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Perspectives

In lieu of "Perspectives," Jerry Enomoto's address with the Oakland JACL of April 18 takes over the space.

By JERRY ENOMOTO
National JACL President

About three months from now my four years as National JACL president will be over. What I have to say to you tonight will not be a historical review of those four years, a properly modest acknowledgement of a job well done, a sentimental look back, or any other perhaps conventional speech.

Current Trends and JACL

I am very mindful of the fact that the Oakland JACL's invitation to me is in itself a kind of novel one, because this is not an installation dinner, but an evening which has been reported in your newsletter as a chance for us to talk together.

Although I have prepared a brief text, I have done so only because it is important to me that I share clearly with you a few things that I feel are vital for JACL's future. "Current Trends and JACL" is a most apt title, if one is needed. In the discussion following I hope that there will be an open and informal exchange of views, with no script involved.

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First of all I want to say that I have taken the job of national president seriously, but have tried not to take myself too seriously, because it is awfully easy in a role like this to become so self-righteous that you defeat yourself. I have also enjoyed the experience and, if I have been on an ego trip as some might put it, I can only hope that something good came out of it for JACL.

Who Am I?

Considering the context of what I want to say tonight, it is important that I explain who and what I am as a person. I am a 44-year-old Nisei and without labelling myself as anything, I perceive myself as having Nisei "hang-ups." Incidentally, I feel that everybody has hang-ups, not just Nisei.

In the rhetoric of today, I am an establishment-type. Evidently this makes me automatically suspect, to some, as unfeeling, apathetic (if not racist) and irrelevant. Actually, to some extent, despite my best efforts I have been all of these things at one time or another and the saving grace may be that I am trying to change. At the same time I am sick and tired of the thoughtless attacks of some that those of our generation are hopeless. I too don't like being put in a bag.

Thanks to something in the American life style, I have also had the underdog psychology, which is an incurable desire to see the little guy get a break. Whether a result of minority group paranoia, or not, I have a gut-level dislike for injustice and bullies.

Something in me rebels against the hypocrisy of hollering prejudice when I'm the victim, and either keeping quiet when it's somebody else or, worse still, practicing it against fellow human beings. I've woked for years in a business where you see the worst sides of people, while at the same time you are forced to recognize that a lot can be done if we don't forget what compassion means.

For Speaking Out

All of these things are mixed up in me, together with the hang-ups—and they may not be seen as hang-ups by everybody. I'm talking about the don't-call-attention-to-yourself, don't-rock-the-boat, don't - advocate - unpopular-causes, don't-wreck-our-image phenomena. It's not that long ago that I developed enough security to move away from silence and toward speaking out.

I tell these things on myself not so you can analyze me, but because I believe there are many Nisei who may be similarly described. And so that my perception of current trends and JACL can be better understood.

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For some time before I became national president, I believed in a more active and greater commitment by JACL toward the problems that faced the greater communities in which we live. Then, as now, I felt that we were particularly weak in doing more than paying lip service to the many things that needed to be done in civil and human rights matters at the chapter levels.

During the past several years, I have tried to enunciate my own philosophy of where I felt JACL ought to be, and help establish a climate conducive to concern and involvement. While we have seen major legislative gains in the civil rights area in these years, the failure of reality to meet rising expectations, started a trend of protest and open rebellion. Many youth, impatient and conditioned to a life style much different from ours, make demands for a better life now. Minority youth want to know more about themselves.

Japanese Needs

In all of this, some elements in JACL have seen the need

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Bomb rips Seattle Japanese church

SEATTLE — A series of four bombings, all within a span of a few minutes, rocked the Central Area Sunday night (April 19), damaging a church, two business houses and a residential home but inflicting no injuries.

In all cases, it appeared the explosive devices had either been placed against the outside of the building or hurled through windows.

The first to be hit by an explosion was the Japanese Presbyterian Church at 1801-24th Ave. So., on the edge of Seattle's Central Area. The explosion took place at 10:08 p.m.

Preliminary estimate of the damage was $1,500.

No Prior Threat

Pastors of the church are the Rev. Kiyoshi Noji and the Rev. Richard Nishioka, who revealed the church had received no threats.

Acting Police Chief Frank Moore said there did not seem to be a pattern to the bombings. He surmised that at least three persons would have been needed to coordinate the blasts. Probably several organized groups are involved, he said.

Over 130 Incidents

Major Neil Maloney, head of the criminal-investigation division said there have been about 130 incidents in the past year or so involving bombings attempted bombings and related activities.

Senator Henry M. Jackson was trying to reach Department of Justice officials to seek Federal Bureau of Investigation help in tracking down those responsible for bombings Sunday night.

The senator said Tuesday he had not received a formal request from Mayor Wes Uhlman but that Senator Warren G. Magnuson had heard from the mayor a month or more oag.

Federal Case

Jackson said there may be federal jurisdiction because *a church was bombed*, among other places, including the home of State Rep. David Sprague. Civil rights legislation passed a year ago allows federal aid in cases of church bombings.

Uhlman's request a month ago for federal help also fell under the civil rights legislation because a synagogue was bombed, a Magnuson aide told Jackson.

Jackson conceded there is a jurisdiction problem and said the bombings must be handled basically by local law enforcement.

The senator added:

"This is a serious matter. I feel we may well have a need for federal legislation in these terror bombings to make the presumption that the defendant had crossed state lines."

Congressmen's Request

Without the crossing of state lines, federal investigators do not have jurisdiction. Jackson said the investigation may need to presume there was interstate activity to gain federal help.

John Wilson, assistant director of public information in the Justice Department, said the department will consider any request by a member of Congress but does not announce whether it actually will participate in any investigation.

Acting Police Chief Moore said that bombings of federal property at the University of Washington and of Model City property should allow the FBI to step in.

The FBI is looking into cases involving Reserve Officers Training Corps at the U. of W.

COURT ABSOLVES LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE IN REFUSING NEGRO SERVICE

HARRISBURG, Pa. — The Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission will appeal a recent court decision absolving the Loyal Order of the Moose in discrimination charges brought by the Commission arising from an incident in which Rep. K. Leroy Irvis, a Negro, was refused service in the clubhouse facilities owned by the Order.

The appeal is now being prepared, according to Stanton W. Kratzok, counsel for the Commission, for submission before the Superior Court in Harrisburg.

Irvis, House Majority Leader, had entered the Moose facilities in Harrisburg with several other legislators and was refused service.

A subsequent complaint to the state Human Relations Commission resulted in the litigation instituted by the Commission in which the **jority opinion of the six-man court, however, chided the Moose for its refusal to serve Irvis, stating that the action was "immorally indefensible and deficient in good manners and common sense."**

The decision was reached in early March. The Commission, whose chairman is Max Rosenn, decided a few days later an appeal on the Commonwealth Court's findings would be instituted.

Two bills are currently pending in the State Legislature that would place private clubs under the jurisdiction of the Liquor Control Board, which under their provisions would make it unlawful to discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, creed or color.

The House bill has been introduced by Rep. Irvis and the Senate bill by State Senator Fred Hobbs, representing the 29th district of Pennsylvania.

Both bills are essentially the same, providing that a club will not be deemed engaged in unlawful discrimination if it organized on a religious or ethnic basis so long as this premise is not used as a subterfuge to exclude certain persons because of their race or religious beliefs.

Both bills, aided in their formulation by the officials of the Anti-Defamation League, Harry Lightstone and Sam Gaber, have been held up in committees of both bodies and the question is, according to spokesman in Harrisburg, "just when the parent bodies will ever get a chance to vote on them."

Senator Hobbs, discussing the bills, said, "Discrimination on any level, organizationally or otherwise, is against every moral and patriotic principle and it is in this light that I have introduced the bill that proposes to rid the state of prejudice in clubs."—Phila. Jewish Times

First registrants for Convention hail from Los Angeles

CHICAGO—A surprise treat is in store for the first three registrants to the 21st Biennial National JACL Convention being held here July 14-18 at the Palmer House.

Al Hatate, Downtown L.A. JACL; Mary Yusa, Pasadena JACL; and Chizu Kameta, Venice-Culver JACL, by virtue of their being the first three (in the order named above) to register, according to Mrs. Raymond Inouye, registration-housing chairman, have won special prizes.

Meanwhile, registration forms have been circulated to the chapter presidents. Additional forms may be secured by writing Mrs. Raymond Inouye, registration-housing, c/o JACL Midwest Office, 21 W. Elm St., Chicago 60610.

Commonwealth Court decide the organization was within its rights to refuse service, as a private club, to any individual it chose.

Judge William W. Lipsitt, who announced the ma-

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TWO-YEAR TERM SOUGHT FOR NC-WNDC LEADER

Sequoia JACL Hosts May 3 Quarterly; June Meet Also Set

By SHIGEKI J. SUGIYAMA

LOS ALTOS — Sequoia JACL will host the second quarterly session of the No. Calif.-Western Nevada District Council on May 3 at the Golden Pavilion Restaurant, 4320 El Camino Real.

Program opens at 1 p.m. with delegates and boosters hearing young speakers in the JACL oratorical contest with the winner going to Chicago in July for the national finals.

Harry McMillan, San Jose State College football coach, will be guest dinner speaker. He is expected to speak on last year's revolt by black athletes on his team.

Assessments for the meeting and banquet has been set at $8.50 for official delegates and $7.50 for boosters and guests.

The district executive board has also decided to call a special pre-convention meeting on June 28 at San Francisco to provide delegates and others an opportunity to consider and discuss convention agenda before the big meeting at Chicago July 15-18.

Another action taken by the Board was passage of a recommendation that the D. C. constitution be amended to premit the direct election of the District Governor by the Council delegates rather than by the Executive Board and to set the term of the Governor at two years rather than the present one year.

The amendment proposal, introduced last fall, was tabled during previous Board meetings because of other more pressing matters.

Okei's gravesite endorsed as site for state park

COLOMA — The Marshall Gold Discovery State Park Advisory Committee has endorsed a proposal to purchase the 6½ acres where the grave of the first Japanese girl to die in America lies.

The gravesite is adjacent to a monument that was placed by the Japanese American Citizens League at the Gold Trail School at Gold Hill, El Dorado County, honoring the Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Colony, the first group of Japanese to settle in America. The girl, Okei Ito, a member of the colony, died after the colony failed in 1869.

The State Department of Parks and Recreation has begun efforts to purchase the 6½-acre site to preserve it as an historical landmark. Preliminary discussions have been held with the owners of the property, the Veerkamp family of Gold Hill.

The state park advisory committee unanimously endorsed the state's efforts to purchase the historic place.

NC-WNDC Spearheads

The Wakamatsu Colony Centenial Committee, spearheaded by the Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council, cooperated with the sponsor of the annual Gold Discovery Day celebration in Coloma in January, 1969.

The Wakamatsu Centennial was the theme of the 1969 celebration and a Japanese Issei exhibit collected by a committee headed by Henry Taketa of Sacramento was shown at the John Marshall State Museum.

The Wakamatsu Centennial committee with the aid of all JACL chapters in the area raised over $12,000 for the centennial celebration which was highlighted by the program last June to dedicate the state landmark monument on the Gold Trails school grounds.

Stockton city council urges Title II repeal

STOCKTON — The Stockton City Council on Apr. 20 passed a resolution endorsing JACL's campaign to have the Emergency Detention Act repealed.

A similar resolution is also pending before the San Joaquin County board of supervisors, according to Kengo Terashita of Stockton, NC-WNDC governor.

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Palo Alto Times

PALO ALTO—In a Mar. 30 editorial, the Palo Alto Times not only commended the JACL's campaign to repeal the detention camp law but called for public support for repeal.

Referring to the JACL testimony on the bill before the House Internal Security Committee, it cited former Chief Justice Earl Warren's letter urging repeal of Title II — "doubtless for reasons of conscience as well as justice".

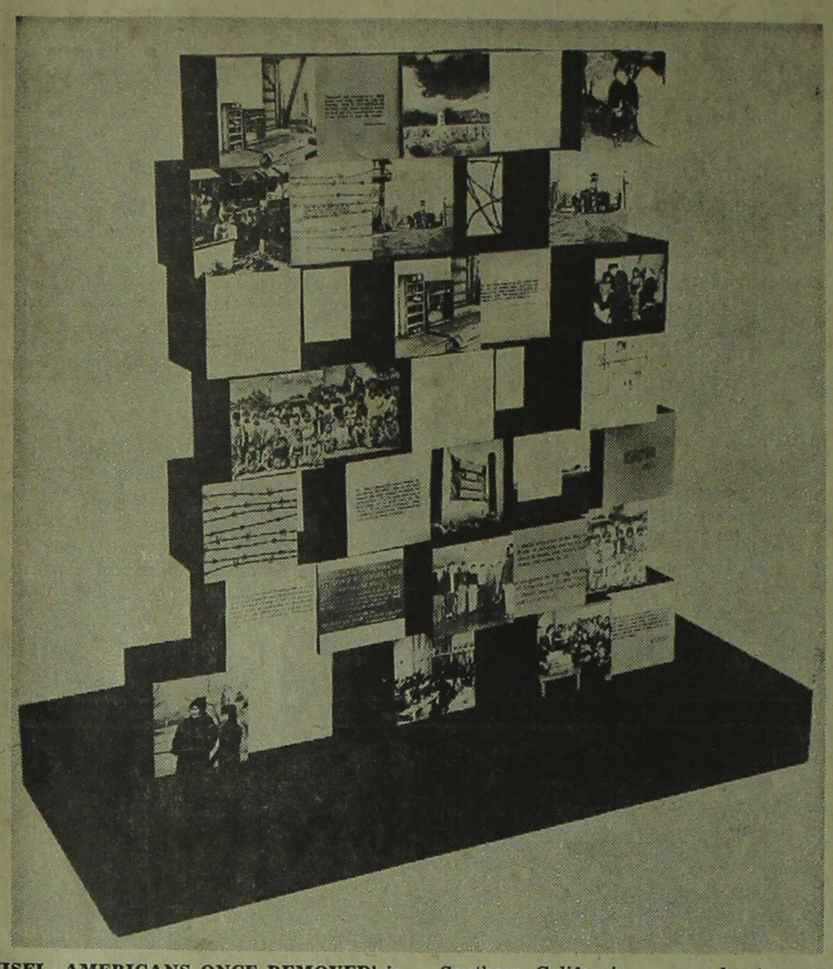
Fr. Clement honored

LOS ANGELES—The Japanese American Optimist Club was to honor Fr. Clement of Maryknoll at a testimonial dinner April 29 at Taix's Les Freres Inn. Now assigned in Philadelphia, he spent some 20 years working among Japanese in Los Angeles. The Downtown L.A. JACL, of which he was chapter president, scheduled a luncheon April 30 at San Kwo Low.

Nat'l ethnic culture council proposed

WASHINGTON—Sen. Hugh Scott (R-Pa.) has introduced S. 3566, a bill to establish a National Council on American Minority History and Culture, amending the 1956 Arts and Humanities Act by establishing the new council.

The new 11-member council would be responsible for increasing the recognition of minority cultural contributions. It would study means by which the American public can achieve better understanding and knowledge of the history and culture of minority groups whose contributions to society have been neglected or inadequately presented.



'NISEI—AMERICANS ONCE REMOVED' is the title of the dramatic photographic display designed by Robert Nakamura of Los Angeles, professional photographer with the County Museum of Art. First displayed at the PSWDC Title II repeal campaign dinner in February, and later at college libraries in Southern California, a second set was created for display in Northern California. Its initial showing was held April 23 at Oakland Museum in conjunction with a lecture on Japanese Americans by Edison Uno, of 515 Ninth Ave., San Francisco, who is booking the exhibit dates.

JERRY ENOMOTO:

JACLers urged to reduce poverty and racism in U.S.

(For text, see 'Perspectives')

OAKLAND — Conservative and liberal elements in JACL were admonished by National President Jerry Enomoto to work together in efforts to reduce racism and poverty in America, rather than dissipating energies to putting each other down.

Enomoto was principal speaker at the Oakland JACL meeting April 18 at the Mills College faculty dining room. The 44-year-old administrator with the State Dept. of Corrections at Sacramento spoke on "Current Trends and JACL".

Asserting that JACL is the only national organization of Japanese Americans with a respected and solid record of achievement, Enomoto saw JACL's continuing role as a spokesman of and existence in the community depends upon "its ability to be sensitive to a variety of needs and its willingness to listen and be flexible".

He cited "hopelessness and apathy" as the greatest obstacles facing the Japanese American community. Apathy in JACL has been somewhat shaken, he added, but "we now need to prevent misunderstanding that reflects JACL's own brand of backlash".

Looking ahead, it is "as essential that the leadership be sensitive to what's going on around us", keeping communications lines open with all elements of the community.

'Crossroads of Freedom'

To the so-called conservatives in JACL, Enomoto referred to what former Chief Justice Earl Warren told the New York City Bar Assn. recently:

"I start from a firm conviction that our Nation stands at the crossroads of freedom, with equality for all on the one hand and, on the other, racial distinction with resulting bitterness, disillusionment and discord for all children and their children into the indenfinite future.

"We cannot travel both of those roads. It must be one or the other. A little freedom for some people will no longer suffice."

To the so-called liberals in JACL, Enomoto saw himself as the "establishment-type" but with the saving grace of "trying to change". He was also "sick and tired of the thoughtless attacks of some that those of our generation (Nisei) are hopeless".

Enomoto openly declared his dislike for injustice and bullies, his being against the hypocrisy of pleading prejudice—when I'm a victim" and keeping quiet when it's someone else.

Community Problems

Of his four years as national JACL president, due to culminate this summer, Enomoto discussed how he tried to make JACL more active and commited toward problems that face the greater community as well as within the Japanese community.

He said the Issei need help, the educational system needs ethnic studies and people must recognize that Sansei are not all scholars or go on to college. Racism against the Ja-

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MASAOKA TRUST FUND

Nation-wide appeal to be launched; $4,000 already raised in past month

LOS ANGELES — Because of the Teamster's strike, the shipment from Chicago in which materials to be used for the Masaoka Trust Fund campaign cannot be located. The brochures were to be all mailed from here May 1.

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CHICAGO — Solicitation brochures on the Mike M. Masaoka Trust Fund Drive are being mailed to Japanese Americans across the nation this week. As explained in the brochure, Masaoka is being honored for his 30 years of outstanding service to Americans of Japanese ancestry.

In appreciation of his work, Japanese Americans throughout the country are creating the Mike M. Masaoka Trust Fund to make funds available to persons or organizations furthering the interests of Japanese Americans.

National Fund Drive Chairman Harry Mizuno reports that here where the fund drive was initiated March 27, close to $3,000 has already been raised. An additional $1,000 has been received from areas outside of Illinois where no general appeal has yet been made.

