



By Bill Hosokawa

From the Frying Pan

San Diego, Calif.

VISITING—This beautiful city by the bay has acquired a new airport terminal and a new resident since I was here last. The terminal is on the other side of Lindbergh Field, away from the highway, and the new resident is our Mike who is joining the faculty of San Diego State College this fall. Mike and his wife and the two grandchildren were at the airport to meet us.

So many of the folks up in San Jose who were kind enough to mention this column said they enjoyed reading about the family, so this will be about one branch of same. The Mike referred to above is the same little tyke who has appeared in this column off and on since 1942, when it was first started. But he ceased to be a little tyke a long time ago. He has just completed his academic work for a doctorate at the University of Oregon and is sweating over his thesis or dissertation or whatever it is that they have to write, while teaching at San Diego State to support himself and his family.

His family consists of wife Jackie, a daughter Ashlyn who is 4 years old, and a son Mike who is 2. Come to think of it, big Mike was just a few months less than 2 years old when we were evacuated and this column came into being. Now he is beginning to show the effects of rich eating and other afflictions of approaching middle age, a horrible but inescapable thought, both for him and for me since I am slightly older than he is.

Little Mike, of course, is a bright, delightfully cheerful little lad with a happy grin and an enormous appetite. If he continues to eat at his present pace, he is likely to grow up into an even larger specimen than his father.

WELCOME—I had mentioned in passing to Mas Hironaka when I met him in San Jose that Mike had recently moved to San Diego. And being the proud San Diego native that he is, Hironaka promised to drop in on Mike at the first opportunity to extend a welcome. Hironaka was as good as his word, if not better. The day after he returned from San Jose he called at Mike's modest apartment to say his howdies.

Hironaka reported there are some 5,000 Issei, Nisei and Sansei in San Diego county, but they were so widely scattered that one hardly ever encountered any of them. He also dispensed such miscellaneous but important bits of intelligence as where to pick up Oriental groceries, that the only Japanese restaurant is closed on Tuesdays, and that a good place to get acquainted was at the church bazaar.

NO PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT—On one of our days in San Diego we went out to the Sea World which is a positive delight for anyone as fascinated by fish, seals, porpoises and salt water as I am. One of the features of Sea World is a Japanese exhibit where a properly attired young lady (in Japan, some of them are topless) dives for oysters that are guaranteed to contain a pearl.

You buy a little plastic check for something like \$2.65, or maybe it was \$2.59. You give the check to the girl, and she dives to the bottom of a clear, deep pool and comes up with an oyster. You take the oyster to a young man who opens it expertly and pokes around until he finds the pearl. Then he measures its diameter with a micrometer gadget and tells you what the pearl is worth. He said the pearl our oyster had been hiding was worth at least \$6, which just goes to show you that the whole business is on the up and up. I'd been hoping secretly that the diver, noticing our kinship, would bring up a pearl big enough to win us a place on the plaque where winners of really valuable pearls are listed. But she was playing no favorites. Well, a \$6 pearl is a \$6 pearl and we had it mounted on a pendant for Ashlyn.

Next time, I'll try to get up enough nerve to ask the girl whether she gets American or Japanese wages for all that diving, a Japanese skill, which she performs on U.S. soil, or water as the case may be.

THOUSAND CLUB NOTES:

2000th 1000 Clubber Crowned

By DR. FRANK SAKAMOTO
1000 Club Chmn.

Chicago following judges were selected:
1—George Hinoki, San Jose 1000 Club Chairman who had a slight handicap of only looking at the girls by holding up a mirror.
2—Ron Shiozaki, PSW Governor was handicapped with binoculars.
3—Wild' Bill Matsumoto's handicap was being blindfolded.
4—Butch Kasahara was looking at the legs through whisky shot glasses.

Fifth judge was the audience, but after close observation they picked out the wrong set of legs.
The San Joseans came out with their spectacular performance of the cha-cha and then had the whole audience doing the Tanko-bushi. Of course by this time our audience was in a very mellow mood, and as I remember the front chorus line girls like Betty Inouye, Betty Uchida, Jennie Yoshida and Sachi Miki did the real trick. Actually, the audience started rushing up to the stage.

