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Ye Editor's Desk

A REWARDING EXPERIENCE

After being engaged to this post for 16 years, my first invitation to be guest speaker at a chapter function on a Friday night was offered several weeks ago...

Friday night is a "regular" working period. A PC editor has never addressed a chapter function. The last speech we made was years ago in a speech class...

But being assured the meeting place closes by 10 p.m. so we can return to work, we finally agreed. In brief, the experience was rewarding.

Though billed as an "informal" talk, we had to inject our thoughts on paper, review a textbook on what it takes to organize a speech and then practically read from the text to stay within the allotted time of 30 minutes...

During the question period (the coffee pot was perking and its aroma was filling the room, I knew we were in overtime on the evening program for the speaker), a suggestion was made that PC should increase its circulation by soliciting readers back East and in areas generally not serviced by the Japanese vernaculars...

The suggestion came from a member who lived back East and felt more Nisei would welcome the PC if they became acquainted with the publication...

What kind of hours do we keep, you might ask. Let's clear this mystery (as people trying to catch the editor during the day now know) by reporting that we're at our desk around 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday...

The schedule may appear unglamorous, but we love it. The printer's ink affects you that way.

JOINT JACL-JR. JACL BOARD

Relative to the discussion Don Hayashi reports in his Potshot column this week on the proposal for JACL chairmen or youth representatives to sit in with "voting rights" on the National JACL Board...

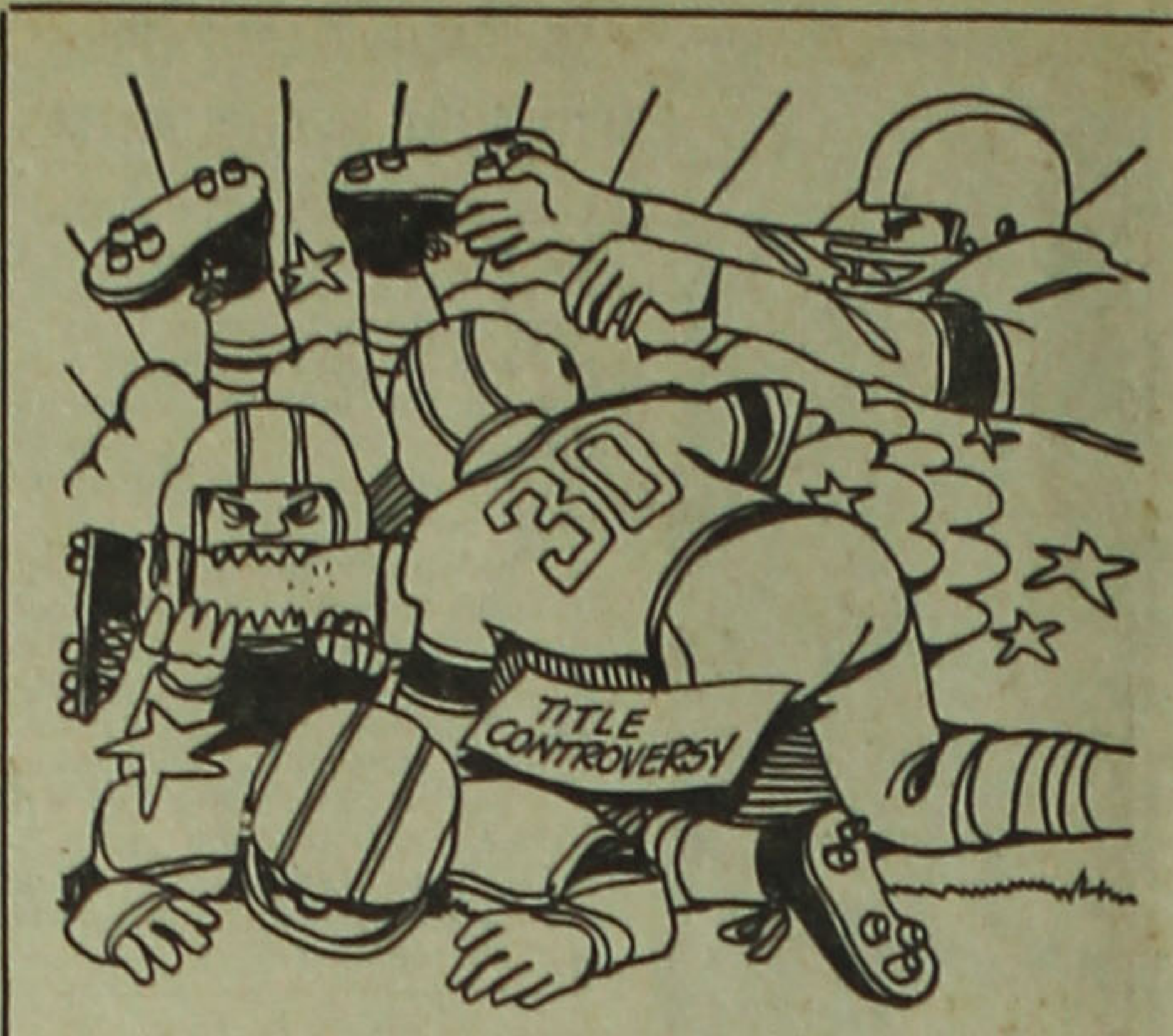
I think I figured out how this can be implemented without upsetting the JACL Constitution drastically. Both boards should be privileged to sit together in discussions pertaining to matters concerning the general welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry.

