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Perspectives

By JERRY ENOMOTO
National JACL President

It is nice to see the way that the redevelopment of "Little Tokyo" in Los Angeles is coming along. Although still on the drawing boards, the attitudes and actions of interested community people would appear to auger well for the project's future.

A very well attended and impressive annual dinner of the Little Tokyo Community Development Advisory Committee, at the Biltmore Hotel, gave me this current impression. Previously I had some idea of the undertaking from its principal staff man, Kango Kunitsugu. National JACL has some stake in this plan because we have expressed an official interest in possibly occupying a part of the area, as a future home for Headquarters.

Mr. Toshikazu Terasawa, an architect, and member of the Advisory Committee, gave a very enlightening, and perhaps even inspiring, talk about the Project, and the hopes that it reflects. The picture of Issei, Nisei and Sansei working together in a common cause, for community betterment, is most encouraging in these troubled times. JACL extends its heartfelt best wishes for the early and successful culmination of this important project.

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST

I found the quarterly meeting of the PSWDC not without its stimulating and controversial moments. Leaving it to others to report the proceedings, I will share with you some of my observations.

One of the chronic beefs being presented, for which insufficient groundwork has been laid. Despite my already expressed view of the responsibility of delegates to make decisions without being specifically instructed by the chapters, I do feel that the complaint is understandable.

To the extent that an issue lends itself to the preparation of a written resolution and its duplication and mailing to chapters a couple of weeks earlier, this should be done. However, there should also be an effort to understand that the issues of today often don't permit such preparation, and that perhaps some credit is due concerned JACLers who raise controversial subjects, as matters of conscience, despite their "risk" or unpopularity.

Hardly profound is the observation that the greater the emotional content and stormy background, the greater the flak and turning-off occurs on an issue. As a veteran of many such experiences in JACL, I also know how tough it is to get people to serve on committees who will work.

When we get a working committee to handle a tough project and receive its report, it seems to me that the report stands on its merits, as the considered recommendation of that Committee. It should not be called a "one-sided report", nor should emotional words like "railroad" be used. Any committee can be abolished and a new one created. Of course the report of that committee is bound to be "onesided" and so on to Infinity.

ACLU

I had the privilege of representing JACL as one of several speakers offering brief testimonial to the tremendous service rendered by Abraham Lincoln Wirin, the dynamic counsel of the Southern California American Civil Liberties Union. A spirited crowd gathered at the International Hotel to demonstrate their affection and respect for the man and the organization. The program was moved along by Steve Allen, long an advocate of civil liberties.

It met George Ozawa, Vice President for Operations of the South Bay Chapter of ACLU, who was glad to see the visible turnout of JACLers. He commented that it would be well for JACL and ACLU to be more together, and in dialogue, than seems to be the case, on an ongoing basis.

It seems to me that an outfit like ACLU puts one to the test of how much you believe in America. It does so by insisting that the full measure of the Bill of Rights must be accorded every American, no matter how distasteful his or her views may be. Melodramatic though it sounds, the saying that goes like, "I may not agree with what you say but I will defend your right to say it with my life", would appear to be a living testimonial to the ACLU, and men like A. L. Wirin.

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Human Values on Rise

Just by being alive, you're worth a lot more now than you used to be. Because we have a better appreciation of human values? Don't be silly—you're just a living example of inflation. Thirty years ago, says Dr. Donald T. Formas of Northwestern University Medical School, the chemicals in your body were worth about 98 cents. Today, you're worth about $3.50!

Candidates for National JACL Offices

(Revised, May 18, 1970)

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Tom T. Shimasaki.....Tulare County (CC)

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FOR VICE-PRESIDENT PUBLIC AFFAIRS
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FOR VICE-PRESIDENT RESEARCH & SERVICE
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FOR TREASURER
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Edison Uno.....Oakland (NC-WN)

FOR 1000 CLUB CHAIRMAN
Tad Hirota.....Berkeley (NC-WN)

OAKLAND MUSEUM TO PREMIERE PHOTOS ON JAPANESE EVACUATION

OAKLAND — A photographic record of the 1942 Evacuation and life in the wartime relocation centers will be placed on exhibit late this fall or early next year at the Oakland Museum.

The exhibit is being compiled by Richard Conrat, Oakland artist and professional photographer who started his research of evacuation period photographs two years ago after being granted an $8,000 Guggenheim Foundation fellowship to undertake this work.

In compiling photographs, Conrat visited the National Archives for official War Relocation Authority and army photographs and the Library of Congress in Washington, Associated Press and United Press International picture libraries in New York, JACL Headquarters in San Francisco, the Los Angeles Times and Toyo Miyatake, noted Southland photographer, to locate suitable photographs.

Conrat said his interest in this subject grew out of his association with Dorothea Lange from 1963 until her death in 1965. Miss Lange served as a WRA photographer.

To Show 100 Pictures

Some 100 pictures will be shown in the Oakland Museum exhibit which will probably be shown in the new museum's history department Memorial exhibition room, Conrat revealed.

The target date for the exhibit at present is Nov. 15, Conrat added, but arrangements are still under study as the official decision to exhibit this show was only made May 14 by the Oakland Museum's advisory commission.

Approval of the exhibit portraying the ordeal of the Japanese Americans wartime internment camps was given by the commission after almost one hour of debate.

Conrat had received help from the Oakland Museum in his research on the promise that the local museum would be permitted to hold the premiere showing of the completed project.

However, when the exhibit was presented to the advisory commission as a future display, the commissioners turned down the offer.

Commissioner William Bowser, who as an attorney had handled many Evacuation claims cases more than a dozen years ago, felt that the exhibit "had a negative approach" and many Japanese Americans would resent such an exhibit.

Cites 'Bitterness'

One of the new commissioners, George Kondo, agreed with him at the time, after pointing out that he had been involved in the Evacuation and expressing opposition to the exhibit because "it shows bitterness".

Kondo said he thought the Evacuation and events leading up to it should be taught thoroughly in schools, but he was opposed to reopening the subject in a public display.

These views were reviewed at the opening of the discussion of May 14, but this time those supporting Conrat were prepared to back him up.

Backed by Oakland JACL

Expressing their strong endorsement for the exhibit from the Oakland JACL were Mrs. Mary Anna Takagi, chapter president, and Mrs. Yaye Maru, who presented a statement from the chapter calling for approval of the exhibit.

Broker Ken Matsumoto, a member of the old museum advisory commission, conceded that there may be a certain amount of opposition for such a display, but declared that the Oakland Museum would gain in stature and respect if it scheduled Conrat's exhibit.

Two members of the museum staff, Hubert Dafoe of the natural sciences division and I. Thomas Frye of the history division, both came to the support of Conrat.

Frye said "it would be a great mistake" not to show the exhibit. Dafoe said that just because it might "cause some uneasiness in city hall" was no reason not to show it.

As a result of the strong support for Conrat, the commission changed its original decision by voting unanimously to approve a resolution for the exhibit introduced by Commissioner Bowser.

ACTORS EQUITY VOTES BOYCOTT

Light Opera Prefers White 'Sakini'

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LOS ANGELES—Members of the Ethnic Minorities Committee of Actors' Equity, voted May 16 to boycott auditions for "Lovely Ladies, Kind Gentlemen," musical version of Teahouse of the August Moon set for September premiere by Edwin Lester and the Los Angeles Civic Light Opera Assn. and producer Herman Levin of New York.

The action was taken in support of Asian actors who strongly object to the casting of a Caucasian in the key role of Sakini (see Apr. 24 PC).

Many of the Asian actors who attended the May 16 meeting are members of the East-West Players. They pointed out that the entertainment industry has continually overlooked talents in the Asian American community, even when parts specifically call for Oriental actors.

Role Committed

The part of Sakini has been played by Marlon Brando, David Wayne, Eli Wallach and Burgess Meredith. Negotiations with producer Levin failed to bring about even a willingness to interview Asian actors on the grounds that the role had already been committed.

Actress Virginia Wing said about White actors being made up to play Orientals as Asians feel the same way Blacks used to feel about the use of burnt cork and white lip makeup in American minstrel shows.

Mario Alcalde, chairman of the Ethnic Minorities Committee, said that when producers Levin and Lester are willing to cast the part of Capt. Frisbee with an Asian actor, then perhaps Asian actors fight be able to understand an Occidental being cast as Sakini.

The Ethnic Minorities Committee, consisting of Blacks, Asians, Mexican-Americans and Whites, agreed to support demands of the Asian actors to have the Civic Light Opera enter into serious discussions on this question.

Ethnic, headed by Academy Award nominee Mako, has been established to organize additional support for the boycott. The group will meet June 8, 8 p.m., at Inner City Cultural Center, 1615 W. Washington Blvd.

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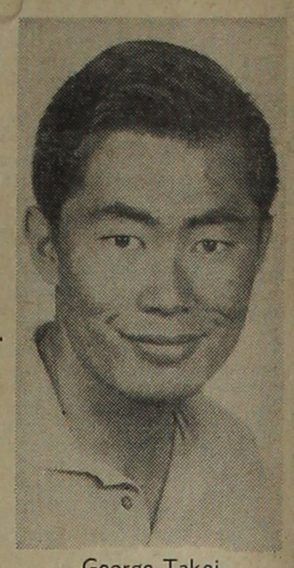
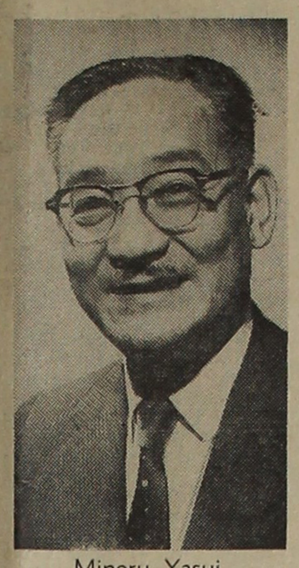
CANADA OFFERS UP TO $1,500 TO IMMIGRANTS

OTTAWA — Canada, since April 1, has been making loans for passage available to immigrants from any part of the world, instead of persons coming to Canada only from West Indies and Europe, Immigration Minister Allan MacEachen announced.

Loans cover transportation costs of the applicant and his immediate family up to a maximum $1,500 with the immigrant paying the first $50. Funds come from a $20 million revolving fund established in 1951 and some 310,000 persons have been assisted.



George Takei



Minoru Yasui

Wayne Maeda

Howard Henjyoji

4 MEN NAMED RECIPIENTS OF 1970 JACL-JAPAN AIR LINE FELLOWSHIPS

SAN FRANCISCO — For the first time since the program was started in 1967, the four recipients of the JACL-Japan Air Lines summer fellowship this year are male. They are:

Howard S. Henjyoji, 25, of Portland; medical student at Univ. of Oregon. (Portland JACL).

Wayne Maeda, 23, of Sacramento; graduate student in Asian American history, Sacramento State College. (Sacramento JACL).

George H. Takei, 33, of Los Angeles; actor. (Wilshire JACL.

Minoru Yasui, 53, of Denver; executive director, Denver Commission on Community Relations. (Mile-Hi JACL).

They will depart July 5 for Tokyo to attend the six-week summer session at Sophia University.

Over 20 applicants had applied through their respective districts, according to National JACL Director Mas Satow, who said each district council was allowed to nominate two finalists. Ten finalists applications were considered by the following judges, all of San Francisco:

Toshi Koba, youth director, Booker T. Washington Community Center; Yukio Kumamoto, executive secretary, Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Northern California; Zenichi Motomura, deputy consul general of Japan; Yone Satoda, national JACL treasurer; Tomoichi Tsuge, district manager, Japan Air Lines.

Medical Extern

Henjyoji, who wrestled on the Harvard varsity during his undergraduate years, is now a medical extern at the Multnomah County juvenile detention home. He hopes to learn in Japan the methods by which concepts of Buddhim and Bushido are taught children, which may provide meaningful guidelines in the American home.

Son of a Buddhist minister, Henjyoji describes Buddhist concepts as "sense of calm trust in fate, a quiet submission to the inevitable, that stoic composure in sight of danger or calamity, that disdain of life and friendliness with death", quoting from Nitobe's "Bushido". The concepts of Bushido, according to the young medical student, include "courage — spirit of daring and bearing; politeness —outward manifestation of a sympathetic regard for the feelings of others; benevolence; honor; self-control; rectitude and justice; veracity and sincerity".

Asian Studies

Maeda, who is preparing an ethnic studies curriculum for the fall at Sacramento State, hopes to study, not only the Japanese language, but the cultural heritage of the Issei as developed during the Tokugawa and Meiji eras.

"In studying the cultural history, one cannot only understand the ways of the Issei but also learn to understand what values drew the Issei to succeed in America," he explained.

Son of the Masao Maedas, he has been active in tutoring with the Educational Opportunity Program and intends to teach.

A professional actor for the past decade, Takei has been involved in the communications media within the community. Of his forthcoming studies in Japan, theater arts and architecture hold prime interest.

"What particularly intrigues me," Takei added, "is the degree of creativity one senses in contemporary Japanese theater and motion pictures. Here we see a wealth of experimentation and pioneering that is in many years leading the world."

"In architecture, Japan has a long and impressive history and a future that promises significant contributions," Takei said.

Son of the Takekuma Takeis, he holds both B.A. and M.A. degrees from UCLA and a certificate from the Shakespeare Institute in England, is a volunteer teacher for the Inner City Cultural Center and cultural committee chairman for the Pacific Southwest JACL District Council.

Cultural Promotion

Yasui, in March 1942, initiated the first test case contesting the validity of military orders affecting Japanese Americans. Active in JACL since his youth in Oregon, he served as JACL regional director in DDenver, selected Nisei of the Biennium in 1952, Mountain-Plains district governor, helped organize student groups, set up scholarship programs and assisted the Issei History Project in the area.

As director of the Denver Commission on Community Relations, he hopes to promote an accurate knowledge of the Japanese and Japan as a result of his fellowship. He is also consultant on Asian American studies for the Denver public schools, and involved with Sister City programs.

He graduated from Oregon Law School in 1939, a member of the Phi Beta Kappa and a host of other civic groups including the ACLU, Urban League, Boy Scouts of America, Red Cross, and more recently appointed chairman of the Denver Opportunity, Inc., the war-on-poverty program dispensing some $10 million annually.

Japanese ad art

LOS ANGELES — An exhibit of Japanese ad art, under auspices of Jeffries Lithograph, will be staged June 8-19 at Japan Trade Center, 717 W. 7th St., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. It is the first exhibit of its kind.

Title II hearings expected to conclude by next week

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)

WASHINGTON — House Internal Security Committee sources expressed hope to the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League that the Nixon Adminstration, through its Department of Justice, would testify concerning its recommendations on legislation to repeal Title II of the Internal Security Act of 1950 early in June, possibly by the weekend of the fifth.

Since the Deputy Attorney General has already written the Committee that the Department recommends repeal of the so-called emergency detention provisions, it is not anticipated by either the Committee staff or the JACL that the Administration has changed its official position.

At the same time, however, since the Justice Department has approved enactment of the so-called preventive detention and "no knock" provisions of a so-called crime control bill for the District of Columbia, the Committee plans to ask questions concerning the consistency of its positions.

In any event, last week (May 21) HISC heard two more witnesses, as the Committee reached its final stages of its public hearings phase. Following the government's testimony, the Committee is expected to decide at executive sessions whether to proceed on the repeal legislation, and if so how.

The two witnesses were Professor Joseph Bishop of Yale University Law School and Lawrence Speiser, Director of the Washington Office of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Yale Professor's View

Professor Bishop argued that Title II was constitutional, in that the state had the right, and the duty, to protect and defend itself from destruction. He declared that the Supreme Court in a number had cases had held that preventive detention was lawful, and the President and the Congress should act together in times of national emergency that threatens the continued existence of the country in times of war, invasion, or insurrection. He said that such screening procedures as provided in Title II protected the individual rights of citizens.

He added, however, that he favored an amendment providing free counsel to the poor during the administrative hearings and the court appeal, which are set forth in the statute.

He said that he agreed with Professor Rosen, and other constitutional authorities, that, even if the Congress repealed Title II, the President under his war powers could act as the Commander-in-Chief. He thought that Title II, or similar legislation, would be a limitation on the executive's power by requiring him to use the procedures provided by the statute.

In response to Chairman Richard Ichord's question as to whether the Congress could preempt the President's war powers, Professor Bishop replied: "I'll give you a short answer to that. I don't know."

Under further questioning, the witness conceded that the repeal of Title II would have the country "right where we were, when the Japanese Americans were ordered evacuated and detained, with no procedural safeguards at all".

ACLU's View

Lawrence Speiser, who grew up on the West Coast and graduated from the University of California Law School, declared that the ACLU "believes that this Act is unconstitutional on its face, should never have been passed, and is long overdue for repeal".

The ACLU Washington Office Director said that "Title II gives virtually unlimited powers to the executive branch of this government to round up dissidents and to place them in concentration camps for unlimited periods of time—all without any due process and in the absence of any meaningful judicial review."

The one-time Californian declared:

The constitutionality, or lack of it, of this Act has never been tested in court. Perhaps, we should be thankful that no one has ever tried to implement it, making a court test necessary. An unfortunate corollary is, however, that the Act remains on the books—untested but a threat to many.

Supporters of Title II rely on Hirabayashi and Korematsu cases as justification for the constitutionality of Title II. They could not be more wrong.

First, their reading of these cases does not support their assertion. Whatever these cases may have said about the increased powers of government in time of war to order curfews and evacuations, they did not sanction the detention of a citizen of Japanese ancestry conceded to be loyal.

But much more importantly, the placement of these citizens in concentration camps is one of the most shameful events in our history. The Hirabayashi and Korematsu cases, which surrendered to the twin pressure of wartime pressures and racism to give judicial approval to aspects of this terrible injustice, represents a low mark in the history of our courts. Decent men everywhere have recognized that this tragic mistake must never be made again.

And yet this Act is a terrifying reminder of the willingness of some to compound our errors of World War II by just this repetition. The Act is unconstitutional on its face. It violates the constitutional guarantees of freedom of speech, freedom of press, freedom of assembly, freedom of association, and the right of citizens to petition their government for redress of grievances, all of which are guaranteed by the First Amendment.