Special Issei Project

Since the launching of the drive for the "Round-the-World Trip for the Masaoka Family," this special Issei project has raised $2,500 to date, reports co-chairmen Takito Yamaguma and Katsuma Mukaeda in Los Angeles.

Assisting in the Issei project in Northern California are I. K. Ishimatsu and James Otagiri, it was learned. Other districts are expected to name Issei coordinators.

The highlight of the Testimonial Committee's work will be the Mike M. Masaoka Testimonial Dinner Thursday, July 16, at the Conrad Hilton Hotel where the Trust Fund, the "Round-the-World Trip," and other tokens of appreciation will be presentedto Masaoka.

More than 75 outstanding Japanese Americans across the country are supporting the Trust Fund by serving as honorary, advisory and managing trustees. They are:

Honorary Trustees—Yasuo Abiko, Richard Akagi, Hiram Akita, Geore Azumano, Steven Doi, Pete Fujioka, Harold Gordon, Mas Hironaka, Dr. George Hiura, Harry Honda, Kaz Horita, Tom Iseri, Haruo Ishimaru, Buddy Iwata, Joe Kadowaki, Dr. John Kanda, Roy Kaneko, Alice Kasai, Alan Kumamoto, Teiko Kuroiwa, Tats Kushida, Kay Kushino, William Matsumoto, Dr. Takeshi Mayeda, Yaemon Minami, Dr. George Miyake, Dr. Al Morioka, Charles Nagao, Sat Nakahira, Joe Nishioka, Clarence Nishizu, Shosuke Nitta, Lily Okura, Joe Saito, Toru Sakahara, Dr. Frank Sakamoto, Kiyoshi Sakota, Yone Satoda, Ron Shiozaki, George Sugai, Mike Suzuki, Dr. Tom Taketa, Dr. Tom Tamaki, Henry Tanaka, Togo Tanaka, Kenji Tashiro, Min Togasaki, Sim Togasaki, Masaji Toki, Shigeki Ushio, Mamaro Wakasugi, Kaye Watanabe, Dr. Kelly Yamada, Kaz Yamano, Mas Yamasaki, Bill Yamauchi, Mas Yano, Ray Yasui, Ron Yokota, Akiji Yoshimura.

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TED DUREIN

Monterey Peninsula's Citizen of Year

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MONTEREY — Ted Durein, managing editor of the Monterey Peninsula Herald and longtime member of the JACL chapter here and serving on the board, was honored as the Monterey Peninsula's Outstanding Citizen of 1969.

Ted Durein

A secret within the selection committee, the announcement was made during the annual banquet of the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce recently.

Durein, 61, joined the Herald staff in 1935 as a reporter, became its sports editor and conceived the idea of holding the Bing Crosby Pro-Am golf tournament at Pebble Beach in 1946. In 1949 he was appointed managing editor.

A graduate of Univ. of California, he is president of the Monterey History and Art Assn., past president of the Rotary, Monterey Council of the Navy League, Carmel Bach Festival, Monterey Paisano Club and the Associated Press California-Nevada news executive council. He is also active with the Convention Bureau, Crosby Golf Tournament executive committee, Boy Scouts of America and several other groups.

He and his wife, Lib, are the parents of two grown children, John and Donna.

JIJI PRESS TO PUBLISH 'NISEI' IN JAPANESE

Over 14,000 Books by Bill Hosokawa Sold Through JACL

LOS ANGELES—Acceptance of the bid from Jiji Tsushinsha to the rights to translate and publish Bill Hosokawa's book, "Nisei: the Quiet Americans", in Japanese was announced here this past weekend (April 24-25) as the Japanese American Research Project's JACL and UCLA executive committees met.

Hosokawa, here for the session as a visitor, believed the publishers in Japan will probably submit a new title which will not be translatable as "Quiet Americans".

Shig Wakamatsu, chairman of the JACL-JARP executive committee, hoped the Japanese title would reflect Hosokawa's initial title to his work,

"Americans with Japanese Faces".

Two other firms in Japan had submitted bids to the JACL for the rights, it was said.

Hosokawa also reported the third printing of his book by William Morrow & Co. is in process.

JACL through its Midwest Office has distributed or sold some 14,000 books since its appearance in mid-November. A limited number remains for JACL chapters to donate to schools, libraries and public officials on a first come-first served basis. Orders are now being processed at National JACL Headquarters, 1634 Post St., San Francisco 94115.

Since Feb. 1, the sale price of "Nisei" to JACL members and friends is $9 as compared with $10.95. Copies are also available at the Pacific Citizen office at $9 each on a "cash & carry" basis.

Meanwhile, the Chicago project responsible for distributing the 14,000 books has been phased out. A few copies are still available for those who visit the Midwest JACL Office, 21 W. Elm St. (This office is now busy preparing for the 1970 National Convention.)

Wakamatsu said Hosokawa's books have been shipped to many parts of the world—including Hong Kong, Nairobi.

Hosokawa's home state cites 'Nisei'

OLYMPIA, Wash.—Bill Hosokawa, author of the book "Nisei," was one of 11 writers honored at the fifth annual Governor's Invitational Writers' Day here on Sunday, April 19.

Hosokawa was presented a certficate by Gov. Daniel J. Evans "as an expression of appreciation of the people of the State of Washington for contributions to our cultural life, the deepening of our appreciation of our heritage, the broadening of knowledge of our time and place."

The presentation was made at an Open House at the State Library sponsored jointly by the Washington State Library

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DEADLINES

May 14—Nat'l JACL officers nominations; Min Togasaki, 14045 Winthrop, Detroit 48227.

May 15—District nominations for Inagaki Chapter Citizenship Awards; Nat'l JACL Hq., 1634 Post St., San Francisco 94115.

May 15—Mike Masaoka testimonial letters (unfolded); Dr. T. T. Yatabe, 17 N State St., Suite 1132, Chicago 60602.

May 15—PSWDC Nisei Relays entry fee and applications, George Mizuguchi, fin. chmn., 20111 S. Quixley, Gardena 90247.

May 29—Copy and advertising for JACL Convention booklet, Rates: $100 full-page, $60 half-page, $40 quarter-page, $25 eighth-page. Send order and money to Ross Harano, 79 Monroe, Chicago, Ill. 60603.

May 31—District finalists for Nat'l JACL oratorical contest; Karen Suzuki, 3100 W. Carmen, Chicago 60625.

June 1—Items for National Council agenda; National JACL Headquarters, 1634 Post St., San Francisco 94115.

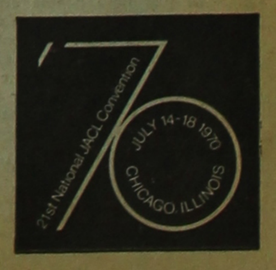
June 1—Amendments to be proposed for JACL Constitution; Nat'l JACL Hq., 1634 Post St., San Francisco 94115.

June 14—JACLer of Biennium nominations; Tom Shimasaki, PO Box 876, Lindsay, Calif.

June 15—Reports for distribution to all National Council delegates from national committees; National Headquarters, 1634 Post St., San Francisco 94115.

June 15—Name and address of chapter official and alternate delegates to the National Council; National JACL Headquarters, 1634 Post St., San Francisco 94115.

11 WEEKS 'TIL



Washington Newsletter

by Mike Masaoka

Earth Day

Washington

Wednesday, April 22, was Earth Day.

And, throughout the country, in massive demonstrations that put to shame the civil rights and peace marches of recent times, citizens were moved to protest pollution, the damage done to our environment, and the serious threat to the survival of mankind on this planet earth.

Originally conceived by Democratic Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin as a "teach in" on environmental pollution, the idea mushroomed into the greatest single day demonstration in American history, ranging from dumping dead, oil-coated ducks on the Interior Department's doorstep here in Washington, to invading General Electric's stockholders meeting in Minneapolis, to cross-examining Interior Secretary Walter Hickel at a teach-in at the University of Alaska.

President Nixon, feeling that he has made his concerns for the environment understood in actions earlier this year, spent the day watching, rather than participating, in the many events of Earth Day slated for the nation's capital.

Other Nixon Administration officials and Senators and Congressmen of all political persuasions fanned out across the nation to make environment speeches at colleges and universities, high schools, town meetings, and other gatherings and before state legislatures and city councils.

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The next several months will show whether Earth Day was the high water mark of another short-lived protest movement or the manifestation of a new political force that must be reckoned with for years to come.

At least one national group, Environmental Action, with headquarters in Washington, believes that Earth Day marks the coming of age of a new activist movement, rather than its finish.

Dennis Hayes, Environmental Action's national coordinator, said that his group will forego its current tax-exempt status so that in the future it can involve itself in political campaigns, proxy fights, lawsuits, investigations, and demonstrations. "We're trying to bypass the traditional political organizations and make a direct appeal to the people," Hayes claimed.

The organization estimated that Earth Day will be celebrated at 2,000 colleges and universities, 10,000 high schools, and over 2,500 community groups. Virtually all of them, it was contended, intend to continue their lobbying for a cleaner environment after the Earth Day activities, it was said.

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Politicians at every level of government seem to be responding to what they sense as the national mood for cleanup by embracing the environment issue like motherhood. Even President Nixon has made a major speech concerning the necessity for a cleaner and more livable environment, and the 1968 Democratic candidate for vice president and considered a frontrunner for the Democratic nomination for president in 1972, Senator Edmund Muskie of Maine, has made this a major issue.

Latent protesters who shunned civil rights and Vietnam demonstrations have enlisted in this new movement. And there is the worry that the new militants will not be willing to wait for the cumbersome machinery of government to respond to their demands. Some of their impatience may spill over, particularly since some of the leaders in the environmental drive are veterans of the Vietnam peace demonstrations and of the violence in the colleges and universities.

California's Democratic Senator Alan Cranston, a leading conservationist, declares that the environmental issue will not "blow away." He notes that "Environment—the last fad" makes the point.

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While the new science of ecology is being brought into play, and governments must pour billions of dollars into the cleanup program, this is one campaign in which every person—young or old, rich or poor, white or black, etc.—can easily participate.

He can not only pick up debris and litter, but he can himself see to it that bottles, cans, and other wastes are properly disposed of. He can insist that automobiles, planes, and other modes of transportation, as well as industries, factories, and plants, do not use energy or power that contaminates the air and the atmosphere. He can demand action to save our streams and lakes, our mountains and our valleys, our very existence from foul pollution.

Earth Day should be made to go down in history as the launching of a major shift in perspective and priorities by the American people. It should also be remembered when democracy—at all levels—proved itself capable of caring for the vital needs of its society, when individuals began to exercise their rights and powers—as consumers, as taxpayers, as shareholders, as voters, as scholars, and as citizens—to bring about constructive and meaningful change in our environment.

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But, while the natural environment must be cleaned up, we must not neglect what is even more harmful pollution—the social pollution that breeds racism, discrimination, and unrest, tension, and even violence.

It is bad enough to despoil our physical surroundings by our excesses, but how much worse it is to ruin the lives of other human beings by forcing them to live out their existence in squalor and humiliation—disadvantaged, denied and deprived.

Yes, it is important that we resort to crash programs to improve the quality of our environment. But, it is even more crucial to our survival as men that we become involved in improving the lot and life of all of our citizens, without regard to who they are and where they may reside.

Earth Day should become a time to recall with pride, not only because it marked the beginning of a better and cleaner life for all but also because it opened the doors to all our citizens to a more abundant and dignified existence.

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First textbook by Nisei teachers on Japanese Americans expected in July

SAN MATEO — The manuscript for the Japanese American Curriculum Project's forthcoming book "Japanese Americans: The Untold Story" is now being edited for publication in July.

The book was accepted for publication last month by Holt, Reinhart and Winston of New York.

Editor Dick Sheppard flew to the Bay Area to confer with members of the JACP and expressed his enthusiasm for the original manuscript.

He said the publishers are determined to meet a June 2 deadline for publication, a production feat for a book of this size and subject material.

The JACP was represented by San Jose attorney George Hinoki; Mrs. Florence Yoshiwara, chairman of JACP was assisted by Mrs. Shizue Yoshina, Edison Uno and Astor Mizuhara.

The fifth grade supplemental text will be ready for distribution in six weeks, according to the publishers, after being sent to the printers. It will be the first school text on Japanese Americans written entirely by Nisei teachers.

The Japanese American Curriculum Project is also working on a film strip series designed for the eighth grade level.

Other curriculum outlines, teachers' manuals, and resource material pertaining to Japanese Americans will be developed by the JACP.

A recently incorporated non-profit organization, the JACP may be contacted at 510 Kentucky Ave., San Mateo 94402.

Property of Nisei family provides 'Honda Hill' for trail bike enthusiasts

FREMONT—A 12-acre plot of barren, weed thatched land near the Fremont Central Park has turned into one of the city's most popular recreation spots where technically all the pleasure-seekers are trespassers.

But thanks to the benevolence of a longtime Japanese American Fremont family that that owns the property it has become the local mecca for trail bike riders who promptly dubbed it "Honda Hill."

Every sunny weekend it swarms with the growing number of families drawn into the motorized biking recreation trend.

The property, with hills and slopes, ravines and impromptu trails, is an ideal proving grounds for junior on his new mini-bike or mom and dad on their Yamahas.

On Nisei Property

The noise is a little less than formidable, like an amplified swarm of hornets, but the "hill," at the corner of Paseo Padre Dr. and Grimmer Blvd., is relatively isolated and there have been no complaints.

The Motozaki family (and active Fremont JACLers) who run the Thornton Flower and Nursery shop, had no intention of seeing their property turned into a motorcycle trail for the public. It just happened.

But declared Bob Motozaki, "We have seen no harm in it so far, and we don't mind people having fun there as long as there are no complaints, and no one gets injured."

No Immediate Plans

Motozaki said there are no immediate family plans for apartment house use.

The family once thought of putting a chain link fence around the property to keep out trespassers, but it would be an expensive project as well as an obvious joykiller.

"We like to see people enjoy themselves," Motozaki said, "and as long as the bike riders do not become a nuisance either to the public or ourselves the chain fence will not go up."

Fills Tremendous Need

To Stuart McCormick, city recreation director, the unauthorized use of the Motozaki property by the bike riders points out what he considers a tremendous need for such type of public recreational facilities.

Much of family recreation today, McCormick said, is motorized — mini-bike, go-carts, quarter midget racers, gasoline engined model planes and cars—but there are few if any places for such activity outside of tolerant private property owners.

Community Projects

"It's about time recreational planners start facing this problem," he said, and begin developing some kind of "mechanized parks."

It probably would be best done on a regional park level, he said, since such a facility developed by an individual city most likely would be limited.

And with the growing number of mini-bikes in every garage, many of which are not allowed on the streets, a local motor park would be swamped with out-of-towners.

—Oakland Tribune

Japanese shiitake contains antigens against influenza and cholestorol

SENDAI — A common edible Japanese species of mushroom known as shiitake (cortinelius shiitake) has been found to contain a substance highly effective in the prevention of influenza, a group of Japanese university virologists reported.

The substance is the same as that contained in a remarkable new American-developed synthetic drug of ribonucleic acid (RNA) type that creates interferon, a strong virus-controlling element in human and animal bodies.

Development of the interferon-producing drug jointly by the U.S. National Institute of Health and New York Medical College was announced last Nov. 16.

In the Spores

The discovery of the substance in the spores of shiitake through a phenol-process of extraction was reported by Dr. Akira Tsunoda, leader of the virologists team of the bacteriology section, medical department, Tohoku University in Sendai.

This is the second big medical finding concerning shiitake. A previous report said that this particular kind of mushroom is effective in the prevention of cholesterol.

According to Dr. Tsunoda, in his team's animal experiments with the new shiitake-derived substance, the lives of a 60 per cent majority of a group of mice infected with virulent A-type influenze viruses were saved.

The substance was injected into the animals' abdominal cavities one hour before infection. A control group receiving no prior administration of the substance perished without exception inside of 10 days.

Prevents Infection

The substance also showed itself to be decidedly effective as a preventive because in postinfection administration it saved the lives of only 36 per cent of the animals, though even that rate was far better than for other known virus disease drugs.

The virus-controlling element (antigen) found to have developed in the blood of the mice after they were given the substance was identified as "interferon" by such characteristics as: 1—resistance to heat, 2—resistance to acids. 3—vulnerability to trypsin (a kind of protein - separating enzyme). 4—a faster speed of development in the blood than other antigens, and 5—composition by two chains of ribonucleic acid.

Its remarkable difference from the now widely-known interferon-creating drug material, Poly I. C., which is artificially produced, is that it is natural substance and far less toxic.

On Nov. 8, the Tanabe Pharmaceutical Co., Tokyo, announced it had invented a technique to synthesize the new drug against cholesterol from Shiitake.

The substance is an adenine derivative, a component of nucleic acid, which has been tested on mice, only .005 pct. into feed with the result of a 25 pct. reduction of cholesterol in blood within a week. The company has applied for patents throughout the world.

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NEWS CAPSULES

School Front

Ken Nakamura of Berkeley High pitched a no-hit, no-run game in a regulation 7-inning tilt defeating Alameda High 20-0 recently . . Japan made its poorest showing in the annual Patriot's Day marathon at Boston April 20 since 1960 when **Kunio Fujita** finished 17th in 2h. 25m. 20s. The other entrant **Akio Yoshida,** finished far behind. Explained coach **Kazusuke Nishitani,** the best runners were not entered and Fujita, who finished sixth and Yoshida who finished ninth in the Tokyo marathon last December, were competing to gain additional experience for the 1972 Olympics.

The team of **Betty Lee** of Senshin Dojo and **Nori Shimasaki** of Sawtelle Dojo won the grand championship in the National AAU Women's Judo Kata competition April 11 at Cal State L.A. The Nanka Yudanshakai Joshi Judo team won the team championship. **Lucille Hagio** of Los Angeles was elected vice-chairman of the AAU national women's judo commission.

Making the tour of eight U.S. women's golf-pro tournaments in May-June are **Hisako Higuchi,** 24, and **Masako Sasaki,** 26, from Japan. They are being sponsored by the Mizuno Sporting Goods of Japan. They arrived in Los Angeles to compete in the Suntory tournament April 27 at the California Country Club, and will appear at Shreveport, Dallas, Prospect (Ky.), Winchester (Va.), Lutherville (Md.), Sutton (Mass.)—the Ladies PGA June 11-14, Horsham (Pa.), and Columbus (O.).

The giant Japanese first baseman **Hiroshi Suzuki** of the Fresno Giants, of the San Francisco chain, has been assigned to the Decatur (Ill.) team for further seasoning. He is 21, 6 ft. 5. **Kazuo Hiranuma,** a pitcher, will work with him, according to Jack Schwartz, Giants farm system chief at Candlestick Park.

