

# Housing law tied to referendum invalid

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled last week (Jan. 20) that cities cannot hinder the enactment of open housing laws by requiring the laws to be approved by the voters, instead of simply being passed by the city council.

In an 8-1 decision, the court held that Akron, Ohio, had denied its minority citizens equal protection of the laws by amend-

ing the city charter in 1964 to require that any fair housing measure must be endorsed by a majority of the city's voters.

Many fair housing proponents feel that local enforcement steps ultimately will be the most effective means of fighting housing bias. The decision makes it easier to put such laws on the books.

... the state may no more disadvantage any particular group by making it more difficult to enact legislation in its behalf than it may dilute any person's vote or give any group a smaller representation than another of comparable size," Justice Byron R. White said for the court.

### Black Dissents

Justice Hugo L. Black, the dissenter, said the result of the court's action "is precisely as though it had commanded the state to keep on its books and enforce what the court favors as a fair housing law."

He said the court had cast "aspersions upon the right of citizens to vote."

But White noted that other Akron ordinances affecting real property are subject to popular vote only if at least 10% of the electorate petition for a referendum election.

Only fair housing laws must automatically run the "gauntlet" of a referendum election, White said.

"The Akron charter obviously made it substantially more difficult to secure enactment" of open housing laws, he said.

In a footnote, White emphasized that the court was not barring mere repeal of a fair housing ordinance once it is on the books.

The Akron case was brought by Mrs. Nellie Hunter, a Negro housewife. She charged that an Akron realtor refused to show her houses because owners had specified they did not want them shown to Negroes.

### Rejected in Ohio

Mrs. Hunter attempted to complain to an Equal Opportunity Commission created by a fair housing ordinance that the Akron City Council adopted in 1964. But Akron voters in November, 1964, repealed the ordinance and amended the city charter to require that any open housing law be endorsed by the voters.

Ohio courts rejected Mrs. Hunter's claim that the charter amendment violated the constitution's equal protection clause, and she turned to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Akron urged the high court to dismiss Mrs. Hunter's appeal on grounds that the federal open housing law enacted last year made the question moot.

But White pointed out that the Akron ordinance "provides an enforcement mechanism unmatched by either state or federal legislation. Unlike state or federal programs, the Akron ordinance brings local people together for conciliation and persuasion by and before a local tribunal," he said.

## PSW civil rights workshop Feb. 2

LOS ANGELES — Pacific Southwest District Council will hold its third civil rights workshop on Sunday, Feb. 2 from 2 to 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 961 South Mariposa St.

Two Northern California students actively concerned with recent campus confrontations, Penny Nakatsu of San Francisco State College and Warren Furutani of College of San Mateo, will participate in the workshop which will bring together Nisei and Saneisei to openly express their views on today's problems.

For reservations, call the Southern California JACL office, 626-4471. Cost of registration and supper is \$3.

It is the third workshop on the subject within the past 4½ months under direction of the Ethnic Concerns Committee. The civil rights workshops are open to the public.

Parade chairman  
MERCED—Les Yoshida, most responsible for the highly successful Merced Fair parades for the past three years, was reappointed chairman of the parade committee for 1969. The active Livingston-Merced JACL was also president of the No. Calif. Parade Sponsors Assn. last year.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS

The National Public Relations Committee, under the chairmanship of Harry Takagi of Washington, D.C., proposes that every Senator and Congressman, plus about 100 representative organizations in the U.S., receive gratis subscriptions to the PC.

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# JACL SEEKS NAT'L ASSOC. DIRECTOR FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

Chapter Help Asked to Fill Important Staff Position

SAN FRANCISCO—The position of associate national director for civil rights is open within the Japanese American Citizens League, whose responsibility will be primarily to assist chapters in local civil rights programs.

The chapters were advised of the professional staff opportunity in a memorandum from National Headquarters this week. The salary at \$12,000 per annum is negotiable.

The JACL has budgeted \$20,000 for the civil rights program for the 1969-70 biennium, which includes travel, secretarial help and related expenses.

The National JACL Personnel Committee, 1634 Post St., San Francisco 94115, is accepting application and resume for this new position. Applicants must have:

1—Minimum of a bachelor's degree in the field of humanities and work experience in community organizations and/or social group work.

2—Personal conviction for the need of extending civil and human rights in society and knowledge of the civil rights movement.

3—Some knowledge of the Japanese American communities.

## OMBUDSMAN—FIRST IN U.S.—WILL BE NISEI

HONOLULU — Herman Doi, 43-year-old lawyer and director of the Univ. of Hawaii Legislative Reference Bureau, is expected to be named as the Ombudsman when the state legislature reconvenes Feb. 19.

Doi will be the first state ombudsman, a \$22,000-a-year post created by the 1967 legislature. Term of office will be six years, with a maximum of three terms.

The law provides the ombudsman power to investigate administrative acts of government agencies either on his own initiative or as a result of complaints filed with his office.

Doi earned his law degree in 1954 at the Univ. of Minnesota.

## L.A. human rights group pushing for ISA Title II repeal

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations affirmed its opposition to Subtitle II of the Internal Security Act of 1950 (Emergency Detention Act) and its opposition to the County Board of Supervisors to affirm their opposition to the same law and take appropriate action to exert influence to bring about its repeal.

The Community Relations Conference of Southern California concurred in the LACCHR resolution and called for support and action from its member organizations.

The LACCHR resolution: Whereas: As members of the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations, with knowledge of the experience of Japanese American citizens in emergency detention, we recognize the danger of Subtitle II of the Internal Security Act of 1950 (Emergency Detention Act), to the civil rights of all Americans;

Whereas: We, American citizens of all nationalities regret that said part of our recent history, and

Whereas: The Emergency Detention Act provides that, during periods of "internal security emergency," any person who probably will engage in, or probably will conspire with other to engage in, acts of espionage or sabotage" can be incarcerated in detention camps, and

Whereas: A person detained under the Emergency Detention Act will not be brought to trial under law, but instead will be judged by a Preliminary Hearing Officer and a Detention Board, wherein the detainee must prove his innocence, but the government is not required to disclose evidence or produce witnesses to justify the detention, and

Resolved: That the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations affirms its opposition to Subtitle II of the Internal Security Act of 1950 (Emergency Detention Act), and be it further

Resolved: That the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations strongly recommends to the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County that they also affirm their opposition to Subtitle II of the Internal Security Act of 1950 and that said Board take appropriate steps to exert their influence to bring about the repeal of the Emergency Detention Act with special attention given to sections 812 and 814d of said Act.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 1972 CONVENTION  
WASHINGTON — Looking ahead to the 1972 National JACL Convention which the D.C. chapter will host, a week-long carnival has been proposed as the chief fund-raising event this coming spring, according to Toro Hirose, fund-raising chairman.

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## Japan at tricky stage of political evolution

By JOHN BILBY

Honolulu

Pay attention to Japan!

That's the concerned advice to fellow Americans of Frank Gibney, president of Encyclopaedia Britannica (Japan) Inc., of Tokyo.

Gibney, a frequent writer on the subject, resumed an off-and-on career of professional Japan-watching when he took his job in 1966.

"There is no feeling of immediacy among Americans for the Japanese people," he said. "That scares me, because Japan is at a tricky stage of its evolution."

The country could go either right or left, he said. "If I were with the State Department, I'd have a task force studying Japan and worrying about it," he said.

Gibney was here with Roger Graver, Britannica's international vice president heading a convention of 35 sales managers and their wives from Japan recently.

PW Camp in Hawaii

Gibney's interest in Japan began in Hawaii during World War II. "We had a Japanese prison camp at Iroquois

Point which no one knew about," he said. "Prisoners were brought in immediately after they were captured."

He had attended Navy language school in Colorado, and his job was interrogation.

"It was a strange introduction to Japan — in the middle of the war," he went on.

"Most were pretty decent guys, not very security conscious because they were told that if they were captured they would be barred from ever coming home."

"I made a lot of friends." While still a lieutenant in the Navy, Gibney participated in the occupation of Japan.

Telescopic Views

Later he became Time-Life bureau chief in Tokyo. His first book, "Five Gentlemen of Japan," was a character study of the Japanese people.

(Among his other books, "The Operators," about business morality and crime, became a best-seller, and he edited "The Penkovski Papers." He also has been a senior editor of Newsweek and an editorial writer with Life.)

Gibney describes the views that Japanese and Americans

have of each other as being "from both ends of a telescope."

"The Japanese are looking through the small end, he said. "They see everything in America magnified. If there's a change in the bank interest rate in the U.S., it's on Page 1 of their leading newspaper."

Even so, they have an incomplete picture of this country — in part based on such familiar as American movies and popular music, he said.

But Americans, he feels, tend to ignore Japan, as if looking through the large end of a telescope.

"The ignorance of Americans about many of the simplest things in Japan is staggering," he said.

A delegation of American congressmen was amazed to find — the Japanese feel so strongly about Okinawa being returned to Japan, he said.

"Anybody in Tokyo could have told them the Japanese have felt strongly about this for some years."

"Look at our sensitivity to changes in France, how much we have reacted to De Gaulle. The nation spends maybe one-fifth the time thinking about Japan as about France, which I consider a third-rate country compared to Japan."

Military Base Issue

"Naturally the Japanese are getting restless about the return of bases. True, they want to have their cake and eat it, too. But everybody does."

"We should have cut our losses and moved out of Okinawa a long time ago."

"If we wait until change becomes a conflagration, then we'll be in trouble, and HAVE to move."

"Here, we've sat with our bases in Japan for 24 years. We've taken it for granted, without bothering to acquaint ourselves with the way things change."

Gibney said that on the whole the attitude of Japanese toward Americans is "remarkably friendly."

He said those participating in demonstrations are a minority.

"The great bulk of the Japanese people are very passive politically," he said. "In elections, they vote the way they think."

"The reason a conservative government has been returned again and again is that the Socialist party has tied itself to Communist China. That scares the people."

On the other hand, there is not much popular support in Japan for our participation in the Vietnam War.

Gibney told of a conversation with a Japanese editor and writer and a visiting American politician.

The politician said the writer should appreciate the American position and recognize that Americans were going to get impatient about handling the aid burden by themselves.

The editorial writer replied, "I've been fighting the American case in Vietnam for years and I've quit. You can only hold the line so long."

Agnew Incident

"The Japanese feel a little hurt because they are ignored (by Americans)," Gibney said. "And, Spiro Agnew, our new vice president . . ."

"Don't think his remark about 'Japs' wasn't quoted widely in the Japanese press."

Gibney said there is a great cultural bond between Japan and the U.S. now.

