

What can youth do in community service area?

(Discussion, recommendations and excerpts of the transcript made of the April 11 session of Planning Commission.)



Per spec tives

By JERRY ENOMOTO
National JACL President

At the invitation of Professor Tohru Yamanaka, an active Sacramento JACLER, I had another chance to talk to, and share perspectives with, students on the Sacramento State campus.

The occasion was a week-long program called "Asian Perspectives 70", whose aim was to acquaint the college and community with aspects

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of Asian culture, as well as to provide a forum for the articulation of the various viewpoints of Asian American leaders.

I found the group interested in dialogue, both inquiring and constructive. There were no hangups about violence and destruction. If revolutionary inclined people were around they weren't vocal. I want to emphasize that this is the kind of atmosphere I have found wherever I have been, whether as a speaker or as a participant, in sessions with young people, in or out of the college community.

Another point along the same line can be made in connection with the presentation of Nelson Dong, active leader of the Asian American Student Alliance at Stanford, at the recent NCWDC meeting.

Nelson spoke to the group about the Asian students' concern regarding the accuracy and pertinence of ethnic study materials. In passing he commented that perhaps he, as a Stanford student, is suspect because he is a student, more particularly one at Stanford, where ROTC foes are raising hell. It is a shame that we are so uptight about so many things today that we must be defensive, lest we be put in one bag or another.

Students are people and, because they are, they reflect a wide range of philosophical and political beliefs. They are not a monolithic entity who can be labeled as idealists at best and destructive revolutionaries at worst. The reality is that they occupy various positions along the same continuum that we all do—the difference may be that they are still idealistic and energetic enough to believe that what they personally do can make a difference in the system. Regardless of how pure their motives may be, I find no justification for dissidents who abandon reason and apply muscle to enforce their demands. I am impressed by all arguments about the various kinds of violence that are practiced by the majority, not all physical, including violence to human dignity. I recognize that we are too often willing to condone violence on our terms, but demand total abstinence of it from the traditional "victims" of injustice and racism.

A study of our history does indeed reflect that violence has been a fixed part of our culture. I hate to fall back on old clichés, but I am equally impressed by the one about "two wrongs don't make a right" or "the ends justify the means."

On both philosophical or moral grounds and pragmatic ones, the on-going destructive tactics of some dissidents should be condemned. Two wrongs don't make a right, and the ends don't justify the means.

In no way do I feel that the condition of America today is so bad that violent revolution is needed to change it. However it behooves us in JACL to be continuously alert and sensitive to those needs in our society which should be met, so that we can do our limited part to improve our Democracy. That, in my opinion, is the name of the game today.

CAMBODIA ISSUE

I am compelled here to share my reactions to an incident at the recent NCWDC business session. A delegate proposed a resolution calling for a wire to President Nixon to protest the escalation of the Vietnam conflict by moving into Cambodia. Granted that there was no prior groundwork laid, no resolution written, etc., the issue certainly was a major one for all of us.

Once again I saw JACLers protesting the raising of a hot issue largely on the grounds that they had no right as delegates to vote on such a matter without chapter approval. Also that personal opinions should be distinguished from official positions.

This view, as I've said before, overlooks some hard re-

mission members of the three JACL district councils in California, on "JACL in the 1970s" continue this week in the area of youth.)

(Part Two)

Internal problems of Jr. JACL were initially aired, citing the disparity in age among the Jr. JACLers (14 up to college-age), the choice of advisers and the manner of their appointment, and the "seen but not heard" attitude of the seniors with respect to the youth. The problems of Jr. JACL also varied by areas because of the population factor. The District Youth Council proposal to have its seven chairmen sit on the National JACL Board with voting rights (as it will be proposed by the MDC) may not solve the problem of Jr. JACL either.

Some criticism was leveled at the format of the Chicago convention, suggesting that some of the money spent on cocktails by the seniors ought to be used for funding youth programs.

Delving into the matter of advisers, questions were raised as to the need of the national youth commission and that funding of the youth com-

mission be converted to providing youth staff instead.

Discussion on whether to establish a Jr. JACL age-limit of 18 or 19 evolved into opening up the young adult factor in JACL, let 18-year-olds do their thing as full-fledged JACL groups. But since the young adults and senior members may not relate to each other, a policy statement for young adults (18-30) ought to be devised. There was also fear of fragmentation if such a policy were enacted, though some felt to the contrary that this fear would be reduced by a positive statement.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1.—Declaring the question of age limitation in Jr. JACL to be within their exclusive jurisdiction.
2.—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 JACL needs to move in this area and through young adult chapters if necessary.

3.—Expansion of youth staff, one to service youth programs within JACL and another to administer

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TECHNICALLY FOILS NC-WNDC MOVE TO PROTEST CAMBODIA MOVE

LOS ALTOS — A resolution calling for the Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council to send a wire to President Nixon protesting the escalation of the Vietnam war into Cambodia was voted down on a technicality May 3.

After a fairly lengthy debate, the resolution presented by Mrs. Mary Anna Takagi, Oakland JACL president, was turned down 14-4 on the grounds that chapters, including her own, had not had an opportunity to study it.

Mrs. Takagi and others favoring the wire pointed out President Nixon just announced the Cambodia move Friday night (May 1).

The wire also would have pointed out that more Asians would be victims of the new fighting.

Discussions were also held on the projected textbook for fifth graders being prepared by a Nisei teachers' committee in the Bay Area. Suggestions for some changes were voiced.

Plan Charter Flight

Reports on a charter flight to the Chicago convention were made and it was announced that chapters will be asked to find out exactly how many will be interested.

The agenda matters to be considered at the Chicago

MANZANAR MAY BE INYO HISTORICAL LANDMARK

INDEPENDENCE — The Inyo County Board of Supervisors recently appointed Frank Parcher as chairman of the county historical landmarks committee to promote new sites.

Parcher has gone all-out for setting up the Manzanar War Relocation Authority camp as the first landmark to be established under his chairmanship, it was learned. Assisting him in the research is Henry Raub, director, Inyo County Museums.

During the Christmas holidays last year, a group of Japanese Americans from Los Angeles and San Francisco visited the campsite and cleaned up the cemetery.

'Teach-in' on Cambodia slated in S.F. May 15

SAN FRANCISCO — The San Francisco Bay Area Japanese community "teach-in" on the current campus unrest in the wake of the escalation of war into Cambodia will be held at the Buddhist Church tonight (May 15) at 7:30.

It is being sponsored by the JACL, Center for Japanese American Studies, and the Asian Studies Depts. of UC Berkeley and San Francisco State. It is being organized by Glenn Watanabe and Dennis Yotsuya, recently appointed JACL field directors, special projects, here.

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WEST L.A. HOSTS PSW RALLY FOR NAT'L CONFAB

Marutani to Keynote
May 16-17 Convention
at Airport Marina

LOS ANGELES — Arrangements have been completed for the JACLers in Southern California, both adults and juniors, who attend the pre-convention rally this weekend, May 16-17, at the Airport Marina Hotel, according to Mrs. Virginia Tominaga, president of the host chapter, West Los Angeles JACL.

The rally of the Pacific Southwest District Council to prepare for the National JACL Convention in Chicago July 14-18 will commence with business sessions, chaired by District Gov. Mas Hironaka, at 1 p.m. Saturday, and a dinner-dance at 7:30 p.m. with National JACL Legal Counsel Bill Marutani of Philadelphia as speaker.

Marutani will speak on the "Relevance of JACL in the 1970s", to keynote the weekend and banquet. This event is open to the public. Tickets are \$10 per person, which includes admission to the dance to follow, Mrs. Tominaga added.

The PSW District Youth Council, chaired by Ron Masumoto, will meet concurrently during the weekend.

The oratorical contest to determine a district representative in the National finals at Chicago will be held following the Sunday luncheon.

The pre-convention rally registration package of three items (\$10 dinner, \$5 lunch, \$2 registration) cost \$14. The registration desk will be open from noon Saturday and from 8 a.m. Sunday.

PSWDC to institute legal aid program

LOS ANGELES — A need to establish financial aid for responsible dissent, in view of current unrest in the nation, was discussed and agreed upon by members of the PSWDC executive board at a special session convened May 9 at the So. Calif. JACL Office.

District Gov. Mas Hironaka referred to Masamune Kojima, district legal counsel, and his special committee the board recommendation to implement the program.

Ratification of the recommendation on tap for this weekend at the second quarterly session of the district council May 16-17 at Airport Marina Hotel, according to Hironaka.

During the past week, when southland college campuses erupted in the wake of the Kent State University tragedy and later ordered closed by Gov. Reagan, the JACL Office served as a rumor control and information center for many concerned Japanese American students.

'Sleep Lost'

Ron Wakabayashi, JACL field director on youth services; Victor Shibata, Jr. JACL administrator; and Warren Furutani, field director, special projects, were enlisted in servicing the calls. "We lost a lot of sleep during the week," Wakabayashi noted, "tracking down rumors and helping students."

Some Saneis were also arrested by police during the campus unrest. This critical turn of events germinated the call of the district council executive board to be convened. Chapter presidents were also invited and attended. Close to 30 were present for the emergency session, according to Jeffrey Matsui, associate national director.

The district board resolution noted that "young people will become more actively engaged in dissent as time goes on" and that legal assistance will become necessary.

The resolution also recognized the right of dissent but did not support violence or riotous action, perpetrated either by dissenters or those with authority.

In supporting the principle of due process of law, the JACL resolution was explicit. "We believe in the necessity of legal funds to protect the right of due process of law without making judgments on the reasons for dissent."

Asian American class lacks student interest

SAN FRANCISCO — Unless 15 to 20 students are registered, a new Asian American course to be taught this fall by Lloyd Nekoba at Washington High School may be cancelled. Only four were signed as of May 5.

Nekoba was assigned to teach the course to fulfill his practice teaching requirements at San Francisco State.

Nisei of Biennium list told

LINDSAY — Twelve candidates were nominated by JACL chapters for the Nisei of the 1969-70 Biennium, it was announced by Tom T. Shimazaki, chairman of the National Recognition Committee.

One nomination, of Rep. Spark M. Matsunaga (D-Hawaii), by the San Francisco JACL, was withdrawn by the congressman in an unprecedented action.

Only three are to be honored during the forthcoming Na-

tional JACL Convention in Chicago during the recognition banquet July 18 when one JACL gold medalion and two JACL silver medalions will be conferred.

Nominees

Without further indicating the nominating chapters, the 1969-70 Nisei of the Biennium nominees are:

Dr. Hatsuji James Hara, physician-surgeon, otolaryngologist;
Dr. S. I. Hayakawa, presi-

dent, San Francisco State College;

William Hosokawa, author, "Nisei: the Quiet Americans";

Shiro Kashiwa, assistant U.S. attorney general;

Dr. Joe Mamiya, psychologist and director, "Brain Wave" Project;

Dr. Fumio Robert Naka, deputy undersecretary, Dept. of the Air Force;

Dr. Thomas T. Noguchi, Los Angeles County medical examiner-coroner;

Raymond Okamura, co-

chairman, JACL ad hoc committee for repeal of Title II;

K. Patrick Okura, civil rights leader;

Dr. Vance I. Oyama, lunar material scientist;

Paul I. Terasaki, Ph.D., immunologist and world authority on tissue typing;

Edison T. Uno, co-chairman, JACL ad hoc committee for repeal of Title II.

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Nonimmigrant status liberalized

NEW YORK — On April 7 President Nixon signed a bill which makes several important changes in the U.S. immigration law with regard to nonimmigrants, according to the American Council for Nationalities Service.

All aliens seeking to enter the United States are classified either as immigrants or nonimmigrants. Immigrants are those admitted for permanent residence. Nonimmigrants are those who seek to enter the United States temporarily.

An alien can come to the United States as a nonimmigrant only if he qualifies under one of the classes of nonimmigrants specified in the law. Some of the principal classes of nonimmigrants are temporary visitors for business or pleasure, foreign government officials such as ambassadors and consuls, bona-fide crewmen, foreign students, aliens in transit to other countries, representatives of foreign press or other information media, artists and other persons of distinguished merit and ability who come here temporarily to perform services requiring such merit and ability.

Two New Classes

The new law which Congress and the President have just enacted adds two new classes of nonimmigrants.