Its overbroad sweep inhibits and deters the exercise of these rights. The dragnet sweep of its provisions creates a chilling effect upon the exercise of them.

The Act violates the Fifth Amendment by authorizing deprivation of liberty not for commission of a crime, but only on suspicion that one 'probably will engage in' criminal conduct.

Further it authorizes imprisonment solely because of membership in a political party or other association. In permitting imprisonment as the result of a legislative adjudication, it violates the Constitution's little-invoked prohibition against bills of attainder. Lastly, the Act imposes cruel and unusual punishment in violation of the Eighth Amendment by providing for indefinite detention without the right to bail and although no crime has been committed.

As so often seems to be the case with legislation aimed at eroding substantive constitutional rights, this Act purports to enact procedural guarantees to protect individuals brought within its sweep. However these procedure "guarantees" are unconstitutionally deficient in themselves and, moreover, do not compensate for the basic infringement of the substantive constitutional rights outlined above.

ADL's Stand Told

Following the public hearing last week, the Washington JACL Office disclosed that among the latest national organizations to write HISC urging repeal of Title II is the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Its Washington Director, David Brody, recently wrote Chairman Ichord that this influential Jewish civil rights organization favored repeal aside from its historical and civil rights implications for the reason advanced by the Department of Justice, that "the repeal of this legislation will allay the fears and suspicions -- unfounded as they may be—of many of our citizens. This benefit outweighs any potential advantage which the Act may provide in a time of internal security emergency."

At the same time, the Washington JACL Office also disclosed its continuing official opposition to the preventive detention and "no knock" provisions of the District of Columbia Crime Act, which is currently in Conference to reconcile differences in the versions passed by the House and the Senate recently.

"Preventive detention", no matter what the reasons, based upon mere suspicion of what a person might do, is particularly repugnant to those of Japanese ancestry because it is identical to what Title II of the 1950 Internal Security Act authorizes under certain other circumstances, and is the subject of JACL's major congressional effort at this time. The "no-knock" provision is equally obnoxious because it too is based upon mere suspicion and denies due process to the accused in that it authorizes officers to enter a home without search warrants or other clearances based upon the probability that certain illegal matters may be hidden or retained therein.

JACL remembers Nisei war dead at Arlington

WASHINGTON—Members of the Washington D.C. Chapter will gather in Arlington National Cemetery at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, May 31, to pay tribute to all of the Nisei war dead of World War II, Korean and Vietnam Wars, it was announced by Ira Shimasaki.

The services will take place at the grave of Pfc Roy T. Morihiro, a member of the 442 RCT. Harry Takagi, a 442 veteran, will officiate. The principal speaker will be Lt. Col. George S. Kent who served with the Headquarters Battery of the 522 Field Artillery, a unit of the 442 Combat Team.

After the services, groups will place a floral wreath at each of the 25 Nisei graves in Arlington National Cemetery.

On Memorial Day, May 30, Chapter Chairman Toro Hirose, also a 442 veteran, will place the JACL wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns. It might be noted that the JACL is the only non-veteran organization participating in these services and have continued to participate each year over the past 23 years.

Rose Hills site of two May 30 rites

WHITTIER—Members of the Japanese American community will gather again at Rose Hills Memorial Park here on Memorial Day to conduct two special programs in the Japanese Garden area.

The East Los Angeles Nisei Memorial VFW Post 9902, and the Los Angeles Buddhist Federation, will be conducting two of the four Memorial Day services at Rose Hill.

NISEI MEMORIAL DAY RITES SCHEDULED

SAN FRANCISCO — Chief Warrant Officer Melvin C. Amerman, U.S. Army, will address the annual Nisei Memorial Day Service May 30 at Golden Gate National Cemetery, Section R (northeast area), starting at 10 a.m.

Program is co-sponsored by the Golden Gate Nisei VFW Post, MIS Veterans, San Francisco JACL and NC-WNDC JACL.

Mr. Amerman has served in the Marine Corps and Air Force as enlisted personnel for 12 years until his appointment in 1967 as personnel officer in the Army. He served in the Pacific theater, Greenland, Germany, Vietnam and is now at Presidio of San Francisco, Hq. 6th Army.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES TO INCREASE JUNE 1

In view of continuing cost increases being absorbed by the Pacific Citizen over the past three years, which has resulted in deficit operations, the regular subscription rate for non-members is being increased effective June 1, 1970, to $6 per year, $11.50 for two years, and $17 for three years. The single copy rate will be 12 cents for regular issues and 50 cents for the Holiday Issue.

Rev. Mayeda making 25th annual trek for Memorial Day rites at Manzanar

GARDENA—The annual pilgrimage to the former war relocation campsite at Manzanar will again be led by the Rev. Sentoku Mayeda of Gardena Buddhist Church. Memorial Day services will be conducted at the cemetery there on May 31 at noon.

Both Buddhist and Christian ceremonies will be conducted in front of the cenotaph for some 250 persons who died at Manzanar.

Reverend Mayeda said he will be joined in this year's pilgrimage by Koichi Wakahiro. This will be the 25th year that the Rev. and Mrs. Mayeda will be making the trek to the Owens Valley site. In other years, Reverend Mayeda said he and his wife were the only ones on the pilgrimage, but he hopes that other ex-Manzanites and interested persons will join him this year.

The Sansei who went last Christmas-New Year break to cleanup the cemetery are being urged to join the trek.

DEADLINES

May 30—JACL Essay Contest deadline, btwn 800-1,000 words; theme: "Understanding—the Basis for the Changing JACL"; Mrs. Mary Sabusawa, contest chmn., 3837 N. Alta Vista Terrace, Chicago 60613.

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 8—Chicago JACL Convention pre-registration ($44) and Palmer House room reservations. Registrations to Mrs. Raymond Inouye, Midwest JACL Office, 21 W. Elm St., Chicago 60610; (312) 664-4382. Rooms reserved directly with Palmer House, 17 E. Monroe, Chicago.

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

June 15—JACL Student Aid Program application deadline. So. Calif. JACL Office, 125 Weller St., Los Angeles.

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

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

June 30—Alameda chapter scholarship forms; Haruo Imura, 2225 Pacific Ave., Alameda. (Local competition only).

7 WEEKS 'TIL

Washington Newsletter

by Mike Masaoka

Capital Comments

Perhaps the most important news in the nation's capital this past week was Speaker of the House John McCormack's rather dramatic announcement that he would not seek re-election this November to the Boston, Mass., seat he has held since 1927. The 78-year-old Irishman, who may well be the last of his "breed" as a New England politician, was expected to seek re-election to his 22nd consecutive House term this fall and also to seek re-election as the Speaker, if the Democrats retained control next session, to vindicate himself after charges were made earlier this year that a top assistant for many years had misused the Speakers' Office for personal profit.

While the Speaker in the past few years has come under attack for his alleged lack of leadership from the younger and more liberal elements of the Democrats in the House, as far as Japanese Americans and JACL are concerned he has been a consistent and cooperative supporter of legislative objectives.

Particularly when he was the Majority Leader, under Speaker Sam Rayburn, in the years immediately after World War II, he helped provide the needed votes for many of JACL's corrective and remedial bills. A liberal of the old school, he was a champion of the New Deal, a patriot in the old tradition, and a strong believer in the party system of discipline in the Congress, as well as its seniority prerogatives.

At the moment, it appears that the next Speaker, if the Democrats continue to control the House, will be Oklahoma's Carl Albert, a 62-year-old Democrat who is currently the Majority Leader of the House. Considered a moderate on most counts and a Congressman in the McCormack mold, he has been particularly friendly and sympathetic to most JACL aims. A Rhodes scholar, at Oxford, the diminutive Oklahoman served briefly in Japan during the Occupation. A personal friend of the Masaokas since he first came to Congress in 1947, he has generally supported with great political courage as a border state Congressmen civil rights and other humanitarian legislation that have been the hallmark of recent Congresses. Recent National JACL Presidents who visited Washington found Albert to be a most engaging personality.

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Last week, the preliminary skirmishing on the Cooper-Church amendment to provide certain military funds that would, in effect, withdraw appropriations for the Cambodian incursion adventure of President Nixon after June 30 began, with the Nixon Administration and the Republican leaders attempting to rally enough support to defeat the proposition, which is backed by Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield, who is also the Chairman of the Far East Subcommittee of the Foreign Relations Committee, and George Aiken of Vermont, the senior Republican and ranking minority member of the same committee, among close to a majority of the Senators at this time.

Advocated by Republican John Sherman Cooper of Kentucky and Democrat Frank Church of Idaho, both members of the Foreign Relations Committee, the amendment is proving so popular with most of the lawmakers that the Republican leadership is trying to work out an acceptable compromise—acceptable to both the doves and the hawks.

We personally—since the JACL cannot under present restrictions—hope that the Cooper-Church amendment will not be compromised to the point that it will not effectively emphasize to the President senatorial prerogatives in the field of foreign relations but also make clear to the Commander-in-Chief and the military that they must live up to their pledge to withdraw all American troops from neutral Cambodia by the end of June.

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Following the traditional Memorial Day recess, the House is expected to take up the Senate-passed voting rights bill that would provide the national franchise to 18-year-olds. The President, who claims to favor the lowering of the voting age to 18, has suggested that this matter should be referred to the people by means of a constitutional amendment. The Senate, which added this 18-year-old authorization to a bill that would extend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 for another five-year period, is said to be faced with a filibuster against this bill if the House does not accept its 18-year-old voting amendment.

Along with the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, the JACL is among those urging all House members to vote for the bill as passed by the Senate. JACL, and the others, not only believe that the extension of the 1965 Voting Rights Law is that important to continue the liberalized registration and voting of more and more of the formerly disenfranchised especially in the Deep South, but also that the present generation of young people are so much better able to vote intelligently than many in the older generations that they are entitled to vote for lawmakers who will mold the future that they will inherit and have to live through.

JACL concedes that this younger generation is generally more mature, better educated, and more aware of the social, economic, political, and other needs of the country than most of the older generations. Moreover, many are serving in the armed services and in other government activities, including the civil service, that would seem to entitle them to vote on the proposed programs of this day and of the near future.

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Last week, too, the House Ways and Means Committee continued its public hearings on trade legislation. And, since Japan is the major overseas customer and supplier of the United States, it seemed to many that it was the principal focal point of congressional attention and public testimony.

Japan enjoys a favorable trade balance of almost a billion and a half dollars over the United States, exports many products that compete with American manufactures, and imports more in the way of American agricultural goods than any other foreign country. So, it would be natural that Japanese success would result in some demands that Japanese merchandise be placed under restrictions, including strict and arbitrary exports or import quotas.

Nevertheless, to some who have been auditing trade hearings for decades there seems to be a bitterness against Japanese imports that never existed before, that is since the end of World War II. In fact some detected racial overtones to some of the criticism of Japanese trading policies and practices.

We are hopeful that these sensitivities are not indications of what may come in the immediate future, when there is no doubt that trade and economic relations between Japan and the United States may become more and more troublesome. What we are hopeful of is that Japan will be considered and treated in the same way and manner as all of the other allies and trading partners of the United States.

OVER 500 ATTEND YOUTH-SPONSOR TEACH-IN ON WAR

Organized by JACL Field Directors at San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO—Over 550 persons attended the community meeting May 15 at the San Francisco Buddhist Hall arranged by Bay Area young college students and the five-man team of JACL field directors, special project, to express their concern over the developments in Cambodia.

First announced as a "teach-in" and later referred to as "reaching out," the program, including the majority of the speakers, the film and slides shown, could more aptly described by the original title.

Though the sponsors had hoped to "reach out" to those of their parents' age, much of the program was geared for the young people.

And apparently the 30-and-over Nisei are not too interested in this type of community meeting as only 75 of them were present.

2 Veterans Speak

Many young people from the East Bay cities and the Peninsula area down to San Jose joined the local college students to make up most of the near capacity crowd.

Effective because of their sincerity were talks by two young veterans back from Vietnam, Ted Imura and Michael Sugawara.

Arn Kawano, a Chinatown and Manilatown anti-draft counsellor, and Floyd Huen, U.C. Berkeley Asian Studies instructor, opened the evening and Rev. Roy Sano, Mills College chaplain, closed the program with talks which labeled the fighting in Vietnam as primarily a racist war against Asians.

No Resolutions Offered

As announced earlier in the week by JACL field director Glenn Watanabe, chairman for the program, no attempt was made to reach any conclusions or pass any resolutions at the meeting.

The young people had said this session was purely informational, Watanabe pointed out, but for those who want-

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Fong backs Nixon decision to clear enemy sanctuaries

WASHINGTON — Sen. Hiram L. Fong, (R-Hawaii) lashed out May 20 at the so-called Cooper-Church amendment, contending its adoption would endanger the lives of more than 400,000 American troops in South Vietnam.

"I am as concerned as any other Member of (the Senate) about the risks involved in the President's decision to clear out the enemy sanctuaries in Cambodia," Fong declared, "but (we) . . . should take no action that would jeopardize our forces under fire."

Fong repeatedly pointed to President Nixon's promise to withdraw all U.S. forces from Cambodia by July 1 and said he would "not be a party to undermining the credibility of the President before (he) has had an opportunity to fulfill his pledge to the American people."

"By adhering to his announced schedule, the President will not only be keeping faith with the American people and the United States Congress, but he will also be establishing his credibility with the entire world, including the enemy," Fong said.

In one of his most passionate addresses during 11 years in the Senate, Fong declared in an hour-long speech:

"I hate war. Hawaii is the only State that was attacked in World War II. I served in that war . . . my eldest son has already served in Vietnam. He could be called back again. I have two younger sons who could be called to duty to serve in Vietnam."

But he added: "As long as (our American men) are under orders to serve in Vietnam, I do not propose to endanger their lives by any proposal such as the Cooper-Church amendment."

"The Senate of the United States is in no position to direct battlefield operations. The Senate . . . is in no position to anticipate every situation, every contingency, every confrontation in a war . . ." Fong contended.

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NEWS CAPSULES

Politics

Oakland City Councilman **Dr. Raymond L. Eng** is a candidate for the Alameda County board of supervisors. A third-generation Chinese American, he is a practicing optometrist, active with the Boy Scouts, other youth activities, and other community endeavors in the area of health, the Lions Club.

Rep. George Brown of Monterey Park, Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate, named **Eugene T. Moriguchi** his campaign chairman for Redwood City and **Dr. and Mrs. George (Nancy) Araki**, co-chairman of the South San Francisco area. Moriguchi, an attorney, is a staff member of the San Mateo County Legal Aid Society. Dr. Araki teaches at San Francisco State and with his wife are active with the San Francisco Center for Japanese American Studies.

Among the busiest senators on the lecture tour in 1969, **Sen. Daniel Inouye** (D-Hawaii) reported making 13 speeches which brought him $12,650 with a one-shot top of $2,000. Affidavits listing all contributions over $50 and honorariums over $300 were filed with the Secretary of the Senate last May 14, deadline for public disclosure of contributions in line with the Senate code of ethics after Sen. Thomas Dodd was censured for his transferring campaign funds in 1967 to personal use.

Kenneth Hahn, candidate for California's Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate, this week pledged continued efforts to improve the status of the Japanese community in America. It was Hahn who, as a County Supervisor, made the first appointment of a Nisei to a county commission, Gardena civic leader **Kay Ilzuka** to the board of governors of the Arboreta and Botanic Gardens. Mrs. Hahn, Ramona, incidentally, was born in Japan, the daughter of an American missionary family.

Courtroom

Shoichi Suyama, 90, formerly of Seattle, was naturalized May 5 by Judge Edward Gignoux of Portland, Me., at the home of his son Eiji Suyama, Ellsworth, in consideration of the Issei's age. A widower since 1956, he came to the U.S. in 1916, was evacuated to Heart Mountain and then relocated to the east coast.

Peggy Ann Watanabe, 23, and Gary E. Zarno, 23, were arrested May 19 in a Santa Monica court during the trial of five persons on charges of holding a UCLA official prisoner for several hours last November. The pair were held on charges of battery on a police officer and interference with an officer in the performance of his duties. Officers said Miss Watanabe was asked to leave five times for disrupting the court, then kicked a deputy and attempted to bite another as she was being bodily removed from the room.

Redevelopment

Japan Town, located to the north of San Francisco's Japanese Cultural and Trade Center, will include a 275-seat theater, retail shops and a restaurant. The San Francisco Redevelopment Agency has authorized the sale of land for the first project to be constructed in the four-block area at $39,690.

Organizations

Dave Y. Nakagawa, branch executive of the Boys' Club of Pasadena has been appointed to serve a three-year term on the national Program Planning and Development Advisory Committee of the Boys' Clubs of America. The committee is one of seven established to advise the national Boys' Clubs organization on activities at some 860 Boys' Clubs with a total membership of more than 875,000.

Deaths

Maki Ichiyasu, 58, field consultant for the National YWCA Board, San Francisco, died of cerebral hemorrhage May 18. She was visiting in Santa Cruz when stricken. Last summer, she had a heart operation. A graduate of Mills College and the Univ. of Hawaii, she was executive director of the Honolulu YWCA from 1946-66 and was transferred to San Francisco. Prewar, she was director of the Little Tokyo YWCA branch.

Hideo Ajari of 4954 Olive St. of Concord, died May 16. He was 56, one of the charter members of the pre-war Contra Costa County JACL and was president of the chapter for two terms in 1937-38.

Kenneth F. Inouye, 34, former UPI newsman, of Inglewood, Calif., was killed May 21 in a single-car accident when his car rammed into a storage building of the Bel Air-Sands Motel off the San Diego Freeway at Sunset Blvd. He was a member of the Lockheed Aircraft Corp. public relations staff since 1967, a USC graduate in journalism, member of the Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism society.

COMMUNITY LEADERS—Recent visitors to the office of Board of Supervisors Chairman Ernest E. Debs (from left) are Paul Takeda, Kakuo Tanaka, Katsuma Mukaeda, Masuo Mitamura, Soichi Fukui, Kenji Ito and Mitsuhiko Shimizu of Los Angeles. The group expressed appreciation for Debs' consistent endeavors on behalf of the Japanese community. All are members of a Japanese American Committee of more than forty civic and business leaders pledged to re-elect Debs in the June 2 Primary.

