal for weightlifting

**One of his specialties in "Goldfinger" was crushing golf balls with his fist while caddying for the villain of the title.**  
"I wasn't a golfer until 'Goldfinger,'" he said. "Then I began to play golf. Many times children come up and ask me to crush a golf ball. I tell them I have too much regard for golf to do that. Then I ask if I can keep the ball."  
"I now have more golf balls than I can ever use," he grinned.

**Two Big Island Nisei** downed in separate mishaps Apr. 14. They were Shigeo Akamine, 35, of 135 Puanako St., Hilo, president of Hilo Food Town Super Market, and Thomas Okuma, 45, of Capt. Cook, Kona, a carpenter at the King Kamehameha Hotel.  
Dr. J. Robert Warner, 40, of Waimea, Hawaii, died following a 25-foot fall off a cliff Apr. 8. He practiced on Kauai until about eight months ago.  
Dr. Edward S. Kamel, 59, Honolulu dentist, died Apr. 11 at Queen's Medical Center. He is survived by his widow, Yukiko; a son, Edward, Jr.; a daughter, Stephanie; and two brothers and two sisters. Mrs. Louise Boyum, 89, of Waikoloa, Maui, died Apr. 11 at Maui Memorial Hospital. She was a retired Maui school teacher, having served for 34 years... The Ed Kenneys, Royal Hawaiian Hotel entertainers, became the parents of their first son, Edward Albert Kenny III, born Apr. 11 at Kapiolani Maternity Hospital.

**Dan E. Dorman**, president of the First National Bank of Hawaii, is the newly-elected president of Hawaii Bankers Assn. He succeeds K. J. Luke, outgoing president, who's president of Hawaii National Bank... Sadaji Moritsugu, Castle High School math teacher, was honored recently as the Windward Oahu area's outstanding young educator by the Kaneohe Jr. Chamber of Commerce... Gov. John A. Burns indicated Apr. 11 he is considering Sunao Kido, deputy chief of the Dept. of Land and Natural Resources, for elevation to the cabinet post now held by Jim P. Ferry. Ferry has announced that he will return to private life Apr. 30.

**Gary Funasaki**, son of the Makoto Funasakis of Kahuku, Oahu, was judged the outstanding teenager in the State at the Little White House Conference on Children and Youth held Apr. 13 at the East-West Center... Lorna Medeiros, 18, daughter of the Antone Medeiros of Lihue, Kauai, is the reigning Miss Kauai after winning the annual pageant Apr. 6 in the War Memorial Convention Hall... Matt Kaonohi has been elected 1968-69 president of the Kaneohe Jaycees... Henry Ching has been installed as president of the Sheet Metal Contractors Assn... Mrs. Glenn Chang has been elected president

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of the Occupational Therapy Assn. of Hawaii... Karol Kai, who's been singing at Imperial Gardens in Hollywood, has returned home and is now singing at Clark's, formerly the Embers. Her real name is Carole Shimizu.

**Waikiki theater complex**  
Plans are being developed for a unique three-theater complex within one building to be erected by Consolidated Amusement Co. in Waikiki. Details of the project have not been completed, but it is expected to run into several million dollars... Australia's 60,000 Jews are fully integrated in the country's economy and society, Rabbi Rudolph Brasch, Australia's foremost leader of liberal Judaism, said here Apr. 10. Hawaii's pineapple industry began returning to normal operation Apr. 9 after the 61-day ILWU strike ended April 8.

**At least 200 additional teachers** will be needed for a new program in kindergarten through grade 3 in some Hawaii schools this fall, state Supt. Ralph Kiyosaki announced Apr. 10. Under the new system, called either the K-3 or 3 on 2 program, three teachers will be assigned where two now are placed. Mike Lum, the former Roosevelt High School star athlete, is now the regular leftfielder of the Atlanta Braves. He's the first Islander to play in the majors since Henry (Prince) in the 1930's and one of only three or four from the Islands to make the big leagues.

**Whereabouts Sought**  
DECATUR, Ill.—Mrs. Nelson Lovelace, president of the Decatur-Tokorozawa Sister City Committee, of 1340 W. Boschier Lane, asks for the whereabouts of George and Mary Maeda, formerly of Los Angeles, for their invalid father, Fukukane Osame, 77, in Tokorozawa. Osame was once a Miyako Hotel chef who was deported to Japan, separated from his wife who since has died and his children.