'Wild' Bill Matsumoto cooperated with the belly dancer in her performance by stuffing dollar bills wherever it was possible. Butch Kasahara, our National Membership chairman singing "Hawaiian Wedding Song", "Pearly Shells" and a song which his father taught him promptly brought the house down.

I must say that from the comments I have heard, San Jose really put on a Whing Ding. Big thanks to all of you and thank for helping us reach the goal of 2,000.
Join the 1000 Club

Blame TV for youth hang-ups

SAN FRANCISCO — The "boob tube" has been leading the youth astray, according to semanticist Dr. S. I. Hayakawa of San Francisco State College, who presented his paper Sept. 2 at the American Psychological Assn. convention here.

Dr. Hayakawa took exception to what he views as The Tube's simplistic approach to life's hang-ups. He also found much lacking in the situation drama and the half-hour news documentary.

The modern youth is the first generation ever to have been virtually "brought up" on television. It was as though parents had turned their youngsters over to a "sorcerer" for at least three or four hours out of every day. He surmises that many youngsters 23 and under have spent a whopping 22,000 hours gazing at a TV set.

TV-Induced Daydreams

Myopia aside—the professor says these young people have had "their imaginative lives, their daydreams and their expectations of the world created by television."

"Is there any connection between this fact," asks Hayakawa, "and the sudden appearance in the past few years of an enormous num-

ber of young people from educated and middle class families who find it difficult or impossible to relate to anybody — and therefore drop out?"

"I'm sure you have met them, as I have: Young people, not necessarily of underprivileged classes, who are frightened of the ordeal of having to make conversation with their friends' parents or anyone else not of their immediate clique.

"The task of relating to others is found so threatening and burdensome by some that

they have gone so far as to found a Sexual Freedom League — in order to justify copulation without communication," he said.

Accumulation

The TV commercial in the Hayakawa view, "says that material possessions are everything: That this headache remedy, this luxurious carpeting, this new model car will bring you charm, popularity, sexual fulfillment, domestic tranquility and the envy and respect of your neighbors." Quoting a Detroit newsman

as saying that city's looting "was simply an explosive response to color television," Dr. Hayakawa later adds that the disillusioned young have found to their grief that "the consumption of all approved national brands does not bring happiness or peace of mind.

"The world, they discover as they approach adulthood, is far more complicated than they ever suspected.

"The world makes all sorts of demands the television set never told them about—such as (the necessity for) study, patience, hard work and a

History Project manuscripts due

SAN JOSE—History Project chairman Shig Wakamatsu of Chicago announced in committee reports and at the committee's panel presentation held Saturday, Aug. 24 at the Biennial JACL Convention that history books promised to the public will be a reality in the near future.

Bill Hosokawa, commissioned by JACL, will have his manuscript on "Americans With Japanese Faces" in the hands of the project committee by this year-end. He has some 400 pages written on his projected 600 to 700 page popular book.

Prof. Robert A. Wilson, director of the Japanese American Research Project at UC-YA, is working on the drafts of his scholarly volume and will submit his manuscript by the year-end to Wakamatsu's committee.

The panel symposium composed of Prof. Wilson, Waka-

matsu, Hosokawa and Joe Grant Masaoka made reports to some 150 delegates in attendance. Wakamatsu was moderator.

The UCLA JARP printed report, which was distributed to those in attendance and available upon request at the UCLA project office, begins with commentaries and illustrations.

45,000 IBM Cards

The report tells of the two earliest Issei, Manjiro Nakahama and Hikoza Hamada, who were castaways in the Pacific rescued by American whalers in the 1840s. The work of the project, its sampling of Issei-Nisei-Sansei and explanation of how the samplings are analyzed are set forth.

Since the project has on hand a national character survey taken in Japan, other polls of Japanese in the United States and two polls taken in June and September of 1967, the findings from the 45,000 IBM punchcards containing information of the three-generation survey will be com-

Historical Studies

pared further. The project archive is still growing, including a magnetic tape of the WRA punchcard data stored at the Bancroft Library and 5,000 microfilm frames on the relocation period. Some 300 tape recordings with Issei, Nisei and Caucasians of prominence are also on file.

