

JERRY ENOMOTO:

Report to the JACLers

I began my report to the National Council at San Jose in 1968 by reflecting upon the domestic and international crisis we were then in...

My corollary comments had to do with the proper role of JACL, as a human rights organization, within this total framework.

Price Tag on Programs . . .

As JACL begins another biennium, I feel that we are further along the road toward organizational involvement in the problem solving that is needed on all levels...



We are learning to plan better, as witness the number of budget requests that have come in for evaluation and consideration.

If the delegates want a trainee program established in our Washington Office, to assure ongoing and vigorous representation in our Nation's capitol, additional money must be budgeted.

If an effective human/civil rights program, emphasizing community service and attention to Asian problems is to be realized, we must have the money to finance it.

Young People Join Staff . . .

In 1968 I ended my report with a "Call to Action for All JACL Chapters," which essentially asked for a critical self-appraisal of each chapter's programs...

The Biennium has seen some very productive groundwork in the recruiting of staff. Due largely to the work and suggestions of Civil Rights Coordinator Raymond Uno...

Although we lost the services of Alan Kumamoto, we gained those of Ron Wakabayashi and Victor Shibata. Our Youth Program, like everything else, is undergoing re-evaluation and pains of change.

We have seen the hard work and initiative of Ad Hoc Committees like those on

Title II Repeal, Ethnic Concern, and Responsible Education. The perhaps less attention attracting, but nevertheless important, standing committees have done their share.

The Centennial Program, mandated as a priority project at San Jose may be considered a success. Beginning with the Wakamatsu Colony Monument Dedication at Gold Hill...

There are a myriad of things that I could write, but I will leave the detailed analysis of JACL's past biennium to others...

No Need for Either Extreme . . .

As we enter another biennium JACL is faced with the perennial choice of fighting, passively accepting, or actively and positively implementing the changes that time inevitably brings to us.

I hope that we do not get hung up in rhetoric and philosophical hassles based upon fear, instead of hope. It has been said that excesses of talk and behavior by some elements in our country, have generated counter reactions of rhetoric and repression by others.

Lastly, perhaps some are getting tired of hearing, or reading, this same type of theme. I don't apologize for this, because it is a theme that affects our country and all of us.

The Friends We Have Made . . .

My thanks to the officers with whom I have served for two bienniums, and to the various staff who have continued their dedicated service to JACL. With no intent to slight anyone, I must express in this official report my very sincere appreciation for the constant and thoughtful support of Washington Representative, Mike Masaoka...

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High convention cost scrutinized

FRESNO—The high costs of attending JACL conventions came under scrutiny—especially for California chapters which comprise 70 per cent of in view of the first three conventions in the 1970s scheduled out-of-state: 1970 in Chicago, 1972 in Washington, D.C., and 1974 in Portland, Ore.

Tom Shimasaki, allocating each with \$500 to cover all expenses. "If Mr. and Mrs. Average Member were to go to the convention in Chicago from California, they would have to figure a minimum expenditure of \$1,000," Hirasuna pointed out.

Who's Lucky Enough

That effectively eliminates most members in Central California, he asserted, the net result being that most chapter delegates at the local level give their proxies to the official district delegates.

Aside from national officers, staff members and heads of national committees who get their expenses paid from the national treasury, district council and chapter delegates who may get full or partial coverage over travel expenses and dedicated members who sacrifice much to make this biennial trip, who attend the national conventions? Hirasuna said those lucky enough to live in or very near the convention city and affluent members who can afford the trip.

Hirasuna, who has attended many national conventions in the past, added that many important decisions are made at conventions—some items being considered without prior discussion at the local level and passed by delegates in a convention atmosphere "which may not be conducive to careful deliberation and considered voting."

Referendum Proposed

To insure local chapter understanding of importance decisions, especially modifications or amendments of proposals made at the convention, of a by-law which would subject any National Council decision to a referendum of Hirasuna has urged considerably requested by petition the entire membership if for-signed by 10 per cent of the National membership.

Natl JACL credit union declares 5 1/2 pct. dividend

SALT LAKE CITY—President S. Ushio of the National JACL Credit Union last week announced that the Board of Directors has declared for the first half of 1970 a dividend of 5 1/2 per cent. This dividend will be created to the members statements as of July 1, 1970.

He further stated that this will mean disbursement of over \$33,000 to the members as a first half dividend for 1970 and was the second time that a 5 1/2 per cent dividend has been paid.

Ushio indicated that the loan volume has dropped in comparison with the previous year, indicating that the members are withholding expenditures due to the uncertain future of the present economic situation. The members are urged to use their Credit Union in the event a loan is necessary.

Reparations bill sought by NC-WNDC for all Japanese American evacuees

CHICAGO—A humble petition for reparations for the U.S. government to all those evacuated from the West Coast in 1942 has been presented to the 21st biennial National JACL Convention meeting here this week. It was submitted by the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council.

CL's legislative committee for study and recommendations for future JACL policy. There was no contrary opinion expressed by the 68 delegates, except for a few negative votes when the polling of delegates took place.

Some delegates commented that if paid a dollar a day for each day of internment, the average evacuee will be eligible for over \$1,000 if Congress approved of a reparation bill.

Text of Resolution

The resolution stated: Whereas, it has been over a quarter century ago when the United States government incarcerated in excess of 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry (two-thirds of them American born citizens) without justification in total violation of all Constitutional rights and principles, and Whereas, the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco has estimated the property loss by said internment to be in excess of four hundred million dollars; and Whereas, under the Japanese

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'Orientals' added to education code

SACRAMENTO—Legislation requiring California history courses in the elementary and high schools cover contributions made by persons of Oriental ancestry was passed June 26 by the state assembly 53-1 and is currently being considered by the state senate.

The measure was introduced by two San Francisco assemblymen—Willie L. Brown, Jr., of the 18th district, which includes Nihonmachi, and John L. Burton of the 20th district in which Chinatown is located.

It calls for the amendment of sections 8553 and 8576 of the state education code, relating to courses of study, with the addition of the phrase "persons of Oriental extraction" in both sections.

Currently sections 8553 and 8576 which are identical read: "Intructions in social sciences shall include the early history of the California and a study of the role and contributions of American Negroes, American Indians, Mexicans and other ethnic groups to the economic, political and social development of California and the United States of America."

DEADLINES

July 30—JACL Sumitomo Bank collegiate award nominations from Chapters. Student applications due Aug. 15. So. Calif. JACL Office, 125 Weller St., Los Angeles, MU 0-0359. Aug. 15—JACL Student Aid Program application deadline. So. Calif. JACL Office, 125 Weller St., Los Angeles.

Three Sansei from Northern Cal win Tajiri essay prize

CHICAGO—Three Sansei who live in the San Francisco Bay Region were announced winners of the Larry Tajiri Memorial JACL Essay Contest during the opening ceremonies of the 21st biennial National JACL Convention Wednesday morning (July 15).

John Hideki Sugiyama, 20, of Fremont, a UC Berkeley sophomore, won the first prize, a \$300 savings bond. Ellen Sakai, 17, of Hayward, transferring to UC Berkeley in the fall from Chabot Jr. College, won the second prize, a \$150 bond. John M. Fujimori, 17, of San Jose, and graduate of Lincoln High, won the third prize, a \$75 bond.

(The Pacific Citizen has been providing the prizes in memory of Larry Tajiri, PC editor from 1942-52, to encourage among the Sansei Tajiri's first love—writing.)

24 Contestants

Mrs. Mary Sabusawa, essay contest chairman, reported 24 entries were submitted, each writing on the convention theme: "Understanding: the Basis for the Changing JACL."

Sugiyama, winner of the 1970 contest, is active on the UC campus, elected freshman class vice-president in '68, and Associated Student senator in '69. He is also serving on the student advisory committees to the Dean of Students and the Dean of College of Letters and Science.

Kiyosaki stuns Demos, to run for Lt. Gov. as GOP

By ALLAN BEEKMAN

(Special to the Pacific Citizen) HONOLULU—Ralph H. Kiyosaki stunned Hawaii Democrats at a press conference that he cratic leaders by announcing he has resigned as superintendent of the State Department of Education to become a candidate for lieutenant governor. Dr. Ralph Ando, chairman of the State Board of Education, said he had received no official word of the resignation.

"I'm disappointed," said Ando, that the Board of Education was the last to learn of the decision.

Considered the stronger of the two leading Republican gubernatorial candidates, Samuel P. King flew from Reno, Nev. to attend the announcement. King lives next door to Kiyosaki and is credited with persuading him to run.

Voted Democratic in '68

Kiyosaki voted as a Democrat in the 1968 Primary Elections and became a signed member of the Democratic party in January of this year. In May, in a meeting attended by a cabinet officer of the Burns administration and a former cabinet officer, Kiyosaki was elected Democratic president of the 8th precinct of the 16th District.

Other Republican candidates for lieutenant governor include Richard Sutton and Lawrence Freitas.