"The Japanese have short-circuited the European part of Western culture and plugged themselves into the American connection. This imposes quite a responsibility on the U.S." —The Advertiser

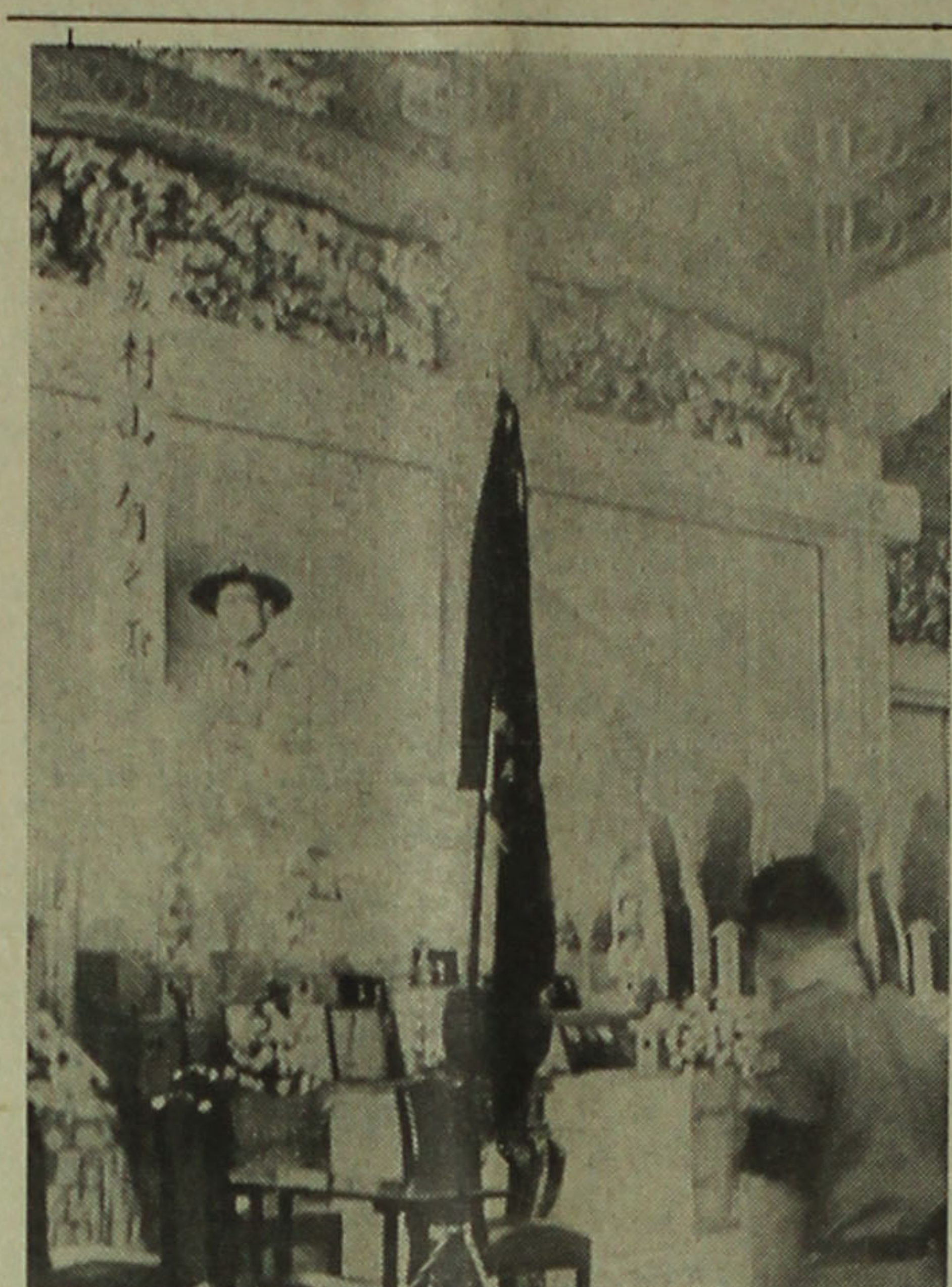
## Chicago JACL marks 25th year

CHICAGO—The Chicago JACL marks its 25th year of service to the community in 1969 and its record of leadership in JACL has provided three national presidents: late Dr. Randolph Sakada, Shigeo Wakamatsu and Kumeo Yoshinari.

In addition to other national officers from Chicago, seven of the 12 governors in Midwest District Council's 22-year history hail from Chicago.

For the first time, an ex-Jr. JACLer, Ross Harano, heads the chapter as board chairman this year. For the first time, the number of young adults (Saneisei) equals or exceeds the number of "old timers" (Nisei) on the chapter board.

Spice plant tour  
SALINAS — JACLers from neighboring Monterey Peninsula and San Benito County chapters swelled the Salinas Valley JACL group to 180 when it toured the Shilling spice plant here recently.



FINAL RITES—A Boy Scout offers incense in memory of Tamotsu Murayama at Tsukiji Hongwanji in Tokyo. —Mainichi Daily News Photo

## DESPITE FALLING RAIN

### Mourners Pay Final Respect

By WELLY T. SHIBATA

Special to The Pacific Citizen

TOKYO — Long lines of mourners filed past the altar at Tsukiji Hongwanji Temple, Tokyo, as a Boy Scout funeral was held Jan. 12 for the late Tamotsu Murayama, 63, who died Dec. 31 aboard the SS Oriental Queen enroute to Hong Kong.

Scouts from all the troops in Tokyo and its vicinity stood at attention as the funeral, in accordance with Buddhist rites, was held for Murayama who was a standing director of the board of the National Association of the Boy Scouts of Japan.

With Hidesaburo Kurushima (chairman of the board of directors, Boy Scouts of Japan) as the chairman of the funeral committee, Clouds of Incense floated upward past Murayama's photograph

above the altar. Abbot Sogen Asahina of Enkakuji Temple conducted the services.

There was a condolence telegram from Governor Ryokichi Minobe of Tokyo Metropolis. Condolence messages were read by Taizo Ishizaka representing Murayama's friends, President Tatsuo Suzuki of Tokyo's Nishi Rotary Club, Roy Y. Nikaide representing Free Masons, and representatives of Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.

The funeral rites were followed by a farewell service (Kokubetsushiki) attended by the general public. Despite the falling rain, Philippine Ambassador Jose S. Laurel III and members of the Embassy, Nisei businessmen, and many friends in journalistic and other circles paid their final tribute to Tamotsu Murayama.

## Task forces to push civil rights

CHICAGO — The Chicago JACL Human Relations Committee met last Sunday to organize its five "task forces" in stepping up its human rights activities. Each "force" is expected to keep informed on current issues, advise the chapter or take action in behalf of the chapter as may be deemed necessary.

The five areas of chief concern are:

Education — educational issues, student bussing, ghetto education, school bonds.

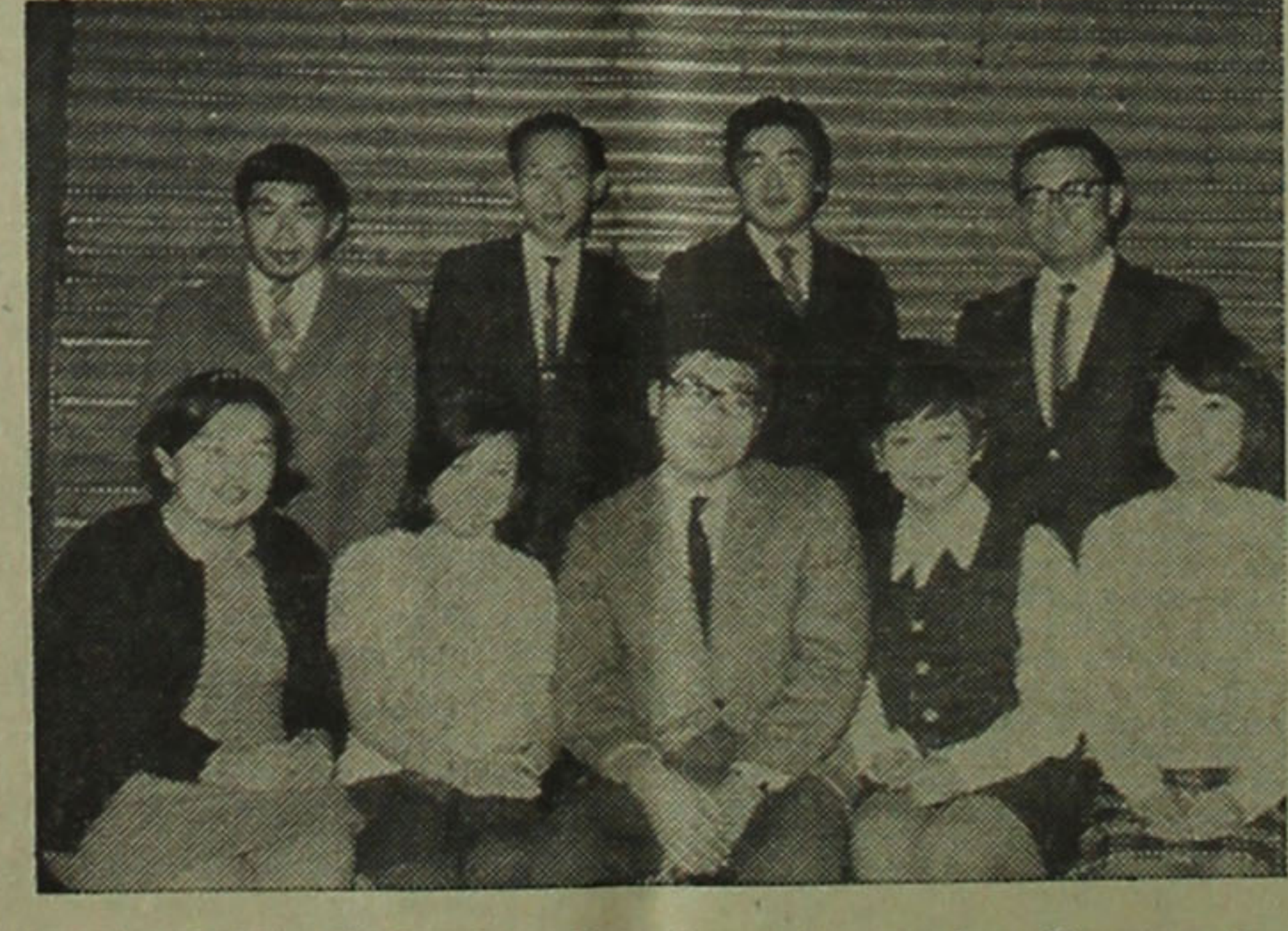
Employment — fair employment practices, jobs for minorities, lobbying for legislation promoting equal employment, investigating problems relating to migrant workers, etc.

Housing — equal and open housing, legislation for open occupancy.

Civil Rights — as watchdog for all other matters relating to civil rights, police-community relations, abolition of detention camp law, etc.

Chapter Education — on-going programs to educate the chapter membership on all issues of the human relations committee, develop programs and coordinate with other task forces in promoting intrachapter campaigns.

Masaru Funai is the new committee chairman, assisted by Ruth Kumata. The committee previously was co-chaired by Kay Yamashita and Mari Aki.



1969 OFFICERS—Newly elected to the Progressive Westside JACL board are (from left): seated—Grace Koshimizu, Tomi Kiyono, Roger Shimizu (pres.), Dorothy Shimizu, Lorraine Fujita; standing—Wally Yanagita, Toy Mayeda, Frank Miyake, and Roy Komori.

### PROGRESSIVE WESTSIDE

## New Board Members Introduced

LOS ANGELES — Incoming members of the Progressive Westside JACL board were introduced by Dr. Franklin Minami, 1968 chairman, at the first meeting of the new year at Tai Ping Restaurant.

Roger Shimizu was presented as the 1969 board chairman. He was an active member of the group trying to organize a similar young adult JACL chapter in Orange County last year.

When he joined the Progressives, he became intensely interested in the civil rights movement. As a result he chaired the first Ad Hoc com-

mittee in the chapter. An instructor at a high school in Gardena, he is presently active with the Issei Project in the downtown area. Because his ideals are toward a more service producing chapter, the Progressives look forward to a year that can really demonstrate the meaning of the word "progressive."

Plans for the chapter's installation dinner-dance have begun under the chairmanship of Frank Miyake. It will be held March 8th at the Airport Marina Hotel. Tickets are \$7.50 per person. They can be obtained by calling Michi Okano at 479-1735.