The first is an alien who is the fiancée or fiancé of a citizen of the United States. Alien fiancées have for a long time presented what was often a troublesome problem. The American who wishes to marry an alien may find it financially burdensome or otherwise difficult to go abroad, marry and then return with wife or husband.

On the other hand, the alien fiancée frequently found that no nonpreference visa was available and could not obtain a visitor's visa since they were not coming to the United States temporarily but for permanent residence.

The new law cures this situation, so far as American citizens are concerned. It provides that the fiancée or fiancé may be admitted as a nonimmigrant for the purpose of concluding a valid marriage within 90 days after entry. To take advantage of this provision the

United States fiancée must file a petition with the Attorney General. The petition must be supported by satisfactory evidence that the parties intend to marry and are legally able and actually willing to marry within 90 days after the alien's arrival.

If the marriage does not occur within three months, the alien must depart from the United States or be deported. If the marriage does occur, and the alien is otherwise admissible, he is considered to have been lawfully admitted for permanent residence. This change of status applies to aliens from the Western Hemisphere, as well as from the Eastern Hemisphere.

Included in the fiancée category of nonimmigrants are any minor children of the alien, if accompanying him or her, or following to join him. Unfortunately, this new class of nonimmigrants does not apply to the fiancées of lawful resident aliens. They were included in one of the original bills but were omitted from the measure finally enacted. Consequently, the lawful resident alien must obtain citizenship before he can take advantage of this new provision.

The second new class of nonimmigrants added by the new law includes aliens who have been employed continuously for one year by a firm or corporation and who seek to enter the United States temporarily to continue work for the same employer, or a subsidiary, or affiliate thereof, in a capacity that is managerial or executive or that involves specialized knowledge.

This is a provision which has been urged by many American business corporations involved in international trade. Such businesses employ many aliens and want frequently to be able to transfer foreign employees to offices in this country, to work here at least temporarily, without encountering the delays and restrictions often involved in getting visas for permanent residence.

The new category also includes the spouse and minor children of the alien involved. The term "intra-company transfer" is a name frequently applied to this new class.

Teachers-Students

Another amendment of broad application applies to exchange aliens who have been admitted to the United States temporarily for purposes of study, teaching or research. Frequently such persons, once the period for which they have been admitted to the United States expires, wish to remain here.

But the law provided that such persons were not eligible to apply for an immigrant visa or for permanent residence until they had resided abroad for at least two years following their departure from the United States, unless their departure would impose exceptional hardship on the alien's spouse or child (if the

latter were a citizen or lawful resident).

Under the amendment just enacted exchange aliens whose transportation to and stay in the United States were financed by themselves or other private resources will no longer be subject to this foreign residence requirement.

The requirement may also be waived in cases where the foreign country of the exchange alien's nationality or last residence has furnished the Secretary of State a statement in writing that it has no objection to the waiver of the two-year foreign residence requirement.

Other exchange aliens who may apply under the new law

for a waiver of the foreign residence requirement include those who cannot return to the country of their nationality or last residence because they would be subject to persecution on account of race, religion or political opinion.

The amended law eliminates two years' residence in a foreign country other than the country of the alien's nationality or last residence as a fulfillment of the foreign residence requirement.

Skilled Aliens

A final provision of the new law applies to especially skilled aliens coming to the United States to perform services requiring exceptional merit or ability. Formerly, such aliens were admitted only to perform temporary services.

Under the amended law they are permitted temporarily to perform services which may be permanent in nature. A university, for example, may have a permanent chair for teaching the language and literature of a foreign country and wish to fill the position for a year with a foreign professor.

The amended law, by striking out the word "temporary," will permit this arrangement without difficulty.

It also specifies that the "trainees" covered in this class must be industrial trainees and extends the provision to include the alien's spouse and minor children.

Public Law 91-225, the non-immigrant act which President Nixon signed on April 7, makes a number of constructive, but limited changes in the existing law.

Meanwhile, the immigration bills introduced by Senator Kennedy and Representative Feighan and sponsored by some 75 Senators and Congressmen are still in committee. They propose far more comprehensive changes, including a worldwide ceiling of 300,000 on nonquota immigrants; application of the same preferences and procedures to the Western Hemisphere (Latin America and Canada) as apply to Europe and the rest of the world; creation of a Board of Visa Appeals, and the establishment of a statute of limitations on deportation.

Hearings before a House Judiciary Subcommittee are scheduled to start shortly. Despite this, it seems unlikely that the present Congress will have time to complete action on the bills before it adjourns for the November elections and the choice of a new Congress.

DEADLINES

May 14—Nat'l JACL officers' nominations; Min Togasaki, 16045 Winthrop, Detroit 48227.
May 15—District nominations for Inagaki Chisaki for Citizenship Awards; Nat'l JACL Hq., 1634 Post St., San Francisco 94115.
May 15—Mike Masakawa testimonial letters (unfiled); Dr. T. Yatabe, 17 N. State St., Suite 1132, Chicago, 60602.
May 15—PSWDC Nisei letters entry fee and applications, George Mizuguchi, 6th. chmn., 2011 S. Quincey, Gardena 90247.
May 25—Copy and advertising for JACL Convention booklet, Rates: \$100 full-page, \$50 half-page, \$40 quarter-page, \$25 eighth-page. Send order and money to Ross Harano, 79 Monroe, Chicago, Ill. 60603.
May 30—JACL Essay Contest deadline, between 800-1,000 words; theme: "Understanding the Basis for the Changing JACL"; Mrs. Mary Sabusawa, contest chmn., 3837 N. Alta Vista Terrace, Chicago 60613.
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 15—Name and address of chapter official and alternate delegates to the National Council; National JACL Headquarters, 1634 Post St., San Francisco 94115.
June 30—Alameda chapter scholarship forms; Haruo Imura, 2225 Pacific Ave., Alameda. (Local competition only).

CHING CONFIRMED BY SUPERVISORS MAY 5

LOS ANGELES — The County supervisors confirmed May 5 the appointment of Francis C. T. Ching as director of the Arboreta and Botanic Gardens Dept. after a showdown with the board of governors.

The board originally recommended Henry Hellmers, UCLA University professor, for the \$25,704-a-year post, but were overruled by the supervisors who threatened to take over the board's appointive powers unless it voted to appoint Ching, who had placed first in the civil service examinations for the post on two occasions.

CHARLES KUBOKAWA—AQUANAUT

Spending 30 days underwater as human factors engineer in Tekite II

MOFFETT FIELD — Charles Kubokawa, a Nisei engineer at Ames Research Center, is one of the aquanauts for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration living 55 feet underwater in the Caribbean Sea near the Virgin Islands.

Last April, he began an uninterrupted 30-day life in the experimental underwater habitat, Tekite II, and is due to emerge this Sunday, May 17.

During the last 10-day cycle with three other scientists, Kubokawa was in command, supervising the activity on board just like the commander of a ship or a submarine. His first 20-days were devoted to safety operations and experiments.

With the 39-year-old San Francisco Nisei are Dr. Edward Clifton, Dr. Ralph Hun-

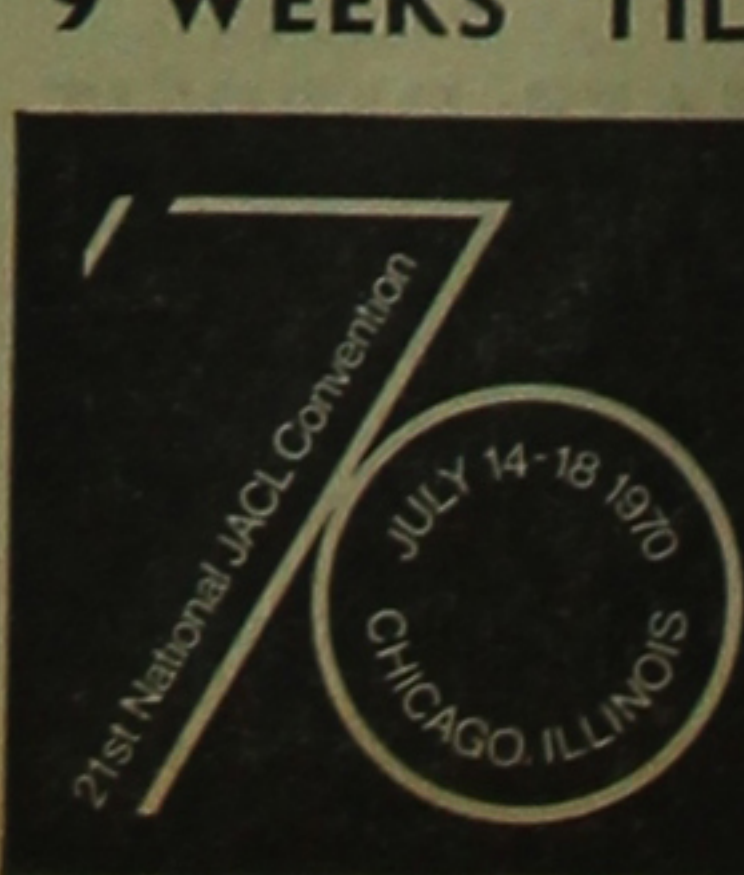
ter and Lawrence Phillips of the U.S. Geological Survey in Menlo Park, who are studying the sea floor, vegetation and marine life.

Kubokawa is one of the first minority individuals selected for the NASA aquanaut program. His selection was based on scuba-diving experience and his knowledge of human factors.

His studies of life support systems like Tekite II is expected to be equally applicable to space stations which are on NASA's timetable. His job as a human factors engineer is to make sure systems like this are designed to assure ease of operations and maximum efficiency for occupants.

Kubokawa is the first human factors engineer assigned to a NASA field experiment—space or undersea.

9 WEEKS 'TIL



Washington Newsletter
by Mike Masaoka

And Now, Cambodia

When President Nixon announced (April 30) that he was authorizing American troops to "invade" so-called enemy sanctuaries in Cambodia, in order to protect American lives and to speed troop withdrawal from Southeast Asia, to further the Vietnamization of the war and ultimate "victory" for the non-communist forces there, and to assure the credibility of United States commitments to both friend and adversary, we wanted to go along with his action.

But, like so many other citizens, we had heard the same "line" so often before that we remain skeptical.

In the beginning, we understand that the CIA and the military convinced President Eisenhower of the so-called domino theory concerning the security of the United States and of Southeast Asia. We understand that the CIA and the military urged President Kennedy to send military advisers to help the Vietnamese

struggle against communist infiltration and subversion, that was all that was required.

Then, we understand that the CIA and the military advised President Johnson to escalate the help by sending in American troops and later to bomb North Vietnam, for surely by these tactics the light of peace at the end of the tunnel could be seen.

Now, the same CIA and the military have persuaded President Nixon that by destroying enemy sanctuaries across the border in Cambodia, he would expedite his withdrawal of American troops from Indochina.

We still understand the CIA and military justifications for the Nixon adventure, but we cannot escape the haunting memories of similar justifications in the recent past. They have proved so wrong so often in recent years that one cannot help but wonder if—once again—they are not mistaken.

In any event, as with so many other Americans who could once defend United States involvement and intervention in Southeast Asia, we have been forced to the sad conclusion that the United States should never have become involved in that Far Eastern war, that American security interests are not actually at stake there, and that the sooner we "get out" of that "mess" in that part of the world the better for all concerned, especially for us Americans.

We are very troubled that the President's escalation, temporary as he claims it will be, of American participation in Southeast Asia's woes, has so escalated unrest and tension among so many more Americans than any previous action in this area. The student revolt against the Cambodian campaign makes previous college and university demonstrations against the Vietnam war seem like "practice runs".

And Japanese American students appear to be among those in the forefront of much of the protest and dissent.

Among the earliest college and university students to rush to Washington last week to "demand" the end of American participation in the current Indochina conflict were Sansei from Stanford and West Coast colleges and universities, including several in the Midwest and in the East. Indeed, we have never witnessed a more spontaneous demonstration of Sansei revulsion than we have in connection with this latest presidential effort in Cambodia.

All of which helps lead to a question that may well be asked at the forthcoming National JACL Convention in Chicago in mid-July. Has the time now arrived when the JACL should take position on so-called Asian American political issues?

We can recall that only a few years ago opposition was so great in National JACL Councils that JACL was prohibited from becoming involved even in so-called United States-Japan relations, except and unless they directly involved those of Japanese ancestry in the United States, such as immigration and naturalization laws.