The voting, however, would be conducted separately so that each board retains its identity (a matter the youth would not want to forfeit). There would be a vote of the youth board and a vote of the adult boards. Combined, but separately tallied and announced, it would spell the directions JACL and Jr. JACL together are committed to.

Someone from the national board (perhaps, the president-elect) should be "invited" and be given voting rights on the junior board.

What are some of the internal areas where youth would not vote on adult JACL policy and vice-versa? This may require joint action of the National JACL Council and National Youth Assembly at a national convention to assert. But we would suggest such areas as budget (except for joint programs), membership dues, executive structures, and such programs of an internal nature...

We're open for comments on this, of course.



THE VALUE OF THE HOSOKAWA HISTORY OF JAPANESE IN AMERICA

Letters from Our Readers

Rohwer Memorial Editor: A dream is coming true. It is a fact that the American Legion and the Arkansas Green Thumbs, an agency of the Farm Bureau Federation...

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Student Aid Program (The following comment appeared in the Washington, D.C. JACL newsletter.)

Key for Success One important ingredient for success was proper counseling. They needed someone to reassure them of their self-worth...

TEXTBOOK BIAS Fifty history and social studies textbooks used in Missouri do not give adequate emphasis to minority problems and the role of the Negro in the development of the nation...

Commit some time to know JACL

(The "Pepper Pot" is reserved for those who are under 35 as their haven of criticism, commentary and colloquy. We are not certain of the age of the writer, whose editorial appeared in the Washington, D.C. JACL newsletter...

By BOB NAKAMOTO D.C. News Notes Editor

Pepper Pot Thus far we have been rather silent about telling certain things like it is or how it should be even though quite aware of the readily available media of this publication.

Being a West Coast product by birth (Sausalito) and by upbringing (including exposure to J-school, J-food, etc.) I, and many others with whom I grew up, never quite personally felt the need to join JACL before.

One of the best ways to learn about an organization is to get involved and commit some time to it.

Being of Japanese ancestry (100%), I'm often mistaken for a foreigner here in the Washington area. Sometimes I'm mistakenly identified as an American Indian, a Latin, and an Eskimo.

Manhattan Echoes: Joe Oyama An Afternoon at Hyde Park Distinguished Professor of Economics at New York State University.

Dolls from Japan In a glass encased shelf there were six classic, foot-high, Japanese dolls.

Of Another Era My son, Richard, who is 18 years old and a sophomore at New York City College, where he plans to major in journalism...

Retrospective Exhibition Eleanor Roosevelt during her lifetime wrote more than 13 books, translated into many foreign languages...

Vanderbilt Mansion In contrast to the simplicity and warmth of the Roosevelt exhibit, one should view from the 54-room Vanderbilt mansion. It has the "finest examples of Italian Renaissance architecture in the country"...

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identified as an American Indian, a Latin, and an Eskimo. When I explain my heritage here as a U.S. citizen, a few Anglos and others find it difficult to accept me as one of "us" instead of "them" even though my family here date back to late 1800's and, in some cases, predate the beginnings here of the very people who feel I should belong elsewhere.

Being over 30 years old, I belong to an age group which the young people by their criteria cannot trust. On the other hand, being under 40, I find myself in the age group where the older people also lack trust (including some Nisei I've met).

Therefore, one would think that I have no problems of age identity except age itself. Being a college student of the 1950's, I'm identified with the silent student generation. The frustration was building up in the 1950's but maybe we were too timid or too busy.

Having lived in Japan for almost two years, I felt more differences with the people of Japan than I did with the American people. Except for similarities in ancestry, my personal gap with people of Japan far exceeded the gap with the American people.

or addresses his text directly to the effect of Pacific imperialism on America's immigrants from Asia. "There was a genuine fear of the Japanese Americans, as representatives of an expanding nation, that had never been extended to Chinese-Americans."

With Captain Cook Though an American, Ledyard served as corporal of marines under the renowned British explorer Capt. James Cook during the search Cook made for a shortcut to China through Northwestern America.

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Return Call Hideo Magara

Calling Playwrights

Q—I am a young Saisei writer. I just heard about the writing contest that is currently going on...

ness of the uses of psychiatric methods to control the evacuees in the various relocation camps...