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A FUTURE ROLE OF JA CL

In the light of today's social challenges — urban rioting, crime in the streets, poverty, delinquency and the white "noose" slowly choking the nation's increasingly nonwhite cities—the 1967 report of the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations recommends:

- 1—Let local governments plunge more resourcefully into understanding the growing urban problems. 2—Let these same agencies induce business and industry to involve themselves actively in the solution of local problems. 3—Let suburbanites, whatever their color, plan and adopt regional solutions.

And the 1967 annual report of the Carnegie Corporation of New York, which vitalized the JA CL Japanese History Project with two grants, written by its president Alan Pifer pleads for an increased number of "quasi nongovernmental organizations" — Pifer's name for the new social form of philanthropic foundations.

Referring to both reports here, there may appear a future role for JA CL because they point to our motto: "For better Americans in a greater America". Because of the needs facing America today, every segment of American society—government, private foundations, industry and business, affluent and not-so-affluent citizens—must unite for Pifer has an approach—"quasi nons"—that merits consideration.

"Quasi nons", operating since World War II, straddles two worlds: the world of official government and the world of private enterprise, yet belonging to neither. Legally incorporated in private sector with their own board of trustees and employees and being tax-exempt, the "quasi-nons" are generally assigned by the federal government a specific job in the area of urgent public need that is not being met by government agencies and is given funds to accomplish the task.

These not-for-profit corporations have been assisting government gathering and furnishing specialized assistance overseas along educational, informational, cultural and technical lines and domestically have administered nearly 75 pct. of the antipoverty programs and regional educational laboratories.

While there are forces distrustful of big government in the private sector, if past decades are any indication, larger federal grants and contracts will be made to resolve the crises of today. Washington presently seems to be convinced that bolstering the voluntary sector with public funds is the best way to equalize the public-private imbalance.

But Pifer says such measures are not enough and advocates a third way between all-out government action and purely private endeavor—the "quasi nons". The JA CL-UCLA Japanese American Research Project, which has secured substantial grants from the government through the National Institute of Mental Health, may be in this category of "quasi non", so for JA CL this field is not entirely new.

JA CLers can help galvanize the organization internally by thinking of other projects of value, especially those which help combat domestic ills.

Pifer believes "quasi nons" must have freedom of program, freedom of administration and freedom of communication to be truly effective. However, "quasi nons" are also accountable to the funding authority, the government. As he puts it: "every citizen has an inviolable right to know what his government's policies and programs are and how his tax dollar is being used". The General Accounting Office set up in 1921 is the watchdog on behalf of Federal thrift, responsible to the Congress and not the White House. The GAO checks on costs and results. Its audits have saved the country millions of dollars in recent years.

The government allows "quasi nons" what might be regarded a "profit"—an amount of 5 per cent of the contract value over and above costs and overhead can be retained as a fee.

There are still many other questions concerning the "quasi non", but in this hour of social need, it could prove to be a worthy experiment in the art of government.

The history of private foundations is relatively brief in America. Since 1900, the number has increased from two dozen to more than 19,000. Their assets are said to range between \$20 billion and \$100 billion. Grants amounting to \$1 1/4 billion were divided in 1967.