Crime

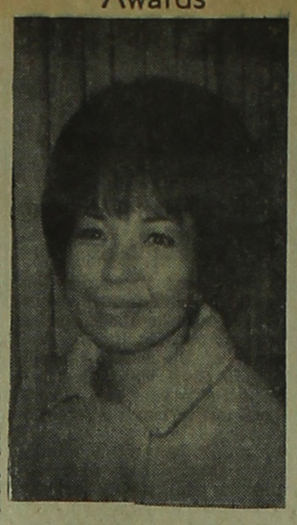
Kyung Won Lee, Chinese American staff writer for the Sacramento Union, reports Orientals in this city "are strangers to the police blotter." Of the 19,095 felonies and misdemeanors recorded in 1969, only 85 violations were committed by citizens of Japanese and Chinese descent: 1 Chinese and 4 Japanese for drunkeness, 21 Chinies and 18 Japanese for petty theft, 1 Japanese for embezzlement, 1 Japanese for drunk driving, 2 Japanese for narcotics, 4 Chinese for prostitution, 1 Japanese for robbery, etc.

Identified as **Leonard Toshio Shimizu,** 24, of Pasadena, Calif., Japanese police arrested him in a Kyoto hotel on charges of swindling more than $1,000 from a Tokyo co-ed on the pretense of introducing her to a fashion model group in Paris. The sum represented plane fare to Paris, according to the Asahi newspaper.

The San Francisco County grand jury indicted the Tatum brothers, Leonard H., 21 and Clifton, 24, of Sacramento, who were accused of employing a novel method to rob the Sumitomo Bank of California April 3. The pair tried to retrieve money from night deposti boxes of three banks in San Francisco, including the head office for Sumitomo, the Bank of Tokyo and Crocker-Citizens. The pair was arrested while in the act at Sumitomo.

According to Los Angeles Mayor **Sam Yorty,** the police department figures show 179,368 arrests for all crimes in the city during 1969. Of this number, only .04 pct. (71) were Chinese and .19 pct. (361) Japanese, which is a "remarkable" record. Declared Yorty, "we rarely have problems with our citizens of Asian Ancestry in Los Angeles."

Awards



Mrs. Kaye Aoki (above) has been named "Legal Secretary of 1970" by the Salt Lake Assn. of Legal Secretaries. She will compete for national honors at the annual convention of the National Association of Legal Secretaries, July 18 to 23, Universal City, Calif. Kaye has been a legal secretary for seven years, attended the LDS Business College, Stevens Henegar College and the Univ. of Utah. She is employed by the law firm of Phil L. Hansen and Associates. Hansen is the past Utah State Attorney General for whom Raymond Uno served as assistant attorney general Mrs. Aoki is currently serving as Utah national director of the NALS.

CBS-News special on "The Japanese", narrated by Edwin O. Reischauer, was cited with the Peabody Award for Distinguished Achievement in Broadcasting in the field of international relations. It was originally televised nationally on April 23, produced by former Tokyo correspondent Igor Oganesoff. The Peabody Awards, established in 1940 by the regents at the Univ. System of Georgia, recognizes public service each year by radio and TV.

Press Row

Alhambra High School's newspaper, "The Moor," earned its 10th straight All-American rating from the National Scholastic Press Assn. Its 1969-70 editor was **Peter Wong.** The publication adviser is **Ted Tajima,** who has been teaching journalism and advising the staff for the past 20 years.

When UPI sent its veteran Tokyo reporter **Ted Shimizu** to cover the press conference recently at Haneda International Airport arranged by the Airporters Club to talk with the passengers who were returned from Korea on that highjacked JAL plane, he was barred from the meeting. Protesting the treatment, Shimizu was finally allowed to attend on condition he did not ask questions and stood in the rear. Shimizu, who is 5 ft. 2, decided to go back to his bureau. Another UPI correspondent, **Hank Sato,** who carries an official press card issued by the Foreign Ministry, wasn't allowed to cross the guardlines at Osaka when gas exploded in the subway construction site because police said he was not wearing the right armband. It appears government officials issue press armbands for any individual event—from an imperial wedding to a student riot, the UPI added.

Addressing (April 21) the annual convention of the American Newspaper Publishers Assn. in New York was **Dr. S. I. Hayakawa,** who declared fair and objective treatment of the news "is necessary now more than ever." He cited underground newspapers which never use the word "police" and which feel there is no need to be objective anymore. He also felt a need for a greater balance on news staff, imploring publishers to pick out bright young people from outside the liberal arts colleges.

Government

Pharmacist Herbert Tsuchiya was appointed by Seattle Mayor Ulman to a three-year term on the Seattle Park Commission. He was previously a commissioner, having been appointed by Mayor Braman.

First woman of Chinese ancestry, **Patricia Jung,** 22, has joined the Denver police force. She is a graduate of Metropolitan State, one of the few in the nation to offer courses in police science. In 1966 she was Miss Colorado Universe candidate. She became interested in police work through her grandfather, the late Jimmy Chin, who was an honorary police lieutenant, interpreter and general spokesman for the Denver Chinese community.

The **Rev. Roy Sano,** Oakland JACL 2nd v.p. (program and activities) and Mills College chaplain, is a nominee for for a position on the Oakland Citizens Committee for Urban Renewal (OCCUR) board of directors. Because the board has removed nominees for the board who were not Oakland city residents, it is now believed that OCCUR's $94-million program, which has been rejected in the past, has improved its prospects for adoption by federal authorities.

Dr. Gordon Warner, 57, former dean of education at Long Beach State, was named welfare division chief of the U.S. civil administration, the Ryukyus. As a 7-dan kendoist, he is the ranking non-Asian in the Japanese sport.

Flowers-Garden

Among the seven retail nurserymen of San Diego's Presidio Nursery credentialed as California Certified Nurserymen include **Moto Asakawa,** president of the firm, his two sons **Bruce** and **Glenn Asakawa,** and **Henry Koide.**

Entertainment

KNBC's second in a series of programs devoted to local ethnic theater showcased the talents of the Los Angeles Chinese community in a half-hour "The Year of the Dog" revue April 15. Written and produced by **Beulah Quo,** coordinated by KNBC (NBC-TV outlet in L.A.) producer Don Davis, it sought to the Chinese community is youthful and with it, swinging into the '70s. The first production was a Watt's play, "Finders Keepers" and upcoming are works on the Mexican, Indian and Japanese American communities.

Churches

For the first time, Hawaii had two voting delegates at the United Methodist Church general convention which opened on April 20 at St. Louis. They were **Ernest Akamine** and James J. M. Misajon. As the legislative and governing body of the church,

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Bill Hosokawa

From the Frying Pan

Olympia, Wash.

HOW THE STATE HAS GROWN—On the infrequent occasions that I return to my native state, I usually land at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport and head north on Interstate 5 to Seattle. This time the direction was south, to Tacoma and Olympia. This was an area I hadn't seen since about 1958 or thereabouts, and the changes that had come over this beautiful green country were nothing short of startling.

Back in the Twenties, as I recall, Tacoma was nearly a half day's expedition from Seattle. Then they built the "Tacoma Highway," one of the earliest of the four-lane roads, and the distance in the Thirties shrank to an hour's drive. Now a six-lane freeway links the two cities with off-ramps leading to places with names like Kent and Auburn and Fife.

Kent and Auburn were virtually next-door neighbors. I would guess that today it would be difficult to tell where one leaves off and the other begins. But way back in the heyday of Nisei sports in the Northwest, the fellows from Kent fielded different teams from the fellows in Auburn and a lively rivalry prevailed. Zipping along Interstate 5, which follows the crest of a ridge over the White River Valley, I could catch glimpses of the land that Issei truck farmers and their Nisei sons used to cultivate. I wondered what has happened to that rich black bottom land that used to yield such fine crops of lettuce and peas and strawberries and the like.

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There was a time, too, when Fife was a community outside of Tacoma that had a character and flavor of its own. We used to play basketball in the tiny Fife High School gymnasium where one of the baskets was suspended over the stage and the other was right up against the back wall. When the gym wasn't being used for basketball, it was the auditorium. Unwary basketball players took a chance of being run into unyielding woodwork at either end of the floor.

Well, Tacoma has all but swallowed Fife, and an eight-lane highway runs through an area that was once farmland. If it weren't for the green hills in the background, you'd think you were in Los Angeles.

Down the pike just a bit is the Puyallup cutoff. Now that's a name to conjure up memories. Puyallup, where the Washington State Fair used to be held, and where it may still be for all I know. Puyallup, where the barbed wire went up to confine the "Japs" from Seattle until they could be shipped inland where they wouldn't cause anyone trouble. Puyallup, where someone with a sardonic sense of humor gave the concentration camp the name Camp Harmony. Puyallup, where the kids used to say, "Let's go down and look at the Japs," as though they were heading for the zoo. What a place for memories! How would I feel if I went back? I didn't find out. There wasn't time. Business in Olympia was waiting.

Certainly the State Capitol complex in Olympia must be one of the nation's most beautiful, particularly in spring. One avenue leading up to the Capitol building is lined with Japanese cherries, and they were in magnificent bloom. The Japanese would say **migoto**, and somehow that seems to be the proper adjective to describe that profusion of pink blossoms.

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In this time of hurry-scurry, it is possible to have breakfast in Denver, drive out to the airport, catch a plane for Seattle-Tacoma, rent a car and drive 55 miles to Olympia, spend three hours taking care of the day's business, then reverse the process and return home to Denver in plenty of time to get a good night's sleep. Which is what I did one recent Sunday. It's fine for business, but such a schedule leaves no time for the social amenities, not even for telephone calls if the phone is busy. I tried to call you. Honest. But all I got was a busy signal, and by then it was time to climb aboard the jet. Maybe next time the phone won't be busy.

Hosokawa—

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Commission and the Washington State Arts Commission.

A total of 133 books published in 1969 by Washingtonians or former Washingtonians were considered before the 11 award winners were selected "for outstanding contributions in the field of literature." Hosokawa is a native of Seattle.

"Nisei," subtitled "The Quiet Americans," was published last November by William Morrow & Co. of New York and is in its third printing.

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BERKELEY BOARD OK'S $27,000 FOR ASIAN STUDIES

Curriculum Task Force Seeks Staff, Community Consultants, Materials

BERKELEY — An appropriation of $27,000 was approved by the Board of Education last week for the Asian American Curriculum Task Force to conduct a summer workshop. The workshop will write a comprehensive curriculum for the Berkeley schools, covering all grade levels from Kindergarten through high school.

The Board acted favorably on the funding request made by the Asian American Task Force. Until now, it has been working on a volunteer basis, to determine educational needs, stating the goals to be accomplished, and broadly outlining what needs to be covered.

The Task Force felt that the point had been reached that full-time professional staff, at a summer workshop, is necessary to complete the actual writing of the specific curriculum. The Task Force will use the funds to hire staff and community consultants, plus to gather and purchase materials.

In some of the grade levels, Asian American units will be incorporated into the regular courses, like history and social studies. But in other grade levels, plans call for special courses through 3rd grade levels, the emyhasis fill be on awareness and sensitivity to the special needs of the Asian children.

As a corollary to curriculum development, the Berkeley Schools are looking for more Asian teachers, not only to teach Asian American studies, but in all fields. The Task Force and the District Personnel Director invites applications from Asian American teachers, administrators, and counselors.

Souvenir booklet for convention set

CHICAGO—Production of the souvenir booklet for the 21st biennial National JACL Convention is now in full swing, according to Mrs. Cheryl Harano, booklet committee chairman. Advertisers have a May 29 deadline for submission of copy.

Parties interested in extending greetings may submit their order and money to Ross Harano, 79 W. Monroe, Chicago 60603. The rates are $100 full-page (8½ x 11"), $60 half-page, $40 quarter-page, $25 eighth-page, and sixteenth-page (4¼ x 13/8"). All advertisers will receive a written acknowledgment upon receipt in Chicago and a copy of the booklet will be mailed upon publication.

Checks should be made payable to the "1970 National JACL Convention."

MAY 15 DEADLINE FOR MASAOKA TESTIMONIAL LETTERS FOR ALBUM

CHICAGO—Testimonial letters to Mike M. Masaoka are being compiled in an album to be presented to him at his testimonial dinner to be held here Thursday, July 16. Everyone is invited to send a letter congratulating him on this memorable occasion.

Letters are being accepted by Dr. Thomas Yatabe who is preparing the album. The deadline for the letters is May 15, but Dr. Yatabe asks those intending to write to send them in immediately because layout time is necessary before the album is bound.

Dr. Yatabe also reminds contributors to make the salutation of the letter to Mike Masaoka. Many letters have been received with the salutation addressed to Dr. Yatabe.

The unfolded letters should be sent with a protective cardboard to keep them flat and prevent them from being creased or folded in the mail to Dr. Thomas Yatabe, 17 N. State Street, Suite 1132, Chicago, Ill. 60602.

Current Trends and JACL

Continued from Front Page

to expand our horizons and involve ourselves more with our fellow minorities. Our experiences have also taught us that we have problems in our own backyards.

Many Issei need help. We have had our eyes opened to the fact that our educational system badly needs the enrichment that ethnic studies, and most specifically Japanese American studies, can give it. The myth that all Sansei students are scholars, or go on to college, is being refuted. Sansei deliquency is no longer an academic point. Neither is racism against us academic, as witness the Noguchi case.

The work of JACL bodies such as the Ethnic Concern Committee, initially formed because of racial bias practiced by Japanese businesses, the Student Aid Committee, which administered in 1969 the first scholarships given by National JACL based upon factors other than academic achievement, the Committee on Responsible Education, initially formed to oppose the "morality guidelines" for public schools and now working upon the area of ethnic studies, the National Committee to Repeal Title II, the National Committee Opposing the Defense Facilities and Industrial Security Act, are all trying to be responsive to current trends.

This is not meant to ignore other JACL committees, which are no less important. The point I make is the recent commitment by certain JACLers, because of spontaneous interest in responding to needs as they arise. Most of these committees initially grew out of group initiative, which were later supported by us. I see this as a sign of organizational health.

Staff Expanded

On the staff level, in order to respond to current trends, we hired Warren Furutani. It wasn't too long ago that he would have squirmed to be identified with JACL, let alone work for it. Let's also face the fact that Warren is neither a typical JACLer or a Nisei. We hired him with the full consent and participation in the decision making by the PSWDC, precisely because he convinced us that he was committed to JACL goals, and because he had the ability to open up positive communications with the student community.

Since then, Warren and, more significantly, concerned Issei, Nisei and Sansei in Los Angeles have worked together to create or support community service projects like the Pioneer Center for Issei, Asian American Hard Core, Yellow Brotherhood, Okei Memorial Child Care Center, and other activties recently reported in the PC (April 17) under the umbrella name "Amerasia."

Warren's hiring is a direct result of the concept of a field worker in the Japanese community advanced by former civil rights coordinator Raymond Uno.

About to be implemented right now is the hiring of a team of five college students to work part-time in the Greater San Francisco Bay Area, sharing the salary of one field worker position. Positions in Seattle and Chicago are also in the works. Its important to stress that JACL's motive here is to build bridges within our communities for both understanding and useful concrete service projects.

Cynics Scotched

We have not, as some cynics claim hired somebody like Warren to buy off the activists. We don't have to do that.

The already publicized budget package (see April 10 PC), put together by Raymond Uno aimed at JACL's modest attempt to help eliminate "racism and poverty" and emphasizing community service, starting in the Asian community, tries to continue JACL's thrust toward responsiveness to human needs.

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We are now hearing from some groups around the country who intend to petition for charters as JACL chapters. Unhappily for established JACLers like me, these groups seem convinced that they cannot work within existing chapters. Yet, I am personally forced to admit that the enthusiasm and drive of these groups makes them understandably want to organize themselves. I want to make it clear that we welcome their interest and participation.

Just to make it equally clear and honest, I have to say that many JACLers don't like the title "liberation chapters" and probably are apprehensive about what kinds of "nuts" are descending on us.

To level further about this, I should point out that we expect any chapters applying for a JACL chapter to accept JACL objectives and ground rules for starters. From that point, as JACLers, their individual and collective contributions to influence policy and directions can enrich the organization and make it more effective. Abusive and arrogant rhetoric attacking the establishment, some of which I have seen, will accomplish nothing but increase the divisiveness that we can't afford.

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'Movement' People

I have been encouraged by the signs that dialogue between JACL staff members like Warren Furutani, Victo Shibata and Jeffrey Matsu and the so-called "movemen people" seems to have paved the way for constructive relationship with and within JACL.

There is a strong feeling about Asian brotherhood and solidarity that has grabbed many Sansei, resulting in an Asian American movement which stresses all Asians, and minimizes nationalities. This trend causes some to advocate changing our name to "Asian American Citizens League."

There is also talk of getting JACL actively involved in the politics of Asia. The realities of where we are in JACL are such that this will not be bought. Whether it be seen as nihonjin pride, insecurity, questioning of the proper role of JACL, etc., I do not see JACL as ready for such a move.

For that matter, I don't see other Asian nationality groups in the United States ready for it. One reaction might be that the concept is a little ahead of its time for JACL.

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Anonymous Yen

I recently received photocopies of Professor K. Ross Toole's article, "I Am Tired of the Tyranny of Spoiled Brats" and a review of a book "The Unheavenly City" by Edward Banfield, with an unsigned note, reading "JACLers across the nation are eagerly awaiting the end of your term, so the damage of the last four years can be corrected. Hopefully it is not too late."

Ordinarily, I wouldn't dignify something like this from people without the guts to sign their name, by public notice. I do so here because the implications go beyond our anonymous critic.

There is no question in my mind that Professor Toole's message received wide acclaim from JACLers. I personally agree with much of what he says. The brief review of Professor Banfield's book seems to tell me that he questions there is an "urban crisis," thereby denying the efficacy of such investigative bodies as the Kerner Commission and others.

The major criticism I have of writings like: "This is that they serve as a legitimization of backlash sentiment." As such they tend to focus our attention on the wrong priorities, i.e., looking at the worst symptoms of the disease and not the disease itself. Yet, I must also say that what's going on in Berkeley now and what went on in Santa Barbara, only serves to play into the hands of those who would repress.

I don't like confrontation tactics based upon denying others the privilege of expression we always claim for ourselves. And I see no justification for busting windows or heads.

Opposed to Extremism

To those JACLers who insist on seeing or hearing only what they want to see or hear, let me once again make this point. The JACL is unequivocally opposed to extremism of any kind, idealogically and practically.

We certainly have no use for lawlessness in any form.

We are interested in the things that will make America a more just, healthy, and prosperous nation.

To the extent that the concept of Asian identity will help eliminate the racism that has kept America from being just, JACL is committed to it.

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To summarize and conclude my remarks, I will use part of a series of questions put to me as part of a college project, by a Sansei student. Several questions deal with the JACL role, with respect to the Japanese American community.