Recent tape recordings include one with Rear Adm. A. J. McCollum (ret.), who refuted prewar photographs of Japanese warships in Baja California harbors, intended to show the existence of secret Japanese naval bases there. McCollum says they were faked. In charge of naval intelligence, his investigations showed the channel of one harbor was only 10 feet deep, which would not have permitted passage of warships of the size shown in a photograph of the harbor.

One paper from the Issei data has been published, copy of which was distributed at the Convention, by John Mo-

dell, "The Japanese American Family: A Perspective for Future Investigations", in the Pacific Historical Review, Feb., 1968.

Modell and Michael Edlen are preparing other papers, such as: (1) delving in to the Japanese minority in California, (2) a comparative reaction of white Californians to Negroes and Japanese, and (3) what people today think of Evacuation and Resettlement. On Aug. 28, Modell presented his latest paper, "Class or Ethnic Solidarity: the Japanese American Company Union", before the American Historical Assn., Pacific Coast branch.

Two other scholarly volumes, one by Prof. Masakazu Iwata on the agricultural history of the Japanese in the United States, and the other

Alien can work for state, local governments

SACRAMENTO — California's 53-year old discriminatory law prohibiting the employment of non-citizens in state and local government has been abolished by legislation authored by Assemblyman Alan Sieroty.

Under Sieroty's bill, which has been signed by the Governor, non-citizens who declare their intent to become U.S. citizens are now eligible for public employment.

"This legislation will make available to state, county and city government the skills of many people who formerly could not be hired," said Sieroty.

"It will enable non-citizens who have been educated and trained in other countries and who have now established permanent residence to pursue careers in public service," he stated.

Correction

The special report on the Republican National Convention appearing last week was written by S. Stephen Nakashima, San Jose attorney, who was a California delegate.

by Atty. Frank Chuman on the legal history of the Japanese in the United States are expected.

It is the project's hope that many more publications will be generated. "The Project was conceived as a generating force. JACL joins with the Project in hopes that creative forces of wider horizons will have been set in motion", project administrator Masaoka noted.

Ushijima races clock to produce radio-TV specials

CHICAGO—A television production team headed by Henry Ushijima, veteran Chicago film maker, raced the clock this past week in order to complete the City's version of the tumultuous events of Convention Week for showing last Sunday nationwide.

The title for the film, "What Trees Do They Plant?", was an excerpt from the eloquent keynote speech of Sen. Daniel Inouye of Hawaii given at the opening of the 1968 Democratic National Convention here the week of Aug. 26.

Ushijima produced an objective documentary film on the extraordinary happenings of that Convention Week in Chicago. This TV special was produced for the city and Mayor Daley in an attempt to put the events of this week in proper perspective to offset the unbalanced picture presented by the news media, especially television.

Radio Documentary

Ushijima also produced at the same time a 60-minute radio documentary that was broadcast at the same time (9 p.m. local time) last Sunday nationwide.

The TV special was shown on all Metro-Media and WGN-Continental Broadcasting network stations. The British Broadcasting Corp. aired the TV special on Monday night.

Over 500 radio stations and more than 70 independent TV stations, many affiliated with the major networks, have requested use of the radio and TV specials, Ushijima said. Ushijima, an active Chicago JACLers and 1000 Club member, was cited for his film producing achievements at the Nisei of the Biennial recognitions dinner during the San Diego convention in 1964.

WLA church bazaar

LOS ANGELES — Oriental cultural and West L.A. JACL's earth science section exhibits are part of West Los Angeles Community Methodist Church bazaar this Sunday, 12-8 p.m., at 1913 Purdue Ave.

Hawaii National Guard accused of anti-Nisei bias

HONOLULU — The Hawaii National Guard came under attack by delegates to the constitutional convention recently on charges of discriminating against persons of Japanese ancestry during World War II.

Jack Mizuha, delegate, said "it was practically impossible for any of us to get a commission in the Hawaii National Guard" in speaking in favor of a provision forbidding discrimination or segregation in any state military organization.

Mizuha served as an officer in the 100th Infantry Battalion, serving with distinction before sustaining a wound in combat which hospitalized him for nearly a year.

Mizuha was called to active duty as lieutenant with the 29th Infantry of the National Guards, in command of Co. M on Pearl Harbor Day. He led the group to Niihau where a Japanese pilot was terrorizing the island.