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Chicago JACL introducing changes in Convention

By ROSS HARANO
Convention Board Chairman

Chicago

The 21st National JACL Convention promises to be the most important meeting of JACL in many years. Delegates from 32 states and 92 chapters will determine the direction of JACL for the future.

Recognizing this situation, the 21st National JACL Convenion Board has attempted to minimize the time spent at social functions and maximize the time allocated for business sessions.

Instead of an all-day Convention Outing, for example, we have set aside time for business sessions. Normally a National Convention has only 9 or 10 scheduled hours of business sessions, however the Convention Board has set aside 15 hours for the National JACL Council meetings with additional time for committee meetings and a district caucus.

Just in case the delegates get into some heated discussions, we have reserved the National Council meeting room on Friday night to the wee hours of the evening.

One Official Luncheon

The Convention Board has limited the official luncheons to one—the President's Recognition Luncheon, "Thanks and Thoughts by Jerry", where you will hear a summary of Jerry's impressions while he has been the National JACL President. The JACLer of the Biennium award will also be presented at this time.

The two official banquets of the convention will include one paying tribute to the lifetime work of Mike Masaoka on behalf of JACL and Japanese Americans as a whole, with the final banquet recognizing the Nisei of the Biennium.

For those interested in the lighter side, the Whing Ding will provide an atmosphere of fun and relaxation. This optional event, not a part of the package deal, will highlight the famous Gaslight Girls.

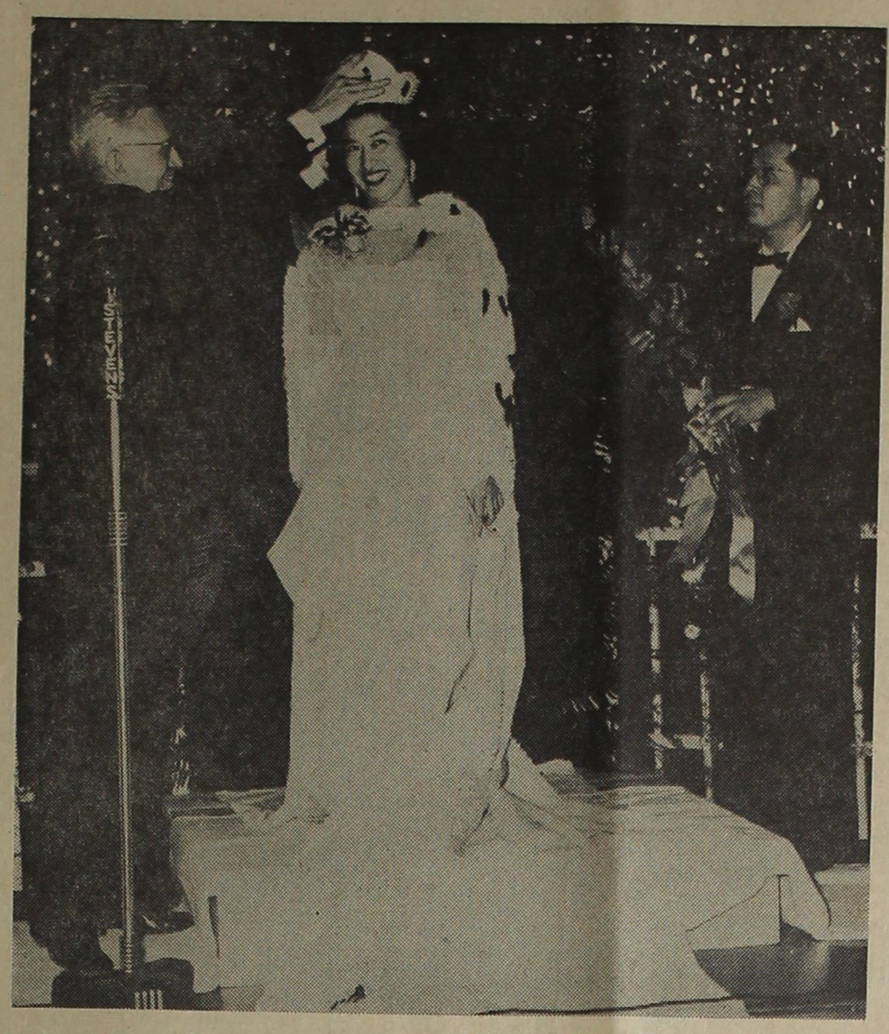
Planning Session

The National Liberation Caucus has requested one hour of business time at the National Council to present their views on the future direction of JACL.

The agenda for the first business session of Wednesday includes this item as well as others concerning JACL plans for the future which should provide for one of the most interesting sessions of the convention.

Very soon, delegates will be receiving reports on issues to be discussed at the National Council Sessions.

We urge you to do your "homework" prior to the convention so that it may be a fruitful meeting providing a positive and meaningful direction for JACL in the next decade.



20 YEARS AGO—Congressman Francis Walter places crown upon Fuku Yokoyama of New York to reign as Miss National JACL Convention at Chicago as Franklin Chino waits to hand her a bouquet of American red roses.

Bill Hosokawa

From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.

QUOTE—John Canaday in the New York Times: "Things will never be quite the same again for countless Japanese farmers and villagers who are being exposed to a world they could not have imagined, a world recognizing none of the traditions they have lived by, including the traditions that have made them a powerful conservative group in Japan's politics. Every day the country people pour into Expo in dozens of organized groups running up to 500 each. For many, perhaps the majority, a visit to a large city is a once-or twice-in-a-lifetime experience, and some have been saving for years to make a trip . . . They arrive in chartered buses, each group a community project. Descending en masse, they follow a leader who carries high a banner visible from a distance by any member who gets separated from a flock . . . Immersed in sights and sounds they have never known, they crowd through pavilion after pavilion . . . For these country people, Expo must be one vast transfiguring phenomenon that, once encountered, cannot be put aside. The more you see of the fair, the less presumption is involved in the conclusion that years after it closes and an assessment is possible, its effect on these people's way of thinking about the world must surely turn out to be Expo's most potent contribution—whether for good or ill."

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EVALUATION—The above certainly must be considered a thoughtful observation on a side of Expo that few are aware of. But rural Japan is changing and has been changing ever since the end of World War II. I can see it in what's been happening to my cousin, Michizume Fukeda, who lives about an hour's ride by bus out of Hiroshima. I first met him in 1950. He was, to put it bluntly, hardly more than a country bumpkin even though he had enough education to be a rice inspector in the department of agriculture. Good-hearted, good-natured, good to his family, but almost totally unaware of the world outside of his little village.

I saw him again a year ago. He owns a television set and he had been watching it, the educational programs that Japanese TV excels in as well as baseball and sumo wrestling and American Westerns with the dialogue dubbed in, and the samurai dramas of derring-do. He was more sophisticated this time. He could even talk politics, and he would argue with his son who, like a good many young Japanese, was disillusioned with the conservative Sato government and saw promise of a political Utopia in the left.

Both Fukeda and his son knew what was going on in the world, the boy more than his father. They were aware of events abroad that would affect their own lives, of the explosion of nuclear devices in Red China and the development of Chinese rockets which would put their home in the shadow of nuclear death.

They talked vaguely of perhaps going up to Osaka to see Expo '70, but not with any great enthusiasm because they knew the fair would be crowded and they are country people not particularly fond of congested places. But they knew others who were planning to go, and it is likely that when their friends returned from viewing the bright lights and the wonders of the pavilions from around the world, they would sit and talk and be impressed. And, as John Canaday indicates, rural Japan never would be quite the same after Expo. But Expo would only be accelerating a process already well under way, part of a world-wide movement launched by the magic of radio and the wonders of instant visual communication through television. And whether all the information now available can be absorbed and digested and understood, and utilized for the betterment of our society, is something we won't know until a lot of time has passed. And what happens over there inevitably must affect us over here.

Shades of Homecoming

By KUMEO YOSHINARI

Chicago

It seems like only yesterday when the 11th Biennial National JACL Convention was held in Chicago. (Actually, it will be two decades in October.) Now come July 14-18, 1970, the Chicago Chapter will be hosting its second national conclave—the 21st Biennial. The advent of this occasion certainly should recall some fond memories of those who attended the gala 1950 convention festivities.

It is hoped that by reminding you of those memorable events 20 years ago, many who were present then will feel the nostalgia of wanting to return here for the homecoming to meet old friends and see now sceneries.

Who can ever forget the first full-bloomed postwar convention! It was held at the world's largest hotel (the site of this year's Mike Masaoka Testimonial Banquet) where one could sleep in a different room every night, and take nine years to complete the circuit.

From the opening moment of the convention, the air was electric as throngs of delegates swarmed over the hotel premises. The convention was a mecca for the Nisei who were then young and the foremost thing on their minds was to see and meet other Nisei from throughout the nation. This was the period when Chicago had its greatest Japanese American population because many had not yet returned to the West Coast after evacuation.

We Remember

There's no doubt that each conventioneer to the 11th Biennial has his favorite moment to remember, but let me enumerate a few that stand out for me. I'll always remember the rousing mixer on opening day — "Maze Moi." The M.C. was the Rev. Perry Saito who concocted many ice breakers — totally breaking down inhibitions, even of the most timid delegate. In the end, everyone was an extrovert, fully enjoying himself and the companionship of his follow delegates.

Recently, at the MDC meeting in Milwaukee, Rev. Saito, who is the pastor of Eau Claire, Wisconsin Methodist Church, was the keynote speaker. (He still has the gifted knack of making people feel at home, and now with maturity, he has acquired the added technique of driving home the "message.")

As a result of the "getting to know you" mood established at the mixer, a friendly atmosphere prevailed throughout the week-long affair making it an experience that no one who attended will ever forget. Do you remember?

Innovations Galore

There were many innovations instituted at this convention which have become regular format for all subsequent conventions. The one which women will particularly recall was the Tea and Fashion Show held in the elegant Gold Room of the Congress Hotel. Whenever I glance at the convention booklet of that day, or see someone's personal album containing pictures of the event, I cannot help but admire how beautiful and charming our Nisei girls were in those days.

Among the other unforgettable functions, I'm sure you'll agree, was the glitter of the JACL-ADC (Anti-Discrimination Committee) Testimonial Banquet. Heretofore, what convention could boast the array of political dignitaries that sat at the head table?

Impressive as the banquet was per se, I'm constantly reminded by West Coasters who vividly remember when the houselights dimmed and a corps of waiters wheeled in by candlelight a parade of sculptured ice from which the dessert of the evening was served. This unique display brought many ahs from the crowd.

Chicago is not endowed with the geographical setting befitting an outing; however, the selection committee did an excellent job in picking out a site comparable to Knotts Berry Farm.

Who can forget the scene where the blindfolded participants were feeding each other and upon unveiling, hilariously laughing at each other for having been fed charcoaled marshmellows.

Nisei Air Derby

The 1950 convention had national news coverage because of the much ballyhooed air derby sponsored wherein a number of Nisei aviators participated. Do you remember the anxiety created when Henry Ohye, leading Nisei pilot of the day, was lost en route to Chicago? How relieved the delegates were when it was later learned that Henry was forced down, but was able to later continue on to Chicago.

We also recall when the chartered flight of West Coast delegates were met at the old Midway airport. Who'll ever forget the send-off of this same plane on its return flight. We assembled for fond farewells at the airport around 11 p.m. and at 3 a.m., the plane was still on the ground. Finally, we Chicagoans left the scene out of sheer exhaustion — we never did learn when the plane actually took off. (Maybe it's still sitting there.)

Of course, those of us who labored so hard under the inspiring leadership of the late Randy Sakada, then convention chairman, still believe the 1950 convention to be the greatest ever held to date.

Convention Queen

The truly memorable highlight of the gathering was the coronation of the queen. I still can see the late Franklin Chino, who chaired the contest, eloquently introducing the Master of Ceremonies, the gracious and white-haired Congressman from Pennsylvania, the Honorable Francis Walter. It was enchanting to see each contestant parading down the aisle in her long gown and moving up step by step to an elevated court platform where she was welcomed by Congressman Walter

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TO JR. JACELERS HEADING FOR THE CONVENTION IN CHICAGO

Dress Code: GRUBBIES—Cut offs, sweat shirts, tennis shoes, etc.; CASUAL—Sportswear (shorts, skirts, slacks, etc.); INFORMAL—Sportscoat, suit, tie, luncheon dress.

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CHICAGO — As the Junior convention starts officially on Tuesday, July 14, (the Opening Ceremonies are to be held Wednesday), the youth should come Tuesday. The registration desk at the Palmer House will be open from 3 p.m.

Delegates will meet from 7 p.m. to 8:30. The mixer, "I'd Like to Get to Know You", from 9 to 1 a.m. will be in two sections: mixers and a band dance. A jazz-rock group of nine, the United Nations, will belt out the music. Casual Dress. And until 2 a.m., a "rap" session takes over for complaints about the convention, suggestions for the rest of the week, current events and some EGAD matters. Dress Casual or Grubbie.

Wedensday

Eight contestants will compete in the National Oratoricals Wednesday morning during the opening session between 9 and 12. Dress informal. Steven Goodman, a folk-singing guitarist will entertain during the luncheon. No head table is planned, so "Guess Who's Coming to Lunch". Dress informal.

Rest of the afternoon is set up for business sessions for delegates and a sensitivity session for boosters, "Everything that Touches You" from 3:15 to 7:30. Ron Masumoto of the Pacific Southwest DYC will chair the workshop. The dress: grubbie.

Dinner is on your own afterwards and the Chicago Boys' Club will be open from 10 p.m. for relaxing, swimming, ping pong, volleyball, etc. Pop (at 5 cent per) and potato chips will be available. Back at the hotel, another "rap" session is scheduled till 3 a.m.

Thursday

Business sessions resume at 9 a.m. Thursday. Each district at 10 will caucus or rap on what has been discussed thus far and plan on what they want to talk about. At 11, the delegates reconvene to spell out more programs till lunch on your own at noon.

Throughout the same morning, each DYC will conduct its "Who Will Buy?" sale at the DYC trade mart. Since cooking will not be allowed, food items must be pre-packaged. The mart gives the juniors a chance to raise funds.

Between 2 and 5:30 p.m., a variety of skits is being prepared to emphasize cultural heritage.

On Thursday evening, the youths join with adults to honor Mike Masaoka. Not enough kids know who he is and what he has done for Japanese Americans—and this is the best time to find out, the committee felt.

From 9:30, if enough interest has been garnered (at least 300), the youth plan to see "Second City" at Old Town, Chicago's answer to "The Committee" on the West Coast. It's a satirical, witty review. Dress informal. And

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PEOPLE OVER 21 NOT ELIGIBLE

SEX Sounds Excitement

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Chicago

Catch your eye? Naturally! We just wanted to introduce you to the first National Trivia Contest, a special booster event of the Jr. national convention, to be held on Friday night, July 17, during the midnight hour at the Palmer House.

What's it all about? Music, my man, pop music. We're in the process of taping hundreds of oldies but goodies as well as current hits. We hope to give you two hours of boss entertainment and to tease your brain. How far back will we go? The majority will fall between the Beatles era and the most current releases. For instance . . .

(a) Who recorded the big hit, Evil Ways? Easy, neh? How about . . .

(b) Who recorded Bernadette? No challenge? Chotto matte kudasai.

(c) Who recorded Birthday? or

(d) Quentin's Theme?

Got 'em all? Not bad . . . if not, brush up and prepare for a groovy time.

Revved-up format slated for 21st Biennial confab

By JEAN SAKAMOTO

CHICAGO — Having just had the immense enjoyment of reading "Shades of Homecoming," written so nostalgically and pleasurably by a good friend, Kumeo Yoshinari, (printed elsewhere in this paper) brought to mind that this person also had a glimpse of that glorious national convention Chicago hosted in 1950.

Far be it from me to tell you exactly how old we were then, but suffice it say that we were too young to be a full-fledged member of that energetic organization called the JACL, but beyond the age today where one qualifies for the Age of Aquarius.

We've always belonged to that in-between stage, sometimes known as the Twilight Zone. Having had the questionable status of working on the fringes of that convention, we were rewarded by being allowed to poke our heads in through the entrance of that grand and imposing International Grand Ballroom of the then Stevens Hotel to watch the glittering proceedings of the Sayonara Ball at the time the queen contestants were looking their most radiant and beautiful for the judges. It must be wonderful to be so poised, and beautiful beyond words we thought!

Chicago in the '70s

It's 20 years later now, and CHICAGO '70 looms on the horizon. Like the August Moon, we've become a little older, not necessarily a little wiser, but this time we'll be on the other side of that door actually participating to the fullest degree in all the splendors of a new convention in a new era.

You won't be disappointed, Kumeo and all of you who came to Chicago a score ago. This convention won't have the fanfare and hoopla of the days gone by, but we'll have our own innovations. It'll sparkle with the streamlined, revved-up mood of today — I mean, it'll really turn you on!

To wit — on Tuesday evening, July 14, we've planned a mixer that isn't a mixer, "What's Going On?" It's a cocktail hour, a travelogue, a swinging dance, and a fashion show entirely unlike any you have seen, all at once. And the scene?

Nothing but the best for Chicago — the exclusive Furniture Club where you can gaze at the gorgeous Lake. It'll be groovy, happy, sophisticated. What's an inhibition? You'll forget you ever knew the word.

Opening Ceremonies

There's always tradition, of course, and on Wednesday, July 15, the 21st Biennial National JACL Convention formally comes to order with the Opening Ceremonies.

Who says Chicago's running out of leadership candidates? We've got one of them, young Jr. JACLer, Chris Takemoto, to do the honors as Master of Ceremonies for the impressive event when we meet and hear, for the first time, nominees for the office of National President as they address themselves to the convention theme, "Understanding," — something we need more than ever today.

The finalists for the Oratorical Contest will vie for the grand prize, and we swear they get younger and more brilliant by the year. The winner of the Essay Contest will be announced then, too, and we'll be so proud of the youngsters, we'll get a little misty-eyed while applauding.