As the only national organization of Japanese Americans, with a respected and solid record of achievement, JACL tends to be viewed as a spokesman for that community. An important question now coming to the fore, is its sensitivity to the needs of that community. JACL's ability to be sensitive to a variety of needs, and its willingness to listen and be felixible, will determine the future viability of its role as spokesman.

Community Power

One question asked is, "What is community power and, more specifically Japanese American community power?"

Community power, it seems to me, can only exist when the people get together and move toward united objectives. Hopelessness and apathy are the greatest obstacles to the effective use of such power. In the Japanese American community, the mobilization on behalf of justice for Dr. Noguchi is an example of such power.

The most vital question asked deals with the greatest problem facing the leadership of JACL today and the corollary one of, "What is the leadership's greatest responsibility?"

I see the greatest problem as apathy. In JACL that apathy has been shaken up to some extent by recent events. We now need to prevent misunderstandings that reflect JACL's own brand of backlash, something which already is developing.

As for the responsibility part of it, I see it as essential that the leadership be sensitive to what's going on around us. This includes the need to keep communications open with all elements of the community. It also entails a continuing commitment toward initiating and supporting all efforts to reduce racism and poverty in America. Above all it means that we be devoted to getting ourselves together, and not dissipate our energies by putting each other down.

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Final Remarks

Finally, to all the "conservatives" in JACL I refer you to the words of former Chief Justice Warren in a recent address to the New York City Bar Association when he said, in part,

"I start from a firm conviction that our nation stands at the crossroads of freedom, with equality for all on the one hand and, on the other, racial distinction with resulting bitterness, disillusionment and discord for all children and their children into the indefinite future.

"We cannot travel both of those roads. It must be one or the other. A little freedom for some people will no longer suffice."

This year is the 50th anniversary of the ACLU, one of the few organizations that stood up for us in 1942. The ACLU is "a permanent, national, non-partisan organization with the single purpose of defending the whole bill of rights for everybody." Its founder and respected civil libertarian, Roger Baldwin, who was honored at the 1962 JACL Convention, says:

"Rights are not won on paper. They are won only by those who make their voices heard — by activists and militants. Silence never won rights. They are not handed down from above; they are forced by pressures from below."

Pennsylvania bill may open Jewish cemeteries to all

HARRISBURG, Pa. — The State Senate passed by a 34-0 vote to amend the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act to include "cemetery" within the definition of "place of public accommodation, resort or amusement" where discrimination would be prohibited because of race, color, religious creed, ancestry, etc.

The bipartisan measure was forwarded to the State House of Representatives April 27.

The bill resulted from the refusal of a cemetery to bury a non-White. The cemetery involved was nonsectarian and served no special religious group.

Conceivably Jewish and Catholic cemeteries would be affected, if the bill becomes law, though a legal opinion might not be issued till after passage of the bill. In the House, Speaker Herbert Fineman said because of religious implications, special attention would be given the bill.

The state Human Relations Commission sought to have deeds issued by Jewish cemeteries remove its restrictions reserving burials to people of the Jewish faith, but it met with no success three years ago.

LITTLE TOKYO REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

JACL-PC to Stay in Little Tokyo

LOS ANGELES—Little Tokyo will remain the "home" of the So. Calif. JACL Office and the Pacific Citizen in order to better serve the community, it was announced this past week by Dr. Roy Nishikawa, chairman of the office advisory committee.

There had been thoughts of moving out of the area once the Little Tokyo redevelopment program got underway as the present office site at 125 Weller St. will be replaced by a modern hotel, Dr. Nishikawa added.

Dr. Nishikawa and Harry Honda, PC editor, have submitted statements of "interest in participation" in the Little Tokyo Redevelopment Project. The statement does not commit nor obligate the JACL or the PC in any way at this time, Dr. Nishikawa explained, but does not serve to give to JACL priority in the assignment of space.

Both JACL and the PC have tentatively reserved 6,200 sq. ft., and an undesignated portion if JACL can establish a library or museum on the Japanese in America.

The office advisory committee, at its April 15 meeting, also agreed with the National JACL Executive Committee's desire to relocate National Headquarters to Los Angeles, citing the advantages such as Los Angeles being the center of the Japanese population on the mainland, administrative efficiency and improved communication.

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(The Rev. Mineo Katagiri, former United Church of Christ minister at the Univ. of Washington, is now senior minister of the Ecumenical Metropolitan Ministry in Seattle and a leader in the Asian Coalition for Equality).

By the Rev. Mineo Katagiri
(Seattle JACL Newsletter)

Dr. Bradford Smith noted in his book, "Americans from Japan," that no other ethnic group made a better adjustment to American life than the Japanese in one generation. This is a great compliment paid by a sociologist to the Issei and Nisei. The path to the building of such a record has not always been easy. But with great courage and patience, Japanese Americans have labored to win a place for themselves in American society. A glorious hundred years of Japanese immigration is now over: the second hundred years lies ahead.

Today's America is confronted by challenges unimagined by the America of 1870. What forces will most influence the developing life styles of Sansei and Yonsei? Are there particular gifts that they can bring to urban America where most of them now live? What must Sansei and Yonsei do to build on the heritage that is theirs?

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I do not presume to know the answer to these questions. I do think the Sansei and Yonsei should be challenged to give thought to the questions here raised. Rapid social change including the racial revolution is a dominant factor in this country.

Are there insights out of our history that we can bring to it?

My heart responds when I see the names of Japanese Americans flash on the TV screen as those responsible for the art work, acting, or whatever it may be of a particular program. The creative arts are wide open to Sansei and Yonsei because Oriental art is much in demand.

In an age of science and technology, there are real contributions that can be made. Are there values in the Oriental life style that would be valuable to urban America?

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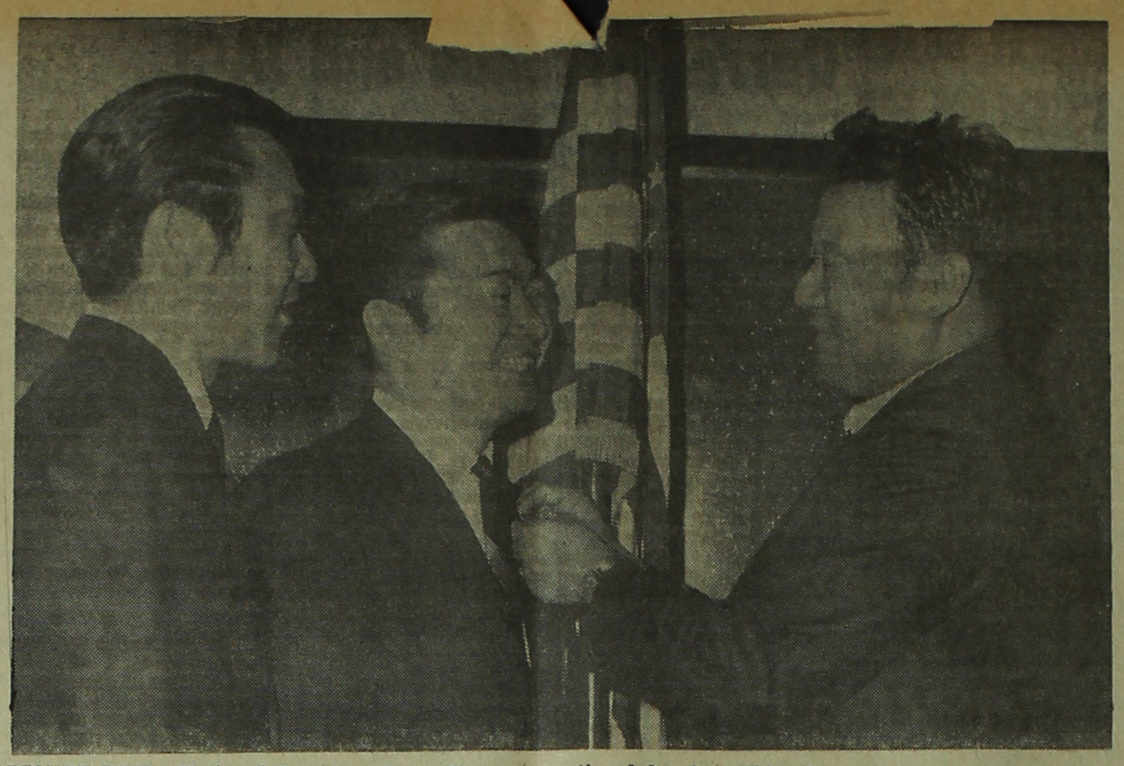
Another way of saying this is: how can we move from a sub-culture into the mainstream of American life? The answer seems to me to lie in identifying the challenges and problems and participating in the struggle for answers.

Sansei and Yonsei must utilize their heritage to help develop an America that will give life to all persons. My concern is therefore to assist our young men and women to become conscious of their Asian heritage and to utilize its virtues in helping to build a good society. And that can only be done through involvement in the issues and struggles now shaping society.

I have great faith that the Sansei and Yonsei will do just that. By the time the next hundred years come to an end, Japanese Americans will have made significant contributions and will have won for themselves an indispensable role in this society. As a Nisei, I seek only to give the Sansei and Yonsei a helping hand as they start on that journey.



SAPPHIRE PINS—National President Jerry Enomoto (right) presents the JACL sapphire pin for outstanding service to the organization at the district and national levels within the past 10 years to a pair of Salt Lake JACLers, Tats Misaka (left) and Ray Uno. Both have been Intermountain district governors.

Optimism seen in '70s for civil rights

By HERBERT HORIKAWA
(Special to the Pacific Citizen)

Washington, D.C.

JACL was one of over 100 organizations that attended the Civil Liberties Clearing House Conference on March 25-26 here at the Hotel Shoreham. The conference was divided into four major parts, each with its own set of speakers and in most instances, with an opportunity to ask questions or make comments during a discussion period.

The major topics included (a) "The News Media, The Government, and the Public's Right"; (b) "Challenge—Change"; (c) "Fear, Crime, Politics—Questions for Liberals"; and (d) "Civil Rights in the '70s—Where We Stand and Where We're Going."

News Media Panel

The panel concerned with the news media included Fred Graham (N.Y. Times), Bill Monroe (Today Show NBC), and Frank Mankiewicz (syndicated columnist.)

Graham focused on the tension that exists between the press and the government, as reflected in the recent subpoenas issued to Frank Wallace, of CBS, for his program on the SDS Weathermen, and Earl Caldwell for his newspaper treatment of the Black Panthers.

The climate has shifted from cooperation to confrontation. The news people generally feel that they would be made very ineffective if they had to reveal all their information and sources.

Monroe expressed the fear of the controls that are being placed on television. The inherent restraints of commercial television that includes competition between stations, conditions made by the advertisers, and the satisfying of member stations of an affiliated network, generate adequate controls. More legislative controls would serve to create political orthodoxy and in this way restrict freedom.

'Demand' Concept

Mankiewicz expressed his view of the quality of television programing. Television may be stupidly submitting itself to the popular "demand" for violence. The "demand" concept is weak in that all too often demand can be created; he illustrated this point by referring to women's fashions that change simply due to the decisions of a few major dress designers.

He agreed with the Vice President that distortion in the news can exist. The limitation of time to present the news forces the reporter to establish priorities. Beyond these priorities other variables such as film quality and money invested in production enters into the determination of showing or not showing an event on television.

Shifting to another topic, Mankiewicz viewed the present posture of the administration reflecting an anti-constitution strategy rather than a Southern strategy. This strategy is designed to reach a large number of people who are frightened and not concerned over constitutional protection.

Sen. Hart's Remarks

Senator Philip Hart (Mich.), speaker at the dinner meeting, focused his remarks on the Nixon Administration and their position on Civil Rights. Nixon appears to support Civil Rights with his words but his actions reveals his insincerity.

This was illustrated by his lack of support for Panetta (recently relieved from his duties at H.E.W.), voting rights act, in the people that he names as candidates for the supreme court.

The strategy employed by the administration seems to be designed to win the support of those being threatened; in many cases the support of the Black population is being written off.

D. C. Crime Bill

Rep. Brock Adams (Wash.) and Mayor Lee (first Black mayor of Chapel Hill, N.C.) were the speakers in the session involving Fear, Crime, and Politics.

Adams focused on the number of repressive legislations that are currently being considered. The D.C. Crime Bill is illustrative of these. The attention is directed to the result rather than on the cause.

There are positive qualities to the "D.C. Bill" that makes it palatable, such as the expansion of the courts and the establishment of public defenders, but the "Bill" includes repressive measures such as "No-Knock", electronic surveillence (wire-tapping), and the evasion of the juvenile court for a large number of offenses. The congressman, too, saw the current legislation as a reaction to fear.

A major part of the presentation was spent on the ways in which the judicial system could be made to work more effectively. He made five proposals:

1—Have a visible and mobile police force.
2—Qualitatively improve the training of policemen.
3—Liberalize the recruiting policies so that qualified people, even those with prior police records, can become policemen.
4—Expand the judicial system so that cases can be tried without unreasonable delay.
5—Improve the penal institutions so that they will serve to rehabilitate rather than simply detain.

All of these proposals will require substantial sums of money, but will make the system work.

Mood for Change

Mayor Lee, observed that there seems to be a mood for change. These needed changes may reflect on the inadequate ways the needs of the people are being served. Often we seem confused by serving a system or institution and forget that they exist to serve the people.

If this mood for chaneg persists, it will encourage changes in the system to make it more relevant. The Watts riot has set the tone; that confrontation is the way to ge things done.

Confrontation, although effective in gaining attention and results, also stimulates fear. If this fear remains unresolved, positive changes will be paralyzed.

Mayor's Assessment

The young people of today are forcing the larger society to focus on the issues. In short we simultaneously have fear for change, the confrontation or revelation of vital issues, and the sharp awareness that some action or change must take place. The Mayor named four factors that produce crime:

1—The sense of powerlessness. The desperation that is experienced forces the people to turn to the most available weapon—violence.
2—The sense of alienation. A large part of the population is separated or polarized; one part is being left behind and disregarded.
3—The sense of helplessness. Programs are designed to help the situation, but the "follow-through" is either inadequate or non-existent.
4—Repression. The hiding of issues that are vital to a large number of people. The evasion of obvious issues frustrates and infuriates those effected.

Today's liberals can do more than "understand" the situation. They can help close the gap that separates the Black people from the rest of society by opening the system. A coalition of Blacks and liberals can be a real force in generating political force in many communities.

Civil Rights in the '70s

The panel dealing with the status and direction of Civil Rights in the '70s included Stephen Horn (newly appointed president of the California State College at Long Beach), Rep. Louis Stokes (Ohio), and Paul Anthony (Southern Regional Council).

Horn indicated that progress has been made during the '60s. The legislation included laws dealing with voting and housing, but the frustration continues to exist. The inferior education and lack of money makes the Civil Rights laws empty.

The Philadelphia Plan for minority employment seems to point in a positive direction. He listed the areas of continued legislative attention.

1—Extending voting rights by banning the literacy test.
2—Empower the Equal Employment Office to issue cease and dissist orders.
3—Amend Title VIII of the Housing Act.
4—Enact laws that help bring minority groups into the mainstream of society.
5—Improve site selection for building so that minorities will not be further disadvantaged.
6—Make a real commitment into education over a substantial number of years, to overcome the deficit that now exists.
7—Allow for increased home ownership; including public housing in the suburbs as well as in the inner cities.
8—Encourage the law enforcement people to have a more positive relationship with the community.

The news media can accept a special responsibility in dignifying work; to show that a college degree is not always needed; to show what life is really like in times of crisis; to communicate the feelings of helplessness, powerlessness, and frustration.

Danger Looms

Stokes opened his remarks by observing that Kennedy and King established the spirit for the Civil Rights movement, but that there is danger now that much of the progress will be erased. He pointed to the "D.C. Crime Bill", which includes preventative detentions and other encroachments of civil liberties as signs that could portend the future.

In terms of Civil Rights we must go beyond what we initially imagined to eliminate racism; we need to clarify our concept of an integrated society, Stokes said. The reversal of racism will have to include the keen awareness of the "establishment" that they are responsible for racism; that they can and must eliminate it.

Racism is a barrier to meaningful integration.

The schools have been given an unfair share of the burden in instituting integration. It seems that since the adults could not do it, the task was given to the children.

In the area of employment racist employment practices must be eliminated; Blacks will not integrate if they know that they will always be subordinates to the whites. A summary appraisal of integration is that "it's not dead, but has met with one helleva accident".

Progress in Atlanta

Anthony focused on the general tendency to classify or label the civil rights attitudes. The differentiation of the North to South or of the Urban to Rural can be misleading in that many exceptions are ignored.

Atlanta has made many real progress towards achieving integration and civil rights. The example of Atlanta is encouraging; the South can change by the use of thoughtful legislation and other means.

The two areas of education and economic development appear to be of the greatest concern in achieving integration. In each of these areas the institutions had separated the population and legalized it with legislation. As a result of enforced integration many

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BOOK REVIEW: by Allan Beekman

New Book on Bloody Pacific Battle

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TARAWA: A LEGEND IS BORN, by Henry I. Shaw, Jr., Ballantine Books Inc., paperback, 159 pp., $1.00.

In the predawn darkness of Nov. 20, 1943, American Naval vessels under the command of Vice Admiral Raymond A. Spruance, gathered from various places in the Pacific — some from thousands of miles apart—converged on Tarawa, Gilbert Islands.

Like Makin and Apamama, the two other targets for the impending American assault, Tarawa is an atoll. Formed by sinking coral reefs and rising only about 12 feet above the sea, it is covered by coco palms and some underbrush. The typical reefs that encircle the atoll, protecting it from high seas, were to impose an additional hazard on the attackers.

The Japanese had begun taking over the Gilberts from the British immediately after the Pearl Harbor attack. Some months later they seized Tarawa and built the only airfield in the Gilberts on it.

Now Tarawa was garrisoned with 3,000 Japanese fighting men and thousands of laborers—mostly Koreans. They had made Betio Island, Tarawa, site of the airfield, into a veritable fortress.

Original Plan Disrupted

The original Japanese plan for the defense of these strongly held atolls called for the Japanese fleet to sortie from Truk, about 1400 miles to the northwest, in the Caroline Islands, and destroy the American invaders. But two weeks earlier, the Americans had destroyed the responsible air force at Bougainville.

Though Spruance was ignorant of the Japanese plight, the enemy now had no air cover to protect its fleet so could not risk it. Rear Adm. Keiji Shibasaki, commanding the 3rd Special Base Force, with headquarters at Betio, had thus been thrown almost entirely on his own resources to repel the impending attack.

Shibasaki was undismayed. Regardless of Japanese reverses elsewhere, he believed America could not take Tarawa with a million men in a hundred years.

Ballantine, which has brought out this account of one of the bloodiest battles in the history of the U.S. Marine Corps, has published many excelent books about World War II in the Pacific. The present volume is part of a series, "Ballantine's Illustrated History of World War II," according to the titles listed inside the cover, most of the other books in the series deal with the Western campaigns.