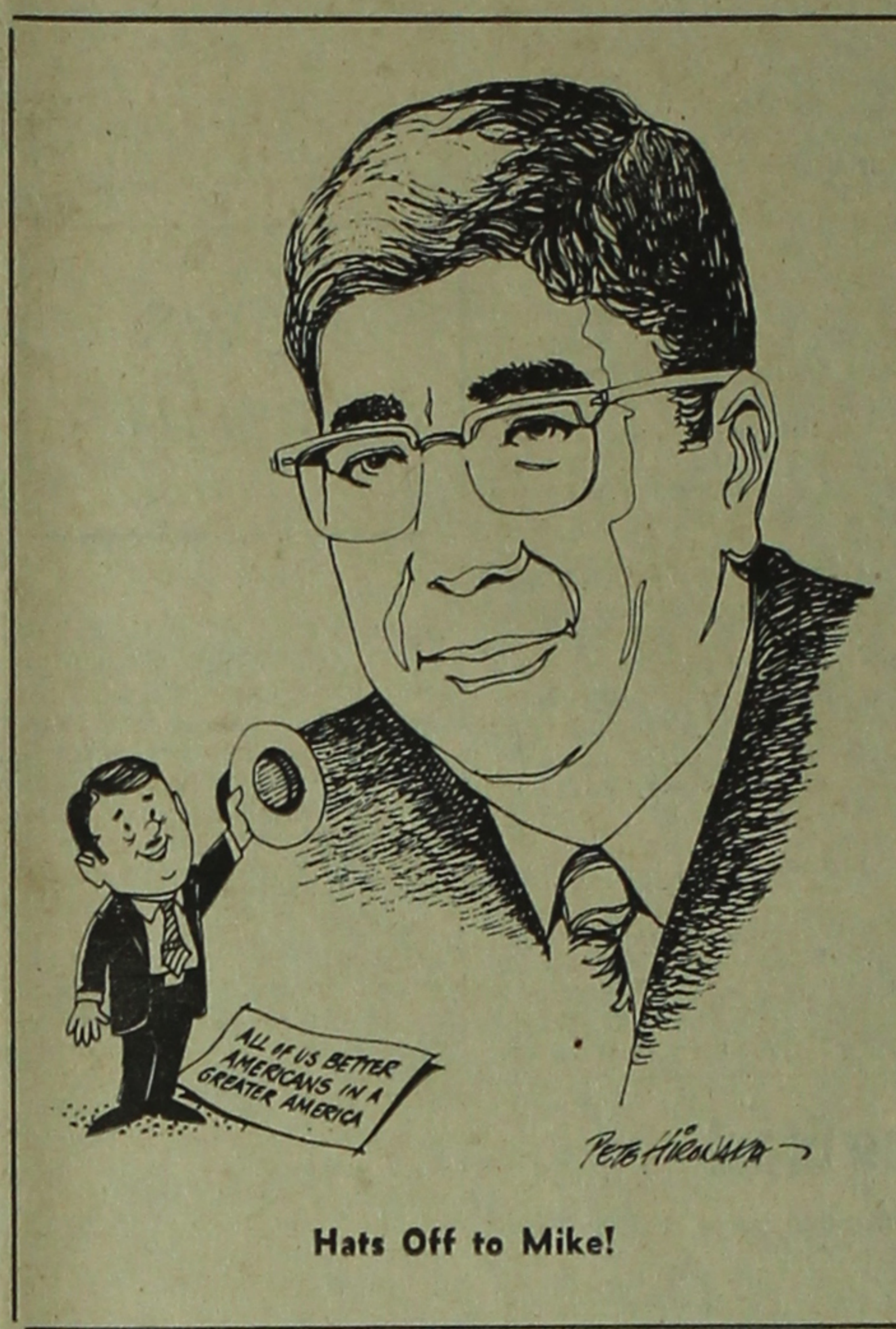
State Sen. Hebben Porteus, who will oppose King for nomination in the coming primary election, was not invited to the press conference. But Porteus said he would have no trouble working with any nominee chosen in the primary.

Kiyosaki said he admires and respects both GOP candidates for governor. He said, "I know I could work well with either one."

Injured wrestler seeks \$1,750,000

NEWPORT BEACH—Justin H. Ogata, 16, of Costa Mesa High School who sustained almost total paralysis due to a freak wrestling accident last December, is suing the local school district for \$1,750,000, charging negligence in the operation of wrestling classes.

Ogata has been the beneficiary in recent months of several community ventures aimed at helping the family pay hospital bills.



Hats Off to Mike!

MIKE M. MASAOKA

By Dr. Joseph D. Sasaki . . . native of Fresno Ann Arbor, Michigan

Man of the triple decade was he Impulsive in his ways in the beginning Kept up with time to what he believed, but . . . Endeavored to perform his task

Mastering the problems of the Nisei.

Mammoth job he had to assume Achieving for the benefit of all Nisei, Securing unity of the JACL, Outclaiming that we are Americans all. Outspeaking and pleading to others for our cause. Kunsho, then, he was honorably awarded As a sign of his accomplishment for us all.

OFFICIAL CONVENTION DELEGATES

List of official alternate delegates and proxy to the 1970 National JACL Convention in Chicago acknowledged by Masao Satow, national director, as of July 10 follows:

- Alameda—Shig Sugiyama
Arizona—Kiyoshi Kawai (p)
Arkansas Valley—Berkeley—Tad Hirota, Ray Okamura
Ben Lomond—Ron Yokota (p)
Boise Valley—Chicago—Ross Harano, Tak Tomiyama; Mas Funai (a); Hiroshi Kanno (a), Tak Itano (a)
Cincinnati—Jerome Abbott, Stogie Toki
Cleveland—Henry Tanaka, Joe Kadowaki; Toshi Kadowaki (a), Sadie Yamane (a), Sachie Tanaka (a), Sharon Shintaku (a)
Clovis—Tony Takikawa (p)
Columbia Basin—Ed M. Yamamoto; Lloyd Wilkum (a)
Contra Costa—Jerry Irei, Mrs. Chizu Iiyama; Ben Takeshita (a), Joe Sugawara (a)
Cortez—Bill Matsumoto (p)
Dayton—Dr. Jim Taguchi, Gerald Hawkins Ray Jenkins (a), Frank Titus (a)
Delano—Tony Takikawa (p)
Detroit—Downtown L.A.—Kiyoshi Kawah, Alfred Hatate
East Los Angeles—Walter Tansuno; Riisuko Kawakami (a)
Eden Township—Shig Sugiyama (p)
Florin—Bill Matsumoto (p)
Fort Lupton—Fowler—Dr. George Miyake
Fremont—Shig Sugiyama (p)
French Camp—George Baba (p)
Fresno—Tony Takikawa (a)
Gardena Valley—Mrs. Helen Kawagoe
Gilroy—Tom Miyanaga (p)
Greater Pasadena—Harry Kawahara; Dr. Bob Suzuki (a)
Gresham—Troutdale—Tak Kubota (p)
Hollywood—Alan Kumamoto; Yuki Kamayatsu (a)
Idaho Falls—Ron Yokota (p)
Imperial Valley—TBA (a)
Livingston—Merced—Bill Matsumoto (p)
Long Beach-Harbor—Charles Yata
Marysville—Akiji Yoshimura
Mid-Columbia—Tak Kubota (p)
Mile-Hi—Milwaukeee—Jim Miyazaki; Henry Date (a)
Monterey Peninsula—Tom Miyanaga (p)
Mt. Olynopus—Ken Nodzu
New York—North San Diego—Oakland—Mary Ann Takagi, Molly Kitajima
Omaha—Walter Allen; Mrs. Em Nakadoki (a)
Orange County—James Okazaki, Ken Hayashi; Ben Shimazu (a)
Parlier—Tony Takikawa (p)

Joe Grant Masaoka dead

LOS ANGELES—Joe Grant Masaoka, administrator of the JACL-UCLA Japanese American Research Project, died Friday morning (July 10) at the age of 61. He had undergone surgery in June when terminal cancer was discovered and died in his sleep at the Kaiser Foundation Hospital in Harbor City.

Joe Masaoka was long identified with the JACL at the local, regional and national levels. He was the oldest of the Masaoka brothers who distinguished themselves on behalf of Japanese Americans for the past three and a half decades.

His death came a few days before the national testimonial in honor of his younger brother, Mike, held July 16 at the National JACL Convention in Chicago. He had planned to take his 81-year-old mother, Mrs. Haruye Masaoka, to that event.

Funeral services were conducted last Sunday, July 12, at the Japanese Union Church, Shimatsu-Ogata-Kubota Mortuary was in charge of arrangements. He is survived by three sons, Dr. Grant Roger, Phillip Dennis and Alan Keith; two daughters, Joann Gall, Lynn Haruye; his mother, Haruye; four brothers, Mike, of Washington, D.C.; Akira, Los Angeles; Henry, Redding; and Tadashi, San Mateo; and two sisters Shinko Nakano and Kiyoko Ito, both of Chicago.

Joe Grant was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Eijiro Masaoka and born in Riverside in 1909.

"Joe Grant," as his many intimate friends called him, was the first president of the Salt Lake JACL in 1935, after the Reimei-kai youth group was disbanded to establish a Nisei citizens group. He moved to Los Angeles several years later and in 1940 was

elect president of the Bay District JACL, predecessor of the West Los Angeles, Venice and Santa Monica chapters.

Manzanar Historian

He was evacuated to Manzanar WRA Center where he served as documentary historian on the project staff. In November, 1942, he was a Manzanar delegate to the National JACL emergency council sessions at Salt Lake City—historic for its decisions to call upon the government to reopen selective service and organize the all-Nisei combat team. Mike Masaoka, then national secretary, prevailed



Joe Grant Masaoka in back of his mother, Haruye

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Altimeter misread

SAN FRANCISCO—When the JALC DC-8 with 107 persons aboard landed in fog-shrouded San Francisco Bay, 2 1/2 miles short of the airport on Nov. 22, 1968, Capt. Kohei Ashok asked his American co-pilot for altitude in feet and he got an answer in inches, the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board announced. No one was hurt.

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In the summer of 1943 when the influx of evacuees to Denver was the greatest and there was considerable public agitation against Japanese Americans.

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Elmer Ogawa found dead in apt.

By JOE HAMANAKA

(Special to the Pacific Citizen) SEATTLE—Elmer Ogawa is dead at age 64. He was a writer and a photographer. And he served his community well.

Elmer lived alone. He had been dead several days, we hear, when his body was found in his apartment near 10th and Fir.

The last time we met was in the Nihonmachi International Branch Post Office, and he was there to mail a package to his "kid brother" (Herb), he had said, who lives in Texas. A Christmas package.

"I may write more 'Letters to the Editor' in the P.C.," he had said, "may even do a column."

"Good!" we said. But he looked then like a sick man—thin, drawn, colorless—a whisper of the man we used to know. He said he had difficulty typing.

We recall another occasion in December last year when he telephoned to suggest we look-in on the Today Show the morning after. Mike Masaoka and Bill Hosokawa were appearing, he said.

We chatted. His voice was weak, and we asked how he was. Not bedridden, he said, but could not walk too far. "Let's face it, I know and he (the doctor) knows, I'm slipping," he said. "I've a little of everything—diabetes, high blood pressure, cholesterol—you name it . . ."

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'Footnote to History'



UCLA-JACL Must Address Themselves to Void Due to Joe Masaoka Death

By SHIG WAKAMATSU
Chairman, JACL Executive Comm.
Japanese American Research Project

Chicago. Tragic death of Joe Grant Masaoka is keenly felt by all of us who are working together on the Japanese American Research Project...

(Mike Masaoka is providing his space this week for the last Footnote to History contribution from his brother, Joe Grant, who passed away July 10. Joe had intended to publish a collection of his Footnote contributions published in the Pacific Citizen someday.—Editor.)