I have a few possible themes for the drama, if you are interested. 1.—A charming and sentimental tale about a Japanese family in Los Angeles...

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LOOMIS—Congressman Spark Matsunaga of Hawaii, a veteran of much decorated 442nd Regimental Combat Team and Military Intelligence Service Language School...

Fund-Raisers

Contra Costa JACL Despite threatening weather Sept. 6, the chapter chicken barbecue attracted 350 members and friends to Alvarado Park...

For the Elders

Salt Lake JACL The Salt Lake JACL will sponsor a movie benefit at Richey Theater Oct. 7-8 with proceeds to be used for the chapter Issei project...

Guest Speakers

Contra Costa JACL The Chuck Pattersons, well versed in the problems of the Black community through their work and travels in Nigeria...

CALENDAR

- Oct. 4 (Saturday) Monterey Peninsula—Issei Night, JACL Hall. Oct. 5 (Sunday) Alameda—Issei dinner, Alameda Buddhist Church...

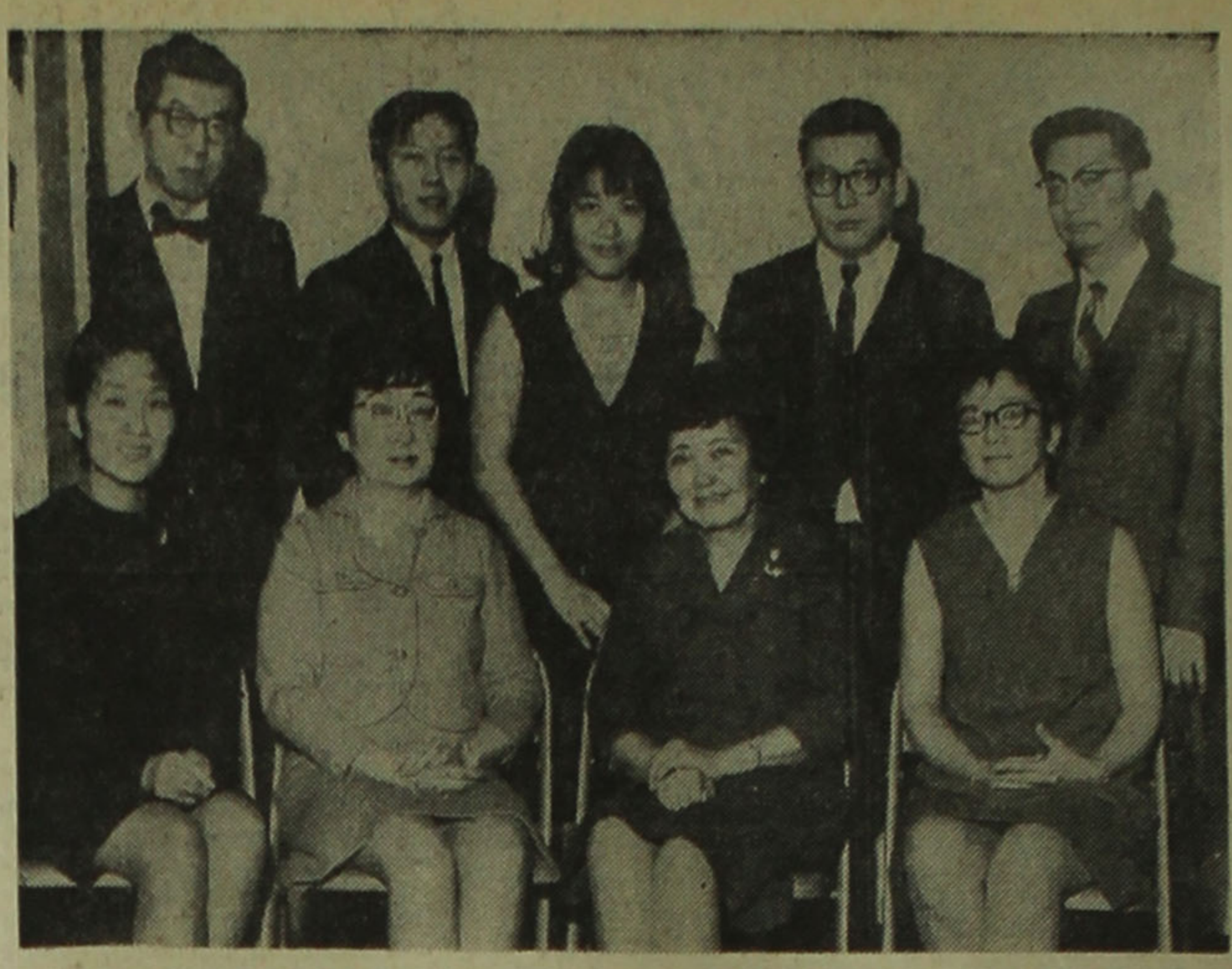
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