It was only two years ago, at the San Jose National Convention, that the National Council finally felt that JACL had matured enough to permit involvement in problems

that affected the friendly relationships between the land of our ancestry and the land of our citizenship.

This was a long-overdue, reasonable, and logical extension of JACL responsibility that few today can honestly challenge.

And yet, there are questions within questions that appear legitimate when it comes to the policy issue concerning expansion of official JACL concerns to include all of the Far East.

By including the Far East within the area of direct JACL concerns, will the JACL dilute its influence on United States-Japan relations, where its views do have weight with government and congressional officials?

Does JACL have the resources and the competency to determine the facts concerning the Far East and to settle on specific policy as the best for each problem?

Would such pronouncements by JACL be anything meaningful or constructive to the Nixon Administration, to the Congress, and to the public-at-large? And, if JACL extends its concerns to the Far East, why not to all of Asia, and then to world problems?

Would such an expansion merely reduce JACL to "just another organization" expressing itself on international issues, or would JACL's espousal of one course as against others result in worthwhile consequences?

Moreover, the kind of problems that would cause JACL involvement is also one for consideration. Whether American youth should be sent to fight in Asian wars is one matter, but what about the right of self-determination of the peoples of Taiwan, of Tibet, etc., and what about the problem of refugees from not only these war zones but also from so-called totalitarian regimes?

What about American attitude, and official United States policy, toward Red China?

What about trade from the less developed nations, including those in Africa, Latin America, and most of Asia? What about commerce with the communist satellite states not only in East Europe but also in Asia?

Is the JACL qualified to suggest national principles and practices in these many and highly controversial fields? Or is it more simply a matter of "feeling" and "affinity" simply because most JACL members are of Japanese, Oriental, or Asian ancestry?

There are some within JACL who believe that the JACL must, and should, become involved in the larger scope of Asian affairs at least. These include some who would urge that JACL should change its name to, for example, the Asian American Citizens League.

There are many matters to be taken into consideration concerning even a change in the name of the organization. Among those which come readily to mind are: (a) Will the Japanese American community support financially and otherwise more efforts for Asian Americans than mostly for themselves as a minority, nationality group? (b) Can't JACL with its years of prestige and contacts actually do more for all Asian Americans as JACL than with a new name? (c) How will the other Asian American individuals and groups be integrated into JACL or will the new organization start out "from scratch" but with JACL's financial and other resources? (d) Wouldn't more be accomplished if other Asian American groups are encouraged to organize nationally first, and some kind of federation or coordination be developed between the various groups?

If the National Convention just takes up these subjects, not to mention many others that come to mind, a truly spirited and meaningful biennial conclave is assured for Chicago later this summer.

NEWS CAPSULES

Politics

David T. Chow, 61, Los Angeles importer-exporter, is a Republican candidate for the state 40th Assembly district seat, a member of the state central committee and board chairman of the New Kwong Tai press. During WW2, he taught Chinese for the Army Specialized Training Program at UC Berkeley and Univ. of Chicago. He also taught the Navy at Boulder in 1945 and later became chairman of the Chinese Language Dept. at the Army Language School at the Presidio of Monterey. He is married to the former Harriet M. Arao.

Cosma K. Sakamoto, a charter member of both Placer County JACL and the Loomis American Legion, may be the second Nisei judicial district magistrate in the county if he wins in the June 2 elections. First Nisei elected here is magistrate George Yonehiro of Colfax district.

Oxnard Mayor William D. Soo Hoo, 45, is a Democratic candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives (13th District), a seat held by Rep. Charles Teague (R-Ojai) since 1955. A native of Oxnard, he was elected to the city council in 1962 and has been on the council ever since.

Membership cards and copies of the constitution of the Japanese American Republican Party, headed by Solchi Fukui, of Los Angeles, have been mailed, according to Mas Furuya, membership v.p. The group also collected \$1,250 for the Gov. Reagan dinner.

Crime

U.S. Customs officials at San Ysidro on May 4 charged Leslie Satoji Tarumoto, 33, Los Angeles, and Mrs. Rosette L. Oliver, 23, Gardena, with possession of more than 3 million units of illicit drugs—the largest haul along the border to date. The evidence was found concealed in the roof of a van-type truck driven by Tarumoto. Mrs. Oliver was a passenger. They were arrested May 2.

Government

Roy H. Uno, 47-year-old advertising and sales promotion executive with Beckman Instruments, was appointed to the new Santa Ana 15-member human relations commission. He is the lone Asian American commissioner. (Uno is a past PC Board chairman.)

Harry Iseki was re-elected mayor of Parlier by city council members at its reorganizational meeting April 28. Sho Tsuboi, another councilman, was named police commissioner.

San Francisco will observe the 25th anniversary of the signing of the United Nations charter June 25-26. Mayor Alioto included Susumu Onoda, president of the Bank of Tokyo of California and head of the No. Calif. Japanese Chamber of Commerce on the distinguished citizens committee sponsoring the celebration.

Churches

The Rev. Teruo Kawata, active in the mental health movement of Maui and Oahu and minister of program for the Hawaii Conference of the United Church of Christ, Honolulu, has resigned to become western regional secretary for the Council of Lay Life and Work of the United Church of Christ in San Francisco come August. In his new position he will work in lay education and leadership development within a 12-western state region. He joined the Hawaii Conference in January, 1968.

The Rev. Peter Koshi, who came from Kansas City in 1956 to serve as pastor of the Japanese Baptist Church, Seattle, until November, 1968, was called to serve as assistant minister of outreach by the First Baptist Church, responsible for leading the church into involvement in project outside the church membership throughout the city. His ministry will be mainly in the Central Area. Since August, 1969, Mr. Koshi has been on the Seattle Community College faculty at the Central Campus.

Expo '70

The Japanese Finance Ministry announced an additional 10 million Expo '70 commemorative ¥100 coins would be issued in early July. A total of 30 million were first released March 10.

Asahi Shimbun is demonstrating at the United Nations Pavilion an instant news machine, about the size of a TV console set. The FM-facsimile receiver was first demonstrated at the Seibu Dept. Store during the 1964 Olympic Games and then refined by Toshiba (Shibaura Electric Co.) and Asahi for Expo '70. The product measures 12½x18 inches, the process being a type of xerography or electrostatic reproduction. Asahi transmits the news on 469.1

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A post office employee from Sakai City south of Osaka won a prize trip to Hong Kong with a girl friend April 19 when he became the 10 millionth visitor to EXPO '70. The lucky number was registered 36 days after the exposition opened on March 15. The 10 millionth visitor at EXPO '67 in Montreal came 39 days after its opening.

Business

Buddy T. Iwata, general manager of the Livingston Farmers Assn., was elected chairman of the Berkeley Bank for Cooperatives advisory committee. The institution serves farm cooperatives in California, Arizona, Utah and Hawaii. The committee serves as a liaison with the bank and stockholders and a sounding board for new ideas. Iwata is currently chairman of the National JACL Scholarship Foundation.

Japanese movie star and producer Toshiro Mifune is spending two weeks in May in Palm Springs and in Monument Valley, Utah, to shoot commercials for Japanese television.

Fred Karasawa, who joined Sea World in San Diego last October, has been preparing for the May 15 opening of the Japanese Village at Sea World in San Diego. Active Monterey Peninsula JACLer Frank Uyeda is 1970 international president of the Automatic Transmission Rebuilders Assn., organized a decade ago to give the motoring public the highest quality service and to join with other automotive service groups to attain similar goals. ATRA is developing a nation-wide transmission mechanics certification program.

Mrs. Doris S. Lee, president of National Dollar Stores, Ltd., a San Francisco-based chain of 54 soft goods stores, announced William Hirose has been appointed to its board of Directors. National Dollar Stores was founded in 1903 and currently has stores in California, Arizona, Hawaii, Nevada and Texas. Hirose is a certified public accountant, and an attorney (graduate of Boalt Hall, Univ. of Calif.), and a partner in the firm of Hirose and Oto, CPAs in Oakland.

Huck Yamasaki of Idaho Falls was enlisted in the Century Club, highest award for agents of Western Farm Bureau Life Insurance Co., Denver. Japan Air Lines accepted delivery of its first Boeing 747 jumbo jet April 24 at Seattle. The plane will be put into service July 1 between Los Angeles and Tokyo, according to Shizuo Asada, executive v.p.

Medicine

George K. Kambara, M.D., was elected secretary of the eye section of the California Medical Assn. at its recent convention in San Francisco. He was notified of this upon his return from Mexico City where he attended the XXI International Congress of Ophthalmology, and from a tour of Japan which included visits to some eye clinics there. Dr. Kambara was also re-elected to the California Medical Eye Council.

Dr. Henry H. Kazato of Fresno was re-elected to the American Academy of General Practice after completing 150 hours of accredited post-graduate medical study in the last three years.

Courtroom

Two Wyoming attorneys, a husband-wife team, were admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court Mar. 23. Asst. U.S. Attorney Toshio Yematsu and his wife, Ellen Crowley Suyematsu of Cheyenne, were sponsored by ex-congressman William Henry Harrison. The Wyoming-born Nisei and 442nd veteran was in Washington to attend a conference of U.S. attorneys.

A minimum term of seven years in prison has been set for Roger K. Kikuchi, 22 who robbed a Seattle restaurant, Valley Cafe of \$415 November 26. The term was set in Olympia by the State Board of Prison Terms and Paroles. Kikuchi, of 4933 51st Ave. S., and two other men robbed the cafe. He pleaded guilty in superior Court Judge Ward Roney's court in February.

West Los Angeles Municipal Court Judge Lee Freund found Roy S. Nakata, 35, not guilty of fatally shooting a high school student Ruben Vigil last February. Freund held the prosecution had failed to show conclusive evidence of homicide. The incident involved a shooting as a result of a pool hall argument. Nakata contended Vigil and another man, Leonard Parisian, had followed him to an alley and started to beat him. Police reported Nakata pulled a pistol and shot both alleged assailants.

Flowers-Garden

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the Orange County Japanese Garden in the Santa Ana Civic Center Complex will be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2 p.m., with some 200 dignitaries expected to be present. According to Hitoshi Nishida, chairman. To date, some \$40,000 has been raised for the project expected to be completed this fall. Donations are still being accepted at P.O. Box 501, Garden Grove 92642. San Francisco Golden Gate Park is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. Norvell Gillespie, horticultural expert well-known to many Nisei nurserymen, is president of the centennial committee. George Hagiwara, who operated the Japanese tea garden in the park prewar, as did his grandfather and father before him, is serving on the planning committee.

Three Santa Ana Nisei were credentialed as California Certified Nurserymen by the Calif. Assn. of Nurserymen. They were Katsutoshi Iwagoshi of Santa Clara; Tom Yutani of La Mirada; Frank M. Nakamura of Whittier; Yo Terada and John M. Takenaka of Terada Nursery, Los Angeles. Terada was chairman of the certification program, which required three years to develop. Yutani is the author of "Garden Weeks of Southern California" and drew the illustrations.

Music

Japanese pianist Minoru Nojima will play a benefit recital for the Van Cliburn Competition May 24 at Fort Worth's Convention Center Theater. Those who heard him in the finals of the last Cliburn contest know that he is an exciting young pianist of whom much can be expected, according to Dallas Times Herald music editor Olin Chism. He's won all kinds of prizes and praise in Japan and will be making his Carnegie Hall debut May 6.

Western Opera Theater returns to Los Angeles May 17 at Inner City Cultural Theater with soprano Shigemi Matsumoto appearing in the matinee performance of "La Boheme." The touring company is a subsidiary of the San Francisco Opera. Japanese lyric soprano Tami Asakura of Los Angeles is a finalist in the 17th annual San Francisco Opera Auditions scheduled there June 28-29, competing with regional finalists from western states, Hawaii and Canada. She rendered Mimi's "Addio" from La Boheme and Lili's second aria from Turandot to win locally.