B1 JOE GRANT MASAOKA

Los Angeles

A prominent cleric in the Los Angeles Japanese American community who had performed several Sansei wedding ceremonies heaved a mock sigh of reassurance and remarked to me after the rites I had attended.

"At last, I can say I've tied the knot for a Sansei-Sansei marriage when for some time it's been Sansei-Caucasian nuptials one after another."

Since World War II and the Evacuation and subsequent dispersion of Japanese Americans throughout the Midwest and East the topic of interracial marriage has attracted much interest among Nisei parents as well as the Issei. Reactions to intermarriages vary.

One Nisei father whose daughter married a Caucasian schoolmate firmly declared, "My daughter knew how I felt about intermarriage. If she comes, she knows she's not welcome. Oh, I'll be civil. But, as far as I'm concerned, she's dead."

Some three years later I happened to visit my Nisei friend at his farmhouse. Once opposing the outmarriage I found him now a doting grandfather. It was the grandchild who brought the two families together and conciliated their former differences.

Baishakunin System

Then there is the Issei father who commented on the baishakunin idea he held before the war. Two of his five daughters were married by the baishakunin system before World War II. During the relocation period in Chicago one girl married a Chinese, another a Caucasian.

When queried about his former strong beliefs about the worthwhileness of the baishakunin system he confided he has more Americanness and had thrown his arranged marriage ideas of the Issei out of the window.

Generally, all major segments in the United States today, whether they are racial, religious or ethnic, favorably regard a homogenous marriage and view intermarriage with disfavor. Surveys taken of the Issei and Nisei show the same attitudes.

Usually the first question asked about interracial marriage is whether statistics show such marriages to be increasing or decreasing in rate. In studies accumulated by the sociologists at the Japanese American Research Project, headquartered at the Univ. of California, Los Angeles, the figures recall historical periods.

Intermarriage Theory

One theory holds that the proximity of racial and cultural groups, such as found in Los Angeles County, produces intermarriage. It goes on to hold that whenever a people in proximity to other peoples has an unbalanced sex ratio, they will tend to intermarry. If relatively well balanced they will tend to marry their own people. Whenever an unbalanced sex ratio influences people to look for mates outside their own group, similar culture determines the selection.

However, these general tendencies become altered when other factors intervene such as: the ethnic minority size, the rigidity or laxity of the customs and traditions, the cohesion of the ethnic community or other cultural traits. However, the sex ratio and culture seems to be predominating factors.

Keeping this general hypothesis in mind let's examine the Japanese statistical picture over the past 60 years.

According to the U.S. Census for every 100 females there were the following males in these ratios of the Japanese American population: 2,369 Males per 100 Females in 1900; 694 Males per 100 Females in 1910; 190 Males per 100 Females in 1920; 143 Males per 100 Females in 1930; 131 Males per 100 Females in 1940; 118 Males per 100 Females in 1950; 92 Males per 100 Females in 1960.

It would be reasonable to expect that in the first four decades of this century, inclusive of the year 1940, that the ratio of Issei and Nisei marrying persons of other ethnic origins would be high. In Los Angeles County, Con-

stantine Panuzio studied the period from 1924 to 1933. The statistics he gathered show 1,163 Japanese married during this period. Out of this number, 1,136 which is equivalent to 977 out of every 1,000, married other Japanese. Those who married out of their race came to 27 or 23 per 1,000. The intermarriages were: 14 between Japanese and Chinese, four married Negroes, two were with Filipinos and seven Japanese married Caucasians.

The figure of 2.3 percent means the Japanese scarcely intermarried yet the acute sex imbalance made it a difficult situation for Japanese to get married. In the 1920's and 1930's at least among the marriageable Japanese males one-fifth wanting to marry, found it impossible to obtain Japanese mates in this country. Until 1920, the "shashin kekun" or picture bride system, where an exchange of photographs brought together in wedlock two consenting parties, helped to relieve the situation. West Coast racist raised the specter of a flood of these brides producing a population explosion of Japanese who would control California.

Issei Intermarriages Rare

Earlier, Italian immigrants had employed the same device known as the "padrone" system to augment their female population and even earlier English colonists had brought over shiploads of women to be brides for the settlers. The Japanese government desirous of removing abrasive issues discontinued the issuance of "picture bride" passports in 1920.

Then, the Oriental Exclusion Act of 1924 cut off further immigration of Issei to the U.S. Thereafter, relatively more males including students returned to Japan. The growth of the Nisei helped to reduce the sex disparity. But in these early years, the 2.3 per 100 is hardly significant. The reasons are clear. In the first place, the Caucasian attitude toward the Japanese was to erect an invisible barrier of race supremacy forbidding marriage of Japanese with any white nationality.

Secondly, the California law until 1948 specifically prohibited Japanese marrying whites. Thirdly, the Japanese were loyal and rigid in observing an ethnic and community cohesion which was enforced by forms of social punishment. Actually with so few Japanese females and permitted by California law they could have married Mexicans, American Indians or Negroes but they did not.

However, Japanese wanting to marry Caucasians went to Nevada where the state law was permissive. Or, as one Issei reported he and his Irish bride were married by the ship's captain when their holiday excursion boat went outside of the three mile limit from San Diego. These women were probably American-born females of English and European extraction whom the Japanese "liberated."

Recent Study

In the November, 1963 issue of "Marriage and Family Living" in which Larry D. Barnett wrote on Interracial Marriage in California—the Statistics from 1955 to 1959, the state legislature enacted a law prohibiting race designation in marriage license application so subsequent figures are hard to come by. Age wise these years would reflect Sansei. These figures show a steady climb.

In 1955 in 888 marriage 779 were intraracial thus 12.3 percent interracial in 1957 in 978 marriage 814 were intraracial thus 16.8 percent interracial.

In 1958 in 1,028 marriages 815 were intraracial thus 20.7 percent were interracial and in 1959 in 955 marriages 766 were intraracial thus 19.8 percent were interracial.

California has the highest concentration of those of Japanese ancestry. In other sections of the country where Japanese residences tend to be more scattered in the general population the percentage rate of outmarriages is higher and the smaller the Japanese local head count the higher the rate of intermarriage.

Japanese Rigidity Weakening As the years go on, even in the areas of high Japanese American concentration the hold of the ethnic community over the Sansei becomes lessened. The ostracism which the older generations employed to show its disapproval of outmarriages is being dissipated. Consequently just as the marriage customs have successively given way so will the mores of rigidity of Japanese yield gradually to more American. —Continued on Page 4

Two days later after being discharged, her husband died from carbon monoxide poisoning which was ruled a suicide. The hospital panel comprised of Drs. George Y. Abe, superintendent; Harold C. Deering, asst. supt.; Sam Kawamami, who was directly in charge of Boyce, and Jerry Crews, were charged with negligence in releasing a patient with a long record of mental illness and who had threatened to kill himself at least three times. The widow's attorney took six years to have the case reach the court.

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dates back to the late 1920's, as an associate editor for Jimmy Sakamoto's "Courier" where writers like Shibata, Kimura, Kanazawa, Sugiyama, Hosokawa also served.

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He had majored in foreign trade at the Univ. of Washington, class of 1928—same as Welly Shibata, Yoshito Fujii, George Nakashima. But in those days, jobs were scarce for Nisei grads.

Ogawa went to New York with the Nippon Dry Goods firm. After the import business folded, he drove a milk delivery truck in New York. And in 1942 he enlisted in the Army and served in the Canal Zone. Prior to discharge he was a drill sergeant at Camp Wolters, Texas.

He returned to New York after his Army days, then headed for Seattle via Pocatello. He was a boilermaker in Seattle with the Olympic Foundry, a trade he picked-up while in Pocatello.

Soon after his return to Seattle, his "Northwest Picture" column in the PC began, continuing for over 15 years until his "retirement" in 1969.

Professional Photos

We first met during my days as publicity man and commander for the local Nisei Vets. We called on him for

and sang with a number of orchestras before coming to the U.S. in 1968.

Cellist Mary Oda, 18, appears as soloist with the Merremblum Jr. Symphony Orchestra at the annual Covina Music Festival (July 18) and Leisure World Seal Beach Amphitheater (Aug. 8). She is the daughter of the Paul Odas of Los Angeles. Pianist Gary K. Amano, of Helper, Utah, won the Juilliard Commendation for excellence on the piano and awarded a major study grant to continue his work at Lincoln Center, New York.

Expo '70

Julie and David Eisenhower, representing President Nixon over the Fourth of July festivities at Expo '70, returned July 5 and told the press at the Western White House at San Clemente they were royally welcomed. David had told the Japanese one of his grandfathers, Dwight Eisenhower, was that he could not visit their country.

Politics

A past president of the Filipino Community of Seattle, Tony Baruso, of 163 Empire Way, is a candidate for the 37th state representative district in the 1970 elections.

The Japanese American Republicans (JARSC) will honor Sen. George Murphy at a Yamata Restaurant reception July 26, 4-5:30 p.m., according to Soichi Fukui, JARSC president, and Mrs. Aki Abe, reception chairman. Event is open to the public.

Music

Japanese soprano Tami Asakura, who won the Los Angeles preliminaries of the annual San Francisco Opera auditions, won the \$750 Florence Bruce award (runner-up) as 14 finalists competed June 28. She sang Micaela's aria from "Carmen". She is a graduate of Tokyo University of Art with a master's degree.

Courtroom

A Long Beach jury awarded Mrs. Robert Boyce \$125,000 in a malpractice suit against four Metropolitan State Hospital psychiatrists who had ordered the "prematernity" release of her mentally ill husband in 1964.

Asian American legal services established

LOS ANGELES — To "meet the needs of the financially and culturally deprived," a group of community workers and law students have formed the Asian American Legal Services to provide free legal assistance in most areas of the law.

Its office is located in Room 303, 125 Weller St., telephone, 689-4413.

The AALS will also provide legal education to the community through bilingual handbooks and legal first aid classes and will assist in developing a minority admissions program into law school.

Sumitomo Bank of California advertisement showing interest rates for various deposit terms: 7.9%, 7.7%, 7.5%, 7.3%, 7.1%, 6.9%, 5.9%, 5.8%.

ROSE HILLS advertisement featuring a large illustration of a traditional Japanese garden with a pavilion and trees. Text includes: 'care and comfort are nearby', 'People care at Rose Hills. Care has provided the comfort of sympathetic, experienced counselors...', 'ROSE HILLS MORTUARY...CEMETERY', '3900 Workman Mill Road • Whittier, California • Oxford 9-0921', 'So much more - costs no more'.