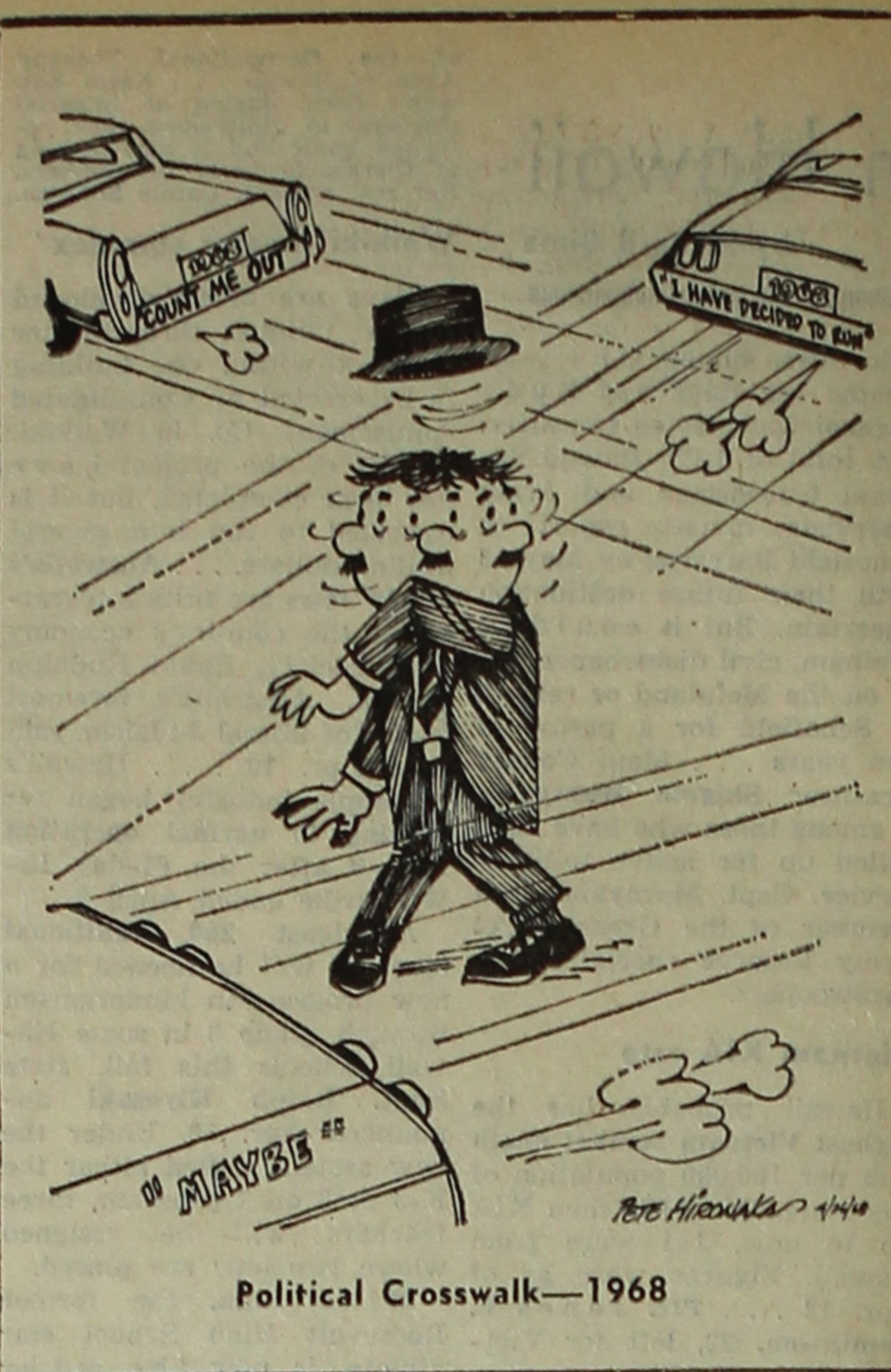
Private foundations pioneered in areas where neither government nor business dared venture. As a result, foundations such as Carnegie, Rockefeller, Ford and Guggenheim (to mention a few) began to play a distinctive role in American society. Unlike business corporations, they sought no profits, paid no taxes. They did provide the risk capital, helping to resolve many complex social and economic problems.

Like JA CL's motto, the foundations contributed immeasurably to the creation not only of a better present but of a greater future. Guggenheim underwrote Dr. Goddard's space research as early as 1930. Ford saved educational television. Carnegie and Rockefeller subsidized research when it became imperative after World War II to know more about the Soviets.

Because foundation wealth is but a fraction of the private wealth, Pifer's plan for more "quasi nons" should have a greater degree of acceptability among JA CLers.

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Political Crosswalk—1968

Letters from Our Readers:

In Answer to Michael

(Michael Odonaka wondered in print in the Chicago JA CLer about the worth of JA CL programs in the area of human rights and didn't see anything concrete within Chicago Jr. JA CL human relations work. That letter was reprinted in the Mar. 8 PC. Two letters reacting to the letter appeared in the April 5 PC. Latest reaction to Michael's letter appeared in the March issue of the Chicago JA CLer.)

Dear Editor:

The notion of apathy in the area of Civil Rights is not a new one. And, the reason why this cry for more involvement is so recurring is, in itself, worthy of re-evaluation. The Jrs. were very proud of its member, Michael Odonaka, who displayed sincere concern for our lack of involvement. He is correct when he stated that we throw out the words of our motto "For better Americans in a greater America" without realizing the deep significance of those seven words.