In addition to the author, the publisher gives credits to Barrie Pitt, editor-in-chief; Peter Dunbar, art director; and Capt. Sir Basil Liddell Hart, military consultant.

Maps Helpful

There are two columns of type to a page, harder reading than the usual single column, many photographs, and six maps. These illustrations are helpful in following the narrative; their usefulness would have been increased had they been listed by title so that they could be readily located when referred to in the text.

The Americans were to lose nearly 3,000 dead and wounded in disloging the enemy, which fought to the death. Perhaps to emphasize the somberness, the protograhps tend to be dark—far too dark.

In one photograph entitled, "Most of the prisoners were Korean labourers," the American captors look like victorious Nigerians standing guard over wounded Biafrans.

The book tends to a technical jargon, as if directed toward the military expert rather than the general audience. Readers lacking a World War II military background will have trouble remembering the many abbreviations, even though they are defined somewhere in the text.

The book does give an action account of a crucial battle in which the U.S. Marines were to win honor for themselves, glory for America, and a steppingstone on the road toward Tokyo and victory. And from the sacrifice of those who were to fight there, America was to learn valuable lessons of amphibious warfare that would be profitably employed in later battles.

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Paul Rusch

When the Army began to seek out Japanese linguists from the Nisei already in uniform in 1942, a favorite way of starting was for examining officers to walk into a room and bark "Kio-tsuke" (Attention) and see who instantly leaped to their feet. Not many did. This incident is noted in THE ROAD TO KEEP: The Story of Paul Rusch in Japan (New York/Tokyo: Walker/Weatherhill, $4.95) by Elizabeth Ann Hemphill. While the fascinating story of Paul Rusch, who developed KEEP (Kiyosato Educational Experiment Project), is told in heartwarming fashion, Mrs. Hemphill has also woven the broad events that surrounded him to make this another volume for a Nisei library.—H.H.

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How to Swim

As the weather warms up, MENEHUNE MAGIC (Tokyo/Rutland, Vt.: Tuttle, $1) by Leo Lynne is handy book for the season for its step-by-step system on swimming. With catchy illustrations by the author, who has employed the method successfully as a swim instructor since 1932, when he was a high school champion in Ohio, it's a primer with six easy lessons. We shall see how easy.—H.H.

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Shichi Fukujin

Issei know them as the "Shichi Fukujin." Nisei know them as the "Seven Gods of Fortune" and the young Sansei can read about them in SEVEN LUCKY GODS AND KEN-CHAN (Tokyo/Rutland: Tuttle, $3.95) by Elizabeth K. Miller, born in Dairen of Japanese parents, graduating from Midwest colleges and later a librarian and teacher. The sumi-e illustrations of the seven gods by Yasuo Kazama are impressive.—H.H.

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California History

Most of the chapters in ETHNIC CONFLICT IN CALIFORNIA HISTORY edited by Charles Wollenberg, chairman of history and government at Laney College, Oakland, dip into the "other side" or sordid aspects—the oppression, discrimination and racial prejudice against the Indians of the California Mission period, Negroes, Mexicans, Chinese, Japanese and the Chinese. The book evolved from a public lecture series in the summer of 1968. The essays on the blacks and Japanese were not part of the original program but help cover the subject. On the Japanese, Dr. John Modell (formerly with the JACL-UCLA Japanese American Research Project) manages to reveal the accomplishments of the group in spite of the obstacles of racism. But Modell's assessment that the "Japanese immigrant was not a pioneer" (he usually entered where others had uncovered opportunities and he exploited some portion of these with a thoroughness his predecessors had not shown—as Modell explains it) may not sit well with a student of Japanese American history.—H.H.

Study of Zen

Essays on Zen for the English-speaking Westerner are collected in A FLOWER DOES NOT TALK (Tokyo/Rutland, Vt.: Tuttle, $2.75, 264 pp.) by Zenkei Shibayama, abbot of Nanzenji Monastery in Kyoto. As one who has lectured in the United States in the 1960s, he describes the basic characteristics, the training it calls for, and the Zen personality. Typical Zen writings with copious notes follow, but the author is solely concerned with the basic core of all Buddhist teachings: the Truth, the Absolute, the fountainhead which is the basis for the happiness of all mankind. Master Shibayama believes Zen has universal and fundamental values that can contribute toward creating a new spiritual and human culture in a world that is going through a period of convulsion and change.—H.H.

'Great Betrayal'–Evacuation story by Girdner-Loftis wins book award

NEW YORK—"The Great Betrayal: The Evacuation of the Japanese Americans During World War II," by Audrie Girdner and Anne Loftis published by Macmillan last fall has been awarded the 1970 Aniesfield-Wolf awards of the Saturday Review.

In its April 11 issue, the Saturday Review stated, "Smothered for centuries by the swaddling clothing of fear and ignorance, repressed races and minority peoples are now stretching their limbs, demanding more space in which to grow, and at their own pace.

"The SR Anisfield-Wolf awards, started 36 years ago, help in this struggle by distinguishing works that contribute most to intergroup understanding.

Headed by anthropologist Ashley Montagu, the awards committee has this year selected four such books:

Four Winning Books

"Custer Died for Your Sins: An Indian Manifesto," by Vine Deloria, Jr. (Macmillan); "Scottsboro: A Tragedy of the American South," by Dan T. Carter (Louisiana State University Press); "The Negro in American Society," by Florestan Fernandes (Columbia University Press); and "The Great Betrayal," by Girdner and Loftis.

The authors will share a cash prize of $3,000. The Saturday Review article goes on to give a brief description of the evacuation story of Japanese Americans as captured by authors Girdner and Loftis in many personal interviews with the victims of hysteria and racism.

Saturday Review's editorial staff writer Naid Sofian concludes his article with a strong contemporary expression, "four books, then with a common theme: liberation; and a common method: winnowing truth from appearance. But most important, they spring from the conviction that man can grow, given the opportunity."

"The Great Betrayal" was released for distribution a few weeks before the appearance of the JACL-sponsored book, "Nisei: The Quiet Americans," by Bill Hosokawa and published by William Morrow and Co.

'Eye of the Storm'

NEW YORK — American Broadcasting Co.'s half-hour documentary, "The Eye of the Storm," on the origins of racial prejudice, will be broadcast on Monday, May 11, 10:30 p.m., EDT. Segment is part of the "NOW" series, produced by William Peters, co-author with Mrs. Medgar Evers, of the recent book, "For Us, the Living."

New Venice center passes $75,000 in bldg. fund

LOS ANGELES — With only four weeks of new Venice Center building fund campaign out of the way, grassroots support was enthusiastic with over $75,000 received toward the $250,000 goal, according to Dr. Mitsuo Inouye, fund chairman.

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Sansei Slant

By PATTI DOHZEN

Dear Bob,

I appreciate your letter of concern over the Chicago Convention. Unfortunately most people don't really seem disturbed about the past issues that have arose from that city.

I am aware that there are others who share your views on changing the convention site. However, my feeling is that the majority of the convention goers must witness for

Reply to Bob's Letter

themselves the injustices that governmental authorities can inflict upon its citizens. I think everyone must come to understand what this type of oppression means must experience it on a first hand basis.

I member when Dr. Hayakawa first came to speak at the PSW district convention, people I knew were calling him a house nigger, an Uncle Tom. But I never really understood why. So I went and listened to him reveal his ignorance of the problems of the Asian community as well as his insensitivity to the experiences of his ethnic people. I watched him in shocked disbelief as many adults expressed their admiration for this man with a standing ovation.

Just outside the room, some of my friends, schoolmates, my church minister and other concerned Asians demonstrated their opinion that Hayakawa was not their leader. I knew then and there that I should have been outside with them. But such realizations take time to digest and comprehend.

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The next day, I remember that you came up to me after listening to Yuji Ichioka's speech and asked about a statement he had made. I don't recall the question but I remember the grave confused expression on your face. It was as if you had learned something very serious and important and were trying to understand what it all meant. I don't know.

But I do know that asking the question is the beginning and the more questions are raised, the more you discover. And the more discoveries are made, the more these begin to connect with each other until it becomes quite clear that there is a very wide gap between what is said and what is actually being done.

I think the time had come for people to separate themselves from that fat muddy gray margin and polarize along more black and white lines. This past year has seen many conflicting opinions raised among members involving staff members, office policies, political involvement, national policies and the Nisei and Sansei. Perhaps Chicago is the only place conducive to create a climate for a direct confrontation needed to resolve these issues.

Sincerely,
Patti Dohzen

Youth Page

The Tale of the Little Yellow Hen

Once upon a time there was a little yellow hen and this hen wanted to make some sushi.

So the hen asked Mouse, "Would you please get some nori?"

"No," said Mouse, "I'm too busy watching another crazy mouse hang a bell on a cat."

So the hen asked Hog, "Would you please get me some rice?"

"No," said Hog, "I'm too content wallowing in my mud. Why don't you ask Cow?"

So the hen asked Cow, "Could you get me some ginger so I could make some sushi?"

"No," said Cow. "I'm too busy eating. Why don't you ask Dog?"

So the hen asked Dog, "Would you help me make sushi? Could you get me some roots?"

"No," said Dog, "I'm busy right now sleeping, why don't you do it yourself?"

So, the hen, having no one else to turn to, gathered her ginger, roots, rice, and nori and made it herself.

The word got out that the yellow hen had finished he sushi and all the Barnyard was stirring with excitement.

In no time all the animals were at the hen's coop sharing her sushi.

"This is good sushi," said Mouse, Hog, Cow and Dog in unison. "Let's do this more often!"

The Junior Barnyard seems to have too few yellow hens around.

—Chicago Jr. JACL Jumble

A solution to the Generation Gap

By RONALD TANIGUCHI

Honolulu

There has been much written about the "Generation Gap" in recent years — so much that the very expression now offends my sensibilities as much as a four letter word

Most of us agree that there is such a thing and find it needful in examining the dialectic that explains the fervent '60s— a decade that produced a direct confrontation between old and new values

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and attitudes both on the family level (between parent and child) and on the institutional level (between the Establishment and young liberals).

This will be an explanation of the phenomenon and a solution as well.

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Let's once more review the history of our parents. They were raised in hard times most of them, and expended much of their physical and mental energy contriving new and original ways to stay alive. . . to exist. . . to see another day — a day when life for their children would be more comfortable.

The American economy grew and with it affluence touched on a great number of these hard-working people. They were able to consider sending their sons and daughters to college—away from the provincial attitudes of local environment—and there, the great diploma-mill would churn out degrees and neatly place the kids into the middle-class slots bored immaculately by the incumbent Power Structure.

Once fitted, they were expected to carry on and lead respectable lives based on values taught them by their parents and tribal propaganda taught them by the Super-Ego of Society.

However, something cool happened on the way to destiny and the slot. Kids began wondering if this was all there is to life; they began to question a money-grubbing society that supported overt racism and a military-industrial complex that does nothing but encourage war-mongering.

They began to wonder why their parents were so myopic in their headlong quest for material security that they could allow such an infection to proliferate and finally create a pathological state, the main symptom of which is apathy.

Here, they found something that could have meaning for them, for certainly they were already skeptical about devoting their lives to making money, since most of them, even before entering college, could look forward to a lifetime of relative security, thanks to the efforts of their parents. So they headed in another direction.

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On the other side of the mountain they found things they could really groove on—truth, honesty, and most of all, integrity and man, I mean the old-fashioned definitions—without compromise.

On this side, you did things for the **right** reason, regardless of whether it conflicted with the response Society deemed must be advantageous to getting ahead or not; regardless of whether it was in harmony with laws or not.

Once they knew what was honest for that situation, they acted, for Shakespeare once said, "Action is eloquence." No more of this apathy jazz. They found that this was not an ideal society and discovered that something could be done, from massive organized protest, to nothing more than living their own lives in closer accord with the principles of Humanism.

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And here is where a major conflict occurred due to a difference in motives and ideology.

The older generation wanted their kids to get schooling in order to get ahead, but once ahead to carry on the status quo with quiet respectability; the more exposed and worldly younger generation stumbled on to the fact that armed with this schooling they could create a better society, a concept that involves reaching beyond the bounds of the immediate environment of home, family, and job.

So, the kids, when confronted with the archaic dogma of their elders, felt no pain nor strain in calling it pure crap.

Now this less than artistic expression of repulsion did not set well with many older folks (college deans, governors, parents, Mayor Daleys), for to admit such would be to say that all they have lived for was a cipher — the world would fall apart for them because then they wouldn't know what to believe in. I think this is one of the tragedies of aging. People tend to become dogmatic in a frantic search to confer order in a world that is constantly changing, which is a contradiction that inevitably leads to conwlict.

To achieve this chimera they withdraw the perimeters of their involvement to their immediate environment and are then perfectly content to live out their days in this way. I think a better philosophy for this age espouses a hang-loose type of ethics depicted in verse by Ione Hill.

Is loyalty a measurable thing
Or is it just an absence of disloyalty
I know I will not, cannot, promise
To be true, or anything to anyone
Beyond the moments happening
I cannot promise because I do not know.
I would not be untrue
To the moment yet unborn.

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What I have said in this essay may ostensibly appear to be an indictment against an inflexible older generation; however, to me it is also intended to rally youth, the very people I have been referring to in such favorable terms.

My years in college made conspicuous the fact that the majority of students are no more odious caricatures of their parents. Indeed, the cool generation—the ones contriving new and original ways to improve society, just as their parents contrived new and original ways to stay alive and exist—are in the minority.

And this, I find depressing, a waste of human resources and most of all, disgusting.

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Gardena High site of PSWDC Nisei Relays June 7

GARDENA—The 19th annual PSWDC Nisei Relays, co-hosted by Gardena Valley and San Gabriel Valley JACL Chapters, will be held at the Gardena High School on Sunday, June 7. David Ito (San Gabriel) and Tom Oyama (Gardena) will be the Relays co-chairmen.

Application forms are available at the So. Calif. JACL Office and from various chapter presidents. Entries are due Friday, May 15, accompanied with the necessary fees; $1.50 for open and junior competition; $1 for midget and cub competition.

George Mizuguchi (Gardena), finance chairman, 20111 S. Quixley Ave., Gardena 90247, is accepting completed applications.

The Nisei Relays team championship trophy is being donated by Capitol Life Insurance Co. through Paul Chinn.

Nisei Relays Committee met April 17 to make the following appointments.

Meet directors — Track Events (Hollywood); Field Events (Wilshire); registrar—Bob Moriguchi (San Fernando); clerk of the couse—Charles Yata (Long Beach); finance—George Mizuguchi (Gardena); meet physicians—Dr. Robert Watanabe (WLA), Dr. Tad Fujioka (ELA); announcer—Deni Uejima (San Gabriel); program—Mino Miyashiro (San Gabriel); program—Mino Miyashiro (San Gabriel); publicity—Tak Kawagoe (Gardena); awards—Yo Tsuruda (WLA); starter—Dave Okura; finish judges—Orange County Chapter; scorer—Harry Nasu (Gardena); long jump—East L.A. Chapter; high jump—West L.A. Chapter; pole vault—Pasadena Chapter; shot put—Long Beach Chapter.

Nisei Ambassadors

CHICAGO—The 1970 edition of the Nisei Ambassadors drum and bugle corps will be introduced at the May 9 "Music in Motion" show at the Chicago Ave. Armory. At least two other groups have been invited to display their precision and sounds. Show starts at 7:45 p.m.

Open road opens up thoughts on being with people

By DAVE TAKASHIMA

Chula Vista

During the past fe wweeks, I have given myself a "break" from the daily routine of college life and hopped into my little yellow Datsun and traveled. Yes, travel like all normal people dream of doing and only the insane get to do. Anyway, I drove alone for some 2,000 miles with my convertible top down — soaking in the sun and the beauty of

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the West Coast of the states of California, Oregon and Washington.

While driving between cities, I was able to think about myself and other people that I happen to interact with the help of JACL. Names flew in and out of my mind like:

Al Endow in Vietnam; Don Hayashi, Susie Saito, Stan Kiyokawa, and Tamura's of Portland; Joe Okimoto, Don Kazama, Alan Yamamoto, Larry Matsuda, Anthony Ogilire and Kay Mori of Seattle; Carolyn Uchiyama, Winston Ashizawa, Steve Young, Henry Kaku and Russell Obana of Northern California; Merilynne Hamano, Patti Dohzen, Alan Kumamoto, Don Asakawa, Junko Kawamura, Ron Wakabayashi, Ken Hamada, the Fukashimas, Warren Furutani, Victor Shibata, Sharon Mizuno, Kathi Mukai, Joannie Kitada, Rory Oba, the Tanitas, the Narasakis and the Uyesugis in PSWDYC; adults with names as common as Jerry, Mas, Fred, Frank, Mike, Mike II, Jeffrey, Harry, Tom, Yone, Roy, Raymond, "Mo", Shig, Isao and others.

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I wondered why. It seems that the organization lets us forget we are dealing and working with people having a variety of ideologies, interests and personalities. Especially, when JACL like many other organizations is experiencing a change and embarking on its 41st year of existence. People are raising their voices at each other in an effort to be heard by others. Yet, they themselves do not listen while others speak.

Then a quote from one of my classes became relevent to the "here and now" of JACL. I thought . . . POW . . . if people including myself followed a little of the following words, this would be a more humanistic world. So please take some time out and read this and maybe you can have a brighter looking day and help find some other human being lost in this insensitive world of the 1970s. Peace and Love.

Gestalt Prayer

I do my thing, and you do your thing.
I am not in this world to live up to your expectations,
And you are not in this world to live up to mine.
You are you I am I.
And if by chance we find each other, it's beautiful.
If not, it can't be helped.

—F. Perls

Asians march Apr. 12 to protest Vietnam war

WASHINGTON—Truong Buu Lam, a Vietnamese professor at State University of New York at Stoneybrook, led a group of some 100 Asians in the April 12 march against U.S. involvement in Vietnam here. March was preceded by a teach-in April 11.

The march was supported by members of the Asian American Political Alliance at Columbia, Chicago Liberation Chapter, Asian American Students Assn. at Yale, Asian Americans for Action, I Wor Kuen, Asian American Alliance at Stoneybrook at the Committee on Responsibility.

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'Hiroshima-Nagasaki' film shown to students

SAN FRANCISCO—"Hiroshima-Nagasaki", a 16-minute film depicting the horrors of atomic war, has been purchased by Sansei Project for local use, it was announced by Edison Uno, 515 Ninth Ave., who is booking exhibit dates for a nominal rental.

(Two prints have been ordered by National JACL for use by the Chapters and community groups.)

When shown to Uno's students in ethnic studies at San Francisco State on April 15, there was a somber, deathly silent reaction. Then came comments of "unforgettable and shameful," "it made me strongly anti-war." Produced by Columbia University Press, footage was taken by Japanese cameramen immediately after the A-bombs fell on the two Japanese cities in August, 1945.