Later that evening, get set for a real fun-in at the frenetic 1000 Club whing ding, "It's a Gas!", where food will be superb, the "scenery" tall and beautiful. The Gaslight Girls will be there in all their glory, with their own Roaring 20's Band. The famous Gaslight troupe will have you dancing even if you have two left feet and singing at the top of your lungs even if it's off-key. The end result? Fun!

Masaoka Testimonial

Thursday will go down in JACL history as a day to remember. Even Washington in '72 can't possibly top this! An evening of thanks for the man of the hour, our own Mike Masaoka.

Look at the line-up. Congressman Spark Matsunaga, toastmaster; Undersecretary of State Alexis Johnson, speaker; Congressman Sidney R. Yates, speaker; NAACP Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins, speaker; ACLU chairman, Edward J. Ennis, speaker; Past National JACL President, Chicago's own Shigeo Wakamatsu, speaker; And chairman for the whole glittering affair? Who else, but Kumeo Yoshinari.

You'll hear "Thanks and Thoughts by Jerry" (Enomoto, that is) during the President's Recognition luncheon. Where else but in Chicago would you find such an eloquent, charming and ultra-poised up-and-coming young adult like Miss Karen Suzuki to serve as Mistress of Ceremonies for such an occasion?

You'll want to be there to shake the hand of the "JACLer of the Biennium," and to show you how understanding we are, we won't even demonstrate if the winner turns out to be a non-Chicagoan. (That's the way we are in Chicago!)

If you were smart enough to bring along your fringed-suede vest and leather suit, what're you waiting for—put 'em on, grab a couple of fast-selling tickets, see the famous tribe in America's love-rock musical "HAIR," then jump on the stage and join the cast in its finale. It's all part of the show, and you can say you saw it in Chicago.

Convention Finale

Saturday, the final day of the convention, will arrive all too quickly. Finally, the women can tenderly take out their magnificent mini, midi, or maxi evening dress and float into the Grand Ballroom of the Palmer House to attend the final event of a hectic week, "From Here to D.C.," our official convention banquet, to hear our newly installed National President tell his plans for the coming biennium and tell it like it is.

Who will be this year's recipient of the cherished and most honored award, "The Nisei of the Biennium"? You'll witness the great unveiling at this affair.

After the banquet, take an "Intermission" between here and D.C. by dancing to the beautiful music of Ralph Berger, his piano and Orchestra, and this is the time to find out if you might be the lucky person qualifying for the Friday Bonus—$100 every week for one full year!

By the way, all you bowlers, we've got a treat in store for you. Where else but in Chicago will you find a "Half Lass'' bowling tournament where the accent is on fun and not the money. Only early applicants will be eligible for the specially oiled and grooved alleys Chairman Joe Sagami's got reserved.

If you don't join the fun, you'll be sorry. This promises to be the most unusual and never-to-be-forgotten bowling tourneys of all time.

Chicago's not noted for her riots, it's noted as the city of the big shoulders, the "I Do" city, the convention capital of the nation. Whether you return to Chicago for a Homecoming or arrive for the first time, come and join us—you'll be glad you did.

Room reservations at Palmer House now due

CHICAGO—Choice rooms for JACL delegates attending the 21st Biennial July 14-18 at the Palmer House are being reserved until June 8, registration chairman Mrs. Raymond Inouye reported.

Chapters have been sent a supply of reservation forms, addressed to the Palmer House, State and Monroe Sts., Chicago 60690. Rooms are rated minimum, average and superior, starting from $19 single, $29 double, $31 twins, $71 suite. Rooms in the Palmer House Towers are about $8 additional; suite $102 and up.

Rooms will be held until 6 p.m. on date of arrival unless otherwise advised.

Another Terrific Milestone Due

By JERRY ENOMOTO
National President

I have attended every JACL National Convention since 1954 and each, in its own way, has marked some milestone in JACL's history. Chicago in 1970 will be no exception.

There are those who have scorned its choice as a host city because of the belief that it is a symbol of repression. I would hope that everyone's sense of fair play will recognize that the Chicago JACL Chapter is made up of the same cross section of members that constitute our JACL organization throughout the land. It can no more be held responsible for matters over which it has no direct control, then we can be.

The events of 1968 and its spillover into the trial of the "Chicago 7", have implications that trouble many Americans. However, rather than dwell upon the past, I hope that we will get to Chicago intent on building upon those positive blocks we have started in JACL. Although the times are difficult, we are in a position to make some real advances in the push to keep JACL a relevant force in the '70s.

There are some 15 hours of straight business set up for the National Council, during the 4 days, with more time available should it be necessary. For the delegates no convention is a picnic, this one will certainly be no exception. The decisions made in Chicago will be as crucial, if not more so, as any in JACL's history. I hope that none of us "cops out" on our responsibility to be an active part of these decisions.

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Needless to say, those elected to lead our organization must be JACLers of vision, who can listen and guide. Those who appreciate the great heritage of JACL, but also recognize that the past is only relevant insofar as it can contribute to helping us develop a better future

JACLers follow no party line, but are flexible enough to shift gears with the times. Those who are not afraid of taking stands, when they are necessary. Above all we need leaders committed to helping make America a more just land, in a more just community of nations.

Traditionally, JACL Conventions have had room for relaxation and enjoyment, and again Chicago will be no exception. I have noted some feeling about eliminating this phase of our Convention. A recent letter to the PC Editor suggested that we do just that. Although I respect the feeling behind such a suggestion, I submit that it is unrealistic. All JACLers, who I know, have compassion for people. Each of us does as much as we want to do, or feels we can do, for those in need (including Asians). To demand that JACLers give up social affairs at the Convention, through some feeling of group guilt or repentance, is not only unreasonable, but presumptuous.

By the same token, those who feel a certain way are certainly free to stay away from the social events. For those who wish to unwind, the Chicago JACLers have made preparations which will insure the calibre of good times that the Windy City has become famous for.

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Another highlight of Chicago, 1970, will be our tribute to Mike Masaoka, a Japanese American legend whom we want to honor while he's still "young", healthy and productively active.

Chicago, with its theme "Understanding: the Basis for a Changing JACL", will have a little bit for everybody, delegate or booster. See you there.

CHICAGO, CHICAGO

Toddlin' Town

By CHIYE TOMIHIRO

CHICAGO—When you alight from the airport bus at the Palmer House, you are in the heart of Chicago's loop. The Palmer House faces State Street, the world's most highly concentrated shopping district. Two blocks away is renowned Marshall Field & Co. where you can shop for anything from grass seed to Oriental antiques. On the 7th floor of Fields are several good restaurants where you can rest your tired feet while lunching and in the Narcissus Room and the Walnut Room, the ladies can enjoy a fashion show as well.

The Art Institute of Chicago, just two blocks from the hotel, houses one of the finest collections in the country. The Junior museum and the Thorne Miniature Rooms should be of interest to even those who are not especially art lovers.

When you come out of the Art Institute, you can walk up Michigan Avenue, the magnificent mile, and do more shopping in the finer small hops.

While the women are out spending money, the men can lose theirs at the beautiful Arlington Race Track. A bus leaves regularly from downtown Chicago. You men can also bowl for prizes at the Nisei Bowlium and go to a White Sox ball game.

Sightseeing Buses

Sightseeing buses leave frequently from the Palmer House. Among the things one should not miss is the Museum of Science and Industry on the south side, with its 14 acres of exhibits showing the latest developments in science and industry.

Days or evenings in Old Town can be fun. The restaurants and shops are novel and colorful. The Cave at 1337 N. Wells in Old Town offers good Oriental food and cocktails at reasonable prices. If you want to wine and dine or just plain swing, Chicago's the place for it. There are plenty of Japanese restaurants in all price ranges. There's Benihana, Japanese Steak House, and Tokyo Tea Gardens on the Near North, which are pretty close to the Furniture Club where the Opening night reception will take place. A little further north is Kamehachi and Hashikin, both sushi houses, and in the loop, the new Fuji.

You can swing all night in Chicago if you want to. The Den Downstairs on Walton Place, for instance, is open till 4 A.M. So is the Playboy. Remember this is where Playboy got started.

To top it all, you can clear your blurry eyes with a panoramic view of Chicago from the 100 story John Hancock building or from the Prudential Buliding "Top of the Rock."

We could go on forever, but we would rather show you our town personally.

Yoshinari—

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with a kiss. Who'll ever forget the popular selection of Miss EDC, Miss Fuku Yokoyama, as "Miss National JACL." What charm and sophistication she personified!

The other noteworthy features were many such as the Sayonara banquet, the "Nisei of the Biennium," etc. Undoubtedly, I have now refreshed your minds, and those who are possessed with pleasant memories of this period will want to come to Chicago not only to relieve the joys of the past, but also to be witness to the new era of JACL coming in the 1970s.

21st Biennial

The 21st Biennial National JACL Convention in its own right will in due time be as memorable to the delegates as the 1950 one proved to be to those who were there. The theme, "Understanding", is most appropriate in these crucial times when men live in diverse societies which seem to be challenging each other—the liberal versus the conservative, the old against the young, the poor against the rich, etc. In the midst of these dividing controversies, where does JACL choose to make its stand?

There is no question that this is now the age of the Sansei. Perhaps at this coming convention, they will raise their voices not only to be heard, but to assert their rights in playing a bigger role in the future of the organization.

Are the Nisei willing to yield the leadership to the "now" generation? Or is there room for both generations to work side by side in coordination and understanding of each other's role in working cooperatively towards a common goal wherein each group will not be in competition, but will supplement each other's efforts. The resolvement of this confrontation will surely make for a dynamic convention not only to observe, but also participating in the ultimate decision making. Are you coming home? Hope to see you here!

Youth confab—

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the wee hour rap session follows till 2 a.m.

Friday

Friday morning will be devoted to a service project—as yet in the planning stages, though two are set: (a) the Issei Center, (b) a social with college-bound blind people.

Two more projects are being worked up. The aim is to divide the juniors into four groups for each project. Dress casual or grubbie, depending upon the project.

The 4-6:30 business session is for delegates to wrap up convention matters.

In the evening, the program calls for a Ravinia Park summer concert with a guy named Procol Harem from England scheduled. His one song which was popular was "Whiter Shade of Pale". The park is on the outskirts of Chicago where people sit on the grass and listen, or walk along the park pathways. There are theater seats for the more serious.

This is really the free night of Convention week and the juniors have a limit of 20 tickets to "Hair"—$10 each for seats on the main floor or mezzanine. Another convention special is "Trivia" from midnight till 2 a.m.

Saturday

On Saturday, DYCs will gather for final sessions till 12. Afternoon at Grant Park is "The Rain, the Park and Other Things"—a potpourri of outdoor activities. Dress grubbie. Since Chicago is the Windy City, kite flying is also being planned.

The Sayonara Banquet with the seniors at 6:30 will be followed by the juniors having their own Ball, "Fancy Colours". More details to come.

General Info

Youth will be housed at the Palmer House on the 7th, 8th and 9th floors dorm style at rates of $5 per person per night on a 3 to a room basis.

A committee of 10 girls man the hospitality desk to provide latest info, transportation, wardrobe, where to eat, what to do, etc . . . and to the west coast Sansei, dig the accent of your Sansei cousins raised in the Midwest.

Speakers' list for Masaoka tribute at Chicago confirmed

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)

CHICAGO — Details of the Mike M. Masaoka Testimonial Dinner program have just been released by program chairman Noboru Honda. Highlights of the July 16 testimonial are the presentation of the Mike M. Masaoka Trust Fund and the roster of outstanding persons of national prominence who will come here as friends of Mike Masaoka to join the hundreds of other friends who will be on hand to pay tribute to an outstanding American.

Featured speakers are the Hon. U. Alexis Johnson, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; Rep. Sidney R. Yates, (D-Ill.); Edward J. Ennis, chairman of the American Civil Liberties Union, board of directors; Roy Wilkins, executive director, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; and Shigeo Wakamatsu, past national president of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Congressman Sparky Matsunaga of Hawaii will serve as the toastmaster.

In addition to the presentations of the Trust Fund, other presentations, including the presentation of the "Round-the-World Trip" and the Testimonial Album will be made.

Intermountain orator hails from Salt Lake

IDAHO FALLS—Randy Horiuchi, son of the Tube Horiuchis of Salt Lake City, is the Intermountain District Council representative to the National JACL oratorical contest.

His brother Wayne was the IDC orator two years ago, winning the third prize in the national contest held at San Jose.

Night spectacle

Walk through Grant Park at night and see Buckingham Fountain change colors right before your eyes.

BOOK REVIEW: Allan Beekman

New Work on Ancient Literary Form

JAPANESE POETIC DIARIES, selected and translated by Earl Miner, University of California Press, 211 pages, $6.95.

In 1968, when the Swedish Academy of Letters voted to confer the Nobel Prize on novelist Yasunari Kawabata of Japan, they drew attention to a literature unknown in the West, largely because of the paucity of translations. Like any novelist, Kawabata is heir to what has been done in his mother tongue by those who preceded him, though the average Westerner may be unaware that, according to those well-grounded in the subject, Japanese has one of the world's great literatures, comparable in age, richness, and quantity to English literature.

The "Tale of Genji" by Murasaki Shikibu, written between 1000 and 1010, is the world's first great novel. Genji must be as long as Leo Tolstoi's "War and Peace," or much longer. But in general the Japanese have seemed to traditionally apply themselves to perfectionism on short works.

A favorite short form is the poetic diary in which verses highlighting emotional experiences are welded together by prose narrative. As an example of this genre, Earl Miner has translated and collected into this volume four representative dieries.

In an introduction, he analyzes the poetic diary, giving insight into the specimens that follow. The first is "The Tosa Diary" (Tosa Nikki), by Ki no Tsurayuki (869-945). Miner says of this work, written in 935, that it "may properly be termed the parent of all Japanese prose fiction. . ."

"The Tosa Diary" records the experience of the author on the long and arduous trip to the capital, Kyoto, as he returned from his tour of duty as governor of Tosa, now Kochi Prefecture. In the tradition of this literary genre, the diarist is justified in altering facts to suit the requirements of art; for the sake of his narrative, he assumes the identity of a woman.

Different scenes and experiences inspire this fictional woman diarist to lyrical expression with an underlying note of grief for her child who died in Tosa.

The greatest sadness
Of thinking that now at last
We are bound for home
Is that there remains
one person
Who will never know
return.

Such poems are strung like beads on a necklace made of the intervening prose narrative.

The second selection, "The Diary of Izumi Shikibu," has been covered in this column in the Edwin A. Cranston translation.

Diarist Basho

Third is "The Narrow Road Through the Provinces" (Oku no Hosomichi), by Matsuo Basho (1644 - 1694), "the greatest of the diaries included here, and the greatest of all Japanese poetic diaries."

A celebrated and revered figure in his lifetime, as he is today, Basho describes his wanderings about northern Japan in 1688. The greatest master of *haiku*, a poetic form of 17 syllables, his poetry revealing a kinship with Zen Buddhism, he has studded his narrative with these verses. But these *haiku* are enhanced by the beauty of the prose in which they have been set.

The book ends with a short work, "The Verse Record of My Peonies" (Botan Kuroku), by Masaoka Shiki (1867-1892). Scion of a samurai family, Shiki revitalized the ancient forms of *haiku* and *tanka*, a poetic form of 31 syllables, and was acclaimed by his contemporaries as a great poet. As he lay dying of spinal tuberculosis, two disciples brought him a pot of peonies. Following his theory of objectively describing nature, he writes of these peonies.

Earl Miner, responsible for this important contribution to the growing body of Japanese literature in English translation, is Professor of English at the University of California, Los Angeles. Among his other works are "The Japanese Tradition in British and American Literature," "An Introduction to Japanese Court Poetry" and "Fujiwara Teika's Superior Poems of Our Time.'

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Brush paintings

This deluxe book reproduces 22 of Wang's best paintings in their original colors, together with five full-page details showing his extraordinary brushwork in natural size. Four critical texts consider the artist and his work from both the Chinese and Western points of view. Born in China, and steeped in the artistic traditions of his native land, Wang has made innovations to create a style of his own. He moved to the United States in 1949, and is now an American citizen.