None in 1941

"The Hawaii National Guard in 1941 (before Pearl Harbor) did not have one single officer of Japanese descent", delegate Richard Sutton said. "This did not happen by accident".

Two other delegates, Hayden Burgess and Leland Larson, however, opposed the retention of the present provision in the state constitution, saying it is already provided for by legislation and in another part of the constitution. "Do we want to maintain it just for old times sake?" asked Larson.

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Aloha from Hawaii

by Richard Gima

candidate for public office. He has been a Republican member of the Kauai County board for the last two years.

First day of school

An estimated 174,000 students—up 5,000 from last year—reported to public school classrooms for a full day of work on Sept. 5. The Kauai High School class of 1939 will hold its 30th anniversary reunion July 12-14 next year on Kauai. Heading a planning committee are Turk Tokita and Molly Lum Williams.

Bishop Estate

Hung Wo Ching, Honolulu businessman, has been named a trustee of the Bishop Estate by the State Supreme Court. Ching, 56, who did not apply for the job, will serve until age 70. He is the first person to be appointed a Bishop Estate trustee who was not named for life.

Political notes

Mauui County Chairman Elmer F. Cravalho has filed nomination papers for the county's first mayor. A veteran state legislator Manuel S. Henriques, 74, has called an end to his colorful political career.

Killed in action

Two island marines have been KIA in Vietnam—Gunnery Sgt. Kinyu Shimabukuro, 33, of Hilo and Lance Cpl. George K. Kapalu, 19, of Wailuku. The two marines are the 23rd and 24th killed in Vietnam and the 153rd and 154th island men from all services to be lost in the war.

Islanders debt free

Chinn Ho, president of the community-owned Hawaii Islanders baseball team, has reported to stockholders that the Islanders now are completely out of debt. It also showed notable gains in attendance and stockholders' equity.

Nikaido

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his conclusion that television is the cause of alienating the younger generation from the "real world" is questionable. This writer does not believe the "idiot box" is the cause of alienation from the "real world" or middle class values, but an escape from it. The alienation or rejection already exists without TV.

Names in the news

William M. Borthwick of Borthwick Mortuary has been elected president of the Hawaii Funeral Directors Assn. Richard Dodo of Hilo is the 1st v.p. Harris Hirata of Puna is the 2nd v.p. The office has left for Hilo to become the company's branch manager.

Uniforms Regulations

Adding further class to the league are the uniform regulations. Each team must present itself in full uniform (shirt

Prestige in bowling league comprised of scoring, conduct and appearance

By GARY YAMAUCHI

Los Angeles
The number one league in the Southern California area is the Greater Los Angeles Men's All-Star Traveling League. Being a member of this league, which is advertised as being the "highest scoring traveling league in the nation", a bowler knows he is competing with some of the finest talent in the country. Yet, aside from the fact that the regulate the league com-

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petition. These various rules have placed the all-star league in a class by itself.
Firstly, the All-Star circuit consists of 15 various establishments, and consequently, no one bowler or team has the advantage of rolling on their home lanes for the entire season. Further assurance is provided by the fact that these bowling centers are scattered across an area in excess of over 60 square miles.

Bowling Shorts

Incidentally, last season in the All-Star league, the high average was 207, high game was 300, and the high series was 823. Arcadia Bowl was the sponsor of the championship team. Jack Okamoto led the scoring in the Nisei Classic Sweepers last week at the Holiday Bowl. Jack turned in a tremendous 72 scratch to first place and the majority of the loot. Deadline for the entries into the Long Beach Nisei Tournament has been set for Sept. 29, 1968. And don't forget, the tournament will bowl at Crown Bowl in stead of the Red Fox Lanes.

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generation, perhaps as a non-violent protest against the straight-laced, warm clothed adults, have taken a much healthier approach in exposing the exhibitionists who plague the local flop-house burlesque theatres, where it is profitably shown to arouse the prurient interests of the audience.

At the same time, this nude-look should come as no surprise to the Issei and Nisei who patronized many of the public bath houses on the West Coast. In fact, this Sansei writer can recall, without humiliation, attending one in his younger years, but cannot remember receiving any spine tingling sensation or an unhealthy satisfaction from viewing nude people.