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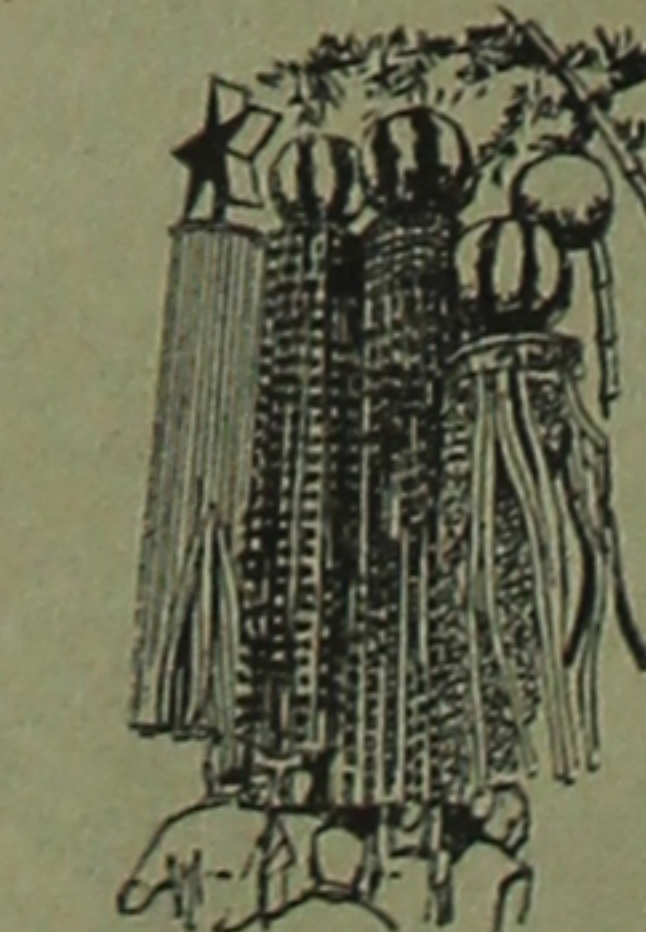
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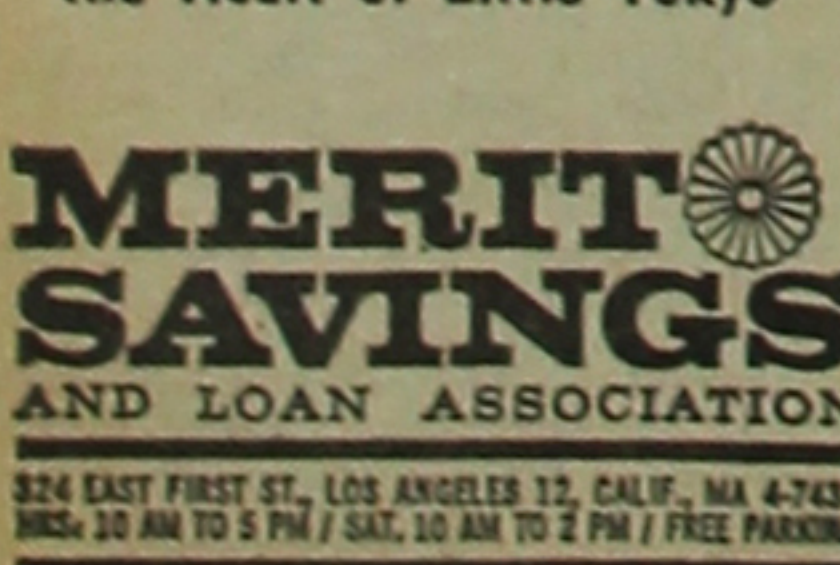
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From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.

BRIDGING THE GAP—The good, concerned folks hereabouts undertook a noble experiment one recent Sunday, and the jury is still out. On the face of it, however, the experiment would seem to have been less than a rousing success. Yet it was a valuable lesson in that the experience underlined the magnitude of the problem facing the Japanese American community, and made it obvious that enormous effort and more goodwill than now exists will be required to solve it.

The experiment was a conference co-sponsored by the Mile-Hi chapter of the JACL and an organization known as the Asian American Alliance of the University of Colorado, Denver Center. The topic of the conference was: "What should be the role of the Japanese community in the area of minority relations in Denver, 1970?" Warren Furutani of Los Angeles, field director for special projects of the national JACL, was among the speakers.

The structure of the conference left something to be desired. There were five speakers, all on the younger side. After they had their say, a "response panel" was invited to react, either with questions or statements. The "response panel" was made up of four middle-aged Nisei establishment types. Thus, instead of two panels working together to seek solutions, the conference started with two panels staring suspiciously at each other across a generation gap. It was inevitable that the conference quickly turn into a debate, without benefit of the usual rules of debate, between the more voluble members of each group.

Among the speakers were representatives of Black and Hispano student groups. Both wisely prefaced their remarks by noting it would be somewhat presumptuous of them to tell the Japanese community what its role should be in the area of minority relations. Then they proceeded to air the grievances of their own particular points of view, and soon the rhetoric was flowing so profusely and bitterly that the purpose of the conference was all but obscured.

The conference was scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. It started a half hour late due, it must pointed out, to the tardiness of a key establishment type Nisei. The speakers and respondents were to wind up by 3 p.m. so that group discussions could get under way, with group leaders reporting to the entire assembly at 4 p.m. But the speakers and respondents didn't complete their remarks until 4 p.m., and that's where they lost me.

The response of the audience of approximately 50 persons was entirely predictable. When Warren Furutani made a point, the most vigorous applause came from the Sansei students. When a rebuttal was voiced by Min Yasui, director of Denver's Commission on Community Relations and a member of the response panel, the applause was louder from the Nisei. What became apparent after a while was that those who attended the conference arrived with firmly established opinions and no amount of conversation was likely to change their minds in either direction. Thus it is altogether possible that even this innocuous commentary will be regarded with hostility.

What made the exercise more than an unfortunate waste of a beautiful May afternoon was the realization that all of us are pretty well agreed that there is a great deal of racial injustice polluting our nation, and something ought to be done about it. There was far less agreement on precisely what should be done, and how those goals should be attained once we can agree on what they are. The what and the how vary from ethnic group to ethnic group and from individual to individual, and reaching any sort of consensus will require a great deal of give and take. But compromise—based on tolerance and pragmatism—is not the name of the game these days. Yet, I suppose that if we can agree simply on the point that something needs to be done, eventually we'll reach agreement as to goals and how to reach them. But it will take time. And a lot more wisdom that we have exhibited up to now.

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Dan, Spark, Palsy deplore Nixon's Cambodia action

WASHINGTON — The Japanese American members of Congress continued to speak against the Nixon Administration action sending troops to Cambodia.

Sen. Daniel Inouye, in a statement on the Senate floor May 1, deplored the decision. "This decision makes a sham of our policy of Vietnamization and to disengage and withdraw troops from Vietnam," the senator declared.

"Frankly what is so wrong with a great people swallowing some pride and admitting a mistake? If we are to be true to ourselves — to our highest ideals — we must be big enough to place the peace of the world and the saving of human life above saving face. We must be willing to admit error and so adjust our policy. For neither our conscience nor the conscience of mankind will permit us to use our awesome weapons of war which will be essential if we insist on military victory and expand this conflict to that end," he added.

'Making Mistake'

Rep. Spark Matsunaga, who co-sponsored a House resolution expressing the sense of the House that the U.S. should refrain from any military action in Cambodia, declared:

"I believe the President is making the mistake of seeking a military solution rather than a political settlement. He should have replaced Ambassador Lodge at the Paris negotiations instead."

The same weekend (May 2-3), Rep. Patsy T. Mink in Hawaii urged the people to let the President know of their feelings of the escalation of war in Indochina.

The President's actions, she said, was "a challenge upon the constitutional rights of the people elected by this country to decide the question of war. We have shirked this responsibility for five years. I don't feel we can shirk it any longer."

An advocate of U.S. troop withdrawal from Vietnam, she felt a suspension of the Nixon decision of April 21 to bring home 150,000 men would have been preferred to expanding the war into Cambodia.

Abusive epithet cause for damage suit in court

LOS ANGELES — Negroes who are called "goddam niggers" by their boss may seek monetary damages for emotional and physical distress, the California Supreme Court has ruled.

The court unanimously reversed a lower court dismissal of a suit brought by Manuel D. Alcorn, a black truck driver berated by his white foreman. Alcorn now may proceed with his damage suit against Ambro Engineering, Inc., of Culver City.

Alcorn alleged that the incident arose after he — in his capacity as a Teamsters Union shop steward — advised a non-union employee not to drive a truck to a job site.

Incident Recalled

When he told his foreman—Gerald Palmer — what he had done, Palmer allegedly shouted at him in a "rude, violent and insolent manner" as follows:

"You goddam niggers are not going to tell me about the rules. I don't want any niggers working for me. I am getting rid of all the niggers; go pick up and deliver that 8-ton roller to the other job site and get your paycheck. You're fired!"

Alcorn claimed he suffered "humiliation, mental anguish, and emotional and physical distress," the Supreme Court noted in an opinion written by Justice Louis H. Burke.

Without deciding the facts of the case or the question of liability, the Supreme Court said Alcorn should be permitted to present the issue to a jury.

Court's Footnote

In a footnote, the court added:

"Although the slang epithet 'nigger' may once have been in common usage, along with such other racial characterization as 'wop,' 'Chink,' 'Jap,' 'bohunk' or 'shanty Irish,' the former expression has become particularly abusive and insulting in light of recent developments in the civil rights movement as it pertains to the American Negro."

SECRET A-BOMB FILMS RELEASED FOR SHOWING

SAN FRANCISCO—National JACL has available for chapter showing two copies of "Hiroshima-Nagasaki," a 16-minute documentary film shot by nine Japanese cameramen following the dropping of two atomic bombs in 1945, it was announced by Masao Satow, national director.

The 16-mm sound film, produced by Columbia University Press, will be rented to chapters at \$5 to cover handling, insurance and costs. Two week prior notice has been requested.

Renew Your Membership

Candidates for Nisei of Biennium

Continued from Front Page
specialist, Dr. Hara, a naturalized Issei, of Los Angeles has presented scientific papers at many international congresses, his most recent given in Melbourne, Australia, where he noted Orientals were more susceptible to a type of nasopharyngeal cancer that is rare in Caucasians. He also teaches at and is associated with White Memorial Hospital and the USC-County General Medical Center. His work in the community on behalf of Japanese Americans was recognized by the Japanese government.

A respected semanticist and author, Dr. Hayakawa ranks as the top headline-maker among Japanese Americans today. He became president of San Francisco State College in Nov. 1968, when the campus was in turmoil. His public appearances—even at JACL functions—have been picked and drew mixed reactions. A Canadian by birth, he is a naturalized American and has been teaching for the past 35 years.

Hosokawa, author of "Nisei" is associate editor of The Denver Post and is regarded as the dean of Nisei journalists today. His book, now in third printing, was published by William Morrow and Co. last November. He was previously cited with the Nisei of Biennium in 1958 for his excellence in editing the Empire Magazine, Sunday supplement of the Post. He joined the Post in 1946, was its first correspondent covering the Korean campaign and since has had a number of foreign assignments.

Dr. Oyama, chief of a NASA research unit at Ames Research Laboratory at Moffett Field in Sunnyvale, was among the scientists conducting complex studies on lunar samples brought back by Apollo astronauts this past year. His team was responsible for attempting to find extraterrestrial life on the moon. In the first and historic scientific conference at Houston last January, Oyama said he found no viable life present in the samples.

Kashiwa, ranking Nisei cab-

inet member in the Nixon administration as assistant U.S. attorney general in charge of lands and resources division, hails from Hawaii where he was state attorney general, handling the difficult legal problems during the transition period from territory to statehood. In a key U.S. Supreme Court case on eminent domain earlier this year, he represented the federal government, thus becoming the first Nisei to present arguments before the august body—though the arguments are usually handled by the solicitor general.

Dr. Mamiya, psychologist at UC Medical Center, San Francisco, during the past biennium has been conducting an extraordinarily futuristic experiment — how to control brain waves (or consciousness)—and for the first time map the dimensions of the enormous world of inner states. He wants to know what the brain is all about, the physiological characteristics of the subjective states of human mental experience. While at the Univ. of Chicago, he was dubbed the "sleep and dream researcher" and wondered if people could be trained to control their brain waves. His studies are expected to help in terms of psychotic illnesses.

Dr. Naka, who attended schools prewar in Los Angeles, was chief scientist of the MITRE Corp., at Bedford, Mass., and a specialist in space systems. He graduated from Univ. of Missouri, Minnesota and Harvard, earning his doctorate in electron optics at Harvard. He was appointed Air Force deputy undersecretary in the President Nixon cabinet last summer. MITRE Corp., an independent systems engineering firm providing technical advice to the Air Force and other governmental agencies.