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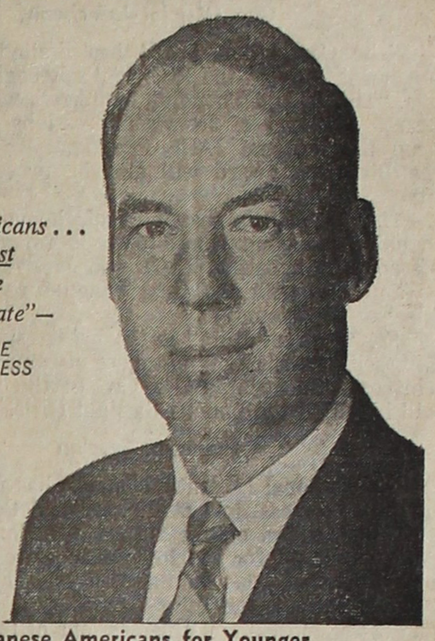

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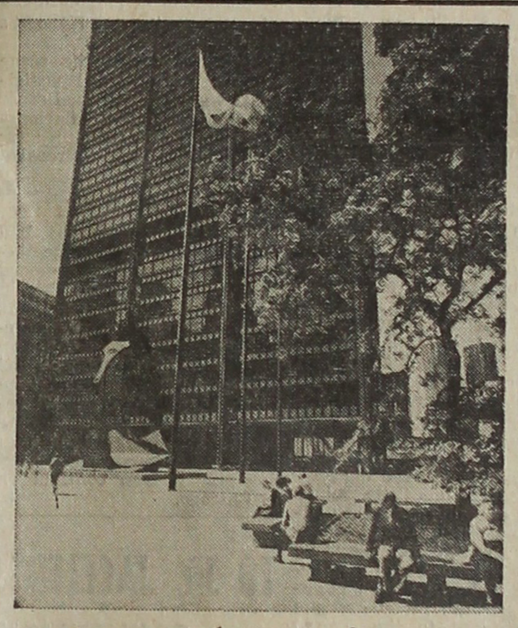

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SCHEDULE *"Understanding"*

Tuesday, July 14

8:00 - 12:00 Midnight	*"What's Going On?"* Cocktail Reception/Fashion Show (Furniture Club)

Wednesday, July 15

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Opening Ceremonies and Oratorical, Essay
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Special Luncheon
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	National Council Sessions
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	National Rap Session
6:30 p.m. - 12.00 Midnight	*"It's a Gas!"* 1000 Club Whingding (Club 48)

Thursday, July 16

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	National Committee Meeting
	Lunch on own
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	National Council Session
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Cocktail - Reception
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Mike Masaoka Testimonial Banquet (Conrad Hilton Hotel)
10:30 p.m. - Midnight	Washington D.C. Hospitality 1972 National JACL Convention

Friday, July 17

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	District Council Caucuses
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	National Council Session
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	*"Thanks And Thoughts By Jerry"* President's Recognition Luncheon
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	National Council Session
8:00 p.m. -	Bridge Tournament (booster activity) Theatre "HAIR" (booster activity)

Saturday, July 18

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	National Council Session
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Lunch on own
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	New National Senior & Junior Board Luncheon
2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Joint Senior & Junior Closing Session
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	President's Reception
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	"From Here To D.C." Banquet (semi-formal)
9:30 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.	Intermission Ball

Unless otherwise indicated, all events will take place at the Palmer House

SCHEDULE Jr. JACL

Tuesday, July 14

	DYCC Meeting
3:00 p.m. -	"Beginnings"
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	"Don't You Care?"
9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.	"I'd Like To Get To Know You"
1:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m.	"Both Sides Now"

Wednesday, July 15

9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon	Opening Session - Keynote Speaker/Oratorical
12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	"Guess Who's Coming to Lunch?"
3:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	"Don't You Care?"
3:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	"Everything That Touches You"
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Dinner Break on your own
10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.	70-Up (Splash Party)
2:00 a.m. - 3:00 a.m.	"Both Sides Now"

Thursday, July 16

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	"Don't You Care?"
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	"We Can Work It Out"
11:00 a.m. - 12 Noon	"Both Sides Now"
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	"Who Will Buy?"
2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	"The Times They Are A Changin'"
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Mike Masaoka Testimonial
9:30 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.	Second City OR Planned Booster
1:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m.	"Both Sides Now"

Friday, July 17

10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	"To Give"
4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	"Don't You Care?"
8:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Ravinia Park
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.	Trivia

Saturday, July 18

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	"We Can Work It Out"
11:00 a.m. - 12 Noon	The End
12:00 Noon - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch break on your own
1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	"The Rain, The Park and Other Things"
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Sayonara Banquet
9:30 p.m. -	"Fancy Colours"

SPECIAL RESERVATION AND REGISTRATION COUPON

Please print — Check events and mail to: Mrs. Raymond Inouye, JACL Midwest Region Office, 21 West Elm Street, Chicago, Illinois 60610

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Anyone who wishes to attend National Council Sessions must be registered.

General Admission Prices

- ☐ Registration $3.00
- ☐ Cocktail—Reception—Fashion Show $5.00
- ☐ President's Recognition Luncheon $9.00
- ☐ Mike M. Masaoka Banquet $10.00
- ☐ Convention Banquet $15.00
- ☐ Convention Ball $6.00

Total $48.00
Pre-registration package price $44.00
Deadline for package JUNE 8, 1970

SPECIAL EVENTS

- ☐ 1000 Club "It's A Gas" $10.00
- ☐ Theatre "Hair" $10.00 (limited)
- ☐ Bowling Tournament

JR. JACL Admission Prices

- ☐ Registration $1.50
- ☐ Dance $5.50
- ☐ Luncheon $9.00
- ☐ Masaoka Banquet $10.00
- ☐ Service Project $2.00
- ☐ Sayonara Banquet $14.00
- ☐ Sayonara Ball $9.00

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Deadline for Package JUNE 8, 1970

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Hotel reservations must be sent in by JUNE 8, 1970 in order to get better accommodations set aside for JACL.

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____ Rooms will be held until 6:00 P.M. on date of arrival.

Singles $19 - 22 $23 - 27 $28 - 32 up Doubles $29 - 32 $33 - 37 up Twins $31 - 33 $34 - 37

Have chapters voiced interest on specific public or political issues?

(Discussion, recommendations and excerpts of the transcript made of the April 11 session of Planning Commission members of the three JACL district councils in California, on "JACL in the 1970s" continue this week in the area of politics, education and economics.)

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Chapter generally have exhibited no consensus on public issues other than those designated by National. At best, the thinking of the chapter is as varied as its membership.

Yet, in trying to ascertain how much interest there is at the chapter level on public issues without having National citing them, the question of time came into play, that some issues lend themselves more to resolution and action by the national convention.

Some chapters and members are not aware a governing board has a prerogative to take stands.

What is at stake if JACL should lose its tax-exempt status?

Because members prefer JACL to retain its present tax status, the proposal for a separate civil right, political activity arm was being made. On the question of what is at stake for JACL, this being a legal question, it was suggested it be referred to the legal committee for consideration.

Some discussion also ensued about the Endowment Fund, its connection with JACL if it loses its tax-exempt status.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1—Though JACL chapters have differences of opinion within, on matters of public interest, chapters boards should be encouraged to take what they feel to be righteous stand.

2—That the PC carry position papers on various issues written by members even though JACL has no stand on them.

3—That chapters be made aware of the kinds of political activity they can participate without jeopardizing the tax-exempt status of the organization.

4—That JACL help organize the separate civil rights arm. (Repeat of the issue in Part Three).

5—That the question of JACL losses if tax-exempt status were nullified be determined by the legal committee.

TRANSCRIPT (Part IV)
(Excerpts)

In the area of chapter interests on political issues, have they voiced any opinion on specific issues as listed in the questionnaire?

HONDA: It appears from the lack of comment from the chapters, it may be necessary for National to take up specific issues, then pass them down to the districts and the chapters.

SHIMIZU: There's no consensus but we do have a variety of comments.

MITOMA: It's variable in the PSW.

OKAMURA: It shows there's a vast differences of opinion in the organization. Can we have these issues discussed at the national council?

HONDA: My question was put to determine how much interest there is at the chapter level on public issues without having national saying these are the issues . . . Perhaps it goes back to staff lending a hand.

SUZUKI: No, I don't think we need staff—look at Title II.

HONDA: There, it went to national and then trickled down to the chapters.

SUZUKI: That's how it should work.

MITOMA: Can we maintain this procedure for a long stretch?

ENOMOTO: On some issues, time is of essence. Some issues (like Title II) was an ideal development in that it was discussed at the convention and then worked upon so that it's about ready to be repealed.

But other issues (like the Noguchi case) time is a problem. Some issues we can't wait for local chapter to develop, pass a resolution at a convention and then work two years for a decision.

JACL is never geared for fast movement. Some of it is due to structure and staff, but the least we can do is to encourage chapters to take stands on issues, whether it's hot, cold or medium —if their governing body feels it's a righteous issue to take a a position on. We should make announcement of this kind.

With the interest in the matter of dissent in the country today, it seems JACL has to uphold the right of dissent. Maybe we can have position paper on all these issues published in the PC — to let people know what people are thinking, even if JACL isn't taking a stand on it. But we don't even do that.

SUZUKI: Let's encourage local chapters to take stands on political and social issues. Let's list some examples — like the Carswell nominations, Black Panther legal aid funds, etc., so that future positions can be encouraged.

MATSUI: Local chapters are not familiar with procedures on this score. We couldn't get a chapter to pass out information sheets to the public to get involved in community. They thought it was contrary to national and thought I should consult headquarters.

OKAMURA: I think most controversial matters before local boards are turned down. It means no involvement and avoiding issues. So Planning Commission should say it's OK and encourage it.

HONDA: Big question on political activities is the matter of tax status of tax status of JACL. Separate arm might answer this issue if members don't feel JACL's position should be jeopardized, but what is at stake for JACL if we should lose the nonprofit status? **SHIMIZU:** Perhaps the tax question is a legal matter which should be touched by the legal committee.

What should JACL do in the area of education?

Development of a JACL committee on education, with professional staff servicing the general area of education, and the JACL relations with UCLA with reference to the JARP were the principal issues in this area.

In the PSW, an education committee has been organized to work in the area of ethnic studies, helping to train teachers on Asian studies as well as develop curriculum and teaching aides. As for securing public or private funding for this program, it appears very dim—even if the Pucinski bill were passed.

A statement on education calling for better dissemination of information we now have on Japanese Americans was suggested and this led to possibilities of JACL establishing a library on Japanese American studies either in Los Angeles or San Francisco. The composition of the JARP executive committee came under scrutiny and because of the thrust of ethnic studies today, that group ought to be doubled in size to include persons aware of ethnic studies so information JARP has can be made available generally. The JACL offices at the present time is unable to offer too much help in this regard.

The PSW proposal to establish a Japanese Heritage Institute, patterned after the Brandeis Institute for young Jewish people, was found worthwhile and it was suggested the PSWDC pick up the tab to pursue the study for future national consideration.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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

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

TRANSCRIPT (Part V)
(Excerpts)

MITOMA: This report should be corrected to read, "Japanese Heritage Institute," an idea suggested by Joe Grant Masaoka patterned after the Jewish group in Simi Valley, impressing upon youngsters their Jewish heritage during a four-week summer course. It is based upon the principle that America is not a melting pot but a pluralistic society. This proposal calls for an an hoc committee to check out the idea and come back in 1971 with specifics and feasibility. $300 is requested.

HONDA: Couldn't PSW pick up the tab and pursue this since the camp is in Southern Cal? Planning Commission's role would be to see if it has national possibilities.

MATSUI: PSW has an education committee which can look into this.

SUZUKI: One of the functions of the PSW education committee is to develop curriculum material for elementary-secondary teachers on Asian American studies as well as train teachers in this area. Ethnic studies is very relevant today. Masaoka's letter on the Pucinski bill ran down some of the specifics on this. We seem to have a national committee on education in Kathy Reyes' function. Ethnic Studies will reach a vast number of people, this is where the emphasis should be.

HONDA: There should be no problem about the importance of ethnic studies, but the question is rather one of implementation. Do we have enough teachers; can we get enough funds to carry on? JACL is fortunate in having funded a start in this direction with developing of teaching material and aids.

SUZUKI: Maybe we need professional staff in JACL to work in this area of education and ethnic studies.

OKAMURA: Will the PSW proposal be a summer thing or yeararound?

MITOMA: The Brandeis institute is year-round. During the year, adults are called over on weekends for cram courses.

OKAMURA: That's fine. Then perhaps overall, there should be be a general policy on education —to provide resources in the area of Japanese American studies. We need better method of dissemination of information we now have, i. e., at UCLA's JARP. JARP is not open to everyone. We need to make it available to the public via a Japanese American studies center, whether it be in L.A. or San Francisco.

HONDA: This was suggested in the idea of developing a JACL library at the cultural community center in Little Tokyo.

OKAMURA: I don't know what's going to happen to the stuff at UCLA. The case is where people want info on Japanese and they check the phone book and first call up JACL. And we haven't much to give.

SUZUKI: It is unfortunate that nearly half million dollars was raised through JACL efforts and through Mike's work in Washington for a univerity and not for JACL in developing a studies center.

OKAMURA: I still find fault with the JARP. It was only formed to publish. Perhaps their executive committee can be expanded to include people involved in ethnic studies.

MATSUI: Didn't the Greater Pasadena Chapter approach the JARP to help them sort out material and use of the things?

SUZUKI: JARP was reluctant at that time . . . It seems the JACL member doesn't have that much access to the JARP material. JARP says material belongs to UCLA and if JACL wanted it back, it couldn't get it.

KUBOTA: My son is studying Asian studies at UCLA and can't get help from JARP. He has to come home and raid my little library for stuff, which is ridiculous.

OKAMURA: The UCLA-JACL relations will come to a head this year. However, the Planning Commission should recommend a resource location — whether it's UCLA or the JACL library. Also, I hope the JARP committee expands itself to twice of what it is to involve people in ethnic studies.

SHIMIZU: Are there any funds, grants, etc. available for ethnic studies?

SUZUKI: In our studies, we find no funds available in the federal agencies. Only hope now is in the Pucinski bill and yet I'm not that optimistic about it either for Asian studies. Likelihood is small among private foundations. There is some in the city school districts—like Berkeley—but it depends on local active groups to tap it. In L.A., active groups in Black and Chicano studies are approaching the board, but nothing from the Asian.

OKAMURA: School districts are in a better position to seek funds. So if we can mobilize large number of people to put pressure on school district to secure funds to ethnic studies, it can be done . . . but mobilizing public pressure is difficult. JACL can't do it alone here at the chapter level.

CUZUKI: It goes back to finding staff to research for funds in education. Also it's another way of using the Washington representative.

Have we forgotten JACL's goals?

By RAY OKAMURA

Berkeley

Recently, the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council overwhelmingly (15-6) defeated a motion to send a telegram to President Nixon protesting the expansion of the Vietnam war by the invasion of Cambodia. This issue caused the most intense floor debate since the controversy over Japan Week a year ago.

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The peculiar thing was that the opponents of the motion did not argue the actual issue, but only argued procedure, i.e., a written resolution was not submitted 30 days in advance, not enough is known about the issue, and delegates could not vote without first consulting their chapters. No one particularly argued for the invasion or in support of the Vietnam war. Apparently, the majority just did not want to take a stand or did not want to send a wire to the President.

Intuitively, this observer suspects that the majority of people at that District Council meeting were actually against the invasion of Cambodia and were generally against the Vietnam war. The average JACLer is at that point in life where he or she has sons of draftable age, and this must be causing great anguish. But somehow they could not bring themselves to declare their position. Was it fear of reprisals, or the Quiet American syndrome, or something else?

Seen but Not Heard

The present-day average JACLer feels perfectly comfortable attending all those boring banquets where the local white politicians come slumming and pay their patronizing respects. Yet, the JACLers would not dare express their opinions to these same politicians, who are supposed to be their representatives and responsive to their will. Have we worked ourselves into the disenfranchisement of being seen but not heard?

What has happened over the years is that we have forgotten the real purpose of a citizens organization—the JACL. And, many members have become blindly attached to organizational tools, and have come to regard these tools as ends in themselves. All those banquets, dances, awards, and sports activities are merely the means of keeping the people in contact — they are "stand-by" activities to keep the group together until such time the real purposes of the organization comes into play.

In recent years the JACL membership has become rusty and forgetful. If the JACL involvement has deteriorated to having a comfortable banquet once in a while, there is not much point in maintaining a district and national organization. A regional or national organization is useful only for expressing the viewpoint of Japanese Americans on public issues, and to try to influence policy.

Political Force

If the old-timers will think back on why you organized the National JACL at all, you will recall that it was to work in the legislative and judicial areas to gain civil rights for Japanese Americans. Social and sports activities were peripheral at best, and mostly a training device to get Japanese Americans working together. In short, the National JACL was organized for political involvement, and if that is still not the purpose today, we might just as well disband into local social clubs.

Things are not that dismal. What we need now are new, young leaders (Or, a resurrection and rededication of old leaders) who can, with vision and purpose, move the JACL into becoming a powerful political force, with the ability to affect public policy. The JACL has done it once before during the 1942-1952 decade, and there is no reason why we cannot do it gain, especially considering all the talent we have in the Sansei activists, and considering, too, all the resources in the hands of the established Nisei.

The war in Asia is a very relevant issue for Americans of Asian ancestry, and perhaps we can make a contribution toward ending this brutal war. At least we can try. . . and that fiasco at the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council meeting must not be repeated.

THAI ROYALTY HOUSE GUEST OF UTAH JACLERS

SALT LAKE CITY — Mme. Somoe Svasti, a member of the Royal Family of Thailand, was a recent house guest of Dr. Jun and Helen Kurumada recently, the Salt Lake JACL Newsletter reported.

The visit to Salt Lake City was arranged for the Thai princess by Helen's brother who is consul general at Chiengmai, Thailand. It was a part of the Princess's 60 birthday gift—a trip around the world from her children.

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Touring Expo '70

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Osaka

The soft, bamboo-covered Senri Hills, which slope gently skyward beyond the city of Osaka, have for centuries been home only to snakes and a host of insects. Today, the Senri range, the site of Japan's gaudy Expo '70, throbs with life. Before the rising sun sets on the 183-day extravaganza, some 50 million Japanese plus 1,000,000 foreigners are expected to have visited the grounds. Without a doubt, it will go down as one of the most popular world's fairs in history.

I didn't attend the gala preview of Expo for VIPs. The ceremonial inaugural had far too much pomp and glitter. Besides, I wasn't invited.

Anyway, Expo is serving as a great international cultural exchange. Foreigners are learning about Japanese institutions. One European was fascinated by the idea of Turkish baths with adjoining bars. He told his friend: "You haven't lived till you have a rubdown with a dry martini."

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The first thing most readers probably want to know is how much a day at Expo will cost. It all depends on how big a spender you are. It can be done for $10 at the exposition or it can skyrocket to $50. The dollar gap depends on whether you just want to eat there or really dine.

EXPO MUSTS
You must:
- **See Astrorama.**
- **Try the food at the Scandinavian restaurant.**
- **Pay 800 yen to get in.**
- **Be out of your mind to come on a weekend.**

If you're watching your pennies, $10 will get you inside (about $2.25), a couple of rides in Expoland, a decent lunch (under $2), a few ice creams and snacks during the long day, an acceptable dinner in a foreign pavilion (if you order carefully) and a map or guide pamphlet to steer you around.

On the other hand if you want to dine in real style you can easily spend $50 on lunch, dinner, wine and liquor alone.

Expo is built around seven plazas named after the seven days of the week: Monday Plaza, etc. Linked by moving sidewalks, all seven lead to the Symbol Area.

EXPO MUSTN'TS
You mustn't:
- **Come without a hotel reservation or prearranged place to stay.**
- **Try to see it all in one day. You need at least two.**
- **Miss the U.S. Pavilion and the moonrock.**
- **Drink heavily and ride the roller coaster.**

Each plaza is surrounded by all kinds of service facilities, such as information booths, restaurants, shops and rest rooms.