NUDE PROTEST

Marking her fourth eye-opening appearance in New York City's business district, Yaori Kusama staged a nude dance last week in protest of atomic blasts and Russian brutality in Czechoslovakia.

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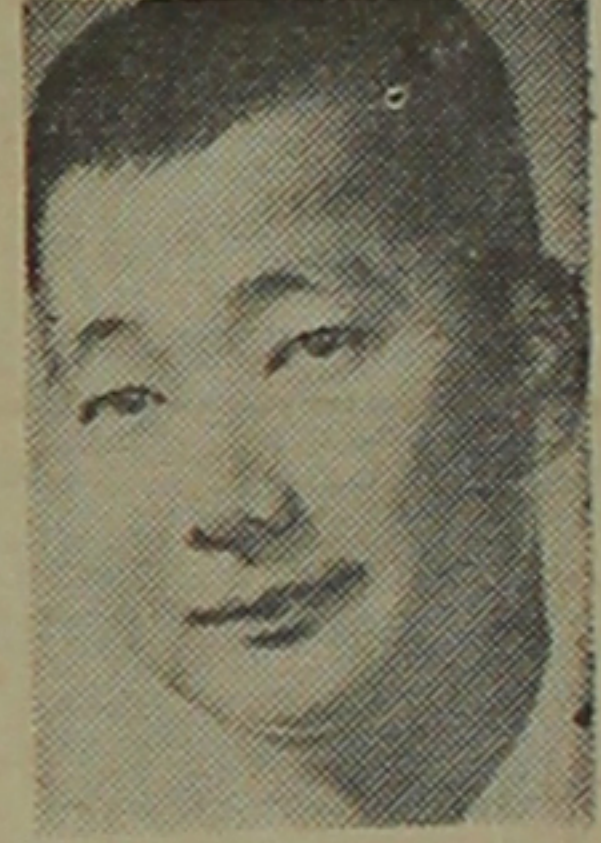
Dr. S. I. Hayakawa, noted semanticist, became the Ralph Nader of television programming when he recently reported that the manifest ills and protests of the present younger generation and the programs and advertisements of unreality projected on the television screen are closely linked.

What has unbuckled the minds of many cultural-trend observers is the nude-craze which is sweeping this country—the nude-look in high fashions, complete nudity in motion pictures and on the Broadway stage, nude hippie communities, Whing Ding topless entertainment, etc.

Without becoming too scatological in this narrative, it appears that today's younger

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Sounding Board Jeffrey Matsui



Putting Me On

When the Establishment says that it's not the White Majority's practice of discrimination and prejudice that keeps the minority communities isolated but that the minorities prefer to stick together in their own ghetto communities, we chuckle and say, "Aw, come on, you're putting us on!"

So now when the "establishment" for the Japanese American Community—the "mainland" Japanese—start explaining the lack of integrated participation with the "other" Japanese by saying, "the Kibei prefer their own company, the Hawaiian Japanese like to stick together, the Japanese war brides prefer the company of their own kind—same goes for the new immigrants from Japan."

Accent on Youth Alan Kumamoto



Yellow Wonder

There was a toothpaste commercial years ago that asked the haunting question: "I wonder where the yellow went?" Naturally, it was referring to the "yellow" in and around one's teeth and, of course, that grimy yellow stuff was destined to go down the drain.

Vince Gomez flew down from Tracy, Calif., into a hectic cloud of activity. An expert campfire songster and choir master, he helped provide that "something" which welded those disparate thoughts.

In a sense, "Are You Yellow?" asked the mixed group of 20 college students and graduates of Japanese, Chinese and Filipino ancestries the questions of Self-Awareness as related to one's individual identity, group identity and that awareness as it relates to others.

The conference planners had anticipated "moments" during the week—but not the first adjustment that was forced upon them the opening night when it took five hours instead of 2 1/2 by bus to reach the campsite.

JACL-Heritage for the Future

By PAMELA Y. SHIROMA (2nd Place, Essay Contest)

"Better Americans in a greater America" these inspiring words, taken from the written by Mike M. Masaoka, have become very well-known to us. Although first published in 1941, words can be of great relevance today.

the second generation of Japanese in America. At that particular time, its main function was to bridge the huge gap of prejudice and disagreement that existed between the Nisei and the white communities.