## Monterey installs Dr. Takashi Hattori

MONTEREY — Close to 100 persons witnessed the Monterey Peninsula JACL installation of Dr. Takashi Hattori as president recently at the Mark Thomas Inn.

County Supervisor Willard Branson conducted the ceremony, which also included officers of the Monterey Jr. JACL and Monterey JACL Women's Auxiliary.

Gary Miyamoto is the 1969 Jr. JACL president. Jane Imagawa and Shiz Shizaki co-chair the Women's Auxiliary.

The Monterey Peninsula Herald was cited by the chapter for its support of Japanese community activities.

Col. Allen Griffin accepted the award, the Japanese American Creed. Ted Durein, Herald managing editor, is an active JACLer.

Dr. Dean Ishii was conferred the Creed for his outstanding services of seven years as youth group adviser. He was a key originator of the chapter youth program and Jr. JACL.

Judge Wayne Kanemoto of San Jose spoke on "Present Day Law and Enforcement," touching upon the changes over the years to stress the rights of the individual.

## Nat'l Executive committee preps for March session

SACRAMENTO — Members of the National JACL Executive Committee will have its second session Mar. 14-16 in Los Angeles, it was announced by Jerry Enomoto, national president, as he reminded committeemen of the Feb. 14 deadline established for reports sought by the first session last October.

Progress reports are expected to be completed by the Feb. 14 deadline in the area of membership, program and activities, chapter relations, legislative, public relations, international affairs, planning, cultural heritage, scholarship foundation, recognitions, publications, budget and finance, uniform dues, 1000 Club, youth, legal, civil rights and Pacific Citizen.

"Some committees may have not done anything but, if so, that should be the report, with proposals or plans as to what is going to be done for the biennium," Enomoto said. Immediate goals and general objectives were established at the October sessions.

Members of the executive committee are the national president, three vice presidents, treasurer and secretary to the board.

New York JACL slates installation fete date

NEW YORK — The annual New York JACL installation dinner will be held on Saturday, Mar. 8, 6 p.m., at Longchamps, Lexington and 42nd St.

Recently elected to the board of directors were: Lucille Nakamura, Tami Ogata, Edna R. Suzuki, Murray Sprung, Michiko Iihara, Joe Oyama, Gerhard Spies, Taikada, Yoshi T. Imai, Joe Harada, Yaye Togasaki, and Min Endo. August Nakagawa, Moonray Kojima, ex-officio, Loren Smith.



# The Inaugural of President Nixon



A few minutes after Monday noon, Jan. 20, Richard M. Nixon was inaugurated as the 37th President of the United States.

To the disillusioned dissidents, to the disadvantaged minorities, and to the discouraged citizens, the inauguration of Richard Nixon should be an inspiration and confirmation that the American dream can still come true even in this day, for his winning of the presidency climaxes a Horatio Alger story in the greatest democratic tradition.

Born to Quaker parents of modest means who operated a not-so-successful grocery store in suburban Los Angeles, he worked himself through college at Whittier and law school at Duke. After a routine stint in the Navy in World War II, he turned to politics as a Congressman, then a United States Senator, and then as the Vice President who rode the coattails of popular General Dwight D. Eisenhower into that office.

Only eight years ago, in 1960, when he tried for the White House on his own, he was defeated in probably the closest presidential race in history by the late John F. Kennedy. Two years later, after being trounced by more than a million votes for the governorship of California, he was a discredited, discounted, bitter politician who was considered "dead" as a national force. Four years ago, his Republican Party did not even consider him as a possible nominee when it named Senator Barry Goldwater as its presidential candidate.

Today, after making the biggest comeback in American political history, Richard Nixon is trying to bring peace and unity to both the nation and the world, with most of his fellow citizens at least willing that he be given the opportunity to prove himself.

As we noted in a Newsletter after the November 5 elections last year, without doubt more Japanese Americans know Richard Nixon personally than any Chief Executive of the past, for many went to public school and college with him in Southern California.

Moreover, as a Congressman and then as a Senator, he supported every JACL effort for corrective and remedial legislation in the post-war Congress, including both major and minor bills. Among these measures were equality in naturalization for the Issei, repeal of the Japanese Immigration Exclusion Act, suspension of deportation and adjustment of immigrant status on the same basis as for Europeans, Japanese American Evacuation Claims, quota-free entry of Japanese brides of American servicemen, veterans, and other citizens, etc.

Always a supporter of statehood for Hawaii, he cooperated in that successful movement while Vice President, where he also headed up the first presidential commission for equal employment rights for Negroes and all other Americans.

Though he has not yet appointed a Japanese American to high responsibility, he is expected to soon, possibly for the federal judiciary.

No wonder that at this inauguration, including the evening balls, more Japanese Americans were in attendance than at any previous inauguration.

Though practically all of his Cabinet Secretaries are unknown to most Japanese Americans, some know Health, Education, and Welfare Secretary Robert Finch, who resigned as California's Lieutenant Governor to accept the post, Housing and Urban Development Secretary George Romney, who gave up his Michigan's governorship to take this national position, and Secretary of State William Rogers, a Nixon law partner who may be remembered as President Eisenhower's former Attorney General who offered to represent the JACL without fee if necessary to persuade the Internal Revenue Service to reverse its decision of the early 1960's to tax Japanese American Evacuation claims paid by the government in partial compensation for some Evacuation property losses.

The number three official in the State Department, U. Alexis Johnson, former Ambassador to Japan who addressed the National JACL Convention in Seattle in 1962, is also remembered as the American Consul in Yokohama immediately after World War II who was so helpful to Japanese Americans stranded in Japan during the hostilities. He is the new Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs.

Utahns in general and Salt Lakers in particular may remember Rocco Siciliano, a presidential assistant and then an Assistant Secretary of Labor in the Eisenhower Administration and the newly designated Under Secretary of Commerce, as a University of Utah debater whose father ran the Italian restaurant on South West Temple before and during the war. He returned to Washington from the presidency of a West Coast maritime organization based in San Francisco.

Richard Nixon's inaugural address in all likelihood will not go into the history books as one of the "greatest" such speeches ever delivered. It was low key, not particularly eloquent, and conciliatory. It was not an inspired call to action, nor a definitive outline of his Administration's policies.

But it did serve to set forth what may be the "tone" and the approach of his Administration to the twin major problems challenging his first term—war in Vietnam and the threat of war elsewhere in the world and divisiveness and turmoil and tension within the United States.

He promised to consecrate his Administration to the cause of peace, both at home and abroad. He pledged to open his administration to youth, to the disaffected, and the alienated, to make America's promise "real for black as well as white."

To the world, President Nixon declared that "We seek an open world—open to ideas, open to the exchange of goods and people, a world in which no people, large or small, will live in angry isolation. We cannot expect to make everyone our friend, but we can try to make no one an enemy."

To his fellow citizens, President Nixon said that "The simple things are the ones most needed today if we are to surmount what divides us and to cement what unites us. . . . To lower our voices is a simple thing. . . . We cannot learn from one another until we stop shouting at one another—until we speak quietly enough so that our words can be heard as well as our voices. . . ."

## EYOA project for L.A. Oriental poor funded till April

LOS ANGELES — A special \$10,800 grant from unexpended 1968 anti-poverty funds will allow a unique Oriental Service Center to continue its services, Manuel Aragon, executive director of the Economic and Youth Opportunities Agency (EYOA), announced last week.

The center, which serves the growing problems faced by Los Angeles County's Oriental poor, began two months ago under a special EYOA grant. The new grant will insure services will continue through March. By that time it is hoped that more stable funding will be found, Aragon said.

Traditionally, the needs of the Oriental poor were served by self-help organizations within each community. Lately, with the sharp increase in new arrivals to the United States "the problems of poverty have become too large for self-help efforts alone to handle," said a proposal submitted by the Council of Oriental Organizations (COO).

Under the EYOA grant, COO and the International Institute of Los Angeles operate a service center with a multi-lingual staff of four. Field workers have established contact with Japanese, Chinese, Korean, and Filipino organizations to coordinate services. "We are getting good responses from all of the Oriental community," said project director Kay Kokubun who for 17 years was the pastor-director of the All Peoples Christian Church and Community Center.

## Ex-prosecutor convicted in Hawaii tax case

HONOLULU — Mamoru Shimokusu, recently retired as Hawaii County's first deputy prosecutor, was found guilty in Federal Court Jan. 16 of failing to file his Federal income tax return for 1966.

The United States Attorney had charged Shimokusu with not filing income tax returns for five straight years—from 1962 to 1966. However, Shimokusu was permitted to plead no contest to the one count. In similar cases, the remaining counts are eventually dismissed once sentence is imposed.

Federal Judge C. Nils Tavares accepted Shimokusu's plea of no contest and found him guilty. He referred Shimokusu to the Federal Probation Office for a pre-sentence report. Sentence will be imposed when the report is completed. Shimokusu is now free on his own recognizance.

The 42-year-old attorney is alleged to have earned a total of \$67,000 in the five years for which no returns were filed.

According to a criminal information filed against him, the amounts were \$10,889.36 in 1962; \$12,473.94 in 1963; \$12,649.29 in 1964; \$15,201.23 in 1965; and \$16,384.38 in 1966.

Shimokusu, of Hilo, has been deputy prosecuting attorney for the County of Hawaii since September, 1956.

After the sentence is imposed, Shimokusu also must pay any back taxes and penalties.

## CALENDAR

- Feb. 1 (Saturday) Salt Lake City—Nat'l JACL Credit Union annual meeting, Prudential S & L Plaza, 33rd South & State, 7 p.m.
- Gardena Valley—Installation dinner, Mishima Restaurant, 1515 S. Western Ave., 7 p.m.
- Fukui, L.A. County Narcotics Commissioner, 8 p.m.
- D.C.—Installation dinner-dance, Twins Bridge Marriott Hotel, 6:30 p.m.; Rep. Sparr Matsunaga, 8 p.m.
- Feb. 1-2 IDC-IDYC—Qtrly Session, Salt Lake JACL hosts: JACL tent, 5 & L Auditorium, 33rd South & State, 12 n-6 p.m. Sat., 9 a.m.-12 n. Sun.
- Chicago—Ski Trip, Indianhead and Powderhorn.
- Feb. 4 (Tuesday) Seattle—Human Relations Comm Mtg, JACL Office, 8 p.m.
- Feb. 7 (Friday) Chicago—Jr. JACL Mtg, JASC Bldg, 7:30 p.m.; Kenji Nakane, spkr.
- Feb. 8 (Saturday) Chicago—YJA Social Hour, Holiday Inn, Lawrence & Marine, 8 p.m.
- Feb. 9 (Sunday) Chicago—Jr. JACL "Reach Out", Montrose Urban Program Center, 3 p.m.
- PSWDC—Civil Rights workshop, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 2-7 p.m.; Penny Nakatsu, Warren Furutani, guest spkrs.
- Feb. 8 (Saturday) Chicago—YJA Social Hour, Holiday Inn, Lawrence & Marine, 8 p.m.
- Detroit—Installation dinner, Botsford Inn, 8 Mile & Grand River, 8 p.m.; Councilman Mel Ravitz, spkr.; "Discrimination in a Free Society."
- Salt Lake Valley—Installation dinner, Howard Johnson's restaurant, Sherman Oaks, 7 p.m.
- Ralph Lazo, spkr.
- Sacramento—Installation dinner, El Rancho Hotel, West Sacramento, 7 p.m.; Mike Masaoka, spkr.
- Feb. 8-9 San Jose—Jr. JACL ski trip, Badger Pass.
- Feb. 9 (Sunday) Stockton—Installation dinner, Stockton Inn.
- NC-WNDC—1st Qtrly Session, Stockton JACL hosts, Stockton Inn.
- Feb. 12 (Wednesday) San Francisco—Aux's panel discussion: Title II, Internal Security Act of 1950, Pine Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 15 (Saturday) Chicago—Jr. JACL Mtg, JASC Bldg, 8-11:30 p.m.
- Feb. 16 (Sunday) PSWDC—Qtrly Session, Gardena Valley JACL hosts.
- Mar. 8 (Saturday) Progressive Festival—Installation dinner-dance, Airport Marina Hotel.
- New York—Installation dinner, Longchamp Restaurant, 42nd & Lexington.