Nominated as a pair, Okamura and Uno as current co-chairmen of the JACL ad hoc committee to repeal Title II have been coordinating a national campaign against the Internal Security Act of 1950, which has astounded groups and individuals who were not as successful since the law be-

came effective. Okamura, a research chemist by profession, began the grassroots efforts to have JACL assume the campaign in 1968. Uno, assistant dean of students at UC Medical Center, San Francisco, is remembered as launching the one-man effort to have former Chief Justice Earl Warren publicly reflect upon his role as attorney general in 1942 urging the Evacuation of Japanese from California.

Former National JACL president, Okura, during the past biennium, headed the Urban League of Nebraska and instituted more relevant programs to make the league a more visibly active force in both the black and white community. Associated with the Nebraska Psychiatric Institute, Omaha, since 1963, he is administrative director with the division of preventative and social psychiatry. He serves on a number of public commissions and also teaches psychiatry at the Univ. of Nebraska medical center.

Dr. Noguchi, Japan-born surgeon and a naturalized citizen, is the first Oriental to head a department in Los Angeles county government as medical examiner-coroner. His appointment since 1967 has been subjected to internal dissent—to the point that he was eventually fired by the board of supervisors in 1969. But in a subsequent civil service hearing, which attracted national attention because of racial overtones, he was found competent and duly reinstated. Japanese American community power was galvanized during the hearings.

One of the foremost investigators of tissue-typing is Dr. Terasaki of UCLA Medical Center. With heart transplants capturing world attention, as immunologist Dr. Terasaki assists surgeons around the world in the complicated process of joining transplants are compatible between the donor and the recipient. At UCLA, there is a computer with information on tissue characteristics which he has developed.

EXPO '70 SNUB AGAINST ISRAELI POLICE INVESTIGATED BY ADL MEN

TOKYO — An American Jewish leader at a recent press conference here called Japan's opposition to proposed American trade barriers against the Japanese textile industry "inconsistent with its failure to lead the fight against Arab blackmail demands that Japan not trade with the Jewish state."

Arnold Forster, general counsel of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, issued the following statement to the press here:

"Japanese business interests are playing a disturbingly inconsistent game in refusing to agree to even partial trade barriers against its textile industry demanded by American authorities, while agreeing to trade barriers against Israel as demanded by the Arabs."

"To be consistent, they should lead the fight against special trade restrictions imposed upon them by the Arab

Boycott Committee. If they fail to do so, they may find that in the end they have succeeded only in narrowing their own business opportunities abroad."

"Those of us who understand Japan's opposition to restrictions on her trade with the United States are surprised, disappointed and troubled that a handful of large but important Japanese firms have surrendered to the Arab blackmail demands that Japan not trade with Israel. They thereby become catspaws of the Arabs."

"We do not understand companies fighting to trade in the United States simultaneously refusing to trade with Israel."

"They cannot but hurt Japanese trade in the United States, whose peoples are largely sympathetic to Israel."

Expo '70 Incident

Forster, accompanied by Lawrence Peirez, chairman of the ADL's fact-finding committee, were in Japan in connection with an Expo '70 incident after a number of Americans were offended by the insult to the four Israeli policemen whose invitation to participate in Expo's inaugural parade was withdrawn at the demand of the Arabs.

"The Expo authorities cannot reasonably condone this flagrant discourtesy and still expect Americans who support and admire Israel to wish to visit Expo," Peirez said.

Invitations to other countries, like Israel unable to afford a pavilion or exhibit at Expo '70, to participate in the inaugural parade were not withdrawn.

(A Zionist leader in Philadelphia, Milton Gold, asked his members to have "second thoughts" about attending the world's fair "because of the discriminatory treatment of Israel.")

Textile importers seek Nixon help

NEW YORK — The Association of Japanese Textile Importers announced this past week it had asked President Nixon to use his personal influence to break to deadlock in the U.S.-Japanese talks on trade quotas for synthetic textiles.

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Oakland Legal Defense and Education committees represent a feature of the shape of things to come. We will hear more and more about these committees in the coming months and years.

I attended one such committee meeting on April 26, at Boalt Hall on the Cal-Berkeley campus. Ken Kawachi, an attorney practicing in Oakland, invited me to come along.

There was a very serious tone about the discussion when I stepped into the room. It was understandable. The conversation centered on three young persons there who were up for trial soon. Several attorneys and law students were on hand to offer the youths some coaching. Also on hand were several persons who are working with "street people." They volunteered to locate a photographer who was at the scene. At many points, law or pre-law students would assume responsibility to check the details of the law, or look up police records, or review the way judges and juvenile officers had treated youths in the past.

At some points in the conversation, the youths assumed their share of the responsibility. They promised to look for witnesses in the neighborhood or approach ministers and teachers for character reference. One planned to find employment.

Later, one of the girls arrested during the April 16 ROTC battles at Cal-Berkeley described her situation. In neither of these cases will the attorneys associated with this committee represent the persons in court. In other cases they might.

It was obvious that the youths benefited from talking things out with their own kind whom they could trust. They could picture their situation more clearly; they could feel more secure about the course of action they chose.

After the meeting Shoshana Arai explained the activities of the committee in more detail. The committee hopes to open a "drop-in" center and concentrate upon those cases which the existing programs will not handle. Public defenders, American Civil Liberties Union, legal assistance leagues, or neighborhood legal aid societies do not appeal to many of the "street people" or those outside the middle class. Even the legal defense groups in the radical political movements around campuses cannot always help. Thus, Shoshana feels someone has to organize an Asian Legal Defense and Education Committee.

Shoshana is one of the five FOXes recently employed by the JACL in the Bay Area. FOX stands for "field operations" and her time can be spent in a constructive way if she works with the non-middle class Asians who have run-ins with the law. Many of the problems arise out of petty theft, illegal use of drugs, family problems, truancy, etc.

Because of economic handicaps, language barriers and social stigma the youths will not turn to the usual channels. They need a committee such as the one now operating in the Bay Area. Other Japanese and Asian communities have organized their version of legal defense and education committees. Their work in helping people who are in trouble is matched by their

contributions to groups working for prevention of these problems.

As you might imagine, these committees for legal work need money. If golfing clubs can raise a \$25 pot on a given Saturday morning, can't some of these clubs give every fourth pot to some of these committees?

If a woman society can raise \$200-\$500 at a rummage sale or a flea market, can't some of these societies divert part of their income to these projects? JACL should release some of its idle funds for these workers. That JACL provides Shoshana's part-time salary is a start — and some of us hope it is only a start. We look for more to follow and are happy to publicize those who will work to release those funds.

1000 Club charter flight to Japan set for Oct. 2-23, 1971

CHICAGO — The long awaited charter flight to Japan sponsored by the JACL 1000 Club, is off and running. Co-chairmen Dr. Joe Nakayama and Dr. Frank Sakamoto, announced that October, one of Japan's most colorful months, has been picked for the 1971 trip. All 1000 Clubbers are urged to make reservations now for the three-week trip from Oct. 2 - 23, 1971.

In order to be eligible, at least one person in the family must be a 1000 Club member for the years 1970 and 1971 (family includes husband or wife, dependent children, and parents of the member). The Chicago flight is \$425 round trip per person (all children's fares will be the same as for adults), and reservations require a \$75 deposit per person in order to be placed on the "going" list on a first-come, first-served basis.

Checks should be made payable to "JACL 1000 Club Charter Flight," and mailed to 810 N. Clark St., Chicago 60610.

Cosmopolitan Travel Service of Chicago has planned three or four tentative tours in the Orient, which will be optional and of varied duration and sights. A golf outing will be included among other activities including a gala 1000 Club Whing Ding in Japan.

At the present time, only Chicago has a definite flight scheduled, but several other charter flights are in the planning stage by geographical and district areas. Chairmen for the charter flights are Charles Tony Boch, Northern California-West Nevada District; Akira Ohno, Pacific Southwest; Edward Fujii, Pacific Northwest; Chiye Tomihiro, Midwest; and Frank Yoshimura, Intermountain.

As soon as deposits are received, individuals will be placed on the "going" list and a contract containing all details will be mailed to the member.

Statewide Nisei committee for Calif. Prop. 1 formed

SAN FRANCISCO — A statewide Nisei committee supporting passage of Calif. Prop. 1 on the June 2 ballot for construction of health science facilities of the Univ. of California has been organized under chairmanship of Dr. Terry T. Hayashi.

The proposition authorizes a \$246 million bond issue which, if passed, will enable completion of three medical schools at Irvine, San Diego and Davis, and expansion of existing medical schools at Los Angeles and San Francisco.

On the Nisei for Prop. 1 steering committee are: Dr. Kunisada Kiyasu, James G. Otagiri, Susumu Togasaki, Saburo Kido, George Inagaki, Jerry Enomoto, Edison Uno, Dr. Kazuo Togasaki, Takito Yamaguchi.

The San Francisco JACL board of governors at its May 4 session endorsed support of the proposition.

Stockton girl wins NC oratory

LOS ALTOS — Julia Yamamoto of Stockton won the Northern California-Western Nevada JACL district oratorical contest here May 3.

She was named the winner by a narrow margin over Ron Uyeda of San Jose after four speakers presented their talks in a program which followed the second quarterly NC-WNDC meeting held at Golden Pavilion.

Dr. Harry Hatasaka of Sequoia JACL was the DC oratorical contest chairman.

YOUNG ADULT CHAPTER IN SAN FRANCISCO DUE

SAN FRANCISCO—Students of nearby colleges and universities are planning to establish a new JACL chapter here to bring young people into active community work and to expand the range of activities in the Japanese community.

The initial meeting, chaired by Neil Gotanda, law student at UC Boalt Hall, was held April 14 at Christ United Presbyterian Church.

New JACL caucus meets in L.A.; plan rally in Chi

LOS ANGELES — The New JACL Caucus, a group of Asian Americans interested in making JACL more relevant to the times, held its first meeting on April 25 in the So. Calif. JACL Office. More than 30 people, some from other states, attended.

A wide range of topics was discussed at the meeting including greater involvement of JACL in such areas as international affairs, civil and human rights, education and in community programs to aid the aged, hungry, jobless, etc.

Plans were initiated to draw up a program to be presented to the upcoming National JACL Convention in Chicago outlining concrete, constructive proposals in these areas.

A number of activities were also planned to be conducted in conjunction with the convention program. One highlight will be an Asian Solidarity Rally in Picasso Square in the Civic Center Plaza. Caucus members felt that this should be coordinated with the Convention Committee to avoid conflict with other convention activities if at all possible.

Among those attending the meeting were: Jerry Enomoto, National JACL President; Sacramento; Isao Fujimoto of Davis; William and Yuri to Hiroi, Saito Hiroshi, Kanno, Chicago; Ray Okamura and Kaz Maniwa, Berkeley; Ron Kobata, San Francisco; Arty Kameda of San Jose; Toshi Yoshida, Dave Miura, Bob and Agnes Suzuki, Al Hatate, Tom and Stephanie Takenouchi, Alan Nishio, Yumi Yumori, David Takeshima, Yuji Ichioka, Wayne Omokawa, and Warren Furutani, Southern California.

IDAHO FALL JACLERS PUSH CONSERVATION

IDAHO FALLS—Sud Morishita, Lloyd Felman and Sam Yamasaki, all local JACLers, are members of the Bonneville Sportsmen's Assn. board of directors, comprised of active community leaders interested in conservation efforts.

The association annually sponsors the Sportsmen's Jam-boree to help educate the general public on conservation measures.

Round the World

(Contributions to the Masaka Round the World Trip Fund are being coordinated by the Bank of Tokyo of California, 120 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles 90012. Make checks payable to Bank of Tokyo of California, attention Masaka Round the World Trip Fund.)

5 REPORT TOTAL: \$4,075

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WAO elects officers

LOS ANGELES—The organization for single adults, widowed or divorced, "We Are One" (WAO), elected Meriko Mori as president. Dr. and Mrs. James K. Sasaki 293-8701 of Centenary United Methodist Church are advisers.

The club will honor its new officers tonight (May 15) at the Lobster House in Marina del Rey.

PULSE ON THE CHAPTERS: Chapter coordinators designated for Masaoka testimonial fund in NC-WN

SAN FRANCISCO—In appreciation of Mike Masaoka's long dedicated service for the welfare of all persons of Japanese ancestry, solicitation of contributions to the Mike Masaoka Trust Fund has been launched in the Northern California area in conjunction with the national testimonial program. The National Committee is sending appeal brochures to over 20,000 individuals throughout the Nation.