However, I would like to take this opportunity to clarify a misconception. I will agree that the Jrs. have not worked to their capacity in the area of Civil Rights, but our activities could hardly be classified as merely "social gatherings." I am sure Michael, as indeed all Sansei, realize how difficult social functions can be. Young Sansei can sometimes be extremely introverted and reticent in such situations, and it is difficult for a boy to ask a girl to dance even if they attend the same church, or are members of the same organization. Can you imagine the added difficulties when they are confronted by individuals whom they have never met before? The barriers were not a question of skin color, but rather the notion of shared apprehension.

Tanaka—

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able working together, sharing experiences, and educating each other because of our common heritage.

In short, one of the problems of chapters today is not so much the lack of personal involvement by the membership, but the lack of meaningful involvement in the decision making process.

By now, we should be a mature organization, sophisticated in programming and fund raising and replete with decision makers.

The emergence of a Jr. group should help give JA CL impetus and focus; the prominence of civil and human rights issues around us should heighten our efforts to work even more diligently.

A few might say, "But we have no right to speak or act on behalf of our membership. We must get their approval."

This is averting responsibility.

Those who have been duly elected to serve as officers and members of the chapter boards, by that very reason, have been authorized to speak and act on behalf of the membership.

They are the leaders who represent the membership. Or someone else might comment, "But we'd get the wrath of the membership. And the way we'll feel it is by discontinuing membership, refusals to participate, and other more subtle forms of objections."

On the contrary, many chapter memberships seek leaders who are willing to be more outspoken, to articulate the interests and concerns of the general membership.

Finally, I don't feel we need to worry about producing a bunch of critics and dissenters. JA CL has a history of getting things done, and doing the jobs well; not one of constant griping.

This is a fine tradition that we should continue. To do so, it is now incumbent upon us to be decision makers and not just involvers.

MAMPITSU: Ken Kuroiwa

Join Us, Won't You?

Truk Island you know what I mean... and here they would link index fingers and say "pwup-pwuru."

For that matter, the first question mothers or grandmothers usually would ask upon meeting me would be "mei wor pwuppwuru?" or, from those who knew Japanese, "okusan ga arimasu ka?" These were heady propositions, and I was often sorely tempted to accept their invitations. In fact, I did casually accept a couple, for sometime in the safely vague future. And that future would appear to bode none too badly by the looks of many of these girls. And I had once worried about residual enmity toward Japanese!

A look at these faces revealed that there had been those who had accepted, those who had stayed. I could almost too easily become one of them, romantic notions of the South Seas notwithstanding. But perhaps I had better interrupt this misive here before I get too carried away with Trukese feminine pulchritude. I suspect that there will be time enough to develop this theme.

I pulled out my uchiwa and gave it to Candita to fan with. This simple yet significant act of giving was the beginning of a friendship during which she was a combination of best friend, girl-friend, sister, companion, cook, jester, coquette, and tutor in Trukese. Her five-year-old daughter, Talila, became my adopted little sister—a cutter, sweeter, bigger-eyed, smiling-laughing-happy-child adopted sister. I couldn't have wished for. Just more of them.

Whenever there was a movie on the school lawn, the four of us—Candita, her husband, Talila, and I—would arm ourselves with flashlights, candy, gum, and cigarettes, and march off down the path, hand in hand, arm-in-arm. And often I would carry an exhausted Talila home, just as I used to carry my own sister home from the Japanese movies. At other times I would accompany them to their own village for a minor feast of breadfruit, rice, chicken, sashimi and broiled fish, coffee served elegantly in an old coffee jar, a smoke of home-grown Trukese tobacco rolled in a strip of dried banana leaf, and palaver.

Accounts of the titillated, flattered tourist who is accosted by persons eager to prove or improve their English have become a cliché, to the point where the novelty of the experience is driven into the ground. Yet it does hap-



Talila

pen, especially where people are open and spontaneous, as I have found from Rome to Athens to Bucharest to Tokyo.

And now in Truk, Candita, her husband, and various and sundry relatives as happened to pass by were eager for "English lessons." But lessons, as such, were too formal and contrary to the spirit of these casual evenings and quickly dissolved into simple "how do you say..." sessions, and these in turn into more down to earth talk as "what do you think of American women?" and "what do you think of Trukese girls?"