WAKABAYASHI-SHIBATA REPORT

Candid Appraisal after 3 Months

LOS ANGELES — A candid appraisal of Jr. JACL and JACL's youth program by Ron Wakabayashi, field director for youth services, and Victor Shibata, Jr. JACL administrator, was made this past week in a report to the National JACL Board, the National Youth Commission and District Youth Coordinating Council.

Wakabayashi and Shibata, who succeeded Alan Kumamoto, past national youth director, have been assessing the youth program after being on staff for three months.

The organization's commitment to the Jr. JACL program must be questioned for it is being treated as "an afterthought", it was claimed, after viewing many of the practices that reoccur.

'Paternalism'

While there is enough semblance of staff and program to lay claim to a youth program, Wakabayashi and Shibata described that to be "paternalism — frightingly analogous to the liberal towenism that whites exhibit to minority peoples".

In recognizing the recent additions to staff of field directors, special projects in California, they also pointed to the need of staff assistance in other regions where Sansei and Jr. JACLers reside.

Of the present Jr. JACL-JACL relationships, they cited the practice of seniors deciding what is good for the Jr. JACLer and dimly viewed the chapter board adjourning then asking the youth representative for his report as an afterthought or the chapters relegating the responsibilities of clean-up crew, bus boys or usherettes to the youth.

"If we are presumptuous in many of our statements thus far, so have many JACLers been in dealing with the youth as if the latter were one monolithic group," the report held. "It is equally presumptpous to impose expectations upon the youth, rather than letting them define their own goals."

'Blatantly Unfair'

Imposing senior youth commissioners as well as chapter advisers and expecting youth to always make the adjustments to these arbitrary choices was seen as "blatantly unfair".

Wakayabashi and Shibata said it was unrealistic to squabble about Jr. JACL supporting itself if JACL wants a Jr. JACL program.

"We believe that Jr. JACL should exist on a level of parity with all programs that are sponsored by the organization. As such, the dedication and hard work of many Jr. JACL leaders should be acknowledged by physical and financial support.

"Perhaps, as we near a national convention which will present guidelines and a budget for the next few years, those who are connected with the Youth Program and/or share our concerns for youth ought to be willing to seek out demonstrable support.

"District youth chairmen should be encouraged to travel throughout their districts. Their requests for staff services ought to be examined and given every possible consideration.

"To simply say that we lack resources does not seem to be sufficient an answer, when we purport to be speaking from a position of commitment," the Wakabayashi-Shibata report concluded.

Recent Activities

More recently, Shibata covered the EDYC and MDYC meetings in conjunction with his attendance as a delegate to the National Civil Liberties Conference meeting in Washington, D.C.

Wakabayashi has attended Jr. JACL sessions and workshops in Washington, Salt Lake City, Lake Tahoe, Fresno and in Los Angeles.

The youth office has been administering the JACL scholarship program, has published a two-page newsletter, is working on young adult chapter formation, exchanging resources with other organizations, pushing ethnic studies (especially at Cal State Los Angeles), and working on youth affairs with the Chicago convention committee.

In order to gain understanding of the youth program of other organizations locally, they have met with representatives of the Yellow Brotherhood, Okei Memorial Care Center, Young Buddhist Association and the Asian American High Potential Program.

The youth office is also assisting in the JACL Student Aid program, the JACL oratorical-essay contests and serves as headquarters for Jr. JACL.

Girl from Chicago wins MDC oratory

MILWAUKEE — Joan Kubo, representing Chicago JACL, was named winner of the Midwest District Council oratorical contest held here April 4.

Meredith Kamikawa, representing Milwaukee JACL, was second. Both were awarded U.S. savings bonds as prizes while the winner, who will compete in the national finals in July, also received a medallion.

Spark seeks teeth in Clear Air Law

WASHINGTON—In a message on Earth Day (April 22), Rep. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) cited the rapidly deteriorating quality of environment and called for inspection and enforcement procedures to the 1967 Clean Air Act.

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Let JACL of 1970 help to better understanding

By MARY ANNA TAKAGI
Oakland JACL President

It has always been interesting to me how a volunteer group of people (your JACL officers and board) can capture the attention and interest of a community of JACLers. I have seen the volunteers get very tired.

Today, we seem to have a very wide diversity of philosophies and prescriptions for ourselves as Americans of Japanese ancestry—particularly

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in our relations with each other, our families and the majority community.

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Yesterday, one heard all about the formulas and prescriptions for assimilation and integration and acceptance for racial minorities into the majority society.

Today, questioning the past, one faces new thought on the integrity of ethnic awareness and identity.

One thought is very clear in my mind, that is . . . the "C" of our initials in JACL stands for citizens and that is a very important concept. Japanese Americans must be aware citizens.

Awareness in 1942 might have led to a different history for those of us who were interned in camps.

Today, we may not be confronted with camps for ourselves but camps for others; we are being faced with altogether new concepts about ourselves, our children and others.

We can no longer function in a vacuum occupied with education, such as it is, and a roof over our heads. This is not to say that all of our material needs are being met but that the self-interest we had before must now be viewed in a different context.

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Maybe the roof over our heads costs $50,000 and we should have a very secure feeling about that roof but today, security seems to be at a premium, especially when we bandy the word, acceptance, around it. Education is the answer.

Well, having a $50,000 roof and fairly good education can still pose problems when we think about acceptance.

Do we really understand why an offspring under a $50,000 roof, getting a "good" education suddenly goes barefoot and becomes a conscientious objector because he hates war? Funny about that! Your good roof turns you on but turns your offspring off.

Some of our offspring find it hard to believe that we stayed in those concentration camps . . . hard to believe about our apolitical posture . . . hard to believe that we can't be concerned about racial issues or racial stereotyping when their children, our grandchildren are coming up strong. Why do we compete with each other when we should be concerned about each other?

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If this 1970 year of JACL can help all of us to better understand ourselves and others and we keep JACL in a continual viable state, most of us will be glad we were around.

he viability of JACL really rests with us. We must be willing to take on those "controversial" issues we might have avoided before.

I resolutely believe that we are all leaders now and we Americans of Japanese ancestry have new goals to meet.

CALENDAR

May 1 (Friday)
West Los Angeles—Japanese film, "NHK Songfest," Stoner Ctr., Auditorium.

May 2 (Saturday)
Contra Costa—Reno Fun Trip, lv El Cerrito Plaza, 7 p.m.
Riverside—Gen. Mtg, International Lounge, UC Riverside Commons, 7:30 p.m.; Un-ichi Hiratsuka demonstrates printmaking.
West Los Angeles—Japanese film, "NHK Songfest", Sawtelle Gakuen.

May 3 (Sunday)
NC-WNDC—2d qtrly session, Golden Pavilion Restaurant, Los Altos, 1 p.m.! Harry McMillan, dnr spkr. (Sequoia JACL hosts).
Dayton—Culture of Japan Festival, YWCA.
Portland—Graduates dinner, Sheraton Motor Inn.

May 8 (Friday)
Downtown L.A.—Mother of the Year dinner, Man Jen Low, 7 p.m.
West Los Angeles—Earth Sci mtg, Stoner Rec Ctr, 7:30 p.m.; Tak Susuki, spkr., "Topanga Fossils".

May 5 (Tuesday)
Prog. Westside—Fun Bowling Night, Holiday Bowl, 8 p.m.

May 9 (Saturday)
Sacramento—Jr. JACL cake sale, Gemco (Riverside & Bdwy), Bel-Air Mkt (Florin Rd & Landpark), 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
San Francisco—1000 Club Night at the Races, Bay Meadows Turf Club.

May 11 (Monday)
West Los Angeles—Bd Mtg., Capitol Life Ins Bldg., 7:30 p.m.

May 15 (Friday)
Salinas—Movie night.
Riverside—Ondo practice, Gakuen, 7:30 p.m.

May 16—17
PSWDC—Pre-convention rally, West Los Angeles hosts; Airport Marina Hotel.

May 17 (Sunday)
San Gabriel Valley—Issei potluck dinner ESGV Community Center, West Covina.
Salinas—Cemetery clean-up.

May 20 (Wednesday)
CCDC—District Mtg, Selma.

May 22 (Friday)
San Francisco—1000 Club party.

May 23 (Saturday)
East Los Angeles—Emerald Ball.

May 24 (Sunday)
Detroit—Issei appreciation.

May 30 (Saturday)
San Francisco—Memorial service.

MDC WHING-DING—Doing a magnificent job of entertaining at the Midwest District Council whing-ding at Milwaukee was Dr. Wilbur Nakamoto and his Hawaiian dancers.
—Photo by Tom Suyama

● **Dr. Frank Sakamoto,** Nat'l 1000 Club Chmn.

MDC warms up

Chicago

Upon arriving for the MDC Convention at Milwaukee, we were met by Henry Date, the MDC Convention chairman, and Eddie Jonokuchi the Milwaukee 1000 Club chairman, and immediately whisked into the mixer at the Plankington palace.

Believe me, old Milwaukee is not referred to as the Brewers for nothing. They had kegs of beer and for those with champagne tastes, that too was accommodated.

Our National Convention Chairman Hiro Mayeda gave a most exciting invitation to the conventioners. Of course, the Midwesterners are anticipating meeting the West Coast conventioners this July and by the sound of things, we are going to have a big ball here in Chicago.

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The morning rap session was certainly worthwhile attending. The nucleus of the proposed Chicago Liberation Chapter was also there to participate in the discussions. The up and coming man to look forward to at these conventions will be Hiroshi Kanno, who spearheaded the repeal of Title II campaign in the Midwest.

The Saturday night MDC Whing Ding was one of the best I have attended and the music has certainly changed today. The combo followed in the footsteps of the Blood, Sweat and Tears and we even had the juniors crashing the senior Whing Ding.

That's when I met Dr. Otto Furuta, adviser to the juniors from St. Louis. He bet me a 1000 Club membership if I would do a dance called the "Popcorn".

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Well, I felt that this was better than the last bet I had a few months ago when someone challenged me to have my teeth pulled by a certain dentist. Man, what I do for a 1000 Club membership! Thank you Dr. Otto. You're a great sport.

So you can imagine what a whing ding that was.

Also there was Dr. Wilbur Nakamoto who did a magnificent job of entertaining us with his dancers in leis and grass skirts. It's surprising what talent these Nisei and Sansei have.

Congratulations to you Milwaukeans for a job well done. See you all at "It's A Gas!"

CHICAGO CONVENTION: July 15 (Wed.)

It's A Gas!

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By MAS TOKIYAMA

Chicago

What's a gas? The evening of July 15, 1970.

So, what's happening? The 1000 Club Whing Ding at the National JACL Convention in Chicago. That's what's happennin'!

Highlighting the fun-in at the Club 48, will be the fabulous Gaslight Girls Road Show, featuring flapper girls and jazz band. It's a fast paced entertainment, mixed with solo dances, vocal numbers, and novelty acts. For the uninhibited, learn the Charleston or do the Twist with the Gaslight girls.

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For dinner, enjoy a whopper of a meal of roast beef and baked chicken.

As part of our Chicago hospitality, transportation will be provided for out-of-towners, staying at the Palmer House.

So, with a great bar, exciting entertainment, the Chicago Whing Ding will be a full evening of fun. Some have already begun to label this event as a mid-summer New Year's Eve.

So, hurry and get your reservations in early.

For the Women

Auxiliary prepares for PSWDC pre-confab rally

To assist the host chapter stage the PSWDC pre-convention rally May 16-17 at Airport Marine, the **West Los Angeles JACL Women's Auxiliary** meets May 4, 8 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Ed Osugi to discuss certain phases of the arrangements.

Mrs. Ron Yoshida is chairman of the convention display on the theme of "Oriental Influences upon the Western Dorld". Yuki Sato and her committee will handle banquet table decorations.

San Benito County JACL

HOLLISTER—The San Benito County JACL held its annual JACL community picnic April 19 at Bolado Park. The annual chapter bowling tournament was held Mar. 22 at Hollister Lanes.

"LOST" INSURANCE MONEY—Mrs. Lavora Humbles receives a $2,000 check from Harry Mizuno, a very alert Chicago insurance representative, on a policy that had lapsed in 1966. Mr. Humbles became seriously ill in 1966 and passed away in 1969. In reviewing the case, Mizuno discovered that Mr. Humbles had never exercised an option of asking for a waiver of premium on his group insurance when he was forced to leave employment because of failing health. Mr. Mizuno stated, "I discovered a highly unusual situation where there was no negligence on the part of anybody, but the family had a legitimate claim against the insurance carrier. When this was brought to the attention of the insurance company, they made a very thorough investigation, and gladly paid the death claim." Mrs. Humbles expressed deep appreciation to Mizuno, and expressed a higher respect and understanding for the insurance industry.

Pulse on Chapters

Civic Affairs

Fund drive starts for Seafair queen project

Underway now is a fund drive by the Greater Seattle Japanese Community queen committee to be used as a scholarship for the new Seafair queen and her court. **Seattle JACL**, co-sponsoring the project with the Japanese Cultural Festival Committee, is also assisting Nobie Tsukiji, committee chairman, in the selection of a queen candidate.

Major events for the candidates are the queen's tea May 24, Consul General's tea June 7, preliminary judging June 20, and the coronation ball at the Washington Plaza Hotel June 26.

Dayton JACL Japan Tour slides widely shown

Slides of the **Dayton JACL** tour to Japan and Sister City activities taken last year continued to be shown to many local groups, including service clubs, schools and church groups.

Lawrence and Goldie McElhany, Fred and Chieko Fisk explained the slides at the meetings.

Best coverage, of course, came when a local television station showed them to its audinece of an estimated 300,000 viewers.

The chapter's "Culture of Japan" festival this Sunday (May 3) at the YWCA is also gaining TV coverage with camera crews due tomorrow during the preparation stages of the chapter's chief fund-raising event of the year. Gerald Hawkins is program chairman.

For the Elders

Lifetime memberships

Three Issei were honored with lifetime memberships in the **Dayton JACL** during the chapter's Issei Day potluck dinner April 19. They were Saburo Watanabe, Chiyano Yamasaki and Teruko Yukawa, according to Pete Hironaka, Issei project chairman, who was in charge of the presentations.

Oral histories still sought by Seattle JACL

Concern to preserve on tape the stories of the Issei and Nisei is a continuous process for the **Seattle JACL** Issei-Nisei Story Committee. On-going studies tell the story in a general way, but the need still exists for unique stories and autobiographies, according to Sally Kazama (PA 5-3472).

Working with the Nisei Veterans Committee, the JACL committee would like to borrow cassette recorders for at-home interviews, help from bilingual interviewrs, transcribers and translators, and stories from the Issei and Nisei.

A plea to save documentary materials for the archives was also emphasized as the Univ. of WaWshington is specially interested in the accumulation of all Issei records.

Scholarship

High school, college scholarships total $400

The **Watsonville JACL** has decided to offer a total of $400 in scholarships to deserving graduates of high school and Cabrillo College this year.

The high school recipients will be Japanese American scholars chosen from schools in Santa Cruz county, according to Dr. Francis Tomozawa, Watsonville JACL scholarship committee chairman.

The top high school scholarship will be for $200 and $100 will be awarded to the runner-up. Another $100 will be given to a deserving graduate from Cabrillo College in Aptos.

Salt Lake Sansei 'loud and clear' on their views of interracial marriages

By ALICE KASAI

The Salt Lake JACL presented for the first time, a Mixed Marriage Workshop on April 17, at the Buddist Church. Dr. Wilford Higashi, president of Utah Mental Health Assn., chairman and moderator for the workshop, presented a panel of speakers with varied backgrounds.

The Rev. Dean Frendsdorf of St. Mark's Episcopal Church and the Rev. Lawrence Meinzen of St. John's Lutheran Church gave their views as counselors to those with marriage problems. Helen Kurumada, a Chinese American wife of Dr. Jun; Earl Millham, who is married to a Hawaiian Nisei; and Ben Woodsen, Univ. of Utah black student in Educational Psychology who is married to a caucasian, comprised the panel.

A mixed audience of over 80 Nisei, Sansei and non-Japanese participated. Psychologically, socially, culturally, sexually, racially — the issue was discussed and aired from all angles.

The Nisei were given a good exposure to their feelings as counter expressions came from both panel members and the youths. The Nisei were charged with having a double standard by teaching their children they are equal and yet object to intermarriage.

A Nisei parent expressed concern that it was not racial discrimination to wish the best for their children by insisting they marry one of their own kind. A Sansei stated the problem was from without — causing the social pressure. Others stated the basic issue was cultural differences rather than race.

The audience response indicated that the Sansei was not so "quiet" as they were loud and clear in their wives on marriage. The discussion was just beginning to get interesting in exploring the problems, when time to adjourn came. Follow-up on a smaller scale is being planned.

Dr. Higashi summed up the evening discussion with Michener's "The Golden Man" from the book "Hawaii."

For the Family

Community picnic

In the planning stage now, the **Riverside JACL** announced its community picnic will be held June 28 at Sylvan Park, Redlands.

'Topanga Fossils' topic for Earth Sci meeting

Takeo Susuki, chairman of the **West Los Angeles JACL** Earth Science section and a member of the UCLA geology department, will speak on "Topanga Fossils" on Friday, May 8, 7:30 p.m., at Stoner Recreation Center.

Meeting was previously scheduled for May 1, which is now the date for the Jr. JACL chapter showing of the "NHK Songfest" film at Stoner.

Plans for the Earth Science field trip May 24 near Solvang for multi-colored jasper will be announced at the May meeting.

Meetings

'Black Militancy'

Carl E. Martin, consultant with the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations, was guest speaker at the **Progressive Westside JACL** meeting April 28 at Tai Ping The topic was "Black Militancy."

Fun Bowling Night

Expanding its scope of activities, **Progressive Westside JACL** will have a Fun Bowling Night at Holiday Bowl on Tuesday, May 5, 8 p.m., with a jam session following in the playroom.

Trophies and booby prizes are being planned for the highest and lowest games scored in the Scotch Doubles and Group Bowling events.

Activities at Reno

As a prelude to the annual **Reno JACL** picnic in July, members will get acquainted with numerous new members and plan for the picnic May 16 chapter potluck dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mas Baba, it was announced by Eugene Choy, chapter president.

During the month of April, the chapter co-hosted with the Reno YMCA a bonsai exhibition and demonstration by Frank Yamasaki of Auburn. He showed his 75-year white oak, 35-year-old wisteria plants and a 25-year-old Japanese pine tree.

Mrs. Michiko Spahr demonstrated making of sushi and setting a Japanese table and Frank Date explained how to prepare chicken and beef sukiyaki at the April 9 cooking class.