## NEWS CAPSULES

### Government

Sen. Hiram L. Fong has credited civil service employees as being instrumental in America's rise to world preeminence and predicted they would continue to play a leading role in meeting the challenges of the future. Fong was keynote speaker at ceremonies in Washington, D.C., recently commemorating the 86th anniversary of the U.S. Civil Service System.

L.A. County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn has asked State Health and Welfare Agency administrator Spencer Williams to investigate how much time Dr. George Y. Abe, medical director of the Metropolitan State Hospital, Norwalk, is away from his job.

Rep. Patsy T. Mink has been re-elected V.P. of the Democratic Study Group for the 91st Congress. She will serve as regional representative for the group for the 18 Far Western and Midwestern states. The group is made up of about 120 liberal members of the House.

Mrs. Toshi Yamamoto, of 3273 Beverly Blvd., East Los Angeles, was appointed to the Republican State General Committee for her second term. One of six women among the 40 electors of the Republican party last fall, it was highlighted by her many years in party politics.

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### Churches

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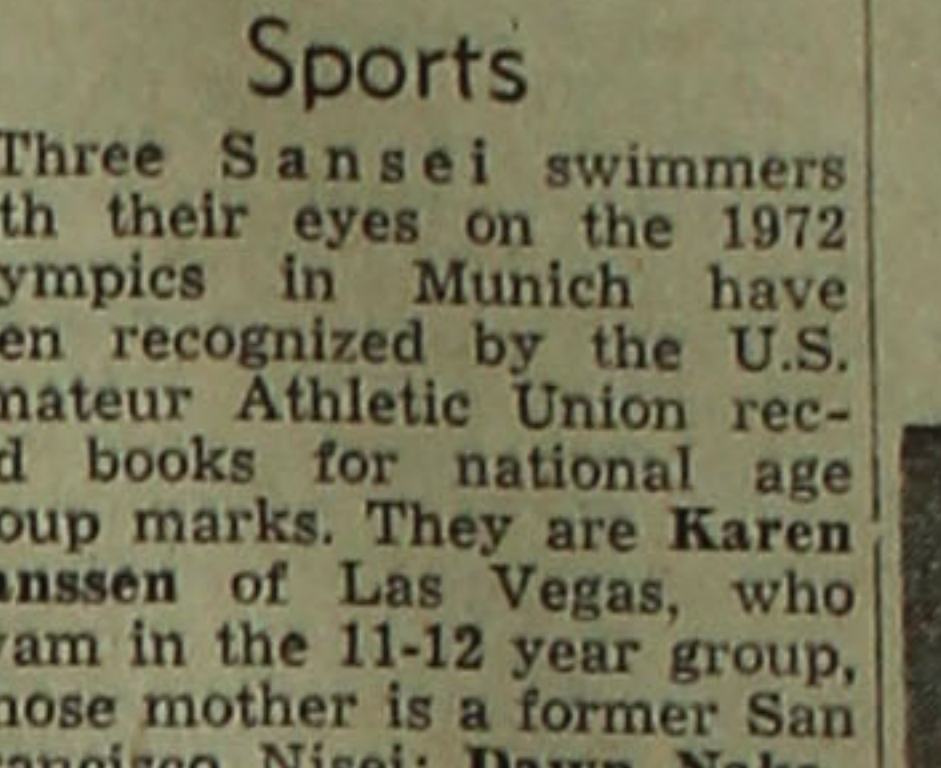
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## From the Frying Pan

Idalia, Colo.

**TRIP TO THE PRAIRIES**—If I had heard of the town of Idalia in the twenty-two and a half years I've lived in Colorado, I had forgotten it. So when the gentleman invited me to come out for a banquet, I had to confess my ignorance. I had no idea of Idalia's whereabouts. "It's straight east of Denver on Highway 36," he explained, "pretty close to the Kansas border." It was there, all right, a pinpoint on the map, its name printed in tiny letters in the midst of wide open spaces which probably were fields of wheat in spring and not much of anything at this time of year.

I happened to mention my destination to Ron Yamamoto, a medical student of my acquaintance, while gassing up at George Kuramoto's station.

"Idalia?" he asked. "Hey, I know Idalia. My wife used to teach school there before we were married. It's way out east. If you drive through town at the 50-mile-an-hour speed limit, you'll be out on the other side in about six seconds. You better be watching for it."

Well, the part of Idalia which is on the highway wasn't very much bigger than that, but Yamamoto was wrong in one respect. The speed limit is 45 miles an hour. But there are two blocks of Idalia off the highway, and at the end of the street is a fine brick schoolhouse where his bride, the former Joyce Okamoto, used to teach.

There really isn't much of anything along the 150 miles of open country between Denver and Idalia. It's mostly dry, flat ground with an infrequent concrete bridge over a sandy dry river bed. Sometimes after a spring rain there's water in the stream. The windblown towns along the way are 20 and 30 miles apart and have names like Byers, Last Chance, Lindon, Anton, Cope and Joes. Once the mountains drop out of sight to the west, all one sees is grassland or wheat stubble stretching off to the endless horizon.

This is country where a wayfarer can appreciate the expression "a rolling sea of grass," and here and there are only clumps of trees where a farmer has planted a windbreak around his house and barns. But it is rich country — with a little break from the weather, meaning rain at the right time, it will yield a bounty of the hard red wheat that bakers prize for bread-making. And more recently, wells have been drilled to bring up gushing streams of artesian water to grow sugar beets and corn.

How did a nice girl like Joyce Okamoto wind up in a place like Idalia? After she was graduated from college in 1965 she heard there were openings for home economics teachers in Yuma County on Colorado's eastern tier, and when she went to apply at Wray, the county seat, everyone seemed mighty happy to see her. They told her there was an opening at Idalia 29 miles down the road, and it was hers if she wanted it.

There were only six or eight youngsters in each graduating class from the high school and not much more than 60 kids in the whole school but the people were so nice and friendly, she taught there two years before she left to get married. There isn't even a movie theater in town, but Joyce didn't have much time to be lonely. There was a real lively pinocle club and basketball games, and the Pep Club to chaperone. And the fact that Joyce had grown up in Fort Lupton, which is a rural town, too, helped her to make the adjustment.

Until I heard about Joyce, I wondered if I were the first Buddhahead to wander into Idalia. Shucks, no, one of the local residents, Chester Wingfield, had lived in Fort Lupton a long time and knew a lot of Issei and Nisei and he even had former State Rep. Seiji Horiuchi come up to talk to the Soil Conservation District about scientific farming. It's a small world.

## Enrollment open for health plan

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Open enrollment period in the JACL-California Blue Shield Group Health Plan during the month of February with coverage to become effective March 1 was announced by John Yasumoto, plan chairman.

Any JACL member and family will be accepted during this time regardless of previous medical history providing there are 265 who enroll. Ordinarily either a health statement or a six-month period is required for joining the JACL Plan.

Earlier in the month it was announced that the plan had paid almost a million dollars in claims since its inception about four years ago after endorsement by the Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council.

In the face of rising medical costs, Yasumoto urged all JACLers to take advantage of this excellent true group plan.

Information is available from chapter commissioners, board of governors or the JACL-California Blue Shield office at National Headquarters.

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**25th ANNIVERSARY**—Mt. Olympus JACL observed its 25th anniversary in December at a dinner honoring all past chapter presidents. Highlight was the posthumous presentation of the Japanese American Creed to the late Henry S. Mitarai, accepted by his son Mark (left) and widow, Mrs. Helen Mitarai. At right is Yukus Inouye, a past

chapter president, who made the presentation. Shigeki Ushio, first chapter president, reviewed the 25-year history and then looked to the future and its challenges. Wilma Kimura and Mas Namba co-chaired the dinner. Past IDC Gov. Tats Misaka installed the 1969 officers.

## Relevance of Japanese American Evacuation of 1942 to moral issue of today discussed over Berkeley radio

By CHIYO MANIWA

**BERKELEY** — "The Failure of Democracy in a Time of Crisis: The Wartime Internment of Japanese Americans and Its Relevance Today" was broadcast (Jan. 16) on KPFA Berkeley. The commentator was Isao Fujimoto, assistant professor of sociology and applied behavioral sciences at UC Davis.

Fujimoto prefaced his discussion to the Japanese American Internment by naming some of the moral issues that plague us today and by asking essentially, "what are you doing?" The thrust of his talk throughout was the relevance of the Japanese American experience to the issues of today.

He based his description of the internment on his own experience, beginning as an eight year old at the Portland Assembly Center, and ending in Tule Lake, a maximum security camp. He recalled how just after Pearl Harbor, two FBI agents came and took away his father, who he did not see again for two years, and how he and his family were forced to trade their fields for livestock stalls.

**Camp Life**

Fujimoto contrasted the treatment of non-Oriental POW's who lived outside the barbed wire that enclosed the Japanese Americans. Since they looked like the enemy, guilt was assumed. The Japanese were in an extremely helpless situation. Written constitutional guarantees were quite easily thrown out in the face of mass hysteria, stated Fujimoto.

Because of this fact, Fujimoto questioned the validity of a democracy that cannot hold up under stress, and also expressed concern over the possibility of a similar suspension of rights today. He referred to the fact that the McCarran Internal Security Act is still on the books, a fact which non-whites and disaffected persons have shown a consistent concern.

**Title II**

Fujimoto pointed out the clause in Title II of the Internal Security Act which authorizes the Attorney General to issue a warrant for "the apprehension of each

person as to whom there is belief that such persons probably will engage in or probably will conspire with others to engage in acts of espionage or of sabotage." He added, "This kind of evidence can be reasonable ground to be turned in by a neighbor who dislikes you."

At another point, Fujimoto said, "The fact that the Act is on the books is significant in terms of the stress Americans place on law and order." This is particularly important, he continued, in times of crisis when we as citizens, may be forced to choose "law and order" over "law and justice."

Cautioning that to focus on the victim takes away from the major issue, he asked "Why does a free society have to have camps at all?"

**Democracy vs. Crisis**

He then asked for a better grasp of what is meant by democracy and how it must function in a time of crisis. He concluded by saying that

we are in a time of crisis, "What is also at issue is the vast gap between rhetoric and action, between what is promised and what is actualized, what we say can happen and what it does happen." Finally, it should be noted that the National JACL is presently working on the repeal of Title II of the Internal Security Act. Also, on a Saneai, Mrs. Gail Nakahara Unno, has filed suit with 15 others to prevent the Attorney General from implementing the law.

**French Camp JACL**

installs '69 cabinet

**FRENCH CAMP**—Dr. Kengo Terashita of Stockton, N.C. WNCDC governor, installed Hiroshi Shimoto as 1969 president of the French Camp JACL at a dinner here Jan. 25.

Yoshio Itaya presented the past president's pin to outgoing leader John Fujiki. Bob Tomingawa was toastmaster.