Elmer Ogawa

Fujii (1948), Seichi Hara (1952), Takeshi Kubota (1956) and Ogawa (1959).

A Lonely Life

Not too many Nisei really got "close" to Elmer. He moved about in the "fringes" of Nisei organizations, never fully recognized for his contributions. A shame, though he never asked much in return. He lived a lonely life, we thought. He never seemed to have "belonged" to any definite circle.

NC-WNDC -

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Evacuation claims act of 1948, a token payment of less than 10 cents on the dollar was paid to approximately 26,000 claimants by a compromise adjudication program which was grossly unfair, arbitrary, and unjust, and...

Therefore be it resolved: That the Japanese American Citizens League at its 21st biennial national convention meeting from July 14 to 18 in Chicago, consider legislation to the Congress of the United States for appropriate bills to compensate on an individual basis a daily per diem request for each day spent in confinement, the total reparations exceed the property loss estimated by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, and all indemnifications to be non-taxable.

His thinking went beyond any one organization. He was dedicated to chronicling the word-picture of his community.

Perhaps his high point in this community was the night he was named "Man of the Year—1959" by the Jackson Street Community Council, a racially-mixed group which then was a Good Neighbor Agency.

Council President Phil Hayasaka presented Elmer with a trophy which was a replica of a camera. Only four Japanese have been so honored by the Council. They are Yoshito

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Bill Hosokawa

# From the Frying Pan

**OF MIKE AND MEN**—They will be singing hosannas for Mike Masaoka at his testimonial banquet in Chicago this week. The nicest part of it is that every elaborate tribute, delivered by some very accomplished orators, will be thoroughly deserved. Most men are dead by the time anybody gets around to saying anything nice about them. Mike will have the pleasure of being present in the flesh, hale and hearty, when the eulogies are spoken. Who could wish for more?

Mike Masaoka is the classic example of the right man in the right place at the right time. The Japanese Americans needed him in the worst way in the quarter of a century between 1940 and 1965. Even so, it is possible that if he had been born 10 years earlier, and had appeared on the Nisei scene in 1930 instead of a decade later, the Evacuation might never have taken place. That, of course, is conjecture and no one is ever going to prove the statement either right or wrong.

What is indisputable is that in 1941 when Saburo Kido was looking for an aggressive, articulate, inventive, forthright, ingenious and far-sighted individual to take over as executive secretary of the JACL, he found precisely the right man in Masaoka. He was young and inexperienced, as were all Nisei at that point in history. But he had all the other necessary attributes and he learned quickly. I shudder to think what the course Nisei history might have taken had Masaoka not been on the scene to lead the way.

It is natural that the speakers at the testimonial will dwell on Masaoka's triumphs, which are many and impressive. It will be equally pertinent, I think, to remember his frustrations and trials, which he had the fortitude to overcome. Like the time he and George Inagaki were thrown into separate cells of a Louisiana jail by over-zealous deputies who suspected them of being Japanese spies. And fearing a lynching, how they signaled each other—by flushing the toilet—to keep up their spirits. And like the time he followed an elusive congressman into the men's room and engaged him in conversation while he couldn't get away, finally winning promise of an audience.

I hope also that the speakers will not forget the people who made Mike possible. His mother, Haruye, for instance, who kept the family of eight children together when her husband, Eijiro, was killed in an automobile accident when Mike was only 9 years old. And the oldest of the brood, Joe Grant (who just died of cancer this past week) who took over the burden of supporting the family and seeing to it that Mike and the others got their education. And of course Mike's patient, understanding and long-suffering wife, Etsu, who has been his loyal helpmate, and who uncompromisingly has shared him with his duties. Mike's night of triumph and acclaim also is theirs.

Which of Masaoka's many accomplishments on behalf of the Japanese Americans were the most notable? I would pick two. First, the campaign to extend naturalization rights to the Issei, which he master-minded to a successful conclusion. Wartime hatreds still smoldered at the time the campaign was launched. Some members of Congress confused the issue by attaching the citizenship measure to the controversial Walter-McCarran Immigration and Naturalization Act. The bill was vetoed by President Truman for reasons not connected with the Japanese Americans. Masaoka stirred up a floodtide of sentiment that overrode the veto, provided naturalization for the Issei, and at the same time accomplished his second most notable feat—repealing the disastrous Oriental Exclusion Act of 1924 and extending the dignity of immigration quotas to Asian nations. He had accomplished what had appeared to be the impossible.

In more recent years it would have been understandable if Masaoka, like so many other "successful" Nisei, had turned away from his colleagues to concentrate on his growing business and to follow his inclinations and personal interests. In truth, however, he has not forgotten his constituents, nor is he likely to. The testimonial this week is not necessarily the climax to the Masaoka career. It is, I hope, only another bright milestone along a route that leads inevitably to greater achievements.

## 30TH NISEI WEEK CALENDAR SET FOR AUG. 15-23

The 1970 Addition: Preview Exhibit in City Hall Rotunda

LOS ANGELES—Leaflets detailing the 1970 edition of the Nisei Week Festival program are now available at shops in Little Tokyo and at the JACL Office.

The new addition to the 30th annual festival, according to general chairman Harry Yamamoto, is the Nisei Week preview exhibit to be unveiled for a five-day run at the City Hall Rotunda beginning Aug. 10.

The 10 candidates vying for Miss Nisei Week have already met informally with the queen contest committee and will be formally introduced to the press, judges and Nisei Week officials at the Queen's Tea July 26 at the Japanese Consul General's residence. The candidates are:

Charlotte Kiyari, San Gabriel Valley; Jiwana Nishikawa, W.L.A.; Claudia Kadota, Pasadena; Sally Okizaki, Wilshire; Candice Hiroto, Long Beach; Joy Kodama, Hollywood; Jean Kadonaga, San Fernando Valley; Gail Konishi, Orange County; Gail Kato, East A.A.; and Anny Ueyemura, Gardena Valley.

Coronation Ball Aug. 15

The candidates will be introduced to the public at large at subsequent events, starting with the fashion show at the Elmore Bowl on Aug. 9, making a brief appearance at the baby show at Sho Tokyo Gekijo Aug. 15 before noon, and then at the JACL-sponsored coronation ball at the Beverly Hilton that evening.

Nisei Week's cultural aspects begin with a family concert Aug. 14 at Koyasan Hall presenting world famous xylophone artist Yoichi Hiraoka, now a Los Angeles resident, in a program of classical and popular pieces.

The nine-day art show featuring Japanese American creations starts Aug. 14 at the new Nishi Hongwanji.

Nisei Week's sports card begins Aug. 9 with the annual Senior golf tournament at Rio Hondo and the Optimist swim meet at El Camino College.

**Calendar of Events**

Other events by days include:

Saturday, Aug. 15—Baby Show (Sho Tokyo Theater); Coronation Ball (Beverly Hills City Park); Coronation Ball (Sun Building, Rm. 306); All-American Karate Tournament (Koyasan Hall); Raku Yaki Demonstration (Sho Tokyo Theater); and Aikido (Koyasan Hall).

Sunday, Aug. 16—Akita Dog Exhibition (Pedro city parking lot); SCNGA, SCN Women's Par 3 and SCN Women's Regular Golf Tournaments (Montebello); Aloha (Aloha Nishi Hongwanji); and LACC; Kempo (Koyasan); Nisei Week Choruses (Koyasan Club).

Monday, Aug. 17—Opening Ceremony (City Hall); Pioneer Luncheon (Koyasan Hall).

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Wednesday, Aug. 19—Japanese Popular Music Show, Part II (Koyasan).

Thursday, Aug. 20—Minyo (folk dancing) at Koyasan Hall.

Friday, Aug. 21—Bank Exhibit (Zenshuj); Rokusetsu Dye Exhibit (Bank of Tokyo, 2nd floor); Shigen Taikai (old Nishi Hongwanji); and Talent Show (Koyasan).

Saturday, Aug. 22—Artistic Doll Craft (Zenshuj); Carnival (Country Club); Flower Arrangement (Union Church); Ono (Weller St.); Sen. Daniel Inouye Dinner (Los Angeles Hilton); Sword Exhibit (Merit Savings, 3rd floor); and Tea Ceremony (Union Church).

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**DOUG FURUTA** and Ed Fukumoto are co-chairmen of the colorful Nisei Week parade closing day, Aug. 23, starting at 5:30 p.m. with Sen. Dan Inouye of Hawaii as grand marshal. A dinner in his honor is scheduled Aug. 22 at the Los Angeles Hilton Hotel.

## Masaoka Fund passes \$47,000

CHICAGO—The first week of July was the biggest in terms of count of donations and amount, according to Harry Mizuno, fund drive chairman for the Mike Masaoka Testimonial, as over \$50,000 was anticipated on the eve of the JACL Convention.

The July 10 gross total shows 3,214 donors contributing \$47,731—while the weekly total of 831 contributing \$9,803 was, as Mizuno related, the "biggest yet."

Mizuno also hailed the successful campaign conducted by the Issei to provide a round-the-world trip for the Masaoka family. Final figures from Los Angeles showed \$10,455 accounted for 440 contributors, according to Takiko Yamagata and Katsuma Mukaeda, co-chairmen.

**July 3 Total: \$37,928**  
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## INTERNEE FAMILY INSURANCE CLAIM BATTLE OF 22 YEARS FINALLY ENDS

STOCKTON—A private bill on behalf of the Ueyemura family here which has been pending in the U.S. government since 1948 for payment of insurance beneficiary claim on policies seized by the government was passed by the Congress May 9 and this past week the ten heirs received payment.

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Nobby Nakamura, Berkeley (843-8822); Kazu Takai, S.F. (221-3461); Paul Ichijii, Salinas-Monterey (408-422-7784); Tom Sonoda, So. Calif. (714-724-3025).

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**MISCELLANEOUS**  
David H. Hoki, McAllen, Tex.; Tom William J. Sebald, Naples, Fla.

**Round the World**

LOS ANGELES—Under the co-chairmanship of Takiko Yamagata and Katsuma Mukaeda, a goal of \$10,000 for the Mike Masaoka Family Round-the-World Trip fund was met within three months and the presentation of tickets was to be made last night during the Masaoka Testimonial Banquet at Chicago.

Yamagata and Mukaeda were to personally make the presentation.

In the July 7 "final report", a total of 440 donors was acknowledged as having contributed a sum of \$10,455. Bulk of the contributors were Issei.