John Yasumoto of San Francisco, the Northern California Area Coordinator, requested that persons receiving this brochure, make their contribution as soon as possible. He reminded that only a few months remain for this fund drive since the presentation of this Trust Fund will be made at the 1970 National JACL Convention in Chicago on July 16, 1970.

Chapter coordinators have been named in the Northern California Area to assist in this fund project. Persons desiring information concerning this drive, may call on the following persons in their respective areas:

CHAPTER COORDINATORS
Alameda—George Ushijima, 12-885 Skyline Blvd., Oakland, Cal. 94619.
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A special Issei project currently underway for the "Round the World Trip for the Masaoka Family" is being chaired in the Northern California Area, by I. K. Ishimatsu and James Otigiri.

For the Elders
Issei recognition dinner set May 16

The San Gabriel Valley JACL will honor all Issei over age 80 at a potluck dinner on Saturday, May 16, 5:30 p.m., at the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente Ave., West Covina.

Shiro Takemoto and Leo Hayashi are co-chairmen with Mrs. Henry Miyata in charge of the food. Others serving in various capacities are:

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yamashita, Mrs. James Moriki, Mrs. Hideo Sechi, Mrs. Kim Hatakeyama, Mrs. Hideo Kiyari, David Ito, Kazuo Miyamura and Tom Fuji.

The Wakamatsu Centennial Medallions will be presented to the Issei and an interesting program and displays of Japanese artifacts will be presented. Donations of food (preferably Japanese dishes) will be gratefully accepted by calling Mrs. Miyata at 338-3709.

Community support of Issei event acknowledged

The San Francisco JACL Issei no Afternoon program held April 5 was acclaimed a success by program chairman Ron Nakayama, who acknowledged the generosity and cooperation of many board members, performers, merchants, clubs, organizations and dedicated individuals.

Over 250 persons attended, including 43 of the 105 local Issei over age 80.

Among the more notable contributions brightening the occasion were the 300 red and white carnations from Atsushi II of San Jose. Joe Daijo organized the talent program. Christopher Hirose emceed. Mrs. Kay Okamoto arranged for the participation of Hamilton Senior Citizen Center members. Assisting on the committee were:

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Zoo, making the trip via the Santa Fe Railway. George Koyagi, in charge of the program, reported there were some 130 other members, their children and friends in the group.

Miss East L.A. to be introduced at Ball

Miss East Los Angeles in the coming Nisei Week queen contest will be introduced May 23 at East Los Angeles JACL's annual Emerald Ball, being held at General Lee's Man Jen Low in New Chinatown.

Dinner commences at 7 with dancing to Tony Travato's combo following at 9. Open to the public, reservations are being accepted by: Walter Tatsuno (628-9341), Mable Yoshizaki (283-8469) and Mable Furuta (282-8580). Tickets are \$7.50 for the dinner-dance. Tickets for the dance only are obtainable at the door.

Queen candidate

Gardena Valley JACL will honor its Nisei Week queen candidate at the chapter coronation ball, June 20, 8 p.m., at the VFW Post Hall, South Western and 162nd St., it was announced by Mrs. Fumi Ishino, in charge of the local contest. Joe Fletcher will emcee the coronation ceremonies.

Fern Sato was announced as the chapter candidate for 1970 Miss Nisei Relays. On her court were Debbie Kadokura, Lynn Kosaka, Robert Yamashita and Debbie Endo.

For the Family

San Francisco JACL, the Japanese chamber of commerce and Nichei Kai will co-sponsor the annual Japanese community picnic May 31 at Speedway Meadows, Golden Gate Park with officers, cadets and crew of the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Training ship Kojima in port as guests. The ship will be "at home" to the public the same day from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The picnic will be held from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Bowling night

The Grand Lanes in Hayward has been secured for a Family Bowling Night to be sponsored by Eden Township JACL, May 23, starting at 7:30 p.m. Trophies will be awarded. Yas Ishida, Cho Tanisawa and Yosh Maruyama are in charge of arrangements. Nominal fees for games are being charged.

Scholarship

Chapter awardee

John Tsukahara, son of the Taro Tsukahara, 15 Galilee Lane, of Lowell High School is the San Francisco JACL nominee for the 1970 JACL scholarship awards and the recipient of the chapter's scholarship. A counselor and tutor

For the Youth

During the Easter holidays, Gardena Valley JACL took 12 underprivileged children as guests for a day at San Diego

Grand Star vocalist

LOS ANGELES—Betty McCarter, vocalist-guitarist, is appearing nightly (Tues.-Sat.) at the Quon Bros. Grand Star Restaurant in New Chinatown. Her repertoire includes folk, country and standards as well as pop tunes of the day.

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for black grammar school children, he intends to major in biological sciences at UC Berkeley.

Graduates honored

Gresham Troutdale JACL held a graduation banquet, honoring the 1970 High School and College graduates on Apr. 26 at the Kitchen Kettle, Portland. Graduates honored were: Gresham Union High—Scott Fujii, Sam Banlow High—Gayle Okita, Sandy Union High—Julia Asakawa, Reynolds High—Cheryl Fujii; Lewis & Clark College—Wayne Kato, Oregon State—Corinne Nishikawa, Cheryl Okita, Randy Sakauye; Univ. of Oregon—Marcia Kikkawa, Georgina Toya.

Scholarships were awarded to Scott Fujii, son of Mr. & Mrs. Ed Fujii and Gayle Okita, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Okita.

Civic Affairs

'Nisei' given to schools

Eleven copies of the Hosokawa book, "Nisei: The Quiet Americans," were presented by the San Mateo JACL to city libraries and high schools. Tom Hisata, chapter president, Dave Saito and Bill Tsukida made the formal presentation to the city librarian, school superintendent and the mayor. The occasion served as a reminder that recently burned out Tanforan race track nearby was "home" to Japanese Americans forcibly removed from their homes and businesses in May of 1942.

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Univ. of Hawaii

Univ. of Hawaii activists were at it again Apr. 24. Warrants were served on four students and four faculty members, charging them with criminal trespass after two ROTC buildings on the campus were occupied by demonstrators. Warrants were served on faculty members Ben Norris, Oliver M. Lee, the Rev. Robert Warner and Ted Friedman and students Greg King, Irina Jordan, Susan Steinman and Marc Isaacs. At least three of those served with warrants burned them. Univ. Pres. Harlan Cleveland said he didn't think "there is any doubt about the general stirring-up effect" Chicago 7 defendants David Dellinger and Jerry Rubin had on the events leading up to the occupation of the ROTC buildings.

The Univ. of Hawaii has provided other news. The anti-ROTC demonstrators overshadowed the more peaceful "Tent City" operation, in which some 100 students continued living in tents on the lawn in front of Bachman Hall to protest a lack of housing. The administration urged that the tents be removed, but the students refused.

Enrollment for the spring semester at the Univ. of Hawaii was 19,446, a 10.7 per cent increase over the 16,664 in spring, 1969. However, the spring enrollment is down from the fall, 1969 enrollment of 19,474, as is usually the case. Of the students now registered, three-fourths are undergraduates and one-fourth are graduate students.

Univ. of Hawaii pres. Harlan Cleveland has appointed James J. Mission to the new position of director of special services. Mission is former administrative director in the office of the vice pres. for continuing education and community service.

Political Scene

State Rep. Henry Takitani may be running for one of Maui County's two senate seats this fall. The indication came following published reports of Sen. Toshi Anzai's planned temporary retirement from politics. Takitani said that "with one term in the House of Representatives, I feel I can serve the people better as a senator."

John Souza of Kapaa, Kauai, has become the first candidate on Kauai to file nomination papers with the county clerk's office for the fall elections. He is a Democrat and will be running for county council.

Samuel P. King raised about \$150,000 April on his 54th birthday anniversary. The \$100-a-plate fundraiser drew about 1,800 people, nearly filling the Coral Ballroom of the Hilton Hawaiian Village. King was probably the second largest fundraising dinner in Hawaii politics. The only bigger one was Mayor Frank F. Fasi's birthday last year, which reportedly cleared about \$180,000.

Names in the News

Morley L. Theaker, pres. of Crown Corp., was honored recently by Univ. of Southern Calif., his alma mater as a re-

cipient of a merit award from the Trojan Alumni Assn. He was one of seven alumni to be recognized for achievements. The key honoree was astronaut Neil Armstrong.

Rep. Stanley I. Hara announced for his first elective term in the state senate. Hara, 47, is a Democrat. He has served 14 years in the House.

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Shochiku stars Kensaku Morita and Nana Ozaki participated in Nippon Theater's 17th annual Shochiku Film Festival May 8, 9, and 10.

Chinatown

The city council heard new plans April 14 from the Honolulu Redevelopment Agency for funding of the total \$72 million redevelopment project for Chinatown. The HRA now plans to divide the project into four areas and seek conventional renewal funds for each. Work is expected to begin this year on the Pauahi area, followed in subsequent years by Nuuanu, Kekaulike and Maunakea. The first section of 6.3 acres will cost about \$8 million, almost all of which will come from the federal government.

Hippies on Maui

Mayor Elmer F. Cravalho has announced plans to combat the problems stemming from an increase in the number of hippies living on Maui beaches. It was the most direct approach yet taken by the county administration in its battle to solve the hippie problem. The mayor called on the police dept. for enforcement of the eviction notices served on more than 100 Makena squatters on Mar. 13. Recent reports indicate that as many as 150 hippies are now living in the Makena-Puu Olai area. As many as 250 or more are believed to be living elsewhere on Maui.

Police Force

Patricia Jung, a 1965 graduate of Kaimuki High School, has been sworn in as a member of the Denver, Colo., police force. She did volunteer work with the Honolulu Police Dept., while going to school in Honolulu. Her family owns a restaurant in Denver.

Capt. Ernest Ferguson, 52, a policeman for almost 25 years, has been named new Big Island chief of police succeeding George Martin, who retired May 1.

Police Blotter

The FBI on Apr. 26 arrested Carl Fasi, 18-year-old son of Mayor Frank Fasi, and charged him with theft of government property and burglary on a government reservation.

Fasi was arrested in a Hickam Air Force Base warehouse. A 17-year-old juvenile was with Fasi when he was arrested.

Inside the Capitol

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Vietnam KIA

The Army has announced the death in Vietnam of S. Sgt. Melvin H. Kalili, a Kaaawa soldier. Kalili was the son of the Raymond S. Kalili. He was the 233rd island soldier killed in Vietnam and the third to die from combat causes this year, compared with 19 for the same period in 1969.

Potpourri

The number of passengers arriving at Honolulu Airport from foreign cities increased 28 per cent in March over the same period last year—and summer traffic is expected to be considerably higher.

Wahawa General Hospital increased its medical-surgical room rates by \$4 effective April. The rooms now cost \$40 for ward accommodations, \$44, semi-private, and \$49, private. Kuakini Hospital expects to raise its room rates by \$2 to \$3 possibly July 1. Its rates now are ward, \$38 through \$48 for two, three or four-bed units, and private rooms, \$50, \$53 or \$58, depending on whether these are in the new or old wings.

Another downtown Honolulu landmark has bitten the dust as wreckers attacked the last columns of the 68-year-old Amfac Building. It was built in 1902 at a cost of \$482,000.

Deaths

Garrett M. Muranaka, 11, son of the Toshiaki Muranakas of 1723 Lehua St., died recently as a result of injuries received while playing at Island Paradise School, 1506 Pihikoi St. He struck his head against a wall while playing at the school.

Michael C. Nakea, 17, son of the Michael Nakeas of 99-342 Uluene St., Alaia, was shot in the head and killed recently by a group in a car as he and two friends walked from a Palama snackbar. The slaying took place on Hukilau Lane off King St. about 2:15 a.m.

Brotherhood Fund

LOS ANGELES—As of May 1, the Yellow Brotherhood community center fund drive had acknowledged a total of \$11,658. A total of \$40,000 is needed in the next 60 days to complete escrow on the purchase of the Brotherhood center, according to Ray Kaneko, housing chairman.

ORGANIZATIONS
\$100—Okinawa Club, MIS Veterans, \$50—Rafu Shimpou, \$30—Liquor, \$25—Flower Bowl, Anaheim Japanese Free Methodist Church.