The plazas are meant to serve as places not only to rest tired feet but also to meet friends.

A variety of entertaining shows are also held in the plazas to add a festive atmosphere to the exposition.

Summer drug education centers established

WASHINGTON — A federal program to present the fundamental of drug education to virtually every teacher in the nation by June 1971 through a six-week summer session has been established at four centers to be located at:

San Francisco State College, Univ. of Texas, Univ. of Wisconsin and Adelphi University at Garden City, N.Y.

Feelings with regard to business and employment opportunities

Question began to delve into the area of promotional opportunities and there appears to be no hard statistics with reference to the Japanese employee, though job surveys along ethnic lines are starting to come through for internal purposes only. JACL, while it may not be specifically searching for job discrimination cases as such, does find (like in the Noguchi and Ching cases) instances where the aggrieved person is willing to take a case of job discrimination and comes to JACL for assistance.

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EYES RIGHT—Enjoying the company of Japan starlet Miko Mayama (left) are Rep. George E. Brown Jr., Monterey Park City Councilman George Ige, and TV actor George Takei at the Kawafuku where the Asian Americans for Brown for U.S. Senate honored the California Democrat. Then a coworker with Pat Okura at City Hall at the outbreak of World War II, Brown defended the rights of Nisei at the time on evacuation; and is for repeal of Title II, the Emergency Detention Act, now before the House.

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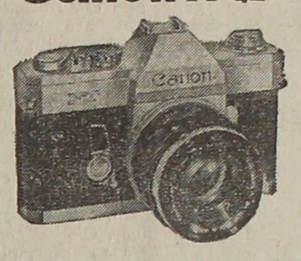

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PULSE ON THE CHAPTERS:

'Sansei Speaks' night at Wilshire

A recent peaceful demonstration by students was turned into confrontation with authorities, not by students but by agitators from the outside, a Ph.D. candidate at UCLA told a local community gathering.

Colin Watanabe gave "the student viewpoint' as he participated in "The Sansei Speak," a panel discussion before the **Wilshire JACL** May 11 at Centenary United Methodist Church. Warren Furutani, JACL field director, moderated the panel.

Watanabe reported that he witnessed the UCLA demonstration May 5 and described how he, as a bystander, was caught in the sweep by police after agitators from the outside disrupted the peaceful intention of the demonstration.

His account of the events leading to the most recent disturbances pointed to the fact that Asian Americans were involved.

Watanabe cited the Kent State killings, Vietnam war, President Nixon's announced U.S. incursion into Cambodia, and a lack of positive action from the Administration except rhetoric labeling students as "kooks" and "bums" as some of the bases for the students aroused concerns and their need for expressing their indignation.

Two other Japanese Americans and one Chicano discussed different areas of concern for the young people. Speaking were Ray Tasaki of the Asian American Hard Core; Linda Iwataki of the Japanese American Community Services (JACS); and Ron Noblett, who compared the Asian American with other ethnic minority communities.

Tasaki gave a picture of hope for persons on probation. Having dedicated himself to helping others with the same problems, Tasaki told the group he had served time in prison for habitual drug use.

"It is necessary for persons coming out of prison to find acceptance back into society, a chance for rehabilitation, jobs, to develop self worth," Tasaki said, "and that self-assurance developing from a peer group, and the Half-way House concept are project aims now operating with help from JACS."

Miss Iwataki, a JACS administrator and a graduate of Calif. State College at Los Angeles, through the involvement of young adults, said JACS meets vital community needs. Programs include Hard Core, Volunteer Legal Services, Okei Memorial Child Care Center, and Pioneer Project.

She became interested in JACS through meetings or "rap sessions" in the interracial Crenshaw area. These helped to cool a potentially explosive situation, she recalls, and the interracial discussions led to understanding and agreement that people are human and dignity was the name of the game.

Noblett explained the difcommunity and the Asian ferences between his Chicano community and the Asian community. He noted that Asians are a small minority, numerically, in this country, and Japanese Americans are segregation and ethno-cenparating themselves by selftrism.

He said the "search for identity" is found in all groups. The black and brown minorities, he added have an advantage in sheer numbers in demanding programs such as those which have been set up in schools and universities.

Wilshire chapter president, Mrs. Toshiko Yoshida, expressed hope that some understanding was reached and that young people as well as the older might listen and learn.

—Rafu Shimpo

Civic Affairs

1000 Club Report

May 15 Report

Downtown L.A. JACL presented Fr. Clement, now a Philadelphia JACL board member, with a 1000 Club life membership on April 30. It was part of the 103 new and renewing memberships received during the first half of May as follows:

Life: Downtown L.A.—Fr. Clement.

22nd Year: Hollywood—Arthur T. Ito; Wilshire—Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa.

21st Year: Chicago—Smoky H. Sakurada.

20th Year: San Diego—Tsutomu H. Ikemura; Chicago—Fred Kataoka.

19th Year: Downtown L.A.—Justice John A. Aiso; Marysville—Bill Z. Tsuji.

18th Year: Downtown L.A.—Harry K. Honda.

17th Year: San Francisco—Dr. Carl T. Hirota; Arizona—Masaji Inoshita; San Diego—George Kodama; Marysville—George Y. Okamoto; St. Louis—Mrs. Janet Yamomoto, Yukinobu Yamamoto.

16th Year: Pasadena—Mrs. Mary K. Ito; Stockton—Joseph Omachi; Sacramento—Dr. Henry I. Sugiyama.

15th Year: Gardena Valley—Sam Minami; Livingston-Merced—Robert Ohki, Frank Shoji; Long Beach-Harbor—Mrs. Hisa Ishii; Sacramento—Dr. James J. Kubo; Chicago—Dr. Kenji Kushino.

13th Year—San Francisco—Takafusa Fujisada; Marysville—Robert R. Kodama; Fresno—Dr. Sumio Kubo.

13th Year: Hollywood—Paul K. Kawakami; Snake River—Harry Morikawa; San Fernando Valley—Fred Y. Muto; San Jose—Dr. Robert S. Okamoto; Cincinnati—Benny Okura; New York—Kyuichi Sugihara; Livingston-Merced—George Yagi; Prog. Westside—Henry K. Yoshimine.

12th Year: Salt Lake—Ichiro Doi; Chicago—Dr. George T. Hirata; Long Beach-Harbor—Frances Ishii.

11th Year: Gardena Valley—Joseph W. Fletcher; Venice-Culver—Dr. Harold S. Harada; San Diego—Harry Kawamoto; San Francisco—John T. Yasumoto; Alameda—Jimmy Yumae.

10th Year: Boise Valley—K. John Arima; Long Beach-Harbor—Sumifusa Fujimoto; Portland—Ike Iwasaki; Snake River—Dr. Roy J. Kondo; Chicago—Dr. George T. Okita; San Francisco—Dr. H. Quintas Sakai.

9th Year: Philadelphia—Kaz Horita; San Francisco—Mike M. Inouye; San Mateo—Hiroshi Ito; Gardena Valley—Dr. William M. Jow; Downtown L.A.—Ted Okumoto; Cleveland—William S. Sadataki; Long Beach-Harbor—Frank S. Sugiyama.

8th Year: Chicago—Henry Chinn; Philadelphia—Mrs. Hatsumi Harada, Masaru Harada; Gardena Valley—Joe N. Hashima; Venice-Culver—Dr. Richard R. Saiki; Dayton—Mrs. Matilde Taguchi; Snake River—James Wakagawa.

7th Year: San Diego—Masato Asakawa; French Camp—John T. Fujiki; Sonoma County—George I. Hashimoto; Sequoia—Dr. Harry H. Hatasaka; Venice-Culver—Mrs. Frances Kitagawa; Mid-Columbia—Harry T. Morioka; Stockton—Harold Nitta.

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5th Year: Milwaukee—Henry K. Date; San Francisco—Ken Kiwawata, Franklin M. Tokioka; Alameda—Jerry S. Kobashi.

4th Year: Berkeley—Goro Endo, Roy H. Matsumoto, Takeo H. Shirasawa; Sequoia—Koji Murata; Venice-Culver—Gram Noriyuki; Arizona—R. J. Sanders; San Jose—Harry Y. Yoshida; San Francisco—Noby Yoshimura.

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2nd Year: San Fernando Valley—Robert F. Ives; Philadelphia—Mrs. Yukiko Moriuci; Sequoia—Mrs. Mary Murata; New York—Bunji Omura.

1st Year: Long Beach-Harbor—Richard Dearth; Cincinnati—Joseph Cloyd, Roderick Thomas; Chicago—Joyce Inouye; Twin Cities—Steve Iwago, Eugene Wald; Spokane—Dr. John M. Tanaka.

CALENDAR

May 30 (Saturday)

Salinas Valley—Memorial service, Columbarium, 10:30 a.m.; Yamato Cemetery, 11 a.m.

Salt Lake—Memorial service, Salt Lake City Cemetery, 10 a.m.

San Francisco—Memorial service, Golden Gate National Cemetery, Section R (NE area), 10-11 a.m., CWO Melvin Amerman, 6th Army HQ, spkr.

May 31 (Sunday)

San Francisco—Comm picnic, Speedway Meadows, Golden Gate Park, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

June 7 (Sunday)

West Valley—Chapter picnic.

PSWDC—Nisei Relays, Gardena High; Gardena Valley, San Gabriel Valley chapters co-hosts.

San Francisco—JACL Olympics, Cox Stadium, San Francisco State College.

June 8 (Monday)

Alameda—Bd Mtg, Buena Vista Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.

June 13 (Saturday)

Puyallup Valley—Graduates banquet.

Milwaukee—Graduates banquet, Limehouse.

June 14 (Sunday)

Detroit—Mystery Tour.

Salinas Valley—Barbecue, Bolado Park Pit 9.

Sacramento—Community picnic.

Cleveland—Community picnic, Weigand's Lake.

June 15 (Monday)

West Los Angeles—Bd Mtg.

June 18 (Thursday)

Cleveland—Graduates dinner, Church of the Savior.

June 20 (Saturday)

Mile-Hi—Graduates dinner, Cosmopolitan Hotel.

Riverside—Ondo practice, Gakuen, 7:30 p.m.

Gardena Valley—Coronation Ball, VFW Post Hall, Western and 162nd St., 8 p.m., Miss Gardena for Nisei Week to be crowned.

June 21 (Sunday)

Portland—JACL picnic.

June 24 (Wednesday)

Gardena Valley—Golf tournament Alondra Park, 10 a.m.

June 26 (Friday)

Seattle—Japanese Comm Coronation Ball, Washington Plaza Hotel.

June 28 (Sunday)

Monterey Peninsula—Comm picnic.

NC-WNDC—Spcl DC Mtg, Bank of Tokyo Japan Center Br, San Francisco.

PSWDC—Spcl DC Mtg, Los Angeles.

Riverside—Comm picnic, Sylvan Park, Redlands.

East Los Angeles—Dupres' beach party, Huntington State Beach.

ONE AFTERNOON SUCCESS—All hands of the 137-member Dayton JACL, including the Jrs. and even the kids, had their own booth at the "Culture of Japan Festival".

Scholarship

Portland honors high school grads

The **Portland JACL**, honored high school and college graduates from the local area Japanese community on Sunday, May 3, at their annual graduation banquet held at the Sheraton Motor Inn.

Speaker for the evening was Dr. Gregory Wolfe, President of Portland State University. Honored guests were:

Dr. and Mrs. Gregory Wolfe; Consul-General and Mrs. Ochi, Japanese Consulate; Mr. & Mrs. G. Ohmori, Bank of Tokyo; and Mr. & Mrs. Rudie Wilhelm, Japan Society of Portland.

Highlighting the evening was the presentation of the awards to nine outstanding high school graduates:

Veleda Award: Mary Yoneyama, Milwaukie H.S., daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jituso Yoneyama.

Nikkei Fujin Kai Award: David Curtis Shoji, Madison H. S. son of Mr. & Mrs. Bob K. Shoji.

Nikkei Jin Kai Award: John D. Uyeda, Roosevelt H. S., son of Mr. & Mrs. Shigeru C. Uyeda.

Oregon Nisei Vets, Inc. Awards: Michael Thomas Akagi, Benson H.S., son of Mr. & Mrs. Yosh J. Akagi; Gary Alan Maehara, Lincoln H.S., son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Maehara.

Roger Okamoto Memorial Award: Sara Yada, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Tats Yada.

Portland Chapter JACL Award: Barbara Ann Yasui, Washington H.S., daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Homer Yasui.

Junior Citizenship Awards: Radine Sharon Ninomiya, Jefferson H.S., daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Nug Ninomiya; Tyler N. Tsunemitsu, Franklin H.S., son of Mr. & Mrs. Tom A. Tsunemitsu.

San Mateo award

Susan Obata, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Takashi Obata, was recently chosen out of several candidates to receive the **San Mateo JACL** scholarship of $200 given to a local high school graduate based on grade point, awards, school, church and community activities. Susan will graduate in June from San Mateo High School and has been selected as one of the two commencement speakers.

Watsonville names finalist for JACL scholarship

George Sakata, son of Tommy Sakata, is the **Watsonville JACL** nominee for a National JACL scholarship, according to Dr. Francis Tomozawa, chapter scholarship committee chairman. Also announced were winners of the chapter scholarship:

$200—Janice Aramaki, daughter of the Roy Aramakis.

$100 Awards—Michael Arao, son of the Henry Araos; Reba Arao, student at Cabrillo College, daughter of the Henry Araos.

Sports

JACL golf tourney

The third annual **Gardena Valley JACL** golf tournament will be held on Wednesday, June 24, at Alondra Park. Starting times are available to accommodate 100 fellows plus 25 openings for the distaffers with the first tee-off scheduled for 10 a.m. for the men and for the ladies at noon. The $13 entry fee covers green fees and a banquet at Kyoto Sukiyaki. Reservations may be made with:

Harry Nasu, 327-4684; Bruce Kaji, 770-1250; Dr. Paul Sumida, 327-5270.

Tentative plans look promising for a junior golf tournament also sponsored by the local chapter to be held sometime in June.

PSW Oratorical Contest

LOS ANGELES—Irene Fukunaga, representing the Progressive Westside JACL, was the lone contestant in the recent PSWDC oratorical contest. She will be the district's finalist in the coming National JACL speechfest at Chicago.

PNWDC orator

GRESHAM, Ore.—Steve Kono of Fife High, representing Puyallup Valley JACL, was the lone entry in the PNWDC oratorical contest held April 19 and will represent the district at the Nationals in Chicago.

Round the World

May 11 Total: $5,140

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Kiyoshi Akiyama, Yataro Minami, Mitsuhiko Shimizu, Saburo Kido, Dr. Teru Togasaki (San Francisco); Umejiro Okamoto, Tokichi Nakawatase, Dr. C. T. Uesu; William H. Marumoto, Mrs. Saku Shirakawa, Mrs. Tetsu Hitomi, Henry Nomura, Toyoshige Ioki, Sannosuke Madokoro, Dr. James Hara, Itaro Nagai, Sam Kubota, San Diego Yushi; Heikichi Miyagishima, Mr. and Mrs. Seijiro Inose, Tamotsu Ikemoto, Doko M. Tokeshi, Henry Honda, Masayuki Yoshida, Gizo Noguchi, Tatsuo Abe, Eiji Kakiuchi, Sachiko Saito, Mr. and Mrs. Kiyo Nakata, Tom Imai, Mr. and Mrs. Toyotaro Okamoto, Mrs. Chiyono Matsushita, N. T. Shimamoto, Takeshige Sakabu, Takeshige Kurita, Yataro Suzuki, Masano Aminaka, Iki Fujitsubo, Shinji Yoshida $1,065

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There were demonstrations of brush writing and painting, origami, flower arranging and doll making going on all afternoon. Dancing, tea ceremony and sword demonstrations were part of the afternoon entertainment by the chapter men and womenfolk.

A full-size Japanese room was set up and those who wanted pictures sitting in the room could do so.

Three Japanese stores were busy all day, and snacks of Japanese foods were served to all comers.

Gerald Hawkins, Festival chairman, and Fred Fisk, Chapter president, announced that the crowd was 120% larger than the former high of 800 two years ago.

Proceeds of the festival (all admissions were paid) was twice that of any past endeavor. Heavy TV coverage, four shows plus three major newspaper articles boosted the crowd to the high level, Hawkins said. The Festival ran for five hours.

Brotherhood Fund

LOS ANGELES—Some 35,000 letters appealing for support of the Yellow Brotherhood Community Center were dispatched to Japanese Americans in Los Angeles. Since the previous report (May 15 PC), a total of $475 was acknowledged for a current total of $12,133, according to Dr. James Matsuba and George Izumi, co-chairmen, as follows:

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Aloha from Hawaii

by Richard Gima

Kewalo Plan

Detroit architect **Minoru Yamasaki** believes the controversial West Kewalo Plan, although imperfect, is a step in the right direction toward upgrading the central core of Honolulu. His firm, Yamasaki & Associates, is architect-consultant to the Dillingham Corp., for its proposed 1,200-room hotel to be built next to the Ala Moana condominium as part of the plan, which has been denounced by the City Planning Dept. Yamasaki feels if the city is to plan for million or million-and-half people who will be living in the coming decades, the city will probably have to abandon the 350-feet building height limit and avoid the helter-skelter of "Waikiki all over again".

Cost of Living

According to the Tax Foundation of Hawaii, statistics show that it costs more to live and to pay taxes in Hawaii than just about any other state. In its 1970 Financial Handbook on Hawaii Government Finances, the foundation said that the cost of living in Hawaii is second to Alaska, which is top in the nation. The foundation also says that only three other states have a higher per capita tax burden than Hawaii. New York was the highest with $503 per resident while Hawaii averaged $491 per resident.

But the foundation says that the average personal income in Hawaii is $3,515 per year while the national figure is $3,421 per year.

Names in the News

Dr. George Tanaka, a Honolulu dentist, has been elected to the board of trustees of the Univ. of Missouri Dental School. A 1949 honor graduate, he has served several years on the Hawaii state board of health.