The Relocation of the 1940's brought many Japanese to an intimate understanding of prejudice and its horrifying effects. As a direct result of this unprecedented action on the part of the United States government, I would like to believe that we Japanese, even more than other Americans, are acutely aware of the need for change in racial conditions.

different generations. Again, this phenomenon is not unique to one particular century; it existed in the past and probably will exist as long as there are parents and children.

Perhaps because I am a Sansei, I think that the generation gap between us and the Nisei is rapidly widening. Unlike our parents, it is not necessary for most of us to be able to speak and understand Japanese; as a result, we have failed to adopt into our lives many of the traditional Japanese attitudes.

In the future, the JACL can act as an extremely influential mediator to bridge this gap mainly because it is an organization whose membership includes both generations.

By the very nature of this complex society of ours, we often tend to lose ourselves in the masses and forget that there are other people around us. Because of the tremendous advancements in industry and technology, the need to relate to other people has somehow lost importance.

One extremely important issue concerning the United States today is the lack of communication between the races. This great wall of misunderstanding is not a new one for the American Nisei.

Unwritten code helps reduce gun play in Japan

By JIM HENRY

Prime Minister Eisaku Sato declares Japan's strict gun law is the single most important reason for the nation's low number of homicides and accidents caused by guns.

SAKURA SCRIPT

On top of that, according to a senior superintendent of the national police security section, there were only 11 robberies in which guns were involved throughout Japan last year.

The most important provision of Japan's stiff gun control law is that only police officers and men of the Self-Defense Force are allowed to own handguns.

There are only 1,748 retail gun dealers in Japan, all of which are licensed and strictly controlled.

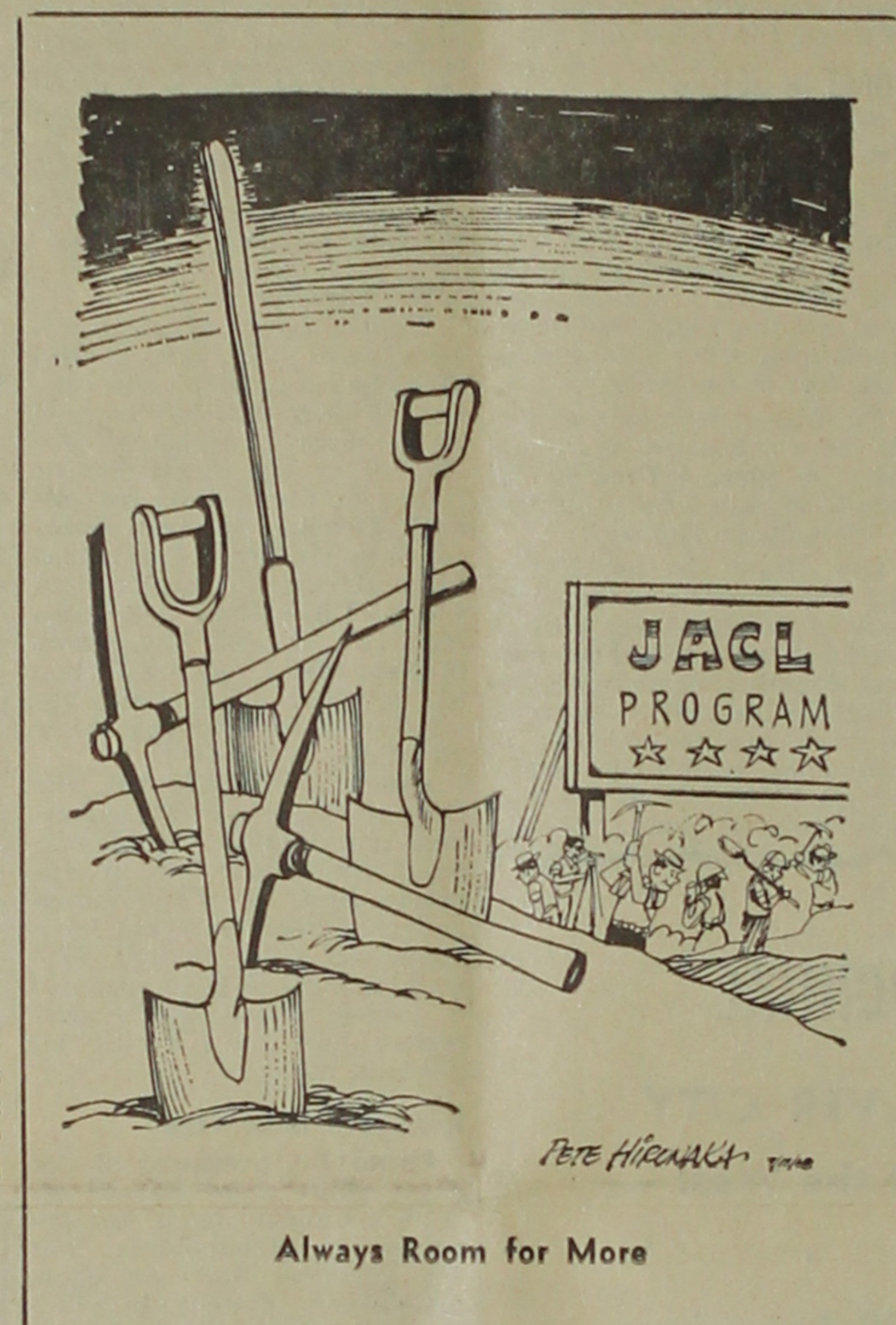
Guns were introduced here by the Portuguese but the average Japanese is still unfamiliar with firearms. Samurai warriors, who poke each other with swords nightly on TV in the Japanese equivalent of Westerns, don't use them.