Cultural

Riverside JACL to hear printmaker from Japan

Woodblock artist and teacher Un-ichi Hiratsuka, 75, will demonstrate his art at a **Riverside JACL** general meeting May 2, 7:30 p.m., at the UC Riverside Commons, International Lounge, and be honored a community dinner May 3, 7:30 p.m., at the Palace of the Dragon.

Invited by UC Riverside and UC Irvine to lecture and exhibit his works at both campuses from May 4-15 and then at the Riverside Art Center May 18-29, Hiratsuka was born in Matsue, studied printmaking from Bonkotsu Imagi, then the only living artisan of ukiyoe prints. Hiratsuka has taught students all over the world, including such accomplished artists as Munakata, Saito, Maeda, Hashimoto, Azechi, Yamauchi, Ono and Ueno. Since 1962, he has been lecturing widely in the U.S.

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Aloha from Hawaii

by Richard Gima

Quickie Divorces

Persons expecting to get quickie divorces by making a fast trip to the Big Island should read this: You still must meet the requirement of having physically resided on the Big Island for three months before divorce papers are filed. This is called the venue requirement. Big Island Circuit Judge **Nelson Doi** recently struck down the one-year Hawaii residence requirement before a person may start divorce proceedings.

Political Scene

Political polls continue to show **Samuel P. King** far ahead of his rivals in the Republican gubernatorial race. A KGMB poll of 429 Oahu voters, conducted recently, found King leading **D. Hebden Porteus** by more than a 6-to-1 margin. A similar telephone survey of 500 Oahu voters, conducted by the Star Bulletin recently, showed King ahead of Porteus by a more than 4-to-1 margin. KGMB's poll also showed incumbent **Gov. John A. Burns** still training Lt. Gov. **Thomas P. Gill** in the Democratic nomination for governor.

Hank McKeague, a supervisor at the Koko Head Job Corps Center, is expected to seek a House seat from the new 11th Dist. (Kaimuki-Kapahulu) this year. He will run as a Republican. McKeague is expected to announce formally his candidacy this summer.

Tadao Okimoto, a longtime supporter of Gov. Burns, has been nominated as chairman of the Big Island Democrats' Central Committee by the convention nominating committee. But Lt. Gov. Gill's lieutenants do not now expect to contest his election on the floor of the convention April 25 at the Univ. of Hawaii Hilo campus.

The city council has approved the appointment of **Mrs. Lily M. Okamoto** as council auditor. Mrs. Okamoto was a deputy director of the state dept. of regulatory agencies. Her new job is a civil service position with a starting salary of $13,000 a year plus.

Danly Kihano, an insurance underwriter, has announced his candidacy for a House seat from the 20th Dist. (Pearl City-Eva) on the Democratic ticket. His supporters sponsored a benefit luau at the Momilani Community Center. Kihano was instrumental in organizing the Leeward YMCA in 1964 and has served as its elementary and intermediate program director.

City Council Chairman **Walter M. Heen**, touted as a possible candidate for lt. governor on a Thomas P. Gill ticket, says he has not been approached on the possibility. Heen says the post is one he is "interested in and could be comfortable with." Heen says he feels he could serve in the No. 2 job under either Gill or Gov. John A. Burns.

Military News

Two island soldiers have received Silver Stars for gallantry in action in Vietnam. S. Sgt. **Kenneth T. Ebisu**, confined to Tripler Hospital with leg wounds since August, received his recently in ceremonies at the hospital. S. Sgt. **Harrom H. Kaili** of Maukaweli, Kauai, received his in March in ceremonies at Cu Chi, headquarters of the 25th Division.

Spec. 4 **Howard S. Suzuki**, son of the Shigeo Suzukis of Laupahoehoe, Hawaii, received the army commendation medal while serving with the 4th Infantry Division near Pleiku, Vietnam.

Air Force Capt. **Calvin T. Kawamoto**, a Univ. of Hawaii graduate, has received the Distinguished Flying Cross for air action in Southeast Asia. Kawamoto, son of the T. Kawamotos of Honolulu, was cited for extraordinary achievement as a weapons systems officer, making repeated attacks against enemy gun positions while flying aboard a Phantom jet in adverse weather and over mountainous terrain.

Filipino Center

The Filipino Chamber of Commerce has urged early action to set up an adequately staffed and funded service center for immigrants. **Ricardo Labez**, newly-elected president of the Filipino chamber, said such a center is greatly needed. "For an immigrant with a problem, every minute is agony, every day is eternity," he said. "The heart of the solution lies in establishment of a service center manned by people well prepared for their task, with a basic knowledge and appreciation of the native cultures of immigrants, and who will be advocates for the immigrants."

Traffic Fatality

Oahu's traffic toll rose to 23 for 1970 with the death recently of **Mrs. Hina Kawamoto**, 74, of 819 Ekela Ave. Police said Mrs. Kawamoto was struck while walking in the driveway at her address by a vending truck. **Shoichi Kunishige** of 2032-B 9th Avenue, the driver of the truck, told police he was backing into the narrow driveway when the accident occurred.

Names in the News

Melvin Masuda, Honolulu attorney, has been named a finalist in this year's competition for appointment to the President's Commission on White House Fellows. Masuda, who works for the law firm of Carlsmith, Carlsmith, Wichman & Case, has passed two preliminary screenings.

Katherine Kodani, a senior English major at the Univ. of Hawaii, has received an $1,800 scholarship from Johns Hopkins University for study toward a master's degree in English. She also will receive a salary of $3,500 for a one-semester internship during the year. She is the daughter of the **John S. Kodanis** of 118 Kawailani St., Hilo.

Norman Okamura, 16, son of the Tsutomu Okamuras of Kailua, took top honors in the regional Junior Achievement "Best Salesman of the Year" contest held in San Jose, Calif., recently. Okamura won over participants from 13 western states. He now will compete in the national finals at the Sales and Marketing Executives convention in New Orleans May 2.

Richard R. Ito, 44, formerly of Nuuanu Ave., was seriously hurt in Kakaako Apr. 8 when his car exploded as he started his engine. He had just finished work. Ito, a refrigeration mechanic, was in guarded condition at the Queen's Medical Center. He suffered leg and chest injuries. The explosion, apparently caused by a bomb planted under the hood of his car, rocked the industrial area.

Dr. Edwin S. Takahashi, optometrist, announces the opening of his office at 719 Kam Highway, Pearl City.

William Y. C. Lee has been installed for a second term as president of the 500-member Lee Assn. of Hawaii. Other officers are **Robert F. S. Lee**, 1st v.p.; **Mrs. Toy Len Lee Chang**, 2nd v.p.; **Mrs. Aileen Lee Fong**, sec.; and **Dai Chin Lee**, treas.

Sports Scene

Sumo wrestlers from Japan, including Hawaii's own **Takamiyama (Jesse Kuhaulua)**, will appear June 10 through 14 at the Honolulu International Center Arena. The appearances in Honolulu will be sponsored by the 442nd Veterans Club.

Business Ticker

C. T. Wong of Liberty Bank has been installed as president of the Hawaii Bankers Assn. Other new officers are **Robert R. Midkiff**, American Security, 1st v.p.; **Kazuo Ishii**, Central Pacific, 2nd v.p.; **Thomas H. Ching**, Liberty, sec.; and **Harold K. Yamanaka**, Hawaii National, treas.

Small World Dept.

Norman N. Kono, a former active JACL member in Chicago and now an insurance executive in Honolulu, did himself proud as the general chairman of the wild animal and three-ring circus sponsored in Honolulu recently by the Honolulu Jaycees. "It was our first try at a venture such as this which we are hoping will some day parallel the 50th State Fair, another Jaycee project," according to Norm.

While Kono was interviewing Univ. of Hawaii graduates for an assistant for himself at his American Pacific Life office in Honolulu, Norm met **Paul Sakuma**, a systems engineer for IBM. Norm had not known Paul before, but it turned out that they had a mutual friend in **Ross Harano**, president of the Chicago JACL. "It seems that Paul had been very active as a JACLer in Cleveland. Small world, isn't it?" Norm says.

By Jim Henry

Sakura Script

Lucrative Lure of Blue Movies

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Tokyo

It has been learned on good authority that many of the "GI deserters" who have defected to Sweden because of so-called political or conscientious beliefs are being highly paid as "actors" in lurid sex movies.

They have been granted political asylum on a pretense, having defected merely to earn fat salaries and enjoy luxurious living by appearing in blue films.

This fact was discovered in peculiar circumstances. A Japanese tourist, returning from Sweden was found in possession of five reels of blue films which he admitted buying in Stockholm.

When customs officers screened the movies one alert inspector noticed that the male actor was wearing what looked like an American Army "dog-tag."

Identification Made

An intelligence officer of the U.S. Forces in Japan was contacted and shown this particular film. It was re-run in slow sequence then still shots were made and enlarged.

From these the GI's serial number was identified exactly. A check of records showed that he was a sergeant from Houston, Texas, and had been on rotation duty in West Berlin with an American cavalry unit.

Records showed that he failed to return to his unit after taking several days leave in Copenhagen, Denmark. Subsequent inquiries showed that he entered Sweden seeking "political asylum."

In such cases a temporary residential permit is usually given immediately. It takes about one month for official processing of the application until residential rights and working permit are granted. Few are rejected.

400 in Sweden

At present there are about 400 American GIs living in Sweden. Some have taken "crash" language courses and enrolled at universities. Others have gone into industry and some have married.

However, since Sweden abolished all laws pertaining to pornography, there is nothing to prevent anybody with a working permit from obtaining a job with the flourishing blue film industry. Despite high salaries, young Swedes are not so readily available as "actors" and "actresses" simply because they feel such roles could jeopardize future prospects for marriage and business.

The "movie moguls" have sent clever "talent scouts" abroad — and with good results. Germany's huge surplus of unmarried young women is a ready source, while restive young American soldiers fall prey to the lucrative prospects involved.

American sources thus far maintain that the matter has not yet reached the "problem" stage. "But we're keeping close tabs on it," they add.

CLEFT LIP/PALATE MORE PREVALENT IN JAPANESE THAN OTHER GROUPS

LOS ANGELES—Unknown to most Japanese Americans here is the fact that there exists in this city a group of parents of children born with clefts of the lip and/or palate.

For reason still undiscovered by medical researchers, this abnormality is more prevalent among Japanese than any other ethnic group, states John F. Espinosa, spokesman for the Cleft Parents Guild, affiliated with the Crippled Children's Society of L.A. County, Inc.

Co-presidents of the Guild are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hideyo Takimoto of Mar Vista, who have been active in the organization since it was first founded eight years ago under the auspices of the Society.

The Takimotos have two children—Corey, 9 and Chris, 11. Corey was born with cleft (or opening) in the lip and palate. It is estimated that approximately one of every 750 babies is born with a similar affliction.

Cleft of the lip and/or palate rates second or third among the most common birth defects.

Speech Difficulty

Mrs. Takimoto, the former Mitsi Mizufune of Palo Alto says that the majority of children with this particular birth defect have some speech difficulty requiring special therapy. Corrective surgery and other medical expenses are quite severe and cover a long period of time. There are often also orthodonture problems, she adds.

Middle-income families not impoverished enough to qualify for government aid and not wealthy enough to meet the costs themselves are usually hit the hardest, she states.

The Takimotos have lived in Southern California since 1951. Mr. Takimoto is a chemist with the Aerospace Corporation in El Segundo. He is originally from Vacaville.

As Guild president, Takimoto announces to local families that his organization charges no dues and offers a number of valuable services to those with cleft.

Comforting to Know

Speaking from her own experience, Mrs. Takimoto declares, "It is very comforting and a tremendous moral support to know that there are others with the same problems and with whom you can talk over your own dilemmas."

Among the Guild's services are informal talks by prominent specialists in the different medical fields pertaining to cleft, followed by question-and-answer periods; educational movies; and importantly, the opportunity to meet other parents with children in different stages of habilitation and with similar problems in general.

"We have recently established an assistance fund with the Society acting as custodian. The fund provides limited financial aid to qualifying middle-income families," Espinosa disclosed.

Credit for founding and maintaining the fund are The Vikings of Scandia, a local philanthropic private club which has consistently lent its generous support to the Guild.

Cleft Parent Guild headquarters are at 7120 Franklin Ave.; phone 874-3300.

—Rafu Shimpo

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it is comprised of the members of the Methodist Church and the United Evangelical Brethren Church as united two years ago at the Dallas conference.

The **Rev. Timothy Makoto Nakayama**, vicar of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Seattle, was investitured as a canon in recent ceremonies at St. Mark's cathedral. His father, the Rev. G. Nakayama, of Coaldale, Alberta, also is a canon.

Politics

Japanese Republicans of Central California has been organized with members attending a recent Reagan for Governor dinner at Fresno. Among them was **Robert Kanagawa** of Sanger, director on the Fresno County Fair Board, and the first Nisei in the county appointed by a governor to a public board.

Tom Kitayama, Union City councilman since its incorporation in 1959 who lost his bid for re-election by 10 votes to challenger Donald F. Miller in the April 14 elections does not intend to ask for a recount. "I'm glad Miller won," Mayor Kitayama said.

Organizations

Mrs. Takashi Kuriyama is the Washington state president of Delta Kappa Gamma, teaching honorary . . . Insuranceman **Jordan Hiratzka** has been elected to the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce board of directors, a three-year post.

Night at the Races

A reduced package price of $5 will entitle **San Francisco JACL** 1000 Club members admission to the Bay Meadows Turf Club, dinner and reserved seating for a night of quarter-horse racing May 9. Dinner will be served from 6:45, the card of nine races starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available from board members. Hank Obayashi is event chairman.

Dr. Joe Kitagawa named Divinity School dean

CHICAGO — The Univ. of Chicago announced the appointment of Joseph Mitsuo Kitagawa, professor of history of religions and a scholar in the religions of the East, dean of the university's graduate School of Divinity.

The appointment is effective July 1 for a five-year period.

Dr. Kitagawa was born in Osaka in 1915, became a U.S. citizen in 1955 and has served on the divinity school's faculty since 1951.

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FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

JACL chapters in California are being asked by their respective district council planning commissions to consider 10 areas as summarized in the following 33 proposals. In the coming weeks, portions of the transcript will be reprinted to indicate how the proposals came about. Meanwhile, mull over these recommendations.

Community Services (I)

1—Recommending the adoption of the Raymond Uno proposal for more field directors, amending the same to have more field directors in lieu of a coordinator.

2—Promoting community fund drives to support local programs aimed at meeting community needs.

3—Sensitizing the JACL leadership (from chapter level on up) to look within their own areas for possible problem areas.

Youth Services (II)

4—Declaring the question of age-limitations in Jr. JACL to be within their exclusive jurisdiction.

5—Encouraging JACL members, 18 and up, to pursue their special interests and community programs on their own, even if it means organizing their own "young adult" chapter to establish a working unit. A secondary proposal calls for designating a young adult program within National JACL to serve members between the ages of 18 and 30, urging that JACL needs to move in this are and through young adult chapters if necessary.

6—Expanding the JACL youth staff, one to service youth programs within JACL and another to administer Jr. JACL affairs on a national basis, and having field directors in the areas also assist youth in community affairs.

7—Extending Jr. JACLers the privilege to select their own chapter advisers in conjunction with the chapter president.

Human Rights (III)

8—In looking at the youth today, we can see that JACL will eventually change its name in the future to identify with the roles it would undertake and the people it would serve. The youth today, for example, do not identify along separate nationality lines but that they do identify as Asians. Hence, the Planning Commission in California foresees this will undoubtedly happen and while the Commission cannot recommend a change in the name, we can say—"let's consider it at this convention". The two suggested names mentioned were: (a) Oriental American Citizens League, (b) Asian American Citizens League.

9—Proposing JACL organize a separate civil rights arm to take more positive stands and engage in political action, and also opening up this group to other Asian American groups.

10—Establishing a national procedure of action whenever the civil rights of persons of Japanese ancestry or of those who approach JACL for assistance is violated.

Politics (IV)

11—Encouraging chapter boards to take stands on what they feel to be righteous stands, though chapters have differences of opinion within in matters of public interest.

12—Encouraging the Pacific Citizen to carry position papers on various issues written by members even though JACL has no stand on them.

13—Making chapters aware of the kinds of political activity in which they can engage without jeopardizing the tax-exempt status of the organization.

14—Having the JACL legal committee determine the question of JACL losses if tax-exempt status were nullified.

Education (V)

15—Drafting a general JACL statement on education, calling for general dissemination of information we now have on Japanese Americans and making JARP resources available to the general membership and the public. This may mean establishing a JACL library, if necessary.

16—Establishing a JACL standing committee on education to pursue the thrust of ethnic Asian studies, coupled with professional staff.

17—Urging the JARP executive committee to expand so as to include persons involved in ethnic studies.

Employment Opportunities (VI)

18—Developing within chapters a "service officer" (or grievance committee) to assist in job opportunities, especially among the recent immigrants, hard-core, dropouts, etc.

19—Establishing within the National JACL a committee with staff on employment practices. The staff would be involved in job surveys, helping chapters establish service or grievance committees, urging JACL businessmen to hire Japanese hard-core, dropouts, etc., disseminating information and working with other groups in the same area.

20—Initiating studies on "why Japanese aren't moving up" on the job ladder.

Service to Chapters (VII)

21—Recommending district councils develop clinics at the chapter level rather than conducting them at district sessions. These clinics can also develop new chapters.

22—Encouraging National staff personnel to visit the chapters to maintain communications.

23—Determining method on how to sustain chapters. "I hate to see a chapter fold" is still a strong sentiment within JACL.

Membership (VIII)

24—Publicizing the "fringe" benefits for being a member in a given chapter.

25—Investigating the possibilities for limiting the size of chapters.

26—Developing age-interest type chapters—like the young adults.

Endowment Fund (IX)

27—Establishing a national ad hoc committee to ascertain use of the Endowment Fund principal, such report to be prepared for the 1972 convention.

28—Proposing a change in the procedure be determined on the use of the Endowment Fund from its present three-fourths chapter requirement.

29—Suggesting a possible area on the use of the Endowment Fund for expansion of staff or a full-time Washington office.

Miscellaneous (X)

30—Urging that the JACL personnel policy be continually improved.

31—Recommending JACL strive to become a community organization, seeking out representation from all segments—the Nisei, young adults and Sansei—and that JACL also allow Sansei to move in on their own terms rather than the Nisei's.

32—Urging the JACL credit unions assist in the student loan programs.

33—Proposing a study on endowment insurance policies where JACL pays the premiums and is named the beneficiary.

Earl Warren's letter on Title II seen as 'regrets'

By GUY WRIGHT

(Mr. Wright is a regular editorial-page columnist for the San Francisco Examiner. He has previously treated on topics of particular interest to Japanese Americans. Piece below, published April 22, was titled, "Finally, He Regrets".)

San Francisco

Earl Warren has finally come out against concentration camps in America. Hallelujah!