Riichi Shibano, 79, proprietor of Shibano Store, Wailuku, Maui, will soon receive the Order of the Sacred Treasure, Sixth Class, from Emperor Hirohito. Shibano said he has done nothing wrong in his life, and the truth finally comes out—and that's why he is getting the award.

The Mid-Pacific Institute Alumni Assn. recently named City Councilman Ben Kaito as the "man of the year." Newly elected assn. officers are Raymond Sekiya, pres.; Dr. Benjamin Koike, 1st v.p.; James Kometani, 2nd v.p.; Mrs. Virginia Tamanaha, rec. sec.; Mrs. Leatrice Yukinaga, corres. sec.; Edward Yamanaka, treas.; and David Miyamoto, aud.

Minoru Murakami, founder and president of Hilo Printers, has been awarded the Sixth Class, Order of the Sacred Treasure, by the Japanese government. Murakami was branch manager of the Hawaii Times for many years. Friends will honor him at Wailoa state park June 20. He is not well enough to go to Japan to accept the award, relatives said.

Michael J. Murakoshi, an assistant credit examiner at First Hawaiian Bank, has been elected incoming president of the Kailua Jaycees and will succeed current president Rodney Alfonso in June. Other officers elected are **Lawrence Brown**, internal v.p.; **Alden Kamaunu**, 1st external v.p.; and **Melvin Silva**, 2nd external v.p.

William Tsuji is the new president of the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce. Other officers are **Sidney Kosasa**, 1st v.p., **James Fujikawa**, sec.; **Fred Tamura**, treas.; **Hideo Kajikawa**, 2nd v.p.; **Masao Kamisato**, executive v.p.; **Teruo Himoto**, pres.-elect; **Geo. Fukunaga**, immediate past president; and auditors, **Conrad Akamine**, **Rusty Kawamura** and **William Naganuma**.

Two Oahu men and a Wake Island woman have been named winners of the three top federal employees of the year awards. They are **James R. Banks**, Kaneohe, manager of the year; **Antone Gonzalves**, Kailua, man of the year; and **Mrs. Betty Jane Joao**, Wake Island, woman of the year.

Nana Ozaki, Shochiku star, and singer **Kensaku Morita**, took part in Nippon Theater's film festival in Honolulu in April.

Univ. of Hawaii

State Sen. **Frederick W. Rohlfing** said that faculty members involved in the takeover of the ROTC buildings at the Univ. of Hawaii should be fired immediately. Rohlfing, a Republican, introduced a senate resolution which also called for ROTC protest. Rohlfing's resolution asked that the university's board of regents take necessary action against the faculty members and students. Faculty members named are **Oliver Lee**, **Ben Norris**, the Rev. **Robert Warner**, **Neil Abercrombie**, **George Hudes**, **Helge H. Mansson** and **Thomas Gladwin**.

Tuna Forecast

Another dismal year apparently is in store for Hawaii's depressed tuna (aku) fleet. Scientists at the Honolulu Laboratory of the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries predict that the 1970 catch will be no better than average, and probably below average. **Richard S. Shomura**, acting area director, announced the tuna forecasts, based on several methods of figuring catches at the laboratory.

Business Ticker

Hawaii's **unemployment** rate dropped to 3.2 per cent of the labor force in March from February's 3.4 per cent, state labor director **Robert K. Hasegawa** has announced. The number of jobless dropped by 750 to 10,770, with unemployment declining on all islands except Molokai, he said. Total employment went up 1,350 during March to 324,420, resulting mainly from retail for spring sales.

Congressional Score

Rep. **Patsy T. Mink** has urged that no time be wasted in making a free associated state of Micronesia. In an article appearing in the Washington Post, Mrs. Mink noted the Political Status Commission of Micronesia, as recommended this form of partnership with America.

Appointments

Christine Ling, a staff member of the State Dept. of Health since 1958, has been appointed a health education officer. Miss Ling is a graduate of the Univ. of Hawaii with a master's degree in public health education from the Univ. of Michigan.

Gov. John A. Burns has named **James Nishi as honorary commissioner of the Hawaii Pavilion at Expo '70.** Nishi, president of the United Japanese Society of Hawaii and member of Hawaii's Expo '70 Citizens Advisory Board, is a native of Honolulu who attended Kansai University in Osaka.

The board of education has named **Mrs. Evangeline Barney** to fill a newly created post, program specialist for student activities. Other appointments follow: Honolulu—**Santiago A. Agcaoili**, principal, Hawaii School for the Deaf and Blind; **Mary Alice Doyle**, prin., Linekona School; **Billy G. Southwood**, prin., Kawananakoa Inter. School; **Tsugio Suzuki**, prin., Waikiki School; **Stanley C. L. Kau**, prin., Kaimuki High School (one year only); **Mrs. Mae Y. Swanson**, prin., Kalihi School; **Kazuo Ikeda**, prin., Kalihiwaena School; **Mrs. Genevieve Wakayama**, prin., Waimalu School; **George M. Nakama**, vice prin., Koko Head School.

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Maui—**Russell T. Omoto**, prin., Lihikai School; **Mitsuji Ariyoshi**, v.p., Lahainaluna High School; Kauai—**Edward Y. T. Ho**, v.p., Waimea High and Inter. School; and **James H. Yasuda**, v.p., Kapaa High and Inter. School.

Deaths

Dr. Robert M. Miyamoto, 56, of Hilo died Apr. 30 in Hilo Hospital after a long illnes. He was a past president of the Hawaii Medical Assn. and the Hawaii County Medical Society. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy, two sons, and three daughters.

Ray A. Otsuka, 65, of 1504 Dominis St., Honolulu, died Apr. 29 at Hale Nani Hospital. He was a retired v.p. of City Bank of Honolulu and a former Bank of Hawaii branch mgr. in Kau-Pahala. He is survived by his wife, Tomo, two sons and two daughters.

David R. Yogi, 44, Kaneohe businessman and former member of the state board of education, died Apr. 26 in Castle Memorial Hospital. In 1961 Yogi was named "Windward Man of the Year" by the Windward Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Join the JACL

The Spartan Beat — Mas Manbo

Sumo Time

TOKYO — May time is sumo time and once again Jesse Kuhaulua, pride of Hawaii, has come in for attention.

Big Jesse, dubbed Takamiyama, went into the summer tournament in the capital as No. 5 maegashira, a demotion from komusubi, the rank he held previously. After a poor start, he appeared headed for a fine finish in the 15-day tourney.

As is known to one and all, Jesse is the only non-Oriental to make the grade in big-time sumo so far. However, he is not the first American-born sumo aspirant to become a makuuchi or senior division wrestler.

That honor went 26 years ago to a boy from Colorado named Kiichiro Ozaki who climbed into sumodom's major league the hard way—in the middle of the Pacific War.

Sumoist Ozaki, one of several Nisei who made bids for sumo fame, had no big following like Jesse in the land of his birth. In fact, even among the Nisei in Tokyo, only a handful—a few of those in the news field—had been aware of Ozaki's efforts to climb up the sumor ladder. And this was only because his most devoted fan, a fellow named Kats Nagamoto, had been one of us.

Kats, a close friend of Ozaki, it seems, was also from Colorado. He enthusiastically checked on Ozaki's progress, at least when the Nisei wrestler was in the juryo, or junior division, equivalent to Triple A.

When Ozaki finally became a makuuchi, the plaudits were scanty. There were too many other things for us to think about at the time. Even his pal Nagamoto couldn't have given Ozaki's feat much attention. The war was coming closer to home. It was mid-1944 when Ozaki made it—less tha na year before the B-29 bombers began showering the capital with firebombs.

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Not much had been made known about Ozaki's sumo career, so back in January 1962, this writer made a special effort to find out the facts.

Ozaki, whose ring name was Toyonishiki, it appeared, was a strapping six-footer equal in height to Kashiwado, the now retired yokozuna. The Nisei was said to be a real comer.

He entered the Dewanoumi Camp to start off his sumo career in 1938, at a time when the great Futabayama was in the middle of a record 69-bout win streak compiled over a three-year period. There were two meets in those days, and not six a year as today.

Ozaki worked his way up to the juryo or junior division in 1943, which was in wartime, of course.

Then in May 1944, he wrestled for the first time in the makuuchi division, the major league. Ozaki was 25 at the time and weighed around 210 pounds, which is featherweight in upper-class sumo.

Ozaki, or Toyonishiki, was ranked as tailend No. 20 maegashira for his first appearance in big time and he did well.

Regarded as a thrusting specialist, he won six and lost four in the 10-day tournament, which was staged in the open-air at Korakuen ball park. The meet was shortened to 10 days although the usual number had been 15 since the summer of 1939. And it was held at Korakuen as the Kokugikan sumo amphitheater had been taken over by the military.

Haguroyama won the tournament with a sweep of 10 matches. Futabayama, winner of 12 tourney championships, lost once to fellow-grand champion Terukuni and wound up just out of the money.

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Japan's losing war spelled finish for Toyonishiki's promising sumo career. No sooner did he gain the upper division in stringent conditions in wartime—when sumo wrestlers had to serve in the labor corps and food was scarce, so the chankonabe or wrestlers' stew must have been quite thin—then he was drafted by the army.

He was back in sumo after Japan's surrender and appeared in a minor meet in Osaka in June 1946. But he had lost his touch and fared badly.

Giving up his sumo career, Ozaki became an interpreter for the Occupation Forces. Back in 1962, he was said to be running a hotel in Tokyo's Fukagawa section.

Ozaki will remain as the only Japanese from the United States to wrestle in sumo's major league, unless Sadao Isomura of Hawaii gets up there. Isomura, known as Tamagiyama, is in the sandanme division down in the minors.

Besides Isomura and Kuhaulua, foreigners in Japanese sumo today include Ryuhei takenaka of Brazil, known as Tatsunishiki, and Carl Martin of California, christened Araiwa for sumo. Takenaka is in the jonidan class and Martin is a sandanme.

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TANGLE OF INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY

Continuance of friendly relations between the United States and Japan is a basic concern of the Japanese in America and JACL believes its maintenance is crucial to peace in the Pacific. One of the gravest challenges to U.S.-Japan relations is coming June 22, when the 10-year-old Mutual Security Pact comes up for renewal. On June 23, if nothing is done to terminate the treaty, it automatically renews itself for an indefinite period and only subject to cancellation on prior notice of one year by either side.

To prevent the kind of mass rioting that rocked Tokyo in 1960 when the Diet pushed through the treaty, the government has managed to cool it by having the Diet out of session (its current session ended May 13) and its riot police ready to suppress violence in the streets, which the government anticipates.

Hence, the U.S. foray into Cambodia worries the ranks of Japanese government. Some Tokyo officials feel American public opinion could lead to a general weakening of U.S. commitment in the Far East. The presence of Japan Foreign Minister Aichi at the Jarkarta Conference, which called for withdrawal of all foreign troops from Cambodia, was not popular with the Japanese either.

Perhaps, this is Japan's way of "doing more" in Asia in the realm of diplomacy—of helping to keep the peace. But it's not that simple—for the peace in Asia is a balance of force between Russia and China in spite of the U.S.A.

One wonders what role the Midest problem has with the Vietnam issue now the balance of power in the Mideast is being affected. American interests in the Mideast are said to be far greater than American interests in Southeast Asia. International diplomacy is, indeed, more mysterious than ever. No wonder those who tire of thinking out the ramifications prefer to become isolationist.

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PREVIOUSLY-DISTRIBUTED RESOLUTIONS

In replaying the tapes of the recent PSWDC business session, it was abundantly clear that those proposals which were previously distributed to the chapters garnered more thoughtful consideration. The delegates were able to get down to business without dilatory questions. There was no joking-around, though humor is always welcome in midst of a heated debate to relieve tension.

On the other hand, the PSWDC resolution against the war in Southeast Asia which was only distributed to delegates during the luncheon and then introduced as new business later that afternoon was adopted without undue foot-dragging. Perhaps its passage was due to the keynote speech by JACL legal counsel William Marutani the previous evening in addition to the concise presentation by school teacher Harry Kawahara, president of the Greater Pasadena Area chapter.

But it has been our experience to note that the more "previously distributed" a resolution is, the more assured the intended action among delegates assembled at a district meeting. If the matter is particularly controversial, the delegate prefers the direction and understanding of their chapter board or membership in order to cast a meaningful vote.

This type of appreciation for "previously distributed" resolutions will surely grow and increase—to the point it may become standard operating procedure. When delegates begin to insist on it, the policy to have all matters before the council committed in black & white on paper before any action is possible will blossom — something now PSW Governor Mas Hironaka had long hoped for.

Several bienniums ago, Hironaka called for general agenda matters before the National JACL Council be introduced upon written resolution, with or without the "whereases", and disseminated to the chapters at least 60 days prior. The resolutions were also to be numbered on the basis of the originating jurisdictions to expedite their identity.

There was some confusion at the recent PSW session when the title to a defeated motion was used again to head a similar resolution that subsequently passed. And the delegate who only witnessed the first resolution defeated and then happens to read in the PC that the district has passed it will undoubtedly wonder what's happening. Numbering will certainly help in such cases.

But Hironaka's grand scheme didn't get very far then. It looked like a lot of unnecessary paperwork and administrative hubbub. But there seems to be a yearning for making good use of what little business time there is during the National Council to discuss policy and procedural matters. And with prospects of more controversial issues coming before the convention, the delegates will have to rely on "previously distributed" resolutions if the matter is going to be favored with any kind of worthwhile dialogue.

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'Being accepted'– what does it mean in race relations?

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The other day I was talking with Tats Misaka and the subject of "being accepted" came up. Tats is very emphatic about this phrase when it pertains to racial relationships.

Since then, I have been giving some thought to what we talked about and the idea of "being accepted."

Some definitions of the word "accept" are: to receive with consent; to endure without protest; to regard as proper, normal, or inevitable. The phrase "being accepted" has many implications. When we accept something, whether it be a simple inanimate object such as a pen or a complicated unpredictable human being the implication is always there that, along with being accepted, there is also by necessity, the possibility of being rejected. There is only one other choice—that of "being tolerated."

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However, when referring to people, rights as well as emotions must be considered. Who has the right to reject or accept who?

When two people meet for the first time and later become close friends, they must accept each other on a mutual basis—each accepting the faults as well as the virtues of the other. There is no question as to who had the right of acceptance and their friendship is long lasting.

Sometimes, however, one person knows of another and hopes to be accepted as a friend by this other person. This automatically places each person on a different level.

A relationship which evolves out of this type of situation often results in a strong friendship. If the want of being accepted is sincere and the acceptance of one for the other is total regardless of the many imperfections which humans have, the relationship will endure.

One person, being sincere in his want to be accepted, strives continually to find the right combination of actions and self sacrifice so that he will be accepted. Often this proves beneficial to both parties even though the friendship is never one of complete acceptance by both parties.

In a relationship of this type, it is very easy for the one to become complacent when he assumes that he has achieved his goal and is accepted; thus, he may take too much for granted and this may be very dangerous in his particular relationship. One wrong move and he is rejected completely and is left frustrated and dejected.

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With the advent of migration and immigration, the immigrants automatically placed themselves and their offsprings on the level of those wishing to be accepted.

In their efforts to become accepted, not as individuals, but as a people of foreign origin, the country as a whole is greatly benefited when these people are willing to share their natural skills and the qualities of their heritage for the benefit of all.

This is the situation in which the Americans of Japanese Ancestry are in today. The very fact that we are in a country other than that of of ancestral origin, whether by choice or circumstance, has placed us on the level of those who must strive to be accepted.

I am sure that the AJA as a people sincerely wish to be accepted by this country. The record which we have compiled in industry, professions, social behavior, and in the military history of America has proven this.

The question we must ask ourselves now is "Can we now become complacent in the belief that we, as a people, have been accepted?"

Teach-in–

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ed to express their stand there was a table where signatures were solicited for several petitions.

During the final question and answer period, a lengthy remark castigating American business and industry was made and drew a question from William Marutani of Philadelphia, who was in the audience.

Questions Statement

The noted Nisei attorney sought to ask the previous speaker what he proposed to replace the present system.

However, it was pointed out by the chairman that such a debate was out of order.

Marutani, National JACL legal counsel, was en route to Los Angeles to be the main speaker at a Pacific Southwest JACL District Council meeting.

The "reach out" was held with the endorsement of the National JACL, University of California at Berkeley and San Francisco State college Asian Studies programs and the San Francisco Center for Japanese American Studies.

The Bay Area students were planning a followup meeting in San Francisco.

—Nichi Bei Times

GUEST COLUMN

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

JACL Caucus

Editor:

Since I chaired the meeting of the "New" JACL Caucus in Los Angeles on April 25, I wish to verify the fact that JACL National President Jerry Enomoto was merely communicating OUR concerns about the Nisei of the Biennium to Recognitions Chairman Tom Shimasaki.

This meeting was the first national gathering of the New JACL Caucus, and 35 key leaders from throughout the country were present to organize a liberal caucus within the JACL to work for constructive changes in the organization. The meeting was well advertised in the Pacific Citizen, and was open to any and all interested persons. Everyone in attendance was a dedicated and hard working JACL member.

President Enomoto is not a member of the Caucus, but he was specially invited as an observer due to his position as national president. Since he had other JACL meetings in Los Angeles that day, he said he would attend for a short while.

President Enomoto joined us midway in the meeting and stayed only 30 minutes. (The entire meeting went on all day and most of the night). At the time he walked in, we happened to be discussing the possibility of Dr. S. I. Hayakawa receiving the Nisei of the Biennium award. We expressed our deep anxiety about the divisiveness that this will cause and we specifically asked President Enomoto to relay our concerns to the National Recognitions Chairman, Tom Shimasaki.

We simply asked if he would do this and he agreed. There were no threats and no pressure tactics.

At some later date, I will go into the whole issue of the Nisei of the Biennium and Dr. S. I. Hayakawa, but for the purposes of this letter, I only wish to confirm that President Enomoto, as a responsible JACL officer, was acting on our behalf in communicating our feelings to Mr. Shimasaki. As far as we are concerned, there are no sinister motives behind President Enomoto's actions.