## TWIN CITIES TO CONDUCT CLASS IN AFRO-AMERICAN HISTORY

**MINNEAPOLIS** — A seven-week course in Afro-American history under auspices of Twin Cities JACL will be underway in February, according to Bill Doi, human relations committee chairman.

It represents this Midwest chapter's unique participation in the JACL commitment in civil rights.

"We can act as open-minded, intelligent beings whose concern for his fellow man compels us to seek information from which to make a sound judgment rather than relying on our outdated, preconceived untenable notions," Doi said.

"It is apparent that the vast majority of Nisei are not inclined to demonstrate nor in any way make himself conspicuous by taking a public stand on controversial issues—at least not, yet."

"History has fashioned for us an image of being very literate—great seekers of knowledge. If this be fact, then that which comes easiest for us may be our redemption."

That is education," Doi pointed out.

The course will be taught by experienced Black instructors, who will interject from personal experiences to make the meetings poignant.

It is hoped that by a study of Afro-American history will convince the Nisei that every man is the equal of every other man—that self-respect, dignity of the individual, pride in one's accomplishment is as dear to the black neighbor as it is to the Nisei, Doi added.

## Livingston-Merced installs officers

**TURLOCK**—Officers and directors of the Livingston-Merced JACL were installed Jan. 10 at a dinner meeting attended by about 50 persons at Divine Gardens here.

National Director Mas Satow of San Francisco, the installing officer, spoke on "1969: Centennial Year of Japanese Immigration to the U.S." It was in 1869 that the first Japanese colony was founded in Coloma, El Dorado County. The year also marks the 50th anniversary of the Yamato Japanese colony of Livingston.

Bob Morimoto, 1969 president, succeeds Fred Hashimoto who emceed the dinner.

## San Diego elects Tom Uda president

**SAN DIEGO** — Active with several Nisei groups here, Tom Uda was installed as San Diego JACL president for the coming year at the Miyako Restaurant recently.

Uda is active with the San Diego Gardeners Assn. and was charter commander of the Japanese American VFW Post 4851. He served as chapter treasurer last year under Isao Horiye, president.

The Rev. Giiko Yamamoto of the San Diego Buddhist Church was honored by the community and to JACL. Similar recognitions to the pastors of other Japanese congregations were made earlier in the year to the Rev. Arthur Tsuneishi, of San Diego Holiness Church, and to the Rev. Benjamin Hiraga, of Ocean View United Church of Christ.

Tom Yanagihara emceed the dinner. Henry Kanegae, national 1st v.p., was installation officer and spoke on the need of increasing participation of JACLers in the area of civil rights.

Akira Takeshita and Walt Obayashi were co-chairmen of the dinner-dance.

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# Segregation in Deep South still persists



## Sansei Slant

By PATTI DOHZEN  
Chairman, Nat'l Youth Council

By AKIRA SANO

Los Angeles  
The man who has hit the limelight in the Japanese community, in addition to the nation, has been Dr. Samuel I. Hayakawa. As acting president at San Francisco State, he has caused as much controversy as a popular political candidate.

### The Man, Uncle Sam

Japanese communities who have praised him for his positive, direct stand in dealing with uncooperative students. Some even support his actions and are proud that a fellow Japanese American has been appointed to act as president of a major college.

On the other hand, there are those who resent his position because it is racially advantageous for him to act as the middle-man and, in short, "do the white man's dirty work." Some have even gone so far as to call him a puppet of the educational establishment.

Others point out that although he is of Japanese descent, he has not had the background of the average Nisei. His non-ethnic environment while living in Canada and his non-experience with camp life during World War II seem to substantiate that statement. Because of this, some have compared his situation to that of the "house nigger" of the Negro slave days. The "house nigger" was the pampered black slave who lived in the plantation mansion as maids, butlers who were used to their white master's way of living rather than the harsh life of the slave field workers.

All of the above opinions expressed depend on the individual's point of view; just as Hayakawa's position is a matter of personal opinion. Admittedly, students should be allowed to attend their school. A closed campus is an inconvenience which creates a hardship.

A value question is raised as to whether or not minor temporary inconveniences should be placed over the ultimate goals of the Third World Liberation Front which has been to modernize the archaic educational system.

Possible major improvements can be made towards greater academic college freedom and the establishment of effective minority studies departments and programs. Although certain actions of the strikers may be questionable, as a minority college student who is interested in improving the college system to more fully benefit the student, I feel that the demands of the BSU and TWLF at San Francisco are justified.

(Akira Sano, working with the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare office in Atlanta, Ga., has been taking a very close look at the life in the Deep South since his moving there in May, 1968. Views expressed are his own and not necessarily of the federal office where he is a civil rights compliance official. Sano, at one time, was research assistant for Mike Masuoka in Washington.—Editor.)

Atlanta  
The dual system in the Deep South has resulted in unique problems few Japanese Americans, exposed to excellent schools and hospitals, realize still exist. This is a brief attempt to present some of these unique features and problems, both in the area of schools and hospitals.

The usual pattern in the South of school desegregation is "consolidation." This involves the closing or gradual phasing out of predominantly Negro schools by grades.

The students formerly at such schools are sent to comparable white schools. In a very few rare instances, "freedom of choice" plan have white students elected to go to predominantly Negro schools.

In instances where a school system and the Federal Government have drawn attendance zone lines around predominantly Negro school facilities, some white children living in these zones have evaded this by obtaining special permission to attend schools elsewhere. Local community pressure is usually so heavy in such instances, school districts have even provided busses to such students, some living one or two blocks away from the Negro schools.

Almost all Southern school systems still maintaining a dual system seemingly have their "Uncle Toms," usually Negro principals. These individuals, out of fear of alienating or angering the superintendent to whom they owe their position, will indicate everything is fine at their schools.

Similarly, teachers and instructors are in this "Uncle Tom" category. Although not expressing their sentiments publicly, these Negro principals and teachers are most fearful of desegregation.

The reason for this is obvious. If his school is closed or phased out, the principal will most likely not be reassigned to become the principal at the comparable white school. In most cases, he becomes the "assistant principal," with some undefined functions and duties, at the reassigned school.

Similarly, some of the Negro teachers, usually older and having received their degrees from predominantly Negro colleges, are not placed as instructors within predominantly white or desegregated schools since their teaching methods, for example, were considered outmoded or not "progressive" enough.

There have been many instances where fully-qualified Negro teachers have been reassigned to such lesser posts as: playground director, librarian, assistant, aide, etc. It is not also uncommon to learn that in some systems such teachers reassigned to desegregated schools are expected to teach math, for example, when their specialized field is English. At the year's end, these same teachers are dismissed on the grounds of "incompetency."

### Use of Funds

In most systems badly-needed Federal funds spell the difference between a very mediocre and barely adequate system.

Federal assistance means the difference in having much-needed specialized, remedial instructors, new and more textbooks, school lunches, equipment such as overhead projectors, readers' aides, etc.

Some school systems still calculate how to receive these Federal funds, yet avoid desegregation.

Some have arranged their funding procedure so that all of the predominantly Negro schools in the system receive such Federal monies, the white schools State and local funds.

When it is determined that these systems have rigid segregation policies and practices, funds must be terminated. Which schools get hurt?

Another subtlety common in this area is to indicate Negro schools are "not inferior" by pointing out the expensive equipment, bought with Federal funds, placed within these facilities. There is only one catch. No qualified instructors or technicians accompany this equipment so that it is never used.

In one school district in Georgia, expensive wood-working equipment and tools had been sent to a predominantly Negro high school. All of this equipment was still created and unused. An examination indicated this school had no qualified shop teacher who knew how to use this equipment. Furthermore, there tended to be duplications in the type of wood-working equipment sent.

One of my most memorable findings was learning that a high school had received bowling balls. No bowling lane was on this campus, let alone a bowling establishment within the town.

Although a school may become desegregated, segregation still exists. White students tend to be with

whites, Negro students still with Negroes.

At a Tennessee high school within a particular class, there were five rows of desks. Three of the rows near the window of this classroom were occupied by white students. The two remaining rows had Negro students.

At another desegregated, predominantly white high school in Tennessee, since school administrators felt there were "too many Negro students," this year's Senior Prom would be the last.

In a well-publicized case, the only Negro student in a just-desegregated white high school in Georgia was forced to sit by himself during the baccalaureate services. Two chairs were vacant between this student sitting at the end of the row and his nearest classmate. The reason given by school administrators for this was the two graduates to occupy the empty chairs could not make the commencement services.

At the time when Martin Luther King was assassinated and most public buildings had their flags at half mast, the only high school in a Tennessee town took down the flag. The rationale given was that since it was cloudy and about to rain, the American flag would be exposed to foul weather.

### Hospital Practices

Since September my work has been involved in determining the civil rights compliance status of hospitals and nursing homes.

Most of the non-complying

facilities are in Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama, and South Carolina. Generally, in the urban centers such as in Florida where there has been a great influx of Northerners bringing with them more of the "liberal" views towards civil rights and in Tennessee where the Negro population is comparatively smaller, hospital facilities, as with the school system, tend to be desegregated to a considerable degree.

### SPECIAL REPORT

At the still rigidly segregated hospitals, Negroes and whites have never been in the same rooms or accommodations as patients. At these facilities, Negro patients have their own wing or section, the so-called "Negro" or "Colored Wing."

At some hospitals, even for not assigned as patients to the same floor as for whites. Thus, whites may occupy the entire first floor, Negroes, the entire second and third.

Although generally "white" and "colored" signs have been taken down, within even the most segregated hospital facility, by "custom," "tradition," and fear, there are still two distinct entrances and waiting rooms. Signs, separate entrances and waiting rooms still can be seen in the offices of local physicians and clinics.

At the most rigidly segregated hospital facility, dual internal facilities exist. Such facilities include: labor rooms

for OB patients, nurseries, operating rooms, restrooms, lockers, and dining areas.

For hospitals which have been desegregated, one of the last major obstacles was to have racially-mixed accommodations.

To indicate their compliance with this, some hospitals still maintain the practice of assigning a 76 year-old white with a six-year old Negro child.

More and more, however, such practices are going out of style. Even within complying hospitals which have considerable degrees of racial room occupancy and in which all internal facilities have been desegregated, indignities still abound for non-whites.

Courtesy titles, such as "Mr.," "Mrs.," "Sir," etc. are rarely, if ever, used toward non-white patients and employees. Such patients and employees are usually called by their first names.

On the other hand, there is the possibility of job loss or some other form of re-priming if these same employees do not address their supervisors with appropriate titles.

To avoid complying with the Civil Rights Act, there has been a growing tendency for many hospitals to be converted into facilities having private room accommodations only. This is no guarantee that segregation will cease.

There have been instances of such facilities segregating Negro patients by assignment to special rooms, and these rooms only, or to a special wing.

Additionally, such facilities as the dining room may be segregated since whites eat in the first shift, non-whites in the second.

The tendency towards all-private room facilities has occurred more frequently in those areas where the Negro population may constitute the majority or where there are as many Negroes as there are whites.

### Dual system cruel

This writer has handled complaints indicating what the cruel, unjust, and patently unfair "dual system" can do.

A Negro woman in Mississippi recently stated she had taken her dying grand-child on two occasions to a hospital. Both times the doctor refused to look at this child on the grounds he was too busy. This baby died shortly thereafter.

At another hospital in Mississippi, a critically sick mother was taken to a local hospital by her son. The hospital where this woman normally would have gone was a considerable distance away. The admitting clerk reluctantly admitted this patient. Approximately eight hours later while still in the hospital, and still receiving no medical assistance, this woman died.