The Masaokas are scheduled to leave next week for Europe via Japan Air Lines from New York, and visit London, Paris, Rome and Athens. They will then visit India, Thailand and Hong Kong before spending 14 days in Japan. The last leg of the globe-girdling trip includes five days in Hawaii, stopovers in San Francisco and Los Angeles, before returning to Washington around Labor Day.

It will be Mrs. Etsu Masaoka's first trip to Japan since 1952, and the first outside North America for the Masaoka children, Midori and Michael.

**July 7 Total: \$10,455**  
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Total This Report ..... \$ 1,225.00  
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Chapters have fill July 30 to select 2 coll. awardees

LOS ANGELES — Nominations by JACL chapters are now open till July 30 of candidates to two JACL-Summito Bank collegiate scholarships of \$500 each, according to Ron Wakabayashi, national JACL field director for district services.

Scholarship kits were distributed this past week to the chapters, who may nominate as many college students but not graduating seniors and preferably those majoring in finance, banking, business administration, economics and other related fields.

The candidate should have completed at least one semester of studies either at a junior college, college or university.

Candidates have until Aug. 15 to return the application to the So. Calif. JACL Office. The decision of the judging committee shall be final. A point system is employed to assist the judges: scholarship—80 pts.; extracurricular activities, school and community, 60 pts.; candidate's statement, 20 pts. letters of recommendation, 10 pts.; financial need, 30 pts.—Total: 200 pts.

All-state VFW honors

SAN DIEGO—East Los Angeles Nisei Memorial Post 9902 immediate past commander Joe Kawata was among 20 awarded the all-state diamond pin for service to the organization.

CALENDAR

- July 11 (Friday) West Valley—Gen Mtg. Grace Methodist Church, Saratoga, 7:30 p.m.
July 19 (Sunday) Contra Costa—Picnic, Little Hills Ranch, San Ramon.
Monterey Peninsula—Baseball party, S.F. vs. N.Y., Candlestick Park.

Asian Studies

LOS ANGELES: Asian American Community College, 3235 Campbell Hall, UCLA. (1) July 16-Sept. 10—Asian Adult Awareness 101. Th 7:30-9:30 p.m., Charles Furutani, Gardena Comm Ctr. (2) July 21-Sept. 8—Asian American Women and the Movement 102. T 7-10 p.m., Linda Iwataki (cell 688-4413 for location); (3) July 16-Aug. 20—General Political Awareness Forum 103. Th 7-9 p.m., Ray Kamada, Jeff Furumura, 4235 Don Jose Dr., 295-3603; (4) July 22-Aug. 26—Group Dynamics and Interpersonal Relations 104. W 7-10 p.m., Alan Nishio, 3515; Wellington Rd (1st Mtg.), 731-9901; (5) July 20-Sept. 7—Asian American Movement Seminar 105. M 7-10 p.m., Warren Furutani, JACL-JACS Office, 123 Weller St., 626-4471; (6) July 20-Sept. 9—Cantonese Language 106. MW 8-10 p.m., Shelley Wong, Bethany Presbyterian Ch., 1218 Griffith Park Blvd., 662-6081; (7) July 17-Aug. 31—Creative Culture—New Life Styles 201. MF 7-10 p.m., Dan N. Kwam, 3233 Campbell Hall, UCLA, 825-2974; (8) July 18-Aug. 6—Intensive Workshop on Film 202. Th 7-10 p.m., Bob Nakamura, Colin Watanabe, Alan Ohashi, Gidra Office (1st Mtg.), 734-7838; (9) July 15-Aug. 11—East Asian Living Workshop 203. TTh, 7-11 p.m. and Aug. 18-Sept. 10—TTh, 7-11 p.m. Bruce Iwataki, Tim Yamamoto, 3232 Campbell Hall, UCLA.

PULSE ON THE CHAPTERS:

San Diego JACL honors Issei pioneers, including oldest living war veteran

When the San Diego JACL had National President Jerry Enomoto speak last month (June 7) at its Issei night dinner at Miyako Restaurant and hand out the Wakamatsu Centennial medallions to the pioneers, among the elders was Hikotaro Yamada, 87, believed to be the oldest living U.S. military veteran of Japanese ancestry.

Born in Hakodate in 1883, Yamada signed on a whaler (he remembers being seaskiff

Amizo Sogo, 97, who came to the U.S. in 1905—landing in San Francisco to lose all his possessions in the 1906 earthquake. But he stayed, moving to San Diego to farm though he returned to Japan in 1916 to get married.

Chapter president Don Estes assisted Enomoto in presenting the medallions. George Tsubakihara was emcee. The Rev. J. Minoru Fukuda of the Ocean View Church of Christ translated the comments of Issei respondents.

For the Elders

The San Mateo Community for an Issei appreciation night is making final arrangements to be held Sunday, July 26 from 4:30 p.m. at the San Mateo Buddhist Church.

Under the combined efforts of the Sturge Presbyterian Church, San Mateo Buddhist Church, San Mateo Gardeners Assn., and the San Mateo JACL, Issei, with special invitations being sent to those over 80, are to be dinner guests in appreciation for the many years of loyal service to the community.

Chairman Sakae Yamaguchi announced that invitations have also been extended to: Consul General and Mrs. Eikichi Hara, Mayor Hugh Wayne of San Mateo, Superintendent of Parks Alan Hammer, Rep. Pete McCloskey and Buddhist Bishop and Mrs. Takashi Tsuji of San Mateo.

Naturalized in 1918

During the first World War he was on convoy duty to Europe and then with ships that took the U.S. Army to Vladivostok.

Yamada received his U.S. citizenship in 1918, aboard the USS New Orleans. His wife later to be known as Mrs. Byrd later to become famous for his explorations of the Antarctic regions.

He retired from the Navy in 1924 as a chief petty officer and a darn good cook. He holds campaign medals for Mexico, Haiti, Italy, France, Honduras, the WWI Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal, combat bars for Mexico, Vladivostok and China.

He worked with the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey from 1924-26 and was finally mustered out Oct. 12, 1934, with a personal letter from Wm. D. Leahy, then acting secretary of the Navy.

Mr. Yamada is shown on page 327 of the Hosokawa book, "Nisei: the Quiet Americans". He is a member of Perry Post and the Fleet Reserve Assn.

Oldest Issei present was

Family centeredness Meiji influences Patriarchal family Authoritarian relationship Community cohesion Orientation to success Pride in culture Identity to Japan Status-mindedness Masculinity of the male "Emryo" Deferred gratification "Shushin" behavior code Observers note the breakdown of many of these forms of Meiji Japanese-ness in the Japan of today. Certainly in the Sansei these are not dominant values.

As the importance of these values diminish so also does the wish of parents for a homogeneous marriage fade in the presence of the Sansei insistence upon their own independent selection of marital partners.

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icanness. Once it was the baishakunin or the arranged marriage which was the usual and accepted custom. Then as the Nisei came of marriageable age and the idea of "go-between" came distasteful to a love-oriented society the "miai" or introduction with symbolic baishakunin appointed later for formality's sake came into use.

Today with freer dating and the taboos against the intermingling of races gradually giving way, the general expectation is that of higher rates of intermarriage among Sansei.

By way of comparison let's look at the statistics in Brazil where until recent years there was little, if any, bias against the Japanese population. In compilations this figure is revealing:

In 2,349 marriages 414 were intraracial and 1,935 were interracial.

Japanese-ness

The Japanese-ness which has characterized the Issei ethnic community in America may be described with these terms:

Obligation and duty sense

Scholarship

Stan Fujishin of Overfelt High was awarded the San Jose JACL scholarship in competition with 30 other Sansei students in the county and will be the chapter's nominee for the National JACL scholarship. A straight A student and the son of the Ike F. Fujishin, he plans to enroll at Santa Clara.

Other chapter scholarships were presented to: San Jose—Keith B. Katayama of Gilroy High; Wm. K. Yamamoto Memorial—Judy Sakamoto of Piedmont Hills High; Tosh Takeda Memorial—Eric Nagareda of Gilroy High; S. J. Nisei Bowlers—Alan Okagaki of James Lick High.

Nancy R. Okamoto, daughter of the George Okamoto of Sebastopol, who graduated

No. 1 in her class of 145 at El Molino High, won the \$200 Sonoma County JACL scholarship. She enrolls at Santa Rosa Jr. College with a \$1,000 Doyle scholarship assisting her. She is the third member of the family to win a local JACL award; her older brothers Byron (1966) and Randy (1967) earning prior recognition for scholastic achievement. Presentation was made Miss Okamoto before a crowd of 200 enjoying the JACL community picnic June 28 at Doyle Park, Santa Rosa.

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Cultural

Origami program for West Valley JACL

The fascinating art of origami will be the subject of the West Valley JACL meeting on Friday, July 17, at the Grace Methodist Church, 18848 Prospect, Saratoga, according to Dr. Ray Uchiyama, program chairman. Not only will it be demonstrated but the audience will actively participate by learning how from an expert, Yoshiaki Hirabayashi of Sunnyvale, a member of the chapter.

A native of Palo Alto, Hirabayashi was educated in Japan and returned to the U.S. before World War II. In 1944 he started a 20-year career with the U.S. Armed Forces, subsequently landing in Japan with General Douglas MacArthur's Army of Occupation. He is now employed by the Sunnyvale School District and also teaches judo for the Sunnyvale Park and Recreation Department.

A short business meeting at 7:30 p.m. will precede the main part of the meeting.

JACL ETHNIC HERITAGE COMMITTEE PROPOSED IN ISHIMARU REPORT

(Following is the text of the Convention Report by Haruo Ishimaru, chairman, National JACL Cultural Heritage Committee. Not many convention reports lend themselves to general readership because of the subject matter, but this is one of the exceptions.)

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City City Program

One of the areas of particular interest is in the sister city movement. There are approximately 80 cities in the United States with sister city affiliations in Japan.

Here in May in San Francisco was sponsored the first conference of the ten northern California Japan/America sister cities. This meeting was promoted by the Cultural Heritage Committee. Many JACLers worked on the program.

The conference will become a regular affair with the next one scheduled in San Mateo in October. Other communities have indicated interest in considering sister city affiliations.

Another item of interest will be the sponsorship in 1971 of

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# Aloha from Hawaii

by Richard Gima



Clesson Y. Chikase, Mayor of Honolulu, and Kiyoto Tsubaki for the state board of education from Maui.