Toy guns are sold in department stores, but most youngsters don't show any interest in them than model airplanes.

This is likely attributed to the fact that Japanese history has no equivalent to the American frontier where romanticized gunslingers won the West with Colt .45 Peacemakers.

Trigger-happy cops are likewise controlled by strict police regulations. They may fire their weapons to protect themselves or innocent citizens from dangerous criminals, but seldom find themselves in such situations.

Some Japanese gangsters carry pistols but there reportedly is an "unwritten code" that they do not shoot at policemen and policemen do not shoot at them. This, of course, cannot be proved. But it is a fact that few people are shot in Japan.



Letters from Our Readers

Issei Farmers

The Central California delegation at the national convention came on very strong on the farm labor question. The Central Californians supported the grower's position and severely attacked the grape boycott. They are understandably upset because Japanese American farmers in the Valley, most of whom are small growers, are innocent victims in the struggle between the big corporations and the farm labor unions.

place in the farm labor supply—about 100% of the sugar beet workers, 90% of the truck farm labor, 90% of the berry pickers. From 1900 to 1913, the Japanese dominated the farm labor market.

It should be of interest to recall, during this controversy, the problems of Japanese farm laborers in the early part of this century. It may surprise some of the younger Nisei and Sansei that our Issei forefathers were quite a militant group.

The ascendancy of Japanese farm labor was rapid and short. The growers reacted by importing Filipino, Hindu and Mexican laborers who were unorganized and consequently cheaper. Fortunately, most Japanese had saved enough money to buy or lease land themselves.

Beginning in 1890, the immigrant Japanese farm laborers rapidly organized into labor groups. Each group elected a "spokesman" who located work, negotiated terms, and contracted work for his group. The Japanese began by underbidding other laborers to gain control of the labor market. By 1900, the Japanese farm laborers had a pivotal

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25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, Sept. 18, 1943

Majority of evacuees loyal, says President in progress report to Congress on WRA. Lt. Gen. Emmons succeeds Gen. DeWitt as Western Defense Command commander; DeWitt is new commandant of Army-Navy Staff College, Washington, D.C.

gration committee reopens hearings on repeal of Chinese exclusion law. Postwar World Council of New York asks compensation for evacuees, prevailing wages to camp workers. Japanese gakuken in Hawaii being dissolved, language not taught since Dec. 7, 1941. 400 Nisei find jobs, homes in Cleveland. JACL pushes fight to eliminate poll tax in eight states. Evacuee influx to Chicago on the wane; resettlement to other Midwest cities rises.