It is not uncommon to hear complaints to the effect that even though Negro patients are first in the waiting room, they are subsequently attended to only after all whites, who may have come in later, had first been treated and served.

In this work there have been some memorable rewards. One took place in Macon, a little town in the northeast corner of Mississippi. The local hospital had been converted into an all-private accommodation and it was my duty to determine its civil rights compliance status.

One of its "deficiencies" was the fact that it maintained two waiting areas, the large, main waiting rooms for whites, five or six chairs in

the hallway for Negro patients and visitors. Although Negroes were beginning to use the main waiting, a good number, especially among the elderly, preferred to sit on the chairs in the hallway.

During the meeting with the administrator, it was suggested that the hallway chairs be moved into the main waiting room since there was space for more chairs.

The administrator replied, "All rights... I'll do it now." He and I moved these chairs into the main area.

As I was about to leave having finished my conference, a Negro employee came up to me and said although some of the Negro residents might complain, "that (the elimination of the Negro waiting area) should have been done a long time ago..."

Back at the office, some of my associates jokingly indicated some of the Negro patients would now have to stand waiting for service thanks to the "direct action" of this associate.

A phone call to this woman a week later indicated that this situation of Negro patients and visitors standing in the hallway did, in fact, exist. However, she and I agree these patients and visitors now had a choice and it was up to them to exercise it.

There might be some consolation in saying that segregated schools and hospitals are becoming fewer and may one day be a thing of the past. However, as long as an institution such as the "dual system" exists directly affecting one minority or other minority group should feel safe or secure.

We, as Americans of Japanese ancestry, have a stake in America as do the Negroes in the South.

If we cannot help and assist in their fight for equality, dignity and decency, we will have failed to protect our own rights. We cannot be like the "Uncle Tom" in the South to profess that "everything is fine," yet know that racial discrimination, overt as has been in the South, exists.

In the troubled months and years head, these "Uncle Toms" and Americans forming minority groups may have to make a choice and stand up between white or black, right or wrong. Our stands and convictions we now make may be the determinants to the stand we may have to make at that later date.

### Contra Costa JA CL votes on school issue

RICHMOND — The Contra Costa JA CL board voted in favor of desegregation of all public schools in the county as well as in the critical Richmond Unified School District. Joe Yasaki represented the board at the Citizens for Excellence in Education meeting last month.

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## New Thrust

The National Urban League has shifted its emphasis from service-rendering activities to a drive for basic institutional reforms in American society. The article below, "New Thrust" by K. Patrick Okura, president of the Omaha Urban League, is a condensation of the position paper issued last Dec. 10.

Omaha's Near Northside is one of the 21 Black communities where the Urban League is pushing "ghetto power."

Black ghetto, for unless new and much greater opportunities are opened in the larger white society efforts within the ghetto can only lead to shared poverty, further isolation from the main stream of society, and intensified frustration.

The fundamental goal "to equalize life results" can be achieved ultimately only by the full and complete integration of the Negro and other minorities into the general American community.

How do we reach our goal and what methods do we use is the challenge that faces the Urban League today?

**Social Service**

As we concentrate our efforts and attention on the Black community, the Urban League must devote primary emphasis to social change and be guided by this objective in all its programs and projects of social service.

First, ultimate solutions for the urban crisis cannot come about without basic changes in many of the ways in which our society operates. No massive expansion of social services alone within the existing social framework can eliminate all the ghetto's problems. If the Urban League is to achieve its ultimate goal, it must work consistently toward social change.

Second, in most communities the scope of human needs is such that Urban League-provided services cannot make a substantial dent in the problem. Undeniably, these services are important to a limited number of individuals, however, the League unique but limited talents in planning, community organization, and problem solving can be put to better use.

Thirdly, the Urban League's knowledge of the men and machinery of the power structure makes it particularly well-qualified to engage in systems-changing efforts.

By PAT OKURA

Omaha  
The crisis is in the ghetto. The burning and looting that have ravaged our cities are due in large measure to the unanswered cries from the people of the ghetto for a fair shake in becoming part of the larger American society.

If the Urban League is to be relevant it must heed that cry of improving life conditions within the ghetto itself as the ghetto will continue to be "home" for most Negroes for the next decade or two. The present and prospective avenues of escape for the majority are too few.

This calls for building the ghetto's internal political strength to increase its bargaining position; developing true local control over ghetto institutions to provide more leadership positions, increasing the ghetto residents voice in community decision making.

This also calls for building more effective action communication between the ghetto and the power structure, developing racial pride and self-awareness which constitute an assertion of self-respect in a society permeated by the assumption of black inferiority, and provide a collective basis for self-esteem for those who are not sustained by individual achievement.

Under these conditions, the ghetto itself may be converted from a place where ills are compounded into an instrument of constructive change.

**Full-Scale Integration**

At the same time, the Urban League must work more vigorously and creatively than before to promote full-scale integration.

This means unqualified incorporation of Negro Americans and other minorities on the basis of equality and mutuality, as a matter of right, not concession; getting rid of unconscious condescension and paternalism as well as conscious discrimination; having whites accept a minority role and share power instead of withdrawing whenever the balance of numbers of power shifts against them.

It means mixed neighborhoods along with jobs, schools, etc. It means understanding some compensatory measures which make for real equality and changing institutions and practices in order to close the racial gap.

It will require effective implementation of present laws providing civil rights in housing, employment, voting, etc. and also some new legislation establishing the rights of people as consumers.

It is essential that progress be made in integration if we hope to succeed in any effort to build up the

Chicago JA CL awarded Friendship Club honors

CHICAGO — The American Friendship Club presented the Chicago JA CL the Ambassador of Friendship award at its 11th annual human rights dinner Dec. 7. Tak Tomiyam, 1968 chapter president, accepted the presentation.

It recognized the organization's contributions toward promoting harmonious relations among all people.

Chicago YJA social

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# Nixon and Civil Rights

As President Richard M. Nixon entered the White House with a somewhat solemn and restrained Inaugural Address, it was only fitting that a nation, embittered with years of divisiveness, should ask what it can expect from the new President and his Administration in bringing us together.

While devoid of specific proposals toward this goal, President Nixon's Inaugural Address contained a "sacred commitment" to devote himself and his office to bring peace at home through spiritual renewal and reconciliation and more justice and opportunity for all Americans.

To the millions of Americans who live a day-to-day existence in a world fraught with racial discrimination and poverty, President Nixon promised a new hope. He declared his intention to do more for Negroes and underprivileged Americans than any previous President.

In addition, the President has given some indication that vigorous enforcement of civil rights laws enacted during the Johnson Administration years—Civil Rights Act of 1964, Voting Rights Act of 1965, Jury Selection Act of 1968, and Fair Housing Law of 1968—will be given top priority by his own Administration.

Several members of the Nixon Cabinet have already committed themselves and their departments to enforce the laws that attack segregation in education and housing, eliminate discrimination in job opportunity, guarantee the right to vote, and insure the right to fair trial.

At the same time, however, many "liberals" who are active in the civil rights struggle are skeptical of the Nixon Administration promises with a "wait and see" attitude.

Attorney General John Mitchell, a former Nixon law partner, said civil rights laws will be given considerable attention by his Justice Department, but has failed to be specific.

Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Robert Finch, former Lieutenant Governor of California, pledged to enforce school-segregation laws, but not necessarily by withholding federal funds from communities that are not pushing integration rapidly enough. And, while Secretary Finch has taken no position on guaranteed annual income for the underprivileged, he has criticized the way federal aid money is being wasted by not "hitting their targets".

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development George Romney, former Governor of Michigan, promises to improve present "model cities" programs by providing adequate and low-cost housing for millions of poor Americans. As a former President of American Motors, Secretary Romney believes private industry cooperation can do much in solving this nation's social problems.

Efforts by the moderate leaders among the Negro community, such as NAACP leader Roy Wilkins, to move their people into the middle class will be given full support by the Nixon Administration. At the same time, the "militant" demands for a separate Black society in America and separate Black Students department that would be wholly autonomous with students picking the teachers and having control of the budget will be opposed by the new Administration.

As an overall view, we can expect the Nixon Administration to be "conservative" minded in the struggle for civil rights. It is doubtful that President Nixon will initiate any new civil rights legislation, as witnessed during the Kennedy and Johnson years. And, while the goal of integration will be fixed by the Nixon Administration as it was by the Johnson Administration, from all indications it appears that there will be less aggressive use of Federal Government power to force integration, but more emphasis on quiet persuasion and pressure.

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# Aloha from Hawaii

by Richard Gima

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## Mayor's Office

Iwao Yokooji, 47, who managed Mayor Frank F. Fasi's campaign in the recent elections, has been named executive assistant to the city managing director Richard K. Sharpless. The job pays \$19,000 a year.

Kekoa D. Kaapu, whose appointment as Urban Renewal Coordinator is still unconfirmed by the city council, was named by Mayor Fasi as acting head of the same post. In another appointment, Fasi named Young Suk Ko, 46, as new deputy director of parks and recreation. Ko formerly was director of intramural athletics and international events for the Univ. of Hawaii.

Mayor Frank F. Fasi has named Miss Jean T. Kadooka to the post of municipal librarian. Barry Chung, the new city prosecuting attorney, has named Lloyd L. Ching as one of his deputies. Miss Kadooka is a native of Hawaii and holds a master's degree in library science from Case-Western Reserve University. Chung was an associate counsel with the Legal Aid Society.

Isuku Murakami, 52, on Jan. 16 took his seat as assistant chief of police in charge of the Honolulu Police Dept.'s investigative operations. Murakami held a captain's rank for the two years prior to being promoted Jan. 15 by Police Chief Dan Liu. '17 promoted Orby Groves to a captain with the patrol division's V-task force unit. Detective of Edwin Ross was promoted to Lt. and transferred to Halawa Jail, and Ahlawa motor patrolman Valentine Lopez was made Sgt. in Honolulu. Capt. Abraham Alona of the administrative division was named to head the Pearl City police district, succeeding Isuku Murakami, who has become an assistant police chief.

## Names in the news

Inspector Wilfred K. Hussey, a veteran of more than 32 years in

the Big Island Police Dept., retired Jan. 16. He joined the department in 1936 under the old sheriff's system and worked up through the ranks to be appointed inspector in 1956. Former Honolulu newspaperman Jack Teehan has resigned as press secretary to Sen. Daniel K. Inouye to take up the post of executive assistant to Mayor Fasi. The appointment of Teehan, 47, to the \$18,500-a-year post was announced Jan. 16 by Fasi. Teehan was press secretary to Inouye from 1963 to 1968. The Hawaii Optometric Assn. elected Dr. Paul Yamada president.

Former Mayor Neal S. Blaisdell on Jan. 16 became the second recipient of St. Louis High School's outstanding alumna award, established in 1967. Blaisdell is a 1921 graduate of the school, where he distinguished himself in debate, dramatics and sports. Johnson C. T. Pao will be leaving his post as Republic of China consul general for Hawaii, it has been announced. But it is not known where his next assignment will be.

## Deaths

George R. Sims, 75, a former city-county supervisor, died Jan. 17 at St. Francis Hospital. He lived at 150 Ululani St., Hilo. He held a wide variety of public offices. William J. Geiger, 67, former principal of McKinley High School, died Jan. 17 after a long illness. He lived at 3609 Woodlawn Drive, Honolulu.

## Vietnam KIA

The Army on Jan. 17 reported the death in action of Lt. Douglas K. K. Chung, the second in Vietnam in 1969 and the 174th since the fighting began there. He was the son of Mrs. Janet H. Chung, 2427 Waiomao Rd., and Winfred A. Chung, 1568 Ulueo Rd., Kailua, Chung, 23, was killed Jan. 12 while in a fire fight at a forward observation base.