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Glendale gem show

GLENDAL—Mr. and Mrs. Yuzo Sato and Dr. Richard Sugiyama are exhibiting stones and silversmith at the Maytime Gem Festival May 16-17 in Glendale Civic Auditorium, 1401 N. Verdugo Rd. Admission and parking are free.

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By Jim Henry

Sakura Script

Bad Manners on Upswing

Tokyo
That the Japanese are becoming increasingly bad-mannered is evidenced in the atrocious behavior of Japanese when traveling abroad (which shall get more detailed coverage in a later column), as well as at home. One of the worst local examples to come to our attention occurred a few weeks ago when a youth from Kagawa Prefecture slapped a young woman for 10 minutes on a busy Ginza street while a huge crowd watched the "performance" without interfering for some time.

The 23-year-old woman brushed against the youth as they passed each other on the crowded sidewalk. She apologized and walked on but stopped when she heard him shout at her angrily.

When he told her to kneel on the pavement and beg his pardon she did so but the youth hit across her face with a shopping bag.

She started to cry, whereupon the youth slapped her on both cheeks and continued to do so for about 10 minutes. Such was the force of the slaps that his watch was jerked from his wrist.

A large crowd gathered but nobody interfered until the youth tried to drag the girl away. It began to dawn on the crowd that the youth was assaulting the girl. Several people surrounded him and threatened to turn him over to the police.

TV films—

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Masao W. Satow, national JACL director, told the TV executives "none of these pictures have any foundation in fact."

"Our loyalty to the United States has been amply demonstrated by our record in combat, and by the fact that not a single cause of wartime sabotage or espionage has ever been documented or proved against any American of Japanese ancestry," he declared. The campaign was revived in view of the hundreds of new stations in the ultra-high frequency bands now operating since 1957 when JACL last informed TV broadcasters of the offensive films as well as continuing changes of station personnel.

Sacramento Nisei golfers

SACRAMENTO—Nearly 120 golfers from Northern California will compete in the local Nisei Golf Club's third annual best ball tournament May 16-17 at Sunset Whitney Ranch, with prizes up to \$1,000 on tap. Saturday banquet will be held at the Horsemen's Assn. Clubhouse.

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SCHOOL CRISIS
School teachers have been leaving their blackboard for the pavement with picket signs in significant numbers during the past decade. In Los Angeles, striking Japanese American teachers have formed an Asian American Council on Education to rally community support, while some parents and other teachers see the strike as a bid by a union for power and recognition as the bargaining agent.

Officials with the U.S. Dept. of Labor view the action of striking teachers as part of the new militancy and as part of the nation-wide surge in public-employee strikes. Blue-collar workers have done well in securing better pay and working conditions by striking, so it seemed inevitable this phenomenon would prevail in the public sector. To establish the fact of unions representing public groups and asserting their need for respect, a tough and firm format has been followed.

Cutting back of funds for schools only seems to bolster and unify the rank of striking teachers. Teachers throughout the country are agreeing on two major issues: (a) a greater voice in setting educational policy, (b) salaries reflecting their professional roles.

One Detroit teacher has noted the teaching corps is getting younger, more idealistic and a better school. Improved salaries have attracted the young and the intelligent. And there are more men teaching who have to depend on their salary to support a family.

Teachers are becoming increasingly involved in curriculum. The thrust of Asian studies in California schools is the latest example. Teachers also see the need for specialists, special programs and better libraries. A Boston teacher put it best when he noted: "We are the ones who spend all the time in the schools; we are the ones who know what the schools need."

And a Harvard professor has predicted that federal legislation will soon force school boards into collective bargaining and teachers to strike in restricted circumstances. The National Education Assn. and American Federation of Teachers are working for such changes at state levels.

Until the 1930s, it was illegal for anyone to strike. Then came the Wagner Act, allowing the formation of private labor unions and the right of private employees to strike. This may be the decade when public employees gain similar privileges.

The alternative to the school crisis in California, as suggested by one local radio station, is to dismantle the public school system, teachers setting up independent schools with each student receiving a subsidy from local and state sources to meet tuition and school expenses. The station feels such schools would have to be relevant, more efficient and competitive so that students and teachers mutually benefit.

They say times/they are changing. If public education is priced out of existence, what other alternative is there except to move to some place where education is a public function? The concept is not that far-fetched in that ex-servicemen now receive federal aid to attend a college of their choice.

SHE WANTS TO BE AN ICE-SKATER

Again we express our thanks to Willie Funakoshi, whose insurance office is but a door away from where we have our type set, for the rink-side tickets to see his daughter Joanne Mitsuko star in the fabled Ice Capades. Our youngest daughter Patty went in my place and we're glad for she was not only delighted at the glitter and grace of the extravaganza but amused and charmed the people around her watching her howl and emote during the show.

Before the show at the Sports Arena got underway, a lady along side wanted to know if Patty knew anyone in the Ice Capades (expecting the Sansei ice-skater would be named) and she immediately responded, flipping through the program to point to three other stars. "How did you get to know them?" Patty was asked. "Oh, I've seen them often on TV" was her reply and the rest of us knew she was referring to the IceCapades commercials on the tube.

It must be that age for little girls—she wants to become an ice-skater. What will it be next month? A little while back, she was tapping on my typewriter and wondered if she should be a secretary.

25 Years Ago
In the Pacific Citizen, May 19, 1945

U.S. 7th Army discloses 522nd (Nisei) Field Artillery Bn. participated in Allied drive against Siegfried Line in Germany from Mar. 12 to V-E Day. ... Prime Minister Churchill hails Nisei combat team for victories in Italy. ... of Missouri fires Nisei (Teru Hayashi) instructor in academic row, backed student interracial education committee. ... Fresno police chief believes hoodlums for violence against three homes of returning evacuees. ... Sec. of Interior Ickes blasts terrorist raids on west coast evacuees. ... Federal judge rules City of Ogden cannot deny business license to Nisei to operate restaurant. ... Weiser (Idaho) American Legion post refuses to rent its hall to anti-Nisei promoters. ... Vandals break into San Jose Buddhist Church Day. ... WRA projects to close schools during May and June term. ... California Jr. Chambers Union of Commerce hits alleged purges of property by evacuees, oppose Nisei return to area. ... Stockton ILWU members refuse to work with evacuees. ... "Psychological War" (Saburo Kido speaks on Office of War Information program beamed to Far East). ... "Business Licenses" (predecessor against open anti-Nisei policy set).

L.A. teachers' strike hurts our children the most

By KATS KUNITSUGU
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After reading the various pros and cons on the current Los Angeles teachers' strike for the past two weeks or so, I am coming to the reluctant conclusion that I cannot support it.
I say "reluctant," because my initial instinct is usually anti-Establishment, and I certainly the major stated aim of the strike—vastly improved education for our children

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—is something with which I have no quarrel.

But as details of the teachers' demands become known, I am beginning to feel that the "improved education" that striking teachers are hoisting as their battle banner is going to turn out as nothing more than a camouflage.

The crux of the battle is power. It is sad to note that even our teachers who, if any group in our society ought to believe in the persuasive powers of reason and moral suasion, have fallen in with the temper of our times and opted for a naked show of power to achieve their aims. However noble their aims may be. The end, they are saying justifies the means. Might makes right.

The blame cannot be placed on the teachers alone, of course. Huge, unviably, over-organized administration which responds at a snail's pace to the different needs of various segments of society ought to shoulder a major part of the blame. The same administration which crumbles like cookies when confronted with a show of force, shows that it is not operating under a firmly-held principle but is content to take the easiest way out of any crisis.

Neither can the parents and the public escape their share of the blame. When we see statistics that show we spend more on booze and cosmetics than on education, we should be alarmed—not complacent and apathetic.

However, I don't think the solution lies in placing power with the teachers, for they are only human and human nature being what it is, the teachers cannot be expected to act with more unselfishness than any of the rest of us.

One of the best letters on the strike I've read is one by Mrs. Connie Rikimaru of Gardena. In contrast to the cant and generalities in the letters from striking teachers hers touched the core of the situation while showing an awareness of the forces which brought about the strike.

Five and a half years of schooling, Mrs. Rikimaru points out, only qualifies a person to a teaching credential. "It doesn't even grade a teacher A, B, C, or even F as an educator."

"Many teachers complain of the extra hours spent on their school programs. Would the dedicated teachers have the time to keep a close watch or be a part of union policy-making? An adequate teacher won't have time to be both teacher and union official. Or would the trustworthy teacher be willing to spend the many hours necessary on a book selection committee?" Mrs. Rikimaru asks.

"As parents the only direct voice we have in the education of our children is in the election of our (School) Board members. They represent us."

We have no say in the selection of the teacher for our children. If the Board becomes ineffective, we will have lost the education of our children. "Therefore it is up to us parents to see that our children 'get the best education' by bombarding our Board members, legislators, Governor with letters demanding the tax reforms, more return of our tax money to our schools, a greater voice in policy making for our teachers and accounting of how our tax money is being spent. We must refuse to pay the price to a labor union to do what is our obligation to do for ourselves." Mrs. Rikimaru concludes. Bravo!

In a way, I suppose we should be grateful for the teachers' strike for calling our attention to the many reforms necessary in education and how we shall pay for it, but that gratitude is a left-handed one tinged with an "Et tu, Brute" regret.

The ones most directly hurt by the strike are not the ones who should be sharing the blame for what brought it about. ... not the governor, not the legislators, not the school administrators, not the inadequate teachers who make it easy for us parents and taxpayers, the public, in other words, to shrug off our responsibilities.

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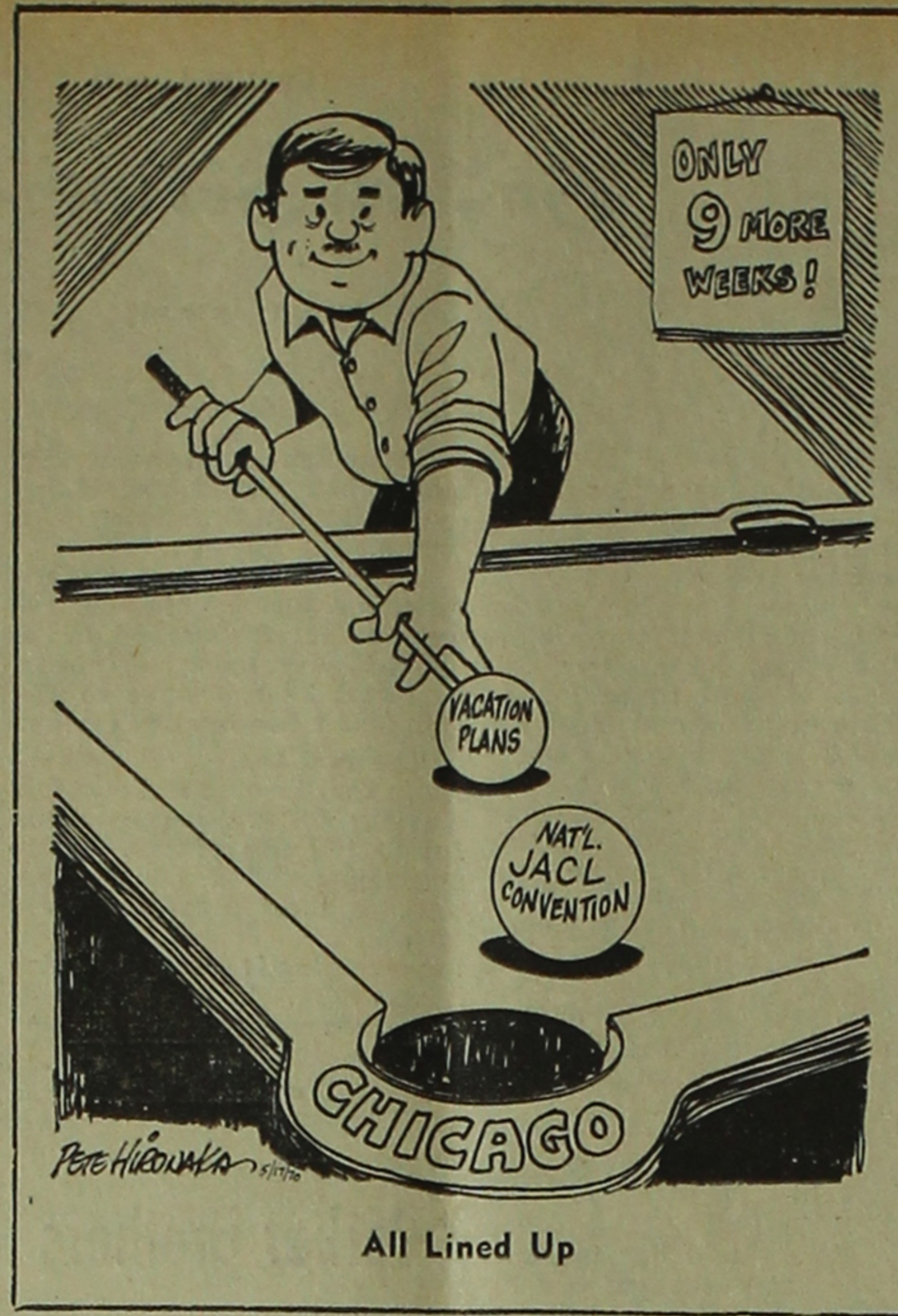
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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Elk's policy

Editor:
Jenny Taira, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Y. Taira, and Bart Hayashi, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Hayashi, have announced their refusal to march as members of the Elks Rodeo and Elementary School band in the Santa Maria Elks Rodeo and Parade on June 5, 1970.