This inevitably precipitated heated but amiable arguments for the merits of the other side; they for dazzling blond hair, striking long legs (about which we shall have more to say), pretty blue eyes, and pure, white skin; I for long, black hair, beautiful, big brown eyes, graceful, well-proportioned bodies, beflowered smiles, and deeply beautiful, smooth, dark skin.

In this same vein, Candita's father, as well as mothers and grandmothers in my village and each village I chanced to visit, would never tire of inquiring "why don't you find yourself a nice Trukese girl—I could even set you up with a couple, and stay with us—"

Ogawa--

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commodation. While we're on a running water report, can't resist this one. While Army engineers were constructing the locks (now named Chittenden) to the Lake Washington Ship Canal, they very prudently constructed fish ladders for the salmon which were to soon be trying for a higher fresh water level when the canal was finished. Well, sur-

BY THE BOARD: Dr. Roy Nishikawa

Executive Reorganization will help but more needed: direction and goals

As a past national president, I congratulate the current administration under Jerry Enomoto for coming to grips with the problems outlined under "Executive Reorganization (PC, April 5).

These problems regarding efficiency, communication, implementation and responsibilities have long plagued our organization. Every national president has been aware of the shortcomings in these areas but was not able to do much about them because of limited finances and staff.

During the last biennium however, JA CL has reached a high point in finances and currently has a professional staff which almost equals in number the staff which we had in the old JA CL-ADC period when legislative activity was at its peak.

I feel that many of the suggested changes under Executive Reorganization should be adopted for a stronger and more efficient organization.

Unfortunately, structural changes per se have their limitations. JA CL is still a people-oriented organization

and can be no better than its staff, its members and the leadership qualities of its local, district and national boards. In order to attract the highest type of members and leaders into the organization—particularly our Sansei—JA CL needs more than reorganization. It needs a sense of direction and an outlining of specific goals. It needs to make the membership feel that here is an organization worth maintaining, worth working for, indeed, worth sacrificing for.

This sense of commitment, it seems to me, has diminished in recent years. Too many members are members in name only because a friend asked them to join. Not a few old timers are sticking around from a sense of loyalty. They give of their money but not enough of their energies and talents. There are others who feel a sense of disenchantment and a lack of a great need for the organization.

The young people with their eyes unclouded by past loyalties are asking and even demanding, "What is our purpose? Where are we going and why?" They want specific answers—not a recital of past victories. They are interested in today and tomorrow and how we can relate to our current society. And this, it seems to me, is what JA CL must be all about if it is to have any significance.

Someone will no doubt say, "All right, you're so smart, why not come up with some specific suggestions?" For whatever they are worth, here they are. 1—Civil Rights. JA CL's main effort should be in eliminating bigotry, prejudice and lack of understanding in its own ranks. Then, in the Japanese community, let's clean our own house first! This is valid, comes to grips with a real problem and is a lot more practical for the average member than coping with this problem on those levels which are beyond the ken of most of us. With clean hands, we can relate far better to those in the white, black and brown communities.

2—Youth. We hear of a communication and generation gap—which all of us probably helped to create. This gap can at least be narrowed by the simple expedient of youth and the older generation getting together more often. JA CL should encourage the closing of this gap by every means possible including the further subsidization of more youth programs.

3—Implementation. Lack of follow-through can no longer be blamed on shortages in staff or finances. The National President could appoint a commission whose sole duty would be to follow up on those recommendations made at National Conventions and/or National Board meetings. The commission should not be afraid to ask embarrassing questions and should recommend changes in assignment if necessary, with personal considerations subordinated to the general welfare.

4—Politics. How long can JA CL maintain its non-partisan political posture? Unfortunately, the men who control politics, control our lives. Can JA CL become involved politically without destroying itself?

Here is an idea which I must confess is on the "wild" side: Each chapter decides what party it would like to belong to and would be free to be as politically active as it wishes. Members would be allowed to transfer freely to any chapter satisfying their ideologies. On National (and possibly regional and local) elections we would have candidates representing their respective parties. They would have specific platforms on which to run and would present programs on how they would improve the JA CL. The JA CL would still be a national organization but now there would be a bipartisan approach as to how it would function.

Problems? Of course there will be problems. But the great interest and active participation generated not only in the organization but in the political socio-economic affairs of our nation may be well worth the effort. In my opinion, it is better to live daringly than to stagnate. Better to be a participant than an observer.

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