## Congressional Score

Rep. Spark Matsunaga led a successful battle in the House recently to defeat the Findley Amendment to the Agriculture Appropriations bill. The amendment would have limited federal payments to Hawaii's sugar industry to \$20,000 per company or individual.

## Tourism Slipping

The number of visitors to Hawaii in May dropped 9.4 per cent from the total for May, 1969—the sharpest decline in more than 12 years. Figures released recently by the Hawaii Visitors Bureau indicate that 107,220 visitors stayed overnight or longer last May in the state. There were 118,302 visitors in May, 1969.

## Political Scene

About half of Hawaii's Democratic state legislators are publicly backing Gov. John Burns for re-election. Only three Democrats are publicly endorsing Lt. Gov. Thomas F. Gill. They are Sens. Duke T. Kawasaki and Sakae Takahashi and Rep. Richard S. H. Wong.

## Police Blotter

Masaharu (Jack) Obara, 55,

## ONISHI CASE

### Check Police Behavior, Not Suspect's

HONOLULU — The Onishi Case, which has created a great deal of interest among Japanese Americans and others in the island community, is far from over.

What at first appeared to be a routine case of threatened assault, which resulted in a complicated situation in which a woman has been seriously injured, her former husband has been indicted, a police chaplain has resigned, and the Honolulu Police Dept. has been chastised in an editorial by Hawaii's leading newspaper.

State Rep. Ronald Y. Kondo, a Maui Democrat, has announced he will seek re-election to the House from the new 6th District. He is the first Valley Islander to announce for the House this year.

State Rep. Robert C. Oshiro, an attorney and a former Hawaii Democratic party chairman, will give up his seat in the House in this year's election to campaign full time for Gov. John A. Burns.

Another Democratic politician, city councilman Ben F. Kaito, is quitting politics. He cited pressing family and business obligations as the reason. Kaito, an attorney, has served on the council since 1961.

Democrat James Y. Shigemura has announced that he is ending a 12-year career in the state House of Representatives to run for the Honolulu City Council.

Political backers of state Sen. George R. Ariyoshi, Democratic candidate for governor, were scheduled to hold a fundraising dinner in his honor July 8. It was to be held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel's Coral Ballroom.

Joseph P. (Pete) Petrowsky, 72, a perennial candidate for office, is the only one who has publicly announced he will seek the office of U.S. Senator currently held by Hiram L. Fong.

Two years ago Petrowsky, a Democrat, challenged Sen. Daniel K. Inouye for the Democratic nomination for the Senate. Petrowsky garnered 1,469 votes to Inouye's 111,135 votes.

Nisel who has announced they will seek re-election in this year's elections are Republicans Teshio Anai for the House and Democrats

of 2459 Pauoa Rd., was beaten to death and his brother, Wataru, 48, was seriously injured June 27 by two gunmen who slipped into their store, XYZ Market at Nuuanu Ave. and Vineyard Blvd., at closing time.

Betty Brazile, 21, of a Kuhio Ave. apartment, was charged with murder in the fatal stabbing early Monday, June 15, of Kenneth M. Kiyabu, 28, of Hoaeae Point, Waipahu. Police said Kiyabu argued with Miss Brazile and some of her friends in Waikiki and chased them after they pelted his car with beer bottles.

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## Deaths

Clyford P. Wilcox, 58, board chairman of Kauai's Grove Farm Co., Inc., died June 16 on the Garden Island. A grandson of missionaries, Wilcox became president of Grove Farm in 1953.

## BOOK REVIEW: Allan Beekman Hearn's Spirit of Meiji Japan

KOKORO: Hints and Echoes of Japanese Inner Life, by Lafcadio Hearn, Greenwood Press, Publishers, 388 pages, \$13.25.

When Lafcadio Hearn arrived in Japan in 1890, representing Harper's New Monthly, it were as if he had come home after a lifetime of wandering. Born of a British army surgeon, June 27, 1850, on Santa Maura, one of the Ionian Islands, west of Greece, he had attended schools in various European countries. Self-conscious about his small stature, and a blemish on one side of his face, the multi-lingual Hearn had emigrated to America and there achieved success as translator and writer. But Japan was to become his spiritual home.

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Further, Hearn, the aesthete, found in his love of beauty a spiritual brotherhood among the Japanese. The inspiration to interpret the Japanese to the West evoked his best efforts. He was to write about them in poetic prose that sings 80 years after he set it to paper.

## Settles at Matsue

He soon broke with Harper's, made pilgrimages, lived in temples, then found a position teaching English in the Shimane Middle School, Matsue, Shimane Prefecture. There he met and married Setsue Koizumi.

As a foreigner, he was able to interest himself in a subject taboo to his colleagues: the pariahs of Japan. And he wrote, "There are four distinct outcast classes in Matsue and its environs: the *hachiya*, the *koya-no-mono*, the *yama-no-mono*, and the *eta* of Suga."

Through few Japanese of the better classes had ever visited such a village, in the spring of 1891 he persuaded a Japanese gentleman to accompany him to the *yama-no-mono* settlement. He says of the *yama-no-mono*, "Under no conceivable circumstances could any of them obtain employment as servants. Their prettiest girls in old times often became *joro* (prostitutes); but at no time could they enter a *jojuya* (house of prostitution) in any neighboring city, much less in their own, as they were sold to establishments in remote places. A *yama-no-mono*, today could not obtain employment."

"But, no, they didn't consider that at all. They continued to follow the policy of the day before of apprehending him at all cost. This was to even ignore my existence. "If this is the case, then the police chaplain idea is a farce and therefore I feel compelled to resign."

Police Chief's Comment  
4—Police Chief Francis Keala has expressed regret over Fujitani's resignation as a police chaplain and defended police action in the Onishi case.

Keala said he is sorry that Fujitani is leaving the police chaplaincy, "especially under these unhappy circumstances."

5—The Star-Bulletin in a special page 2 editorial titled "A Strange Case of Police Si-

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ployment as a common laborer in any capacity, except by going to some distant city where he could hope to conceal his origin. But if detected under such conditions he would run serious risk of being killed by his fellow laborers. Centuries of isolation and prejudice have fixed and moulded the manners of the class in recognizable ways; and even its language has become a special and curious dialect."

## Ballads Translated

But the songs with which the women entertained him on this visit were "not in their own special dialect, but in pure Japanese." Hearn was so impressed with these ballads that he later obtained copies of three, had translations made, and rendered these translations into English prose. The ballads are included in an appendix to this volume.

In 1895, taking the name Yakumo Koizumi, he became a Japanese subject. The same year he gathered a number of his writings into a volume entitled "Kokoro," which he interpreted as "the heart of things." Besides the aforementioned appendix, there are 15 titles.

"At a Railway Station" is a vignette about a captured murderer forced to confront the small son of his victim. There are four stories: "The Nun of the Temple of Amida," "Haru," "A Conservative," and "Kimiko."

## Characters Stereotyped

The other offerings are essays. He had brought his misconceptions of race with him to Japan; some of his speculations show his inability to fit these preconceived theories to the facts. The worldly author, the keen, sensitive observer of mankind also was

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Ye Editor's Desk

JACL ESSAY CONTEST

The Pacific Citizen has been putting up the prizes for the JACL essay contest since the San Jose convention in 1968—and frankly, we could never pay our special writers that kind of money: \$300 savings bond for about a 1,000 words.

Yet we offer the biennial prizes in memory of Larry Tajiri, who edited the Pacific Citizen for a decade starting in 1942 in the belief that Sansei ought to be encouraged to write—which was Larry's first love.

At the time of his death in February, 1965, Larry was only 50 years old, serving as the drama editor and critic on the Denver Post. He began his journalism career in Los Angeles editing the Poly High school paper in 1931, became Kashu Mainichi English section editor in 1932, and two years later moved to San Francisco to edit the Japanese American News English section. In 1940, he joined the New York bureau of the Asahi News. After Pearl Harbor, he accepted the PC editorship at Salt Lake City, converting the JACL monthly into a weekly.

With major JACL objectives accomplished by 1952, he said it was time to fit JACL's directions and PC's format into a new pattern and bade farewell the final week of September that year. After a brief stint on the Colorado Springs Free Press, he joined the Denver Post in 1954. Two years later, he was appointed its drama editor.

While a biographic sketch touches one's life-span, it was his life-style that enriched those of us who knew him. For all his talent, knowledge and position, Larry remained a humble person. As was stated at the JACL essay contest prologue:

"If you divide the world into the ones who take and the ones who give—then Larry Tajiri was a giver. He was always giving himself to all kinds of people. There was no little people or big people for Larry—there were just people. And to Larry, everybody was a somebody. He had a rare gift of penetrating deep into people, finding the goodness or the talent that was special in them and making them feel bigger and more important than they are. This priceless quality of the love for his fellow man was counterbalanced by a huge, big hate: a hate of injustice, a hate of intolerance, a hate of corruption.

"Too many people pass through life and never touch it. They eat, sleep, work and pass through life without ever involving themselves in anything. Larry involved himself with everything. Whatever happened anywhere in the world happened to Larry Tajiri. And during the Evacuation and World War II when Justice was sometimes a dangerous word, it was Larry who made the Pacific Citizen into a great, angry, fighting voice for the cause of justice."

PHOTOJOURNALIST ELMER OGAWA

One of the undone projects that clutter this editor's desk besides unanswered inquiries, unfilled clippings and unwritten news capsules is the hope the PC would develop a picture page—though the variety of photos received leaves much to be desired. When Bill Hosokawa spent an afternoon inspecting our morgue for pictures to illustrate his "Nisei: the Quiet Americans", he observed he had never seen so many pictures of people shaking each other hands.

One man we long felt who could help us with a picture page—Elmer Ogawa—has departed from us. He could have injected humor, interpreted emotions and emphasized details in pictures. Yet we stayed with his typewritten observations and stories all these years.

Elmer's ties with PC dates back to 1949 when he turned in a photo of the Boeing Bombers, a Seattle Nisei veterans team barred from membership in the American Bowling Congress. It was the team that eventually had the ABC drop its whites-only membership rule. But his ties with Nisei journalism go back to 1928 when he was associate editor on Jimmie Sakamoto's "Courier".

We might say Elmer was the dean of Nisei photojournalists—a distinction we would have liked to have accorded much earlier than this.