The Santa Maria Elks Lodge on March 24, 1970, by an overwhelming majority, voted to defeat an amendment to eliminate the "WHITE ONLY" clause from their national by-laws. In view of this recent decision in Santa Maria, it seems advisable for other JACL Chapters and Nisei organizations that support such a racist club by using their facilities to re-evaluate their association.

The positive stand taken by these young Sansei musicians and the refusal by another Sansei in Northern California to accept an Elks scholarship reaffirms our faith in constructive Americans. The association with Nisei that is associated with white America, not themselves but as white carbon copies, should also re-evaluate their so-called acceptance that may be bleached skin deep.

In any case, the acts of these young Sansei has given us the incentive to become vocal Americans rather than quiet. We may be too old for marching, but not too old to give our 100% support to our young Sansei that will one day join the ranks of the Establishment (over 30) as first class citizens and not as "shi-ka-ta-ga-nai" Nisei.

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Chicago Convention

Editor:
Over the years, the JACL has attempted to present itself as an organization concerned with civil and human rights, equal justice for all men, and the overall ideal of community service. However, actions taken by the JACL over the years have stood in stark contradiction to this projected image. A good case in point is the upcoming Chicago convention.

The very fact that the JACL has persisted in scheduling the convention for Chicago indicates a certain lack of awareness of those within the JACL as to the repressive and Gestapo actions in Chicago, most notably the conspiracy of Chicago officials and the U.S. government to curb dissent at the 1968 Democratic convention and the recent murders of Fred Hampton and Mike Clark. To hold a convention in Chicago, while other organizations have boycotted Chicago in their convention plans in protest of Daley's policy of repression, places the JACL in support of the forces of repression in this country. Needless to say, if the JACL is to go ahead and hold a convention in Chicago, it should do so with the expressed purpose of protesting against and repudiating these repressive forces, not supporting them.

Moreover, the whole program of social functions scheduled for the convention is an arrogant insult to anyone concerned with what is happening today in the U.S. and around the world. How can the JACL flagrantly spend large sums of money for social functions when projects and groups in the Asian American community are desperately in need of funds? How can

members of the JACL revel at fashion shows and cocktail parties while the U.S. government is systematically carrying out a policy of genocide in Southeast Asia? The image of a crass yellow bourgeoisie dining and dancing while other Third World peoples both in the U.S. and abroad suffer is an image which unfortunately will soon become reality and would further indicate the insensitivity of those within the JACL to the situation in the world today.

With the above thoughts in mind, I would like to make two proposals to the JACL: (1) I propose that the JACL cancel all social functions (i.e. fashion shows, cocktail parties, dances, etc.) scheduled for the upcoming convention and that the money allocated for these events be used to fund existing Asian American community projects and to initiate new community programs; and (2) I propose that the JACL, consistent with its stated concerns for civil and human rights and equal justice for all men, denounce the political persecution of the Black Panther by the U.S. government and donate \$10,000 to the Panther Legal Defense Fund.

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Whither America?

Editor:
After the recent speech by the President, there was a brief period of discussion by the staff of the TV networks in which one of the commentators pointed out that the Generals had finally won and were having their say on how to run the country.

I may not be an intellect like a certain couple from Chicago, and you may even think I'm nuts, but in my own ignorant way, I have a strange foreboding that the generals may have a lot more to say in the future of America.

Like for instance, the president may call on the generals to back him up in declaring a state of emergency on the slightest excuse like students rampaging on the campus or criminals raving in the courtroom or other such innocent expressions of civil liberties. Then you will really have a one term president. One permanent term. No need to consult congress. Out, the congress! No need to have trial by jury. Out, the jury! No the pig to hear your case and decide on your guilt or innocence.

And Dr. King will have died in vain. And all the Nisei at Anzio and elsewhere will have died in vain and it's back to the concentration camps and we will all be Japs once more. Isn't that just peachy keen?

What? You say it could never happen here?

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alities. Today's issues are often quickly generated and demand quick decisions. Delegates are presumably chosen because their chapters have faith in their judgment. If JACL is so uninspiring that chapters give little thought to such things in choosing delegates then we are in bad shape.

It behooves all of us to think very seriously about who we choose to represent us. Delegates are not robots, they have opinions, and to presume that their feelings and opinions can be pigeonholed into some previously defined standard about what the chapter will buy or not is ridiculous.

Finally, it is fair to ask whether we expect our elected political representatives to caucus with the constituents back home before voting on issues? Yes, if we disagree with enough of their votes, we have the right to reject them at the polls. We have that same right to reject delegates, but to deny them the right to vote according to their judgment is both unrealistic and inimical to healthy organizational processes.

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Planning Commission

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Jr. JACL affairs on a national basis, and having field directors in the areas also assist youth in community projects.

TRANSCRIPT (Part II) EXCERPTS

WAKABAYASHI: Specifically in the area of Jr. JACL first... in my travels around the districts, I am finding that Northern Cal is asking for youth staff; they can't get around to their own district board meetings. In the PSW, the senior board turns to their DVC chairman who is on the board now as an afterthought even though he has been assigned such duties as oratorical and other things to do. In Central Cal, they give very little support to youth and even on my four trips there, I only got to see their district governor only fleetingly.

I also think the kids in our community who are in Jr. JACL are supposed to be the "straight" kids, so I don't get that much support though in some areas I am very encouraged. But over-all, with the general volunteer level, I don't feel nobles to their DVC chairman who is on the board now as an afterthought even though he has been assigned such duties as oratorical and other things to do. In Central Cal, they give very little support to youth and even on my four trips there, I only got to see their district governor only fleetingly.

In order to meet the Jr. JACL problems, we have to deal with the awkward differences in age levels—the 14- and 21-year-olds have problems because 21-year-olds are making decisions for the 14-year-olds, but the 14-year-olds don't understand. So we need to have some limitation of age within Jr. JACL and it's the same bit about young married couples or young adults being in senior chapters. But the formation of young adult chapters will help solve the situation.

On the matter of youth commissions and chapter advisers, it is imposed upon the kids and they can't relate to them. Maybe we don't need them, maybe the kids can do it themselves. Usually the adviser or youth commissioner is someone who doesn't want the job.

SHIBATA: Nisei in the PSW, the picture of youth is so different from the rest of the country because they are not in the same mold. The FDYC meeting I attended, they only had four juniors and the rest of the youth are assimilated in the community and they don't need Jr. JACL. The advisers seem to dictate rather than advise.

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gram is still subject to problems, the 18-30 year olds might not relate to the older people in the chapter and vice-versa. We may need to develop a new young adult group.

MATSUI: Initial chapter will be difficult to launch in this new area (like Westwood-Bel Air) but I'm sure with the kind of leaders there, certain kinds of programs will be established as they can relate to youth since they are youth yet. In community service, they will continue to do their own programs as in the past but this time under the JACL chapter banner which is what other chapters are doing when they initiate programs within the community.

OKAMURA: A big problem area, so far as the senior planning commission might say, is the young adult, what is that designation the age group as between 18 and 30 or 40 and say in this area we need to move and one of the recommendations here is to form new chapters ... for by and large young adults find slack when they are in the community, get discouraged, and leave.

So, if they can be with their own age group, perhaps of like thinking, they can move on their own. The established chapters can move on their own, too. This may limit the age to 18. The top limit is still loose and unspecified.

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SUZUKI: Ethnic studies at elementary levels will make it more relevant, and young married couples with children will support such programs as a parent.

SHIMIZU: If we do help young adults organize their own, do they insist on that—because if they do, this commingling will insure new blood to eventually assume leadership.

SHIBATA: But on this matter of taking over, the established chapter wants to know just how they are going to take over. They're not going to take anyone over.

Treatment KUDAMOTO: There are three models in young adults today—prevalent one in Jr. JACL, the auxiliary type in Chicago, and the separate young adult group and possibly because of interest in the solution lies in the third model.

Room for Both
MATSUI: As senior staff man at the office, I encourage groups like Greater Pasadena Area to organize on their own rather than wasting energy trying to fit into existing chapters. The community needs such energetic people now. It takes a lot of energy to get any kind of program going. Young people taking over the board shouldn't criticize the older board with their picnic, etc. Old chapters shouldn't criticize younger ones who want to work in the community since younger ones are a part of the community. There is chapter autonomy. There is chapter autonomy. Nothing, everyone is happy. Nobody is fighting each other. Community gains by both.

OKAMURA: I like this new chapter concept for it's positive. Energy is spent creatively. Some conflicts may arise but it's beneficial in the long run.

SHIMIZU: I don't have anything against new chapters because it'll draw in more members, but it seems to me the young and old can compliment each other and develop programs together.

KUDAMOTO: Best way to convey feelings and what's going on is relevant in through programs. So if young adult chapters can move on their own, that's fine. We will see and perhaps understand.

SHIMIZU: Encouraging new chapters may be fragmentation of JACL.

SUZUKI: If planning commission has a statement encouraging chapters, this fear of fragmentation may be reduced.

NISHIKAWA: Both concepts can co-exist. We welcome new chapters wherever necessary, and we also encourage chapters to take in young adults and further, we recommend Jr. JACL cut off at age 19. This is what we have now.

SHIMIZU: A policy statement, however, may establish a climate of fragmentation, induce polarization, etc.

SUZUKI: Before our Greater Pasadena Area chapter formed, Pasadena was not holding general meetings, but after we formed, a couple of months later they had four coming and attendance was up to 60, so it had some positive results.

MATSUI: The older chapters may want to keep their area "protected" and not see it "infiltrated" by younger people, which is undesirable. It's not so much a national policy statement encouraging chapters, but let us show that form on their own and as areas see what's happening, they'll pick up on it.

SHIMIZU: What I wanted to see by this recommendation was a climate to establish this philosophy of showing that the form is beyond just paying lip service. The idea of rebate to chapters organizing new groups was suggested.

HONDA: We shall let the planning commission or the national council decide if it's better than trying to spell it out here.

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BOOK REVIEW: by Allan Beekman
Soka Gakkai: Dynamic Movement

JAPAN'S NEW BUDDHISM: An Objective Account of Soka Gakkai, by Kiyoko Murata. Walker-Weatherhill, 194 pages, \$5.95.

On Feb. 27, 1967, in its report to the State Legislature, the Hawaii Commission on Subversive Activities criticized what it must have considered a safe target: Soka Gakkai, known in Hawaii as Nichiren Shoshu of America. With extraordinary boldness, considering its mouse-like character, the commission alleged that the potential exists that the Hawaii organization may soon be considered to be under the domination or control of a foreign nation.

On its way to obitsu myogo (harmonious and Buddhist), Soka Gakkai had surmounted another obstacle. Some might have felt they had also progressed towards kosen rufu, originally interpreted to mean conversion of all Japan and eventually the world.

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Shinjo Takenaka, a Buddhist scholar and critic of Soka Gakkai, said, "no matter how hard I tried, I have been unable to find the reason why Soka Gakkai had to become united with Nichiren Shoshu. The fusion of the two was accidental and not a logical necessity." Nevertheless, the origin of Soka Gakkai can be traced to the interest of the founder, Tsunesaburo Makiguchi, in the teachings of Nichiren — a Buddhist monk born Feb. 16,