# Hawaii state legislature convened with seating either Fong, Akizaki

HONOLULU — Hawaii's state legislature was convened Jan. 15. New legislators were sworn in but not Hiram L. Fong Jr. (R) or Clarence Akizaki (D), who are contesting through the courts now the right to a seat in the state House of Representatives.

The battle over the seating of the eldest son of U. S. Sen. Hiram Fong provided the major piece of drama for the otherwise routine kickoff session.

On the basis of original returns, Fong beat Akizaki (inc.) by two votes for the sixth (and last) House seat from the Manoa-Waikiki 15th District. Akizaki asked for a recount and because of the matter of invalid ballots the case reposes in Judge Tom T. Okino's circuit court for resolution.

The House minority leader, Rep. Buddy Soares, sought to

have Fong Jr. seated until the court submits its final decision. "Not to do so would be to deny proper representation to the 15th District," he said.

House Democratic floor leader, Rep. Stuart Ho, sympathized with the ordeal of Fong and Akizaki and said "neither party in this dispute is entitled to a seat... we cannot ignore the simple mathematics of this matter (which) doesn't speak well of a mandate."

The legislature budgeted for 35 days to allow completion of the state budget and construction on the new Capitol. The one-day session was required to comply with the new requirements of the State Constitution which provides the legislature convene on the third Wednesday in January (a month earlier than usual).

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Seeing the relative smallness of our earth, we get the feeling that it is very easily possible for men now to blow it to smithereens. The capability is there.

I believe it was Apollo-17 Borman's voice from space which said in essence: "If man could see what a small restricted globe on which we men live, and how close together we really are, then he felt men would begin to feel the need to get along together. What a thought. We are now where we can destroy the only place men can live on—the earth."

During December, in the midst of our routine business contacts around the country, we were able to meet with JACLers — often on short notice — in areas where there are chapters.

In St. Louis, we enjoyed an "out of the world" steak at Stan Musical's Restaurant with Dr. Jackson Eto, Fred Oshima, and past president George Hasegawa.

These three men represent some of those most successful Nisei in our country today. Dr. Jackson Eto is a very highly regarded pediatrician, while George Hasegawa is one of the top architects in the St. Louis area.

While in Chicago, I visited the Midwest Office where Mrs. Esther Hagiwara is doing a tremendous job. A "one-man office" she is carrying an extremely heavy load as its secretary, manager, loan officer for the Chicago JACL Credit Union, secretary-typist to the several National officers and committeemen in the district, keeping straight the Thousand Club records, and mimeographer. Her only complaint, the IBM typewriter is going to fall part soon from overwork.

Spent the Saturday afternoon and evening with Thousand Club Chairman Dr. Frank Sakamoto, talking 1970 Convention, and how to upgrade the 1000 Club and thanks to Mrs. Sakamoto for letting me stay overnight with their family.

Due to many functions going on that weekend in Chicago, was unable to meet others. Will do better next time.

From Chicago, flew north to Milwaukee, where my son Tom is going to Marquette. I was greatly surprised and we pleased to have a wonderful

25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, Jan. 29, 1944

Nonappearance of Sgt. Ben Kuroki on Ginny Simm's Hour (Jan. 25) explained by NBC in belief Nisei problem "controversial" on west coast

Nisei wife of Caucasian worker in Contra Costa County returns home from camp, threatened by neighbors family leaves

Justice Dept. will act to protect loyal Nisei from pending congressional measures to "denationalize" Japanese Americans

Draft boards begin reclassifying Nisei from 4-C (enemy alien) status

Refereeing girls wrestling match no powder puff

By GEORGE YOSHINAGA

Los Angeles. It was an interesting experience I was confronted with last night in Van Nuys. I was a referee for a girls' wrestling match.

At first glance this may sound like a fun assignment but I found out rather quickly that there are a lot more fun things to do on this earth of ours.

The match involved Patty O'Hara, one of the brightest stars in the world of women's

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professional wrestling, exchanging grips with veteran Waver Bryant.

The latter is a 165 pounder with muscles which make my biceps look like a shoe string.

After the two fall match I was huffing and puffing more than the two girls.

One of the most difficult things about refereeing a women's match (or any other wrestling match for that matter) is to anticipate which way the one of the girls is going to throw her opponent.

I guess it's like cutting down a tree and knowing which way it's going to fall. If one happens to be standing on the wrong side . . . kapow!

I got it a couple of times and nearly was stretched out by flying feet.

These girls are good. They can throw each other around with careless abandon and come up smiling.

How did I get involved in such a situation? That's easy. I always seem to get caught in the middle of these things without even trying.

Actually, these two women are wrestlers I booked for matches in Japan starting Jan. 21. They were holding their weekly training matches at a Van Nuys gym and when the referee failed to show up I was pressed into service.

The girls will be facing Japanese professional women wrestlers in 24 matches in the major cities of Japan. Most of the matches will be televised so the Japanese viewers will get a good look at the "fairer sex" as they grunt and groan throughout Japan.

As for me . . . I had a tough time getting out of bed this morning.

I'd better take Patty O'Hara's advice. As I was staggering out of the gym she called out to me, "You'd better get in shape old man if you want to keep up with us gals."

—Kashu Mainichi

PC Letterbox

Hayakawa Issue

National President Jerry Enomoto intimates in his column of Jan. 17 that Chapters should take knowledgeable stands even in the face of creating misunderstanding and distrust among minorities.

The Ethnic Concerns Committee was organized for the express purpose of combating the deteriorating relationship between the Japanese Community and other ethnic groups. This therefore was our only concern when we released that memo to our chapters.

We certainly are not against expression of opinion, but as a chapter away from the San Francisco Area, we truly weigh the "facts" and weed out extraneous issues? These so-called facts come out of newspapers and magazine articles favoring the establishment.

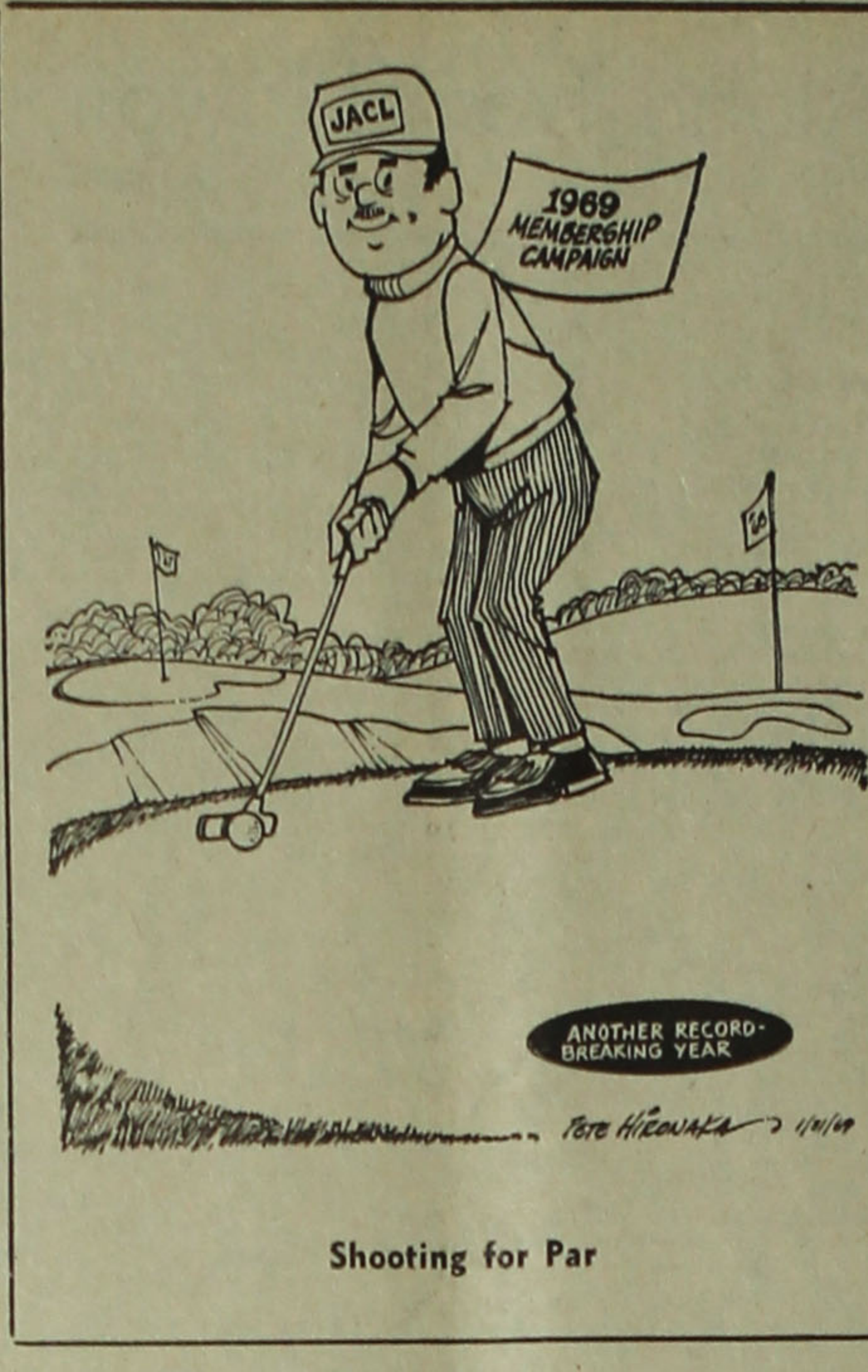
Very little is said about the "facts" relative to the student protesters' long struggle with the establishment. The farmers in central California, for example, certainly are aware of how the press can distort of facts to sway public opinion. The small farmers' predicament was never adequately covered.

If a chapter is sincere about weighing the facts and communicating its honest conclusion, it should conduct its own investigation to dig out its own facts before taking a stand. The case for racial harmony is so strong in this period of chaos that a chapter should not rely on newspaper articles as a basis for its conclusion.

Dr. Hayakawa's stand to keep the school open sounded good on the surface but it was, at the same time, a public challenge to the striking students. A violent confrontation was therefore predictable.

Would it not have been wiser, in light of probable violence and danger to innocent people, if the new administrator had called a three day school holiday for an honest confrontation with the leaders of the striking students? He was in a perfect position to establish real communication without antagonism. He had the golden opportunity to bring harmony out of chaos. He had the chance of making a real contribution and he blew it!

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Bin-Boh

WHILE IT MAY SOUND like a ping-pong game, "bin-boh" in Japanese means "poverty" or "being poor." (Neither is it a pitch by a Japanese hurler aimed at the head.) Anyway, not unlike a number of other Nisei, in those youthful years this writer lived under very modest circumstances in the small farming community of Kent, Washington.

Perhaps "how modest" might be best judged by relating to you that as a boy I figured that anyone who lived in a house that was painted had to be rich. However, within the family and the "Nihonjin" community then, the deprivation was confined to material poverty, for both family and community otherwise provided many other more important and lasting basics.

ON THE ROCKS, PLEASE

THE OTHER DAY I got to thinking whether or not that prolonged material poverty had affected my (and perhaps yours) current standard of values. And I think it has, at least for me.

TAKE FOR INSTANCE drinking, the spiritous stuff I mean. Not being able to afford liquors I never learned the "art" — yes, they tell me it's an "art" — of drinking. I still don't know the difference between whiskey, rye, scotch, etc., the brand names mean nothing to me and when it comes to mixes, I'm really lost. A real unsophisticated boob. But not all is lost: I think, and I'm not sure because I'm embarrassed to reveal my ignorance by openly asking my "drinking friends," it shows good taste and breeding to order your scotch "on the rocks" as contrasted to mixing it with soda or, horrors, 7-Up.