We don't recall it being mentioned in any of his columns, but Elmer was a member of the U. of W. ROTC rifle team which came in second in the 1928 national intercollegiate, beaten by a Minnesota team captained by one Harold Stassen. . . . Elmer graduated with a reserve army commission in 1928, but when the war came he enlisted as a private in the coast artillery, serving in the Canal Zone. . . . Elmer would have been 65 next Nov. 9. . . . While working briefly in San Francisco in 1928, he remembered meeting men like Kido, Togasaki and Nishida who were organizing the JACL. . . . The trusty typewriter on which he batted his column for many years was a 1923 model Remington. (Our standby on which the late Larry Tajiri pounded his stories and editorials is a 1938 model Remington).

Elmer's son, Herb, who must be about 38 years old now, works for RCA Electronics and lives in New Jersey. Herb is married and has two daughters. Elmer also is survived by a younger brother with the same name, Herb, who worked prewar on the Seattle Japanese vernacular North American Times and who is now with Bantam Books in Dallas, and a sister, Ethel.

In reminiscing about Elmer, it was he who introduced us to fresh Washington state matsutake—a delicacy he shared with us via air parcel and which will always remind us of his kindness.

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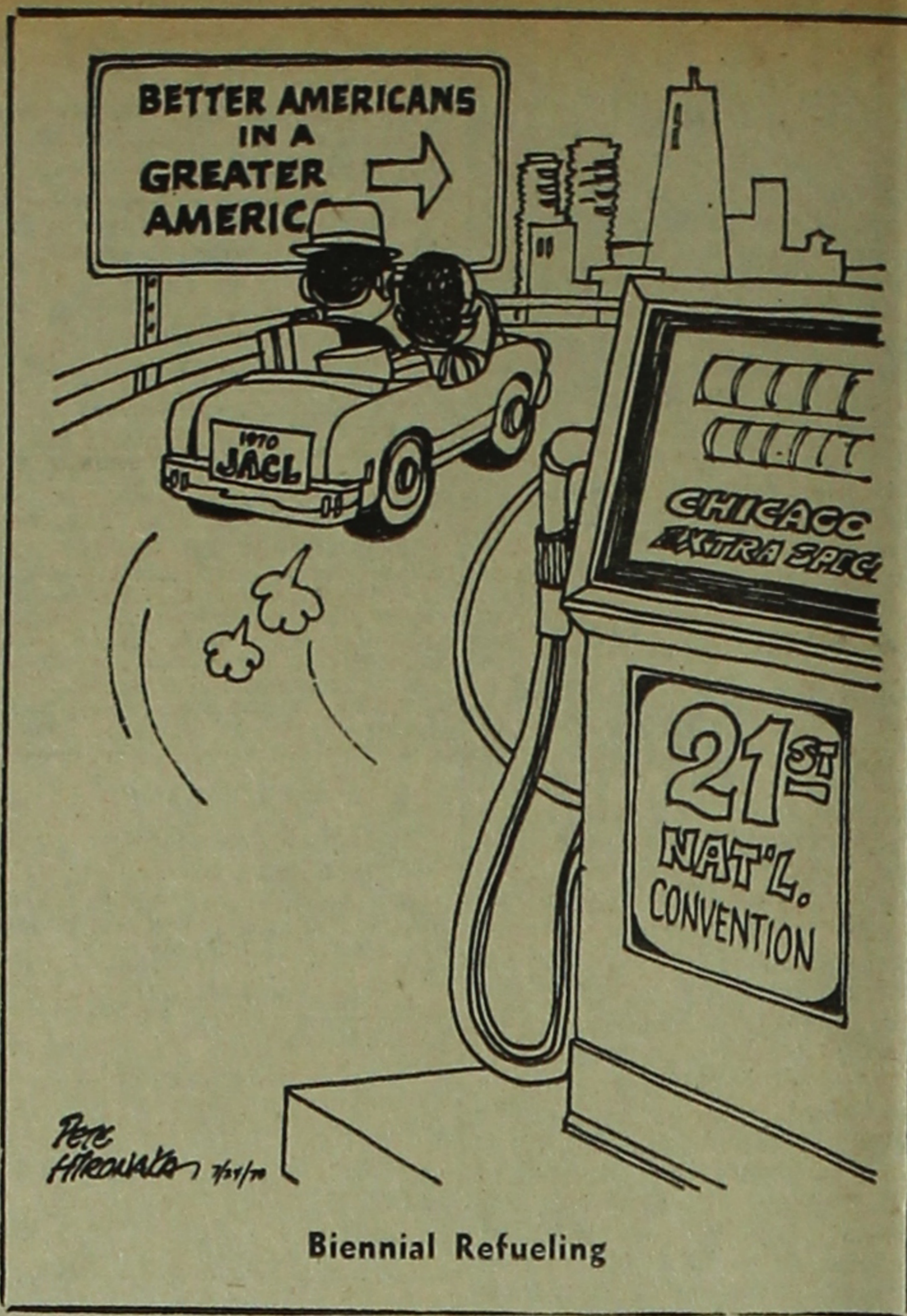
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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

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'East Wind' postscript

Editor: While it has been "East Wind's" custom to respond privately to anyone who may comment on the column, however in the case of Mrs. Nakanishi (PC, July 3), I may have also inadvertently offended others who misunderstood the thrust of the column entitled "The Intermediary."

In that particular column we were definitely not questioning interracial marriages of whatever hue and combination, for we know of many very beautiful Nisei-hakujin combos as well as some not-so-hot Nisei-Nisei combinations. And if we offended Mrs. Nakanishi, and others in a similar happy state bliss, we readily and profusely apologize.

Rather, the point of that particular column was this: Nisei, of all people, should not make selections (including selection of the "Nisei of the Biennium") based upon some servile concept of superiority or the judgment of another race, or seeking to curry favor or of another race (or our own)—but which other race repeatedly happened to be invariably white.

Thus, for example, I'm sure Mrs. Nakanishi would be truly offended and rightfully so, if she thought for a moment that her spouse selected her because she was white, or black or any other color.

This was "East Wind's" fumbled protest to the "Buy Shack Nin's" demeaning obeisance that would look to a supposedly superior race to do that which the Nisei is perfectly capable of doing, and should do, for himself.

BILL MARUTANI

'East Wind'

Philadelphia

Nisei of Biennium

Editor: It is ironical that if the Nisei of the Biennium selectee is Dr. Hayakawa, the judges will be accused of poor judgment and bias by those who fought against his possible selection.

On the other hand, if the selectee is other than Dr. Hayakawa, these same individuals will chortle with glee and congratulate themselves that the pressure they exerted through President Enomoto and by letters to the news media was effective and persuaded the judges to avoid the selection of Dr. Hayakawa.

It can truly be said that the whole Nisei of the Biennium concept was effectively sabotaged for this Biennium. Of the latest anti-Hayakawa letters (PC, June 19) by Hiroshi Kanno, we suggest that he read the criteria set up by the JACL to apply to the Nisei of the Biennium selection. We also suggest that after the awardee is announced, he apply his own criteria, which in his opinion militate against the selection of Dr. Hayakawa, to his own favorite candidates.

Radical of Rhetoric His poisonous bias is amply revealed in his use of the terms, "pig, opportunist, symbol of repression, sophisticated Uncle Tom," etc.

How can he, in all honesty, say that Dr. Hayakawa encouraged violence and repression? Does he mean to imply that there was no violence, no destruction of school properties, no planting of dynamite, no suppression of free speech and no obstruction of classes on the part of the radical dissidents before Dr. Hayakawa was made President, pro tem, of the University?

He calls Dr. Hayakawa an Uncle Tom because as a member of a minority he moved against the radical dissidents, some of whom happened to be blacks and yewes. The radical yellow dissidents could just as well be called Uncle Toms because they were being used by other radicals selfishly to proclaim a non-existent unity among the minority against the "Establishment." Just who was being used by whom?

Mr. Kanno speaks as though "our young people" were unopposed to Dr. Hayakawa's actions, which, even Mr. Kanno must admit, did bring peace to San Francisco State, uneasy though it

may have been, so that students who wanted to attend classes could do so without being subjected to intimidation. Just who and how many are his "young people?"

What Community?

Mr. Kanno states that Dr. Hayakawa did great damage to "our community" by his actions. To what community? If the truth is to be known, the only damage that he might have done is to the feelings of Mr. Kanno's group of dissidents who evidently condone the violence and the destruction of radical dissidents at San Francisco State.

Mr. Kanno talks about "the slow erosion of our civil liberties and the quickening rime of a police state." If there comes to be a police state, it will be because the people of this country will be forced to choose between anarchy and repression. The radical dissidents are possessed with the spirit of nihilism—the violent destruction of all institutions which can be identified, even remotely, with the "Establishment." If this is the choice that has to be made, there is no question that repression will be the choice of the overwhelming majority.

In their rash, immature impatience, these dissidents foolishly and willfully ignore the fact that to correct the ills of society today, laws are being changed, regulations are being tightened, a growing group of voting Congressmen are breaking free, and the Senate is becoming increasingly independent in thought and action and openly challenging the military establishment and the President.

Radical Objective

It is not a question of Hayakawa splintering our JACL, but more a question of a radical minority within the organization, who, in the profound wisdom of their interpretation of our current social problems, seek to impose, with no compomise, their private philosophy upon the entire JACL organization. We are more and more inclined to believe that this group is not interested in the JACL as such, but what they really want is the organization and its resources to advance their particular cause no matter what the wishes of the majority.

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Vietnam Issue

Editor: "One can not let go unanswered the letter from Barry Saiki of Tokyo (June 12 PC). I feel he is being presumptuous and arrogant for inferring the USA wants to get out of Vietnam because of cowardice and greed. Those people in this country demanding we get out of Vietnam, like Senator Inouye, are doing so from humanitarian and common sense grounds.

Saiki says we are betraying the 50,000 who have died there. I say we will be betraying tens of thousands more of our youth to a useless unwinnable war death, if we remain in Vietnam. This is to say nothing of the hundreds of thousands of Asians who will die, because of our military presence.

We have fought for ten years the same futile, idiotic war that the French fought and lost. We can't win because it is a political war, and the only way we could win is slaughter every person in Vietnam. Is this what Mr. Saiki wants?

The untested alternative is simply to get the hell out and let the Vietnamese patch up their own country. It is true some traitors may be executed if we did this, but it would be cheaper in lives and money if we made them American citizens and brought them here (considering it now costs \$300,000 to kill one Viet Cong, and that the USA is currently spending \$110 million a day outside its borders).