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Nisei of Biennium

Editor:

This is an open letter to the Chairman and members of the JACL National Recognitions Committee charged with the selection of Nisei of the Biennium, and to Nisei educators in colleges and universities, who share my observations below, and to request that they communicate their concerns to the Committee.

It is the case that most people are not interested in the internal workings of organizations and even if one wanted to learn about such matters, the average citizen would find it exceedingly difficult to obtain the information. One bit of information is that the University of California, Berkeley campus, has several top level administrative vacancies, one of which has been offered to me and although it represents a promotion and a sizeable increase in salary, I have declined.

The administration also contacted the Asian-American students on this campus and requested a list of names of Asian-American candidates, but the students have refused. This is rather odd because one of the demands during the Third World strike was the appointment of Third World people in all levels of operations, but these vacancies will undoubtedly be filled by non-Asians. Why?

The reason is quite simple. The appointment of an Asian-American administrator on a college campus raises the spectre of the yellow man being a cop-out, a banana, a racist, or the white man's lackey, all because of the antics of one man. One might argue that one doesn't have to be like *him*, but it is the nature of organizations to co-opt its members, especially when one occupies a position of administrative authority.

In my work on human relations and specifically in the area of inter-minority group relations, I have discovered that this *one man* has set back the image of Japanese Americans to the 1930s. He is no doubt a hero of sorts to many adult Americans, but a colorful style and newsworthy utterances do not imply contributions to the welfare of Japanese Americans, let alone to the brotherhood of all men.

Please, I beg of you, do not place us in the position of having to apologize to the Sansei, to Third World people, and to the many others, who take the problem of institutional racism very seriously.

PAUL TAKAGI
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Salvo No. 2

Dear Jerry,

Clifford Uyeda was absolutely correct in his open letter, concerning your actions in the Hokubei Mainichi, dated, Saturday, May 9, 1970.

A letter from you to the chairman of the JACL Nisei of the Biennium Committee, stating your personal opinion that you did not see Dr. S. I. Hayakawa as deserving the Nisei of the Biennium Award was in astoundingly bad taste.

It is objectionable to anyone's basic sense of decency and fair play, whether one favors Dr. S. I. Hayakawa or not. It is the very type of thing for which the youngsters of today criticize our generation.

As the president of JACL, you were duty-bound to maintain a strictly neutral stance. A national president must be above reproach in such matters. Any communication to the committee chairman which might even minutely influence the decision of the committee is inexcusable, no matter what your motivations were.

The chairman of the Nisei of the Biennium Committee is a dedicated veteran JACLer and a man of integrity. You appointed him to that position and now he should be allowed to carry out his assigned duties without any further interference from you or any other JACLer.

The candidates should be judged strictly upon their own merits by the duly appointed committee or the JACL name will be without honor.

You have criticized some JACLers for objecting to the fact that other JACLers are "rocking the boat" on certain issues. Now you are objecting to the possibility that a certain candidate for the Nisei of the Biennium may be given the award and that this would be divisive or cause internal difficulties.

Are you not in essence saying that it is fine when the boat is rocked your way, but you object to the boat being rocked in any other way? I believe that your recent actions and remarks should undergo some deep soul-searching for the benefit of our JACL.

STEVEN J. DOI
San Francisco.

Jerry's Retort

Dear Steve:

I have waited a while before replying to your letter of May 10 because I did not want to overreact, or play a game of "one-upmanship" with you. Since you have seen my letter in reply to Clifford Uyeda, it is probably obvious that its contents apply directly to you also. However, your letter deserves a few additional observations.

May I also add that the airing of this matter in the public press is your choice. I have seldom experienced positive understandings resulting from letters ostensibly directed to an individual, carbon copies of which are scattered not only to the press, but also to "National JACL Board Members and other JACLers" (your terminology). Anyone reading this should also know that you conveniently "forgot" to discuss your feelings with me, before taking it to the "public".

I will not repeat the background of my memos to Tom Shimasaki, Recognitions Committee Chairman, since it has been fully covered in my earlier response. Nor do I feel it necessary to repeat, as I have stated to Tom and others, that I have never questioned Tom's integrity. In fact, if you don't doubt his integrity or that of his Committee, or that of the judges, you surely don't believe that my opinion, or anyone else's would influence their decision? Whether I have the right to express my personal opinion, or not, is perhaps a debatable point to you, it is not to me. The main point of my memo has been explained and, from Tom's reply to me, I gather that he did not interpret it as intended to "influence" him, or anyone else.

There are very few things in life, particularly today, about which I maintain "a strictly neutral stance." I do not subscribe to the idea that such a stance is incumbent upon the National President, nor do I believe that it is possible. However, President or not, the reality is that my opinion, good or bad, is not going to affect the decisions of people who have the integrity of their own convictions—that is a fact of life.

It is difficult for me to stomach your pious cliches about "decency and fair play", and "honor" in the light of your own performance in this matter. "The youngsters of today criticize our generation" for many things, including phoniness, piousness and patently unfair tactics. They criticize JACL for many other things, some of which I have tried to deal with during my terms in office. I will not defend that record because, if it needs defense, it should be by others in order to mean anything. Suffice it to say also that my conscience is clear, simply because I have dealt openly and aboveboard with people. Playing games, of the kind you have chosen to play, is not my bag.

Let me be very specific. I was informed that you were busy showing the now notorious memo (to Tom Shimasaki of 4-28) to JACLers at the NCWNDC meeting in Los Altos on May 3, adding your own editorial comments about me. I was at that meeting but you didn't see fit to talk to me, although we exchanged greetings and shook hands. WHY?

I want to speculate at this point that you evidently believe the JACL is on a bad course (whatever that means) and you see yourself as obliged to change it. Seizing upon this Nisei of the Biennium issue, to discredit me, would perhaps be a good way to go. On the other hand, will JACLers respect such a tactic which, in effect, debases the organization by degrading the office of the National Presidency? I think not.

Airing a matter of this kind, using the tactic of innuendo, in the public media, without the courtesy of direct contact, especially when we have been face to face, is contemptible. I suggest to you that we leave it to our fellow JACLers who, in your words, should do "some deep soul searching for the benefit of our JACL."

JERRY J. ENOMOTO
National President

Cambodia Resolution

Editor:

I wish to correct an error in the (PC May 15) report of the Cambodian motion presented by me at the last JACL Northern California Western Nevada District Council meeting on May 3 in Los Altos.

The report erroneously stated that the motion "was voted down on the technicality" that the delegates did not have an opportunity to study the motion before acting upon it. This was not the case inasmuch as the delegates voted on the merit of the motion alone.

In the discussion prior to the roll call vote, the technicality was debated that every delegate must have time to poll his chapter and/or board before voting on such a motion and that all motions must have the approval of a chapter board before presentation.

As the author of the motion, I stated that it was conceived on the morning of the District Council meeting, that there was no time to poll the chapter and/or board since President Nixon's pronouncement, that I was guided by my own conscience, and that I considered it a relevant issue for action by the District Council, and, finally, that it was unrealistic for delegates to confine their considerations only to those issues that procedurally allow time for prior approval from their chapters or boards. The District Governor allowed the motion to stay alive, and it was put to roll call vote.

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Planning Commission

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The need to develop grievance committees within the chapters to help people out—not necessarily with the flourish of national publicity as in the Noguchi case — must be met. The name of JACL can also open a lot of doors. JACL can also cut out a lot of red tape involved in such matters.

In the area of apprenticeship, which JACL has long supported, JACL can work with other community groups to develop interest in this program. JACL can also break down the stereotype that all Japanese are college graduates, middle-class, quiet, etc., in approaching hiring agencies, unions, etc.

Another area of employment problems which JACL might consider is the recent immigrant from Japan, who has a language handicap. The JACL image among that group would be enhanced by helping them.

JACL members who have businesses might also be encouraged to get involved in hiring the less fortunate, including the Japanese.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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

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

TRANSCRIPT (Part VI)
(Excerpts)

What are some of the feelings with regard to business and employment opportunities?

SHIMIZU: Matter of "mobility" in employment, not so much entry into it, but promotinal opportunities for Japanese and of interest nationally in terms of civil service deserve some attention. Maybe we can initiate a study of why Japanese aren't moving up.

MATSUI: We have many things going for us in this area. It's now a case of whether to go out in the open or work within the system to secure promotions. In the Ching case, it was harrassment because he was an Asian. We can't let up on this kind of machinery for supporting individuals who feel discriminated against. National JACL will have to polish up its machinery to meet these kinds of situations; it might take research; it might require a committee to set it up—and committees are set up because a need exists.

OKAMURA: Maybe a grievance committee on a national basis, comprised of people who know how to get to employers, with not so much publicity like the Noguchi case, but who can help people, ought to be set up.

MATSUI: Maybe this system can be explored for other grievances—not just jobs. Like maybe a parent feels hs boy should be on an all-star team; questions about issuance of liquor licenses; calling officials in local government on behalf of interested parties—all of which I am trying to say is that JACL can help cut a lot of red tape.

HONDA: The JACL office has always tried to help people out—and it works in areas like L.A. or San Francisco, etc., where because of staff and an office—but in other areas it will be less effective.

OKAMURA: For lack of staff, we ought to recommend each chapter organize a grievance committee. JACL, because of its name and record, can be extremely powerful in this area. All it takes a few phone calls to straighten things out right away.

ENOMOTO: We need — not so much as committees—but chapters organize an active group to handle these kinds of problems.

MATSUI: Once the word gets out that a JACL chapter is handling this kind of matter where a Nisei who took an exam and is overlooked, complains to JACL for assistance and is helped, there will be other Nisei taking exams.

OKAMURA: When JACL approaches any personnel office and inquires about hiring practices of Japanese and promotional opportunities, such that visit alone will open up a lot of doors.

KUMAMOTO: And all have ethnic surveys now.

ENOMOTO: Ray Uno's package includes this aspect of job survey although he wasn't able to come up with all the statistics.

SUZUKI: Can we work up a special man to work on this factor alone?

ENOMOTO: It is a proper recommendation from this group.

SUZUKI: We're talking very much about the middle-class segment of our population now, but what about those on welfare, the senior Issei group? Do you think the stereotype of the Japanese being quiet, well-educatd, self-sustaining is hindering other less fortuante Japanese?

KUMAMOTO: And what about the dropouts, those who have no college degrees?

OKAMURA: Let's make it known to hiring agencies, unions, etc., that we're all not college graduates, etc.

HONDA: This goes into the area of apprenticeships.

MATSUI: JACL has always supported this program; I've sat through many state meetings on this. So we should now say—we need to find out how many are interested in apprenticeship training.

OKAMURA: In San Francisco, there is this cultural trade center which employs many recent immigrant Japanese. They are grossly underpaid, they are getting paid along Japan standards. If these employees go back to Japan, that's one thing. But many choose to stay and they can't continue to work at these scales so they begin to look elsewhere for work—and this is a difficult thing to do. No employment agency can place them because they have a language handicap.

HONDA: JACL had a job referral of sorts sometime back, so do we go back to that?

OKAMURA: Maybe not that far generally, but for building the image of JACL among recent immigrants, we might help.

SUZUKI: All we can encourage now is to have groups to aid these recent immigrants in the area of jobs.

FURUTANI: Placement jobs which JACS is trying to push is tough, although they have approached some firms and industries. JACL can be a tremendous resource in the area, but talk is not enough. TRW had a black and brown program going but nothing developed for the Asians—and this was in the area of Hard Core. Another problem is the reluctance of Japanese firms against hiring their own hard core people.

SHIMIZU: Dissemination of job opportunities, training, etc., seems to be a local program with help from staff in some instances. National can help if staff is involved.

FURUTANI: Perhaps we can shuck apathy in the area of job opportunities in general.

MATSUI: Can we have JACL members who have businesses get involved in hiring of hard core, etc.

On decision-making autonomy within chapters, membership participation

To the first question, chapters generally agreed that their decisions should not be contrary to policies of the national or district.

The second question quickly came up for discussion for it determined the life-style of JACL chapters in the community. Admitting that some members join JACL because of personal benefits, it was suggested that district officers and staff might visit with chapters to bolster membership participation in programs. When chapter leaderships ask what might be done, the answers are difficult to provide for lack of a dramatic national program. It would require sitting down with the board and combing the local scene for problem areas and working out local programs.

On the matter of staff visitation, in times of relative quiet and peace, it was urged that they make the rounds to maintain the contacts.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1—Recommending district councils develop clinics at the chapter level rather than conducting them at district sessions. In discussing purely local area problems, certain needs which JACL might meet can be ascertained—rather than depending upon a national program of some kind. These clinics can also develop new chapters.

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

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

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How much decision-making autonomy should local chapters possess, and in what areas?

SHIMIZU: There is some consensus here. There's qualifications as to areas which are preempted by national or district council. Chapters don't want to conflict with national policy.

How can JACL increase membership participation in the chapters?

NISHIKAWA: Perhaps the other question of how to increase participation and involvement of members in the local chapter is more important.

HONDA: Realistically, there seems to be no national formula for that—since we have all kinds of chapters. It depends upon leadership in each case.

SHIMIZU: Some chapters have suggested this area can be developed if they got a bigger take of the membership dus.

NISHIKAWA: This is a problem that I have wrestled with many, many years. What works with one chapter may not with another. It's one of the roughest problems, but if we lick this it will strengthen JACL. Some members join JACL because of benefits—like hospital insurance, etc.

SUZUKI: Why can't we send teams from the district to work with the chapter once a year to brainstorm and develop participation of the membership in chapter programs. They can answer questions like: What can the chapter do?

MITOMA: Along these lines, these chapter clinics in the district can be made into a real clinic at the chapter level. Staff and some people can meet with the chapter boards, etc.

MATSUI: When I first came on staff several years ago, I used to visit the chapter boards and had with me this chart showing the worth of chapter programs. Certain programs only involved and benefited the chapter alone, others affected the Japanese community and some affected the greater community. When a program affects the total community, it also reflects back to the Japanese community as well as the chapter. But when they came up with the question, what can we do,—I didn't have ready answer. That requires working at length with the group.

KUMAMOTO: If district board officers can be with staff on these chapter visitations, it can also help create new chapters as well.

KUBOTA: We lost a chapter in Central Cal. Why this happens for 25 miles away, another small chapter was extremely active, etc. While it may be easier to create new chaptrs, it's tough to keep a chapter going.

MATSUI: It's an unusual situation but that the Elks situation killed the Santa Maria chapter at one time, but it was also revived because of the same issue. It must be timing.

KUMAMOTO: Maybe we shouldn't beat a dead horse. Staff, operating from a distance in servicing a chapter, is only a catalyst. Other new resources ought to be developed.

HONDA: In areas where the Japanese population is small and if that area sees no real need for JACL, it's hard to resolve. It'll be a case-by-case situation.

NISHIKAWA: When local leadership feels a JACL is not needed, then it begins to wilt. If JACL had programs that fits their need—especially nationally—then the chapter can thrive.

KUMAMOTO: In some cases, the local leadership is tired. The chapter president has been elected over and over.

MATSUI: Perhaps these chapters which are dying are only going through the dues collecting bit. So if I visit an outlying chapter and they get 50 members, the same effort on my part in a ongoing chapter might mean 150 members.

NISHIKAWA: Program is still important. People join JACL because of program. They drop out if it isn't. But it's hard to dream up a national program.

KUMAMOTO: So it becomes a local program, working up local support, etc.

SHIMIZU: About chapter visitations by district officers and staff, whether it'll deelop more participation is questionable but the feeling I have is that they won't feel neglected on the part of National if staff were able to make the visits. This might help the situation.

KUMAMOTO: In my three-week tour with Joe Grant Masaoka, I visited with chapters and they want a speech, they want us to tell them what they had already read in the PC in terms of programs of going on, etc. So it becomes a dinner proposition, meeting, and then meeting with some of the leaders at some one's home—but here we can be of help.

OKABURA: At least with the dinners, we can encourage the people.

KUMAMOTO: Yes, but it's that 10-midnight session where we make hay.

KUBOTA: What Alan is saying appeals to me. We have a lot of diehard JACLers in these outlying areas, who are very lonely without staff visitations. These people will really come through when the need is there. So when in these times of quiet and relative peace, JACL staff should visit with them . . . I just hate to see a chapter fold.

(To be concluded Parts 8, 9, 10)

25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, June 2, 1945

ILWU leaders reinforce no-discrimination pledge in Stockton incident over Nisei, majority of members sign pledge to abide by constitution clause against prejudice . . . T-3 Shuichi Fukui of Tacoma reported first Nisei killed in action on Okinawa . . . First arrest made of man terrorizing Fresno area farms, receives 6-mos. suspended sentence after pleading guilty to shooting at Charles Iwasaki home.

WRA reports over 660 Nisei from relocation centers killed and wounded in European front, sharpest rise noted during assault against Nazis strongholds in northern Italy . . . 100th Infantry Bn. "most decorated unit in U.S. Army history", over 1,000 Purple Hearts, 44 Silver Stars, 31 Bronze Stars, 9 Distinguished Crosses, 3 Legions of Merit, 2 presidential Unit Citations . . . Vast majority of Californians accept returning Nisei, reports Christian Science Monitor, despite anti-Nisei incidents . . . Blue Network correspondent Clete Roberts (now at KNX-CBS Los Angeles) in Rome says GIs puzzled by anti-Nisei incidents.

Wash. Gov. Wallgren explains protest against return of evacuees, because of presence of Japanese balloons in Northwest . . . CIO News welcomes return of Nisei to west coast . . . Arizona Daily Star calls for Army to protect returning Nisei against terrorism . . . Henry Aihara (now of Garden Grove) of Univ. of Illinois wins Big 10 broad-jump with 23 ft.-4¾ leap, first Nisei to win conference track title.

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Nisei USA: "Fighters for Freedom" (the Japan People's Emancipation League, founded in Yenan in 1944).

Editorials: "The Canadian Nisei" (first Canadian Nisei volunteers train for military service); "Funds for JACL" (a plea to meet a $40,000 budget); "WRA in 1946" (stress on resettlement of evacuees).