I DON'T HAVE an emotional or religious-founded aversion to that spiritous stuff. To be quite honest about it, that stuff actually tastes downright bitter. But for the sake of covering up my "inaka" upbringing and instead exhibiting a bit of that savoir faire, I'll hold a glass or two during the course of a social evening. After all, no one wants to be that "nesshin."

SHOYU, RICE & DIAMONDS

SPEAKING OF FOOD, having been hardened to a regimen of simple fare, among other things I savor to this day weiners and boiled eggs. While other more-advanced, if not more refined, Nisei will argue that one shoyu is better than another brand of shoyu, or that "shinnai" rice is better, etc. to me "shoyu is shoyu" and "rice is rice."

AMONG THE THINGS that I once vowed I'd never own are a diamond ring for myself (and I'm confirmed on this), a mink coat for the wife I'd have (she's working on this), and a tuxedo (renting, still don't own one). As to tuxedos, in those early years I had reasoned that a neat suit should suffice for any occasion and that putting on a tux was "putting on the dog." However, one can rationalize away almost anything and it appears we may rationalize away "the dog" . . . or at least before "the mink" anyway. But be careful on which you place your money: a wife has a way of being mighty persuasive.

POVERTY SYNDROME

IF THERE BE a point to any of this, now that Nisei generally do not suffer anymore from material poverty, they may suffer from "poverty syndrome": that is, having been so poor for so long, some may so fear hard times and so rely on material support that they are, in fact, yet poor. Right in the midst of plenty.

GUEST EDITORIAL: Honolulu Advertiser

Elks, Lions and Race

One does not want to pick on the Elks Club, a pleasant place with many pleasant members gathered there on the shore by Diamond Head beneath an American flag proudly flying 24 hours a day.

Still the Elks have a special problem with racial discrimination which prevents Orientals, Filipinos or Negroes from becoming members.

There are other vestiges of racial discrimination in Hawaii clubs. But the barriers have gradually been giving way. For one notable example, the most important of the old holdouts, the Pacific Club, has made quiet steady progress in the last couple of years.

THE HAWAII ELKS have long gone a different and less democratic route. Still unless they really want to hide behind the barrier of a national

Greatest human desires hidden and tempting

By JIM HENRY

Tokyo. Without a doubt, one of the greatest desires of most people is to say to the other person what he has been constantly saying to you. At least this is the contention of a recent article on human desires of people in the Shukan Asahi, weekly magazine published by the Asahi Shimbun.

For example, just as a Tokyo University professor said to a student who pulled his tie, "You're suspended for an indefinite period!" — so to shout to his wife after she grabs his tie at home, "You're suspended indefinitely from your job as wife!" is the wish of writer-doctor Inada Nada.

SAKURA SCRIPT

Yuji Aida, professor of Kyoto University says: "I would like to see the university handed over to the Zengakuren, have the professors attend lectures and demand mass bargaining, then subject the Zengakuren members to a kangaroo court, asking them what kind of a university they intend to create."

A salary earner said, "I'd like just once to meet the company president in the corridor, pat him on the shoulder and ask, 'Well, old boy, how are things going these days?'"

Twenty-three other salaried men in Tokyo, all dissatisfied with their higher ups, "What a lousy job you've done. You had better quit before I fire you."

A 30-year-old bank clerk, tired of being formal every day, said he dreamt of going to work in a turtle-neck sweater.

"I want to change my wife," said a 27-year-old daredevil, while a 32-year-old realist said, "I'd like to spend a week at a hot spring resort, leaving my wife at home."

A 36-year-old veteran dreamt of putting bar hostesses to forced labor. One man with a sense of adventure said he wished to become a staff officer with the Zengakuren and lead them in clashes with riot police.

A young housewife said, "I'd like to have a date with my old lover and make him promise to meet me once a year for the next 10 years."

A husband said he'd like to break down the walls of his next-door neighbors out to get more living space. Junior high school students, of course, said, "Making love is what I want to do most."

The topper of them all, however is the desire of editors of the Asahi Shimbun itself. What they wish to do is: Make Prime Minister Eisaku Sato, the three top officials of the ruling Liberal-Democratic Party and all Cabinet Ministers live in privately-owned apartments in faraway building complexes; tire them through commuting daily on crowded trains; give them spending money of only ¥260 (75c) a day; take a big chunk out of their bonuses for taxes; then smilingly say to them, "How about it? Isn't it great that Japan is prospering as a result of our party?"

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Continued from Page 4 grams to be executed. The test of achievement lies in the results, in evidence that the problem is being solved or substantially reduced, not in the effort expended or the number of individuals served.

The Urban League is beginning to become a problem-solving link between the ghetto and the establishment. It is beginning to develop the power of the poor by helping the poor get for themselves the things they need.

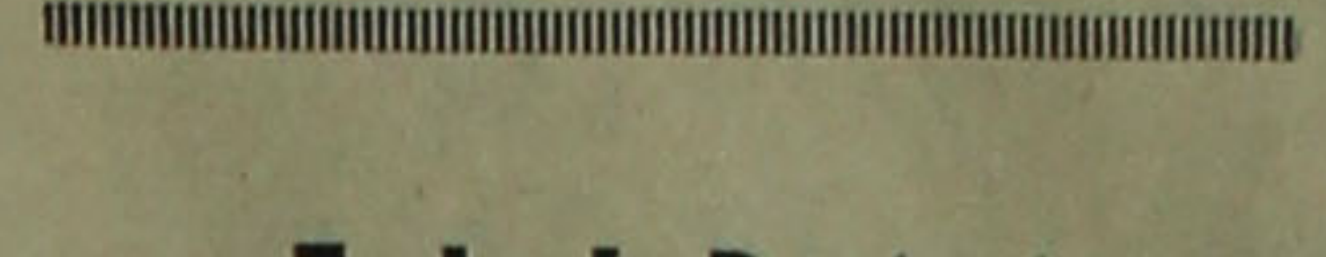
The League's only alternative is, indeed, becoming the League's finest opportunity: to work with people, where they are, to involve them deeply in this work, to link their aspirations and energy with the resources and leadership structure of the communities of the nation, and to move forward together with all the speed our collective efforts can generate.

policy, we would suggest they think about making a point at their national convention in Dallas in July.

Man's "right to discriminate" in private clubs is well established, of course. But so should be man's responsibility to honestly ask himself why he discriminates.

Hopefully, change will come. But the day may also come, if it has not already, when local Elks must ask which means more — being bound to an organization that discriminates racially against the majority of Hawaii's people (including its members of Congress) or moving forward with social change in our society.

Sounding Board Jeffrey Matsui



Today's Protest

A few evenings ago I may have gotten a couple of Nisei upset by suggesting that our future may not be too bright, not too comfortable or secure.

Our discussion began when the two Nisei started wondering out loud about what the country was coming to — with all those punks, anarchists and communists allowed to run around loose to destroy the American way of life. They appeared to be a bit too "objective" and smug to my liking so I very matter of factly said, "Being a minority person, the actions of the left doesn't bother me. That's the worry of the majority community. What scares me is the super Americans of the right who are always looking for excuses to get at the 'foreigners.'"

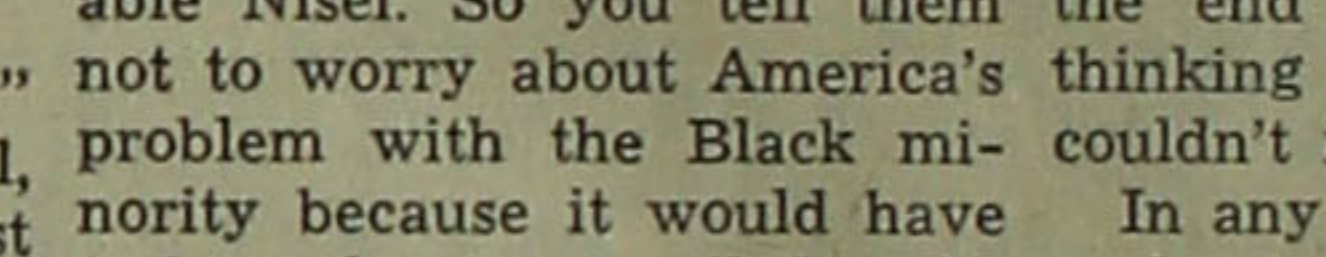
After looking at me kinda funny, at first, they recovered and tried to save me by explaining in a sorta condescending way that we're all just plain Americans and there's no other kind, thanks to the 442 and our own personal sacrifices, etc.

Naturally, I didn't quite agree and told them that the "just plain Americans" thing ain't so yet but this is what the Nisei is critical of is all about — to make it so. This is why it's so important that the Nisei keep informed of what today's protest and dissent is all about — because it's about him, his family and future.

From there it's my regular harangue, which could be considered a more dignified "confrontation" if I were a bit more sober. Its purpose is to "shake up" the unshakable Nisei. So you tell them not to worry about America's problem with the Black minority because it would have to be at least reconciled within 10 years so that a concerted effort can be made against Americans of Oriental ancestry.

"Why would Americans be so afraid of the Black man?" "Why couldn't it happen?" In any event it's hoped that at least these two Nisei will listen closely to what many of these "crazy" youths of today are fighting for. The struggle may well be for him and his children.

Accent on Youth Alan Kumamoto



Young Adult Sequel

Last week found our column entitled "Young Adult Now" appropriately preceded Don Hayashi's Potshots column "Responding to Change." Activist Don, you will recall, was laying on the line three imperative remedies, as he saw it, for chapter level response with an eye on ex-Junior JACLers continuing on the Young Adult track. We would like to add some further expressions.

Our first assumption, of course, is that the JACL genuinely wants new blood and is not just giving lip service. We realize at times in any establishment, those entrenched well into the fixtures consider change a real threat. Yet undeniably organizations will not progress and keep up with the times if innovation and change does not occur. JACL with a new membership including the young adults help the younger, less-settled Japanese American to develop and establish their own manner and means of participating and in so doing determine their own destiny and place.

What is unclear at present in our own minds is whom do we consider Young Adults and what becomes increasingly difficult is that our own translations become mixed.

In some areas we say Young Adult means ex-Junior JACLers while in others we are talking of the eligible post-college young "swingles" (a combination of single and swinger), and while still others take the view that we are combining any conglomerate.

We believe that this is a real issue. We must be able to define clearly what population of young people we are talking about as young adult clearly and whether we are taking the college student or post-college student. Then too are we saying collegiate when some high school graduates go and find a job? Are

we then caught in an age-grouping aspect (i.e.) 18-25; 21-30, etc. And finally what about the young marrieds?

When we raise the above questions we naturally look for answers and point to those who can provide the leadership, decision making capabilities, and have the courage to make a stand. Are we again vacillating on an area where we should now have concern as JACL and who is the appropriate body to affect change?

When we look at the complex scope of the Young Adult question, we have glanced at the Chicago auxiliary, the Progressive Westside JACL chapter and the Seattle Young Adult college-type approaches. Each provides a plausible solution on how to include the younger segments of the Japanese American community within the realm of JACL.

The major "how?" may be effected along the scale from integration into the existing adult chapter to a separate but equal structure. The melting pot to separatist philosophies may not have to be resolved at the national levels for the ultimate conclusions must be drawn within the acceptable framework of the grassroots chapter.

The role that those above this level should follow might be that of counsel and advice.

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