Yes, Mr. Saiki, we have a conscience—and to a lot of us it starts with "Thou shalt not kill." If our morals and conscience are degenerating, then it is the Vietnam war itself which is causing it. VAUGHN M. GREENE San Francisco JACLer

Understanding: Basis for Change

By JOHN H. SUGIYAMA Alameda, Calif.

Faced with the turmoil and uncertainty of these times, the sheer effort to hold things together has become the central issue of concern in a nation which began the last decade intent on building a society touched with moral grandeur. In these times of doubt and concern, the Japanese American Citizens League has been called upon by segments of its

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membership, as have other organizations by their memberships, to respond and to deal with problems of increasing complexity which themselves are changing over time. It has been called upon to demonstrate that it can continue to help build a better society, that it can help resolve conflicts within our nation before they engulf and destroy us all.

In responding to internal and external needs, the JACL must not succumb to simplistic, illusory solutions which may very conceivably destroy what chance there is to build something better.

Rather, as in the past, the basis for the changing JACL must continue to be understanding.

Without understanding, the closing of minds becomes a dangerous reality, or hope lies in the acceptance of differences, in the acceptance of change, in

finding a way together because there is no way apart. Such understanding reveals dependent upon a vital, responsive organization, alert to and sensitive to the needs of its entire membership and to the needs of the society from which the membership is drawn.

No segment of the JACL must become so disillusioned that its only response is to withdraw its trust from the understanding that has maintained the JACL as such a respected and responsive organization.

Clearly, then, it is up to those who are concerned with the future of the organization to preserve the large and still preponderant basis of understanding that remains, and, in so doing, to go beyond inter-racial needs to help create greater understanding in our society.

Along these lines, in maintaining a vital, responsive organization, the JACL must first stem the growing sense of misunderstanding between the "young" and the "old" of the association.

For the older generation, the mainstream of the JACL—children of the New Deal, youth of the "evacuation" and the "relocation," men of a war to protect the United States and to preserve the ideal of freedom—there has grown doubt and concern over the intentions and sincerity of the

present young generation. The young question the most fundamental assumptions of their parents and challenge everything for which they, the older generation, have lived and worked. Yet, the young seemingly offer no alternatives for a better society.

For the younger generation, the future leaders of the JACL—children of the Cold War, youth of the civil rights movement—there has grown an impatience for justice, a weariness of deceptive promises, a doubtfulness of the willingness of those with power to share it.

The older generation tells the younger to wait, to "work within the system." Yet, the JACL, working within the system, seemingly has done little in the fight to secure fair housing practices, to insure equal voting rights, to have contested and reversed the constitutionality of the evacuation and detention camps.

This growing misunderstanding can only prove detrimental to the future of the JACL. Efforts must be made to bring the young and the old together so that both may speak to each other, so that both may listen to each other.

With increased communication, with increased sharing of responsibilities, a basis of understanding may perhaps emerge.

Perhaps then, it may be discovered that priorities of values and perceptions of parti-

cular issues are really not radically different. Perhaps then, it will have been demonstrated that through understanding, change can occur.

Beyond internal needs, the JACL must not perceive the need for understanding in an isolated context.

In our society today, there is such a particularly mindless quality present, and there is such emptiness everywhere, as if the people had stored their hearts away for a better time.

The JACL must never, through a lack of vision, or worse, through an unwillingness to become involved, cease its attempts to create understanding among all peoples of this society.

To foster understanding, the JACL must speak out against mindless terror, either at home or abroad. Violence can only lead to mistrust, and mistrust can only lead us away from the understandings and agreements which hold hope for change.

On the other hand, in turning from violence, there must not be a turn to repression. The JACL must not stand by and see people, either out of ignorance or out of calculated cynicism, call for the end of the Bill of Rights, suppress legitimate dissent, and ignore racial justice. These actions can only carry us further away from progressive change.

Thus, understanding not only continues to be the basis for the changing JACL, but also becomes the foundation for the better society.

Need for Asian American Studies

Izumi Taniguchi, asst. professor in economics at Fresno State College, is also director of ethnic studies at the same campus. In sharing the editing chores of the "East Wind" newsletter last month, his editorial comments on "Asian American Studies—Is It Necessary?" out of Central California, completed in Northern and Southern California. —Editor.

By IZUMI TANIGUCHI

There appears to be some confusion as to just what Asian American Studies is and what are its objectives. There have been some talk of why should there be a need for Japanese American Studies, the Japanese have made it now and such a program can only retard their integration into the majority society.

On the other hand, we can still observe large numbers of Japanese American residing in Little Tokyo's and their social life still confined to the Japanese American community. If we look on the college campuses, the majority of the Japanese American students still tend to congregate among themselves, study together, and socialize among themselves.

All of this is evidence that the Japanese Americans, for the most part, still feel a little uneasy among other racial groups and that they are more comfortable among their own kind. This is probably true of all other minorities also.

This brings up several questions.

1—Is it bad and un-American for Japanese Americans to live in Little Tokyo and to have a subculture of their own?

2—Should everyone, no matter what race, creed, or religion be required to assimilate completely into the majority society?

3—If the answers to questions 1 and 2 are NO, then a third question arises. Is there justification for members of the majority society to consider minority subcultures as inferior because their members look and behave differently?

4—If the answers to questions 1 and 2 are YES, then how do we reconcile this with the Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution?

In the opinion of the writer, the answer to question number 1 is obviously NO. The very existence of many ethnic subcultures tends to enrich the American way of life. Evidence of this is how tourists flock to communities with ethnic identities. Examples of such communities are Chinatown in San Francisco, Little Tokyo in Los Angeles, Olvera Street in Los Angeles, Solvang, and other places which identify themselves as Germantown, Little Sweden, Italian Village, etc.

Everyone of these ethnic communities have in many

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preoccupied with the philosophical opinions of his day. He attempted to relate the Buddhist concept of Karma—the ethical consequence of one's acts fixing one's lot in future existence—to the role of heredity in the theory of evolution.

In this year of 1970, some of his pseudoscientific theories seem quaint. In his stories, too, he commits the error of telling the reader about the characters—all stereotypes—instead of showing them in action. Nevertheless, just emerging from feudalism Hearn wrote about the Japan with warm sympathy, perhaps with insight unmatched by any other writer of the period. It is a pity that this reissue of the 1896 volume contains no biographical information about this extraordinary man.

"Kokoro" merits a place on any shelf of Japonica. The following conversation taken from a Los Angeles

times article, although it involves a Mexican American, will give us some insight into how paper thin "acceptance" can be and how it implies the superiority of the White culture to that of the Mexican American.

Ramon Garza and Jim Hansen, junior college classmates, had been friends for years. Ramon looked very different. Jim, of Scandinavian descent, looked like One Day Ramon, a student in one of the newly instituted courses in Chicano studies, opened this conversation:

Ramon: Tell me, Jim, just what do you think of me as a Mexican?

Jim: What do you mean?

Ramon: Just what I said. What do you think of me as a Mexican?

Jim: You're not a Mexican. You're as American as I am. . . . Ray, I don't really think of you as a Mexican. I think of you as one of us.

Ramon: One of who?

Jim: Well, you know, you're not like me. . . . Where?

Ramon: You mean I'm not like Roberto (a Chicano acquaintance)?

Jim: Well, you're not like other Mexicans I've known. Are you? You've got to admit you're different. You're not like me.

Ramon: What others? You said I was about the first Chicano you ever got to know real well.

Jim: That's not true! I know your family.

Ramon: And you're my friend because I'm not like my family?

Jim: I didn't say that.

Ramon: Yes you did.

Jim: Well, what I meant was—well, all right. You're not like your family. You're different from your parents.

Ramon: So if I was like my folks I wouldn't be your friend.

Jim: Now Ray, don't put words in my mouth.

So a conversation went careening out of control. Jim was surprised to suddenly hear himself saying he didn't like the smell of strong food in Ramon's home and that was one reason he didn't like to go there. Ramon was surprised to find that Ramon was keenly aware of a different kind of smell in Jim's home. Jim insisted that his and other Anglo folks had no idea that he'd noticed in "foreigners' houses" there was always a strong smell. And Ramon was quick to seize on the slip. "You thought you said I was as American as you," he accused.

A recent personal experience adds evidence to the fact that what happens in Japan is reflected on us even though we may be Americans.

On April 8 and 9, I attended an economics seminar sponsored by the American Iron and Steel Institute at UC Berkeley. The keynote speaker was R. Heath Larry, vice chairman—Board of Directors of the United States Steel Corp. The message of his speech was how cheap Japanese labor is making it nearly impossible for American steel to compete in the world market.

What he had to say didn't bother me but the thing that did get to me was the fact that he kept saying "it's your people who are doing it to us," and each time he pointed or nodded at me. This happened even though I had reminded him before the meeting in an informal discussion that I was born here and had no more ties with Japan than he had with the land of his ancestors. Furthermore, at the same

meeting the chairman of the seminar, Alfred F. Connors, Assistant Director of Public Relations for Republic Steel Corp., repeatedly used the term "Jap" in his speech. A Professor Mei L. Kato of UC Irvine, Indonesian by birth but married to a Japanese American, openly requested that Mr. Connors refrain from using the term because it was offensive to her. It seems that a PR man for a major business corporation should know better.

All of these things add up to the conclusion that Japanese American Studies programs are necessary to bring out in the open the racism that continuously creates social friction in our society and also to establish better communications between the various ethnic groups.

Moreover, if we are all properly identified and all are recognized equals this world may well be a better place in which to live.—Fresno JACL Newsletter.

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some overlapping with Japanese culture, "Issei pioneer heritage" is another separate area.

In the coming biennium I would recommend that two separate committees be set up: One with the basic purpose of the original Cultural Heritage Committee and the other which might be called the "Issei Ethnic Heritage Committee" or some such.

I believe that in these two areas—Japanese cultural heritage and our Issei ethnic heritage—is a great deal of potential program material that will be both significant and interesting. I trust that the new Board of the JACL will give it added impetus.

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"We have refrained from publishing certain statements that later appeared elsewhere speculating on the circumstances of the wounding of Mrs. Onishi."

We did so out of a sense of citizenship, feeling that justice was not being served either by speculation or by printing statements emanating from persons who might be involved in future court action.

"But the police do owe this community an official explanation of what happened. To the feeling held by a growing number of persons that the police cannot be trusted."

"We feel that this attitude is wrong, but it is difficult to argue against it when police behave as they have in the Onishi case."

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