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'THE GENERATION GAP'

What got James Michener to comment on the Revolution in Middle-Class Values (New York Times Magazine, Aug. 18) was the young couple in Harrisburg, Pa., who thought the Micheners would understand what was bugging them. They were college dropouts and heading for Haight-Ashbury "to see if there's something bigger over the horizon."

What the Micheners heard that night was a broadside attack against everything they had been taught to respect and aspire. "We no longer find the values you lived by to have any significance. We're sure you know they're phony, too, and that's why we wanted to talk with you," Michener was told.

The Micheners since then have been talking with many young people. They have found the young rebels able to defend their opinions rather well.

We extracted here last week what Michener found to be the middle-class virtues his (and my) generation uphold. And we concluded by promising this week to picture those middle-class values the younger Americans reject.

Hypocrisy—What the middle-class says it believes and what it does, the young people charge, is a contradiction and which Michener sees as "a fundamental cause of disaffection" between the generations. We say we believe in mobility—but not for the blacks. We say we believe in Christian ethic—but not in business. We preach morality—but not in the local country club. We're indoctrinated with the creed of accumulation but there is no happiness or stability.

Sex—The middle-class attitude toward sex has been one of the sillier aspects of American life. The revolt of the young people against these false values has been all to the good, says Michener. The public confusion arising from associating highly arbitrary sexual mores with basic morality has been costly. For instance, a local puritanical group successfully prohibited sex education in school, even though each year junior high school girls under 15 were becoming pregnant.

As one student told Michener: "When your classmates suddenly drop out of History II to have abortions, you catch on that storks don't bring babies." And as a former college professor, Michener says he cannot condone the decision of the coed who fled her dormitory to live with the young man of her choice but he understands the desperation that impelled her.

Education—None of the rebellions of youth was more difficult for Michener to comprehend than the one against education. None was more shocking to him than the explosion at Columbia University. Yet in talking around with professors and students, Michener thought the students at Columbia were justified in protesting against a system of education that was medieval in concept and 19th century in operation. One student pointed out: "How can one take seriously a university which in the year 1968 turns over the social organization of its campus to private fraternities which discriminate against Jews and blacks?" But Michener parts company with the students over the manner of protest—a pattern which was outside what an organized society ought to tolerate.

Vietnam—Michener blames our middle-class values for this catastrophe. Fed on the optimistic Mickey Mouse pablum that the good guys always win, we were participating in a major war without public acceptance and with an insufficient number of men arbitrarily assigned to do the dirty work. "It would be impossible to overstate the damage done to the young by the moral contradictions of the Vietnam war," Michener says. The contradictions are that in earlier wars, the young men will support their nation if it has to protect itself from invasion or against a deteriorating situation that might lead to invasion. But starting with the Korean war in 1950, America developed a basically immoral doctrine (which he questioned at the time) that is described as a "guns & butter policy" today. We were waging war with the left hand in which a few chosen men sacrificed their lives while our right hand allowed other men to stay at home in an undisturbed economy and make a lot of money. Had we, in 1960, been forced with a national threat and had mobilized our economy for defense, it seems reasonable our young would have responded as young men have throughout history. Michener points out.

Race—Middle-class values appear the most hypocritical in this aspect of national life and much of the disaffection of the young people stems from this area. Middle-class leaders in labor refuse blacks entry to the very fields of work where they would be supposed to perform best. Ordinary moral precepts have been tortured to explain away our treatment of the blacks. Christian ethics had to be revised to justify segregated churches. We work hard to get our kids in the best schools but don't want the blacks there. We don't want any of them in my union working beside us. Who are they to want so much?

While Michener is convinced education is essential for any young person—for today's dropout has got to become tomorrow's ineffectual, he is heartened by the responsibility demonstrated by the young people, black and white, in recent years to look at long overdue problems that require attention and answers. This willingness to challenge patterns, if accompanied by competence and sufficient education to implement their ideas, will do much for America in those areas where change is needed, Michener believes. The test will come—for their performance over the long haul, when it ceases to be exciting, will determine the value of the rebellion.

If the Chicago 1970 convention forum on "Generation Gap" takes us to the larger spheres—as Michener has done with his article—the menace of that gap may be surmounted with Nisei and Sansei working together.