It took the former chief justice a long time to speak up but better late than never.

GUEST COLUMN

And his statement even contained a hint of regret for the part he played in ending 110,000 Japanese Americans to concentration camps during World War II.

At stake is Title II of the Internal Security Act of 1950. Title II can accurately be called the American Concentration Camp Act.

It would provide a legal basis for doing to anyone what was done with dubious legality to Japanese Americans after Pearl Harbor.

Any group of citizens could be rounded up and imprisoned merely because some official in Washington decided there was reason to believe they "probably will engage in or probably will conspire with others to engage in acts of espionage or sabotage."

No proof is needed, not even a showing of probable cause. Hysterical suspicion would be enough.

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Almost singlehandedly for 20 years the Japanese American Citizens League has fought for repeal of this vicious act. It has been a selfless fight, because there's little likelihood we would inflict the same injustice on Japanese Americans again.

Title II was passed during our anti-Communist hysteria of the McCarthy era. Now many Negro leaders fear it might be used against them.

But the Japanese Americans have fought the battle for the rest of us because they alone among American minorities know how it was.

During their long fight they have persuaded many public figures who took part in their detention to acknowledge that a wrong was done. But the man whose words would have counted most, Chief Justice Earl Warren, remained stubbornly silent.

Warren wasn't always the great civil rights champion he became on the Supreme Court. Back in 1942 he was California's attorney general, running for governor, and he played an enthusiastic role in "resettling" the Japanese Americans—a euphemism for putting them in barbed wire pens in the desert.

An expression of regret while he was still chief justice would have contributed greatly toward repeal of Title II, but he spurned all pleas to admit his wartime mistake.

Now, however, he has more or less done so. In a letter to Jerry Enomoto, president of the JACL, he says: "Title II is not in the American tradition. It was passed in the most turbulent days of the Cold War. Although in all probability it would never be used except in time of public hysteria, still the danger of its use is always present. Only repeal of the act will remove that danger."

And he concludes: "I express these views as the experience of one who as a state officer became involved in the harsh removal of the Japanese from the Pacific Coast in World War II, almost 30 years ago."

That letter made quite an impression when read to the House Internal Security Committee, which is considering repeal of Title II. (The Senate already has voted for repeal.)

Other men as far apart as former Justice Arthur Goldberg and Gov. Ronald Reagan also have spoken out against Title II, Reagan wiring the committee:

"A lesson was learned in California during World War II which should be made a part of the record and the heritage of Americans everywhere who cherish liberty, freedom, and constitutional guarantees."

Immigration

Is a woman who becomes a public charge, as a result of a breakdown following childbirth, liable to deportation?

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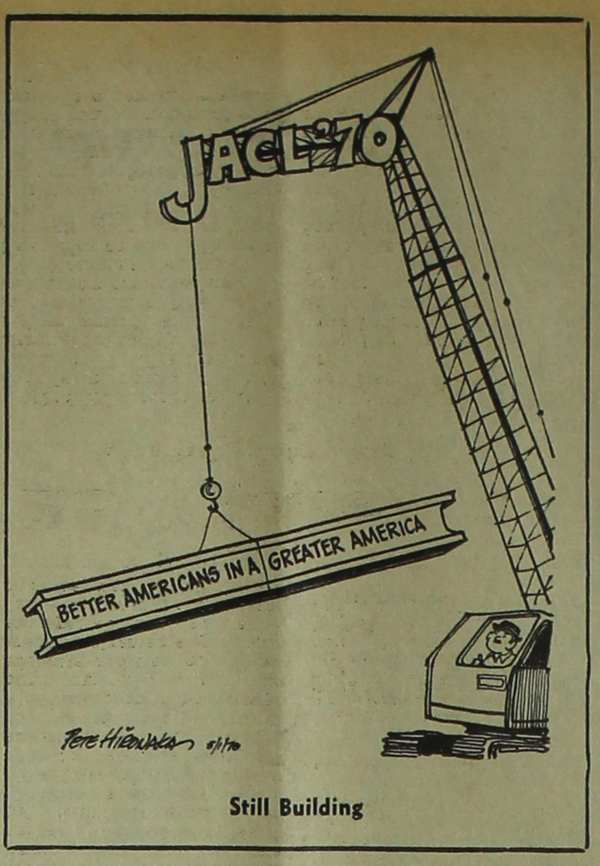
Question: My wife and I immigrated to the United States two years ago. Six months ago my wife had a baby and shortly thereafter she had a nervous breakdown and had to be committed to a state hospital. I have been paying her hospital bills, but they are very high and I am not sure that I can go on paying them indefinitely. Would failure to pay them interfere with my naturalization or with that of my wife?

Answer: Non-payment of the bills will not interfere with your naturalization if you cannot afford to pay them. However, your wife may be deportable since the Immigration and Nationality Act provides that an alien who within five years after entry "becomes institutionalized at public expense because of mental disease, defect, or deficiency," is deportable "unless the alien can show that such disease, defect, or deficiency did not exist prior to his admission to the United States."

Since your wife's condition developed as a result of childbirth it is possible she may not be subject to deportation, but it is recommended that you, and everyone facing a problem of this kind, get in touch with a private welfare agency, in order to discuss the problem and if possible to obtain private assistance.



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Editor:

We enjoyed your Friday, April 10th, 1970 edition of the Pacific Citizen very much and we know many of our friends will feel the same.

Keep up the good fight against bigotry and racial discrimination. Your paper is a fine example of good reporting and writing on the subject.

PAUL ROSENBLATT
718 E. Mill St.
Santa Maria, Calif.

High school coach

Editor:

I can not refrain from reacting to Joe Hamanaka's recent column of April 10, particularly the paragraphs on Frank S. Fujii. While I am indeed very proud of Mr. Fujii's accomplishments as a basketball coach, art teacher and father, I think the column ignores a very serious issue. That is: why is it that there is only one Nisei basketball coach in the Northwest. Certainly there are many Nisei who have played basketball and perhaps even entertained aspirations of being coaches or playing professional ball. The obvious absence of Japanese Americans from the coaching ranks of all major sports can be explained in terms of lack of interest or physical inability. These are mere rationalizations.

To me, the absence of Japanese Americans in these positions is the consequence of stereotyped perceptions which unfortunately many Japanese help perpetuate, and institutionalized practices of racial discrimination.

I am constantly amazed at the Japanese idiosyncrasy whereby an individual's worth and identity is largely determined by his family relations. I think a greater tribute to Mr. Fujii's coaching activities, one ignored completely in the column, is the personal satisfaction he derives from working with high school youth, some of whom are Sansei. He coaches black and white youths as well and in so doing, I believe, hopes to help all develop through team play into better individuals—and better Americans.

Frank S. Fujii is a genuine and successful example of a Nisei who is bridging the generation gap both in the classroom and on the playing court.

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Teacher on Strike

Editor:

Why are teachers striking? We are striking because year by year our schools are getting worse. Our children are getting less education and help in growing up in this complicated and confusing world. The problems and needs are different in individual schools; however, we must stand united in our quest for better teaching and learning conditions. We cannot afford to sit and watch the continuous deterioration of our educational system.

Good teaching cannot exist with the average class size numbering between 36 and 40 children in most classes, or with inappropriately geared pupil materials, or with inadequate supplies, or without specialized remedial programs and specialized teachers. These and many other needs must be met if children are to be given a worthwhile education. Instead we have only to look forward to cuts in the education system.

The schools are faced with projected cuts by the Board of Education which will total $97 million next year, $136 million the following year and up to $179 million the year after that! How can we as teachers and concerned parents let this take place. We must appeal to the State Legislature and Governor for more funding. We must appeal to the Board of Education to reevaluate their organization and allocation of funds.

Therefore, we as striking teachers feel we are doing much more for the children than in being in the classroom and pretending that these evils will disappear. We cannot accept complacency which will lead to a promise of a shoddy education for all children. We must act now to insure a promise of a better education.

MRS. ARLENE KUSHIDA
Teacher on strike
Hobart Ave. School.

Correction

Editor:

The March 13 PC article about a JACL Ruby pin being presented to Dr. Tom Taketa is definitely an error on the part of whoever wrote up the article. It was a sapphire pin.

MAS SATOW
JACL Headquarters

Civil Liberties—

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inadequate private schools are emerging in the South. These may provide for its own destruction.

In many ways it appears that only by allowing money to be in the hands of the poor, can changes be effected, Anthony pointed out. From one perspective in regards to integration and civil rights, it appears that the South is adopting a national strategy and the nation is adopting a Southern strategy.

Attendance

The conference was attended by many people employed by federal and state agencies, as well as by interested individuals involved in various human relations problems of individual communities.

The speakers provided their observations and insights, but the value of the conference now rests with those who attended.

One gained the feeling that the situation could become worse before improving. This need not be the case, each speaker spoke with optimism.

It seems all too often, that the responsibility of maintaining and improving the human condition is given to some mysterious "other", and the government. On sensed at the meeting that each of us must become keenly aware of the stake we have in the society and must, individually, as well as in groups, take the responsibility to see that we do make our situation more reasonable and decent.

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(Raymond Okamura of Berkeley, co-chairman of the National JACL Committee to Repeal Title II, and Victor Shibata of Los Angeles, Jr. JACL administrator, were other JACL delegates to this annual conference, with Herbert Horikawa of Philadelphia, who filed this report.)

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The magic cereal in Japan's culture—grain of rice

By DON ESTES

When one thinks or talks of Japan sooner or later the subject of Rice is bound to come up. Often many of us take the little grain for granted unless we find ourselves separated from it by any of a dozen or so possible circumstances—such as being drafted.

As nearly as we can now tell, Rice came to Japan about 250 B.C. by way of China. The Yayoi Culture was the first to begin Rice cultivation.

HERITAGE

Actually even the introduction of Rice was important to the Japanese since Rice culture required intensive cultivation and a rather intricate system of irrigation. All this led to the establishment of tightly integrated farm communities.

So you can say with a great deal of truth that Rice helped give Japan not only its historical social structure, but is the very basis of Japan's traditional economy.

Consider the religious position of Rice. Two of the most ancient national festivals are directly connected with this grain. KAN-NAME-SAI and NII-NAMESAI even today involve the Imperial Family. The Emperor himself cultivates a ricefield within the precincts of his palace while the Empress raises silkworms, thereby setting the example for the nation of the essential labors of man and woman.

Then too a few grains of Rice are permanently offered on the KAMI-DANA, or Shinto altar, to the household gods found in most Japanese homes. Also prominent at many Shinto ceremonies is the SHIMENAWA or Sacred Rope. The SHIMENAWA is placed before a Shinto shrine or around a place or object that is to be kept sacred.

It is perhaps best known in its use in Sumo. The SHIMENAWA is used to mark the ring.

The purist makes sure that the SHIMENAWA has the Rice ears left on it.

SEKIHAN, or red rice—so colored by being cooked with red beans (AZUKI) — is invariably eaten to commemorate happy events. Many farm families in Japan still follow the custom of eating SEKIHAN on the first and fifteenth of each month. And who can forget MOCHI in its many and wonderful varied forms.

It is an old custom in Japan to throw a handful of Rice at random into a room where a child has awoken crying in the middle of the night. Many believe that this is the origin of the ceremony of scattering beans to drive away evil spirits that takes place in Shinto shrines and homes on the SETSUBUN festival held on February 3.

The economic importance of Rice to Japan can be seen by the fact that until well after the Meiji restoration wealth was measured in terms of KOKU of rice. One KOKU is equal to 4.96 dry American bushels of rice.

Finally consider what Japanese food would be like without rice. No sushi in any form, goodbye Domburi, and Mochi, and perhaps the most missed CHA-ZUKE — fortunately this is all conjecture only. The magic cereal is alive and well.

—San Diego JACL

Enomoto—

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panese still exists; Sansei delinquency is no longer an academic point, he added.

Hiring by JACL of five part-time field workers in the San Francisco Bay area and one full-time field worker in Los Angeles was motivated by JACL's desire to "build bridges within our communities for both understanding and useful concrete projects", Enomoto explained.

Referring to the so-called Liberation chapters seeking JACL charters, Enomoto welcomed them though he also made it clear that many JACLers dislike the title, "Liberation Chapter". In an aside to the Liberation Chapter people, he said, "Abusive and arrogant rhetoric attacking the establishment, some of which I have seen, will accomplish nothing but increase the divisiveness that we can't afford."

Of the JACL relations with the Asian American "movement" people, Enomoto found constructive progress has been made by JACL staff personnel in Southern California, who have recently visited with Midwest and East coast groups. But Enomoto did not see that JACL is ready to get involved in Asian politics as being urged by some movement people.

Enomoto also reiterated that JACL is "unequivocably opposed to extremism of any kind, ideologically or practically". JACL is interested in things that make America "a more just, healthy and prosperous nation", he added. And JACL is commited to the concept of Asian identity to the extent that it will help eliminate racism that has kept America from being just.

In a word, it was Jerry Enomoto's assessment of what it will take to assure JACL's continuing growth in the coming 1970s.

EAST WIND: Bill Marutani

Graphic Graffiti

NO ONE HAS YET been able to give me a plausible explanation for the origin of that peace symbol: the one showing a jet bomber inside a circle—which is about a good an explanation as some that I've been getting. It's the all-familiar symbol that adorns rings, pendants, denim jackets and some auto bumpers. Some high school kids visiting at our home explained to me that it represented a (peace) dove's footprint. "Dove's footprint", my foot!

THEN ANOTHER TIME a couple of peacenik types tried to sell me on the explanation that the symbol was an amalgamation of flag handsignals for "N" and "D" which, in turn, stood for "nuclear disarmament". But I don't buy that one either.

MY INTUITIVE HUNCH is that the etymology lies somewhere in the Judeo-Christian web of esoteric signs, although I don't recall ever seeing such in any of my readings. Can some reader set me straight with the authentic line?

SPEAKING OF PEACE SYMBOLS, I don't know that it means anything in particular but I've noticed that I've never seen a peace sticker on a bumper of a Cadillac. Or even an Olds. On a Volkswagen, yes; and maybe an older Chevvy. But never on a Caddie or a Continental. And never, but never, on any car—be it a Caddie or a VW,—of a guy who didn't have a teenager.

Jingo Jungle

IN HUGE WHITE LETTERS smeared on a brick wall the words scrawled out were: "KILL FOR PEACE!" I was hurrying to a meeting when those three words hit me, and try as I might I could not shake them out of my head by rationalizing.

SOMETIME QUITE LATER I saw one that was a take-off on the chauvinistic taunt we hear from time to time; this one went: "VIET NAM—LOVE IT OR LEAVE IT." And then there was the response from a young demonstrator who, upon being chastised by some Establishment fellow with the jingle "My country may she always be right, but my country—right or wrong", replied: "But you didn't finish it, sir. Add on 'And if my country is wrong, let's make her right!" Now, I'll buy that.

THE CLEVEREST GRAFFITI that I've come across adorned one of those temporary plyboard walls that enclose a construction site. It was near the University of Pennsylvania and consisted of just four words: 'JESUS SAVES. MOSES INVESTS." I haven't bought that one: I'm still having fun mulling it over.

EDITORIAL: Palo Alto Times (Mar. 30)

Detention law rates repeal

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Commendation, and more to the point, support is due the Japanese American Citizens League for its forthright appeal to Congress to cut a potential authorization for concentration camps out of federal law.

The JACL spokesmen gave cry at a hearing of the House Internal Security Committee to the 110,000 Japanese Americans living in California who were forced into "relocation centers" during World War II. Although two out of three were U.S. citizens, they were stripped of liberty and property without due process of law.

What they are asking to have repealed is the Emergency Detention Act of 1950, which authorizes the federal government to detain people when there is reasonable ground to believe they might engage in espionage or sabotage.

Jerry J. Enomoto of Sacramento told the House Committee on behalf of the JACL: "It is very unlikely that we ever will become victims again, but speaking as the only group to be put into concentration camps, we don't want it to happen to any other group."

Richard H. Ichord, (D-Mo.), the chairman of the committee, the successor to the old Committee on Un-American Activities, said the law was aimed primarily at hard-core Communists seeking to destroy the government by force.

But Robert M. Takasugi retorted that the law would imprison a person "not for an act that was done but for an act that may be done."

In a sense, California shared the shame of the World War II internment with the federal government. The state and its people bear an obligation to see that it doesn't happen again. Former Chief Justice Earl Warren, who was attorney general in 1941-42 when the Japanese Americans were uprooted, is one of those urging repeal of the law—doubtless for reasons of conscience as well as justice.

EDITORIAL: Watsonville Register-Pajaronian

Mr. Warren's Conscience

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April 15, 1970

In retrospect, it may be that the greatest mistake Earl Warren made in a long and distinguished public career was his urging that 110,000 Japanese and Japanese Americans be evacuated from the Pacific Coast after the United States became involved directly in World War II.

As Attorney General, he not only urged their removal into concentration camps, but was instrumental in seeing that the order from Washington was carried out.

He was carried away, as a lot of others were, in the emotion of the moment. Strangely, he has never come forth in the years since with an outright expression of regret at his course then; perhaps he considered such a statement politically inexpedient as governor, improper when he was Chief Justice of the United States. (An earlier court had validated the evacuation, and there was no case before him bearing on it).

But now Mr. Warren, in retirement, has spoken out in at least a token repudiation of his course in early 1942—and perhaps a little better than token.

It was not required of him by anything but conscience and good will. But Mr. Warren has submitted his thoughts to the House Internal Security Committee, which is considering repeal of a McCarthy-era law which permits the government to establish detention camps for use in case it thinks someone might be dangerous. He's for repeal.

"I was pleased to learn of the Senate action on it" (the Senate voted for repeal) from the news media, Mr. Warren wrote, "and would be doubly gratified to learn that it had been passed by the House and signed by the President."

This law, he says, is "not in the American tradition," having been passed in the most turbulent days of the Cold War. "Although in all probability it would never be used except in times of public hysteria, still the danger of its use is always present. Only repeal of the Act will remove that danger."

That's a curious bit of reasoning by a distinguished justice who, during his active days on the bench, was an active civil libertarian who was alert against even the possibility of abuse of freedom, and who would watch out that laws to be used by hysterical people at some future time were wiped from the books before the time arrived.

But Mr. Warren gets down to business when he tells Congress the act "raises serious problems under the due process clause and other protections guaranteed by the Bill of Rights," gives administrative officers too much power, and would take years to untangle in the courts.

Repeal of the concentration camp law, Mr. Warren concluded, "would dissipate all doubt and prove to the world that we learn some useful things even from war."

He concluded, a bit wistfully, "I express these views as the experience of one who as a state official became involved in the harsh removal of the Japanese from the Pacific Coast in World War II, almost 30 years ago."

The statement is late in coming; but it may be that Earl Warren has now made amends for an injustice in which he and many other Americans participated in those long-gone days.

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