



Washington Newsletter

by Mike Masaoka

Convention Comments



In spite of tragedy, the 21st Biennial National JACL Convention in Chicago this past weekend was generally one of triumph. And, thanks to the disciplined activities of the officers and delegates to both the junior and senior conclaves, the necessary work of the Convention as a whole was brought to a successful conclusion.

Continuity to the forward movement in JACL that was initiated by Jerry Enomoto of Sacramento four years ago was assured for the next two bienniums at least with the elections of President Ray Uno of Salt Lake City and President-Elect Henry Tanaka of Cleveland. Thus, JACL's commitment to increased concern for all Americans will be continued and intensified. At the same time, JACL's horizons were extended beyond United States-Japan relations to include all of the Asia-Pacific region in terms of implications for the Japanese American nationality minority in this nation.

New motivations, new challenges, new drives, new concepts, new enthusiasms, and new responsibilities were brought to the National Board with the approval of seven young people to be voting members of that executive body of the 40-year-old national organization. The new members of the National Board will be the chairmen of the youth in the Pacific Northwest, Northern California-Western Nevada, Central California, Pacific Southwest, Intermountain, Midwest, and Eastern district councils.

At the same time, it was evident that a new generation of JACLers, with new ideas as to what the organization's directions and priorities should be, had come of age. The confrontations between the "old guard" and the new generation in National Council sessions at times was obvious, but in most instances better understanding and respect for the other's views was the consequence.

All in all, JACL should be the better for the 21st Biennial.

To "old-timers", the way the leaders of the Jr. JACLers, both on the host chapter and the national delegate and staff levels, was outstanding and most satisfying.

Even though many were in a state of a kind of shock at what occurred at the hotel, the young people were quickly apprised of the situation and asked to remain calm and orderly, which—without exception—they were. And, under an organized program, groups of Jr. JACLers from regions were escorted to a special telephone in order that they might call their homes and relate what had actually happened. In this way, chaos and confusion were avoided, and rumors kept to a minimum.

At the same time, travel arrangements were worked out so that every Jr. JACLer could return to his or her home that evening. This meant not only changes in scheduling but that stand-bys, excursion fares, and other special rates had to be accommodated to the emergency. And, National JACL without fanfare or squabbling immediately approved the necessary funds to take care of the contingent requirements for seeing that every person so desiring was on the way home by the following evening.

The night of the tragedy most Jr. JACLers remained together in a large meeting room, making out the best they could. JACL delegates who were medical doctors attending the Convention made themselves available to minister to those special needs of the people.

And, almost all of the National JACL officers, most of them in white dinner jackets and formal attire for the Testimonial Banquet earlier that evening, stayed up all night in order to help whenever and wherever they could. And, without complaint, they went to the meetings the next day, or attended to the emergency duties that required their personal attention.

We cannot say too much about the exemplary and selfless way in which Ross and Cheryl Harano, already overburdened with the responsibilities of the Convention proper, devoted themselves to alleviate the situation. Quietly yet efficiently, they mobilized Chicago resources and members to help relieve the situation, while giving overall direction and purpose to what was taking place among the Juniors and the Seniors. A future National President is the accolade many are repeating in reference to Ross Harano.

Many others, too numerous to mention, also did more than humans would be expected to do under such circumstances. Regardless, Bill Marutani, National JACL Legal Counsel, should be identified for his exceptional contributions. He not only supervised the necessary legal activities to safeguard the civil rights and sensitivities of all who were questioned by the police but also represented the families of those involved and the interests of JACL itself. He, like so many others, including National JACL President Jerry Enomoto and newly elected National JACL President Ray Uno, went without sleep for two nights and days in order that they could provide the needed leadership in these emergency hours.

As long as JACL leaders are as committed and as dedicated as they proved to be in this latest period of travail, none of us need to fear for the future of JACL.

Though my family and I will be trying to thank those most responsible for the inspired and inspiring testimonial at some later and more appropriate time, still it would be improper if even now we did not begin expressing our personal and public appreciation to all who contributed—in money, in time, and in trouble—to the Mike M. Masaoka Testimonial.

We trust that by the use to which we plan to put the fund, and by our subsequent activities, we will demonstrate that the Testimonial Fund will be put to the worthy and meaningful purposes that will justify the contributions.

As explained at the Testimonial, there will be two main objectives—to encourage members of Congress to work to improve the quality of life for all citizens and to promote among all Americans better understanding and relations between the United States and Japan.

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1,000 at Mike's fete

By BOB OLMSTEAD

CHICAGO—If the Silent Majority has a favorite Silent Minority, it may well be the Japanese Americans.

The Japanese Americans, as everyone knows, responded with exemplary behavior when they suffered one of this country's more outrageous pieces of discrimination in 1942.

More than 110,000 Japanese Americans were rounded up on the West Coast in early World War II hysteria following Pearl Harbor and confined as a "threat to the national security."

Whole families were sent to concentration camps, later "relocated" to distant parts of the country and their West Coast property confiscated.

In the face of this, the Japanese didn't demonstrate, hunger-strike, picket or call for separatism.

After the war, they worked hard, sent their good-looking children to college with a traditional respect for education, and worked within the system to get legal reparation for their lost property.

Today, many younger Japanese Americans think this hard-earned reputation should change.

They think Japanese Americans didn't protest enough in the past, were too self-centered and didn't care enough about other people's problems.

They believe Japanese Americans should "get involved," "get relevant," even at the cost of their own glowing reputations.

Meet in Convention

The new spirit bubbling in Japanese American generations was apparent at the Palmer House this past week at the five-day national convention of the Japanese American Citizens League. More than 500 delegates came in from 32 states.

The Japanese American Citizens League is the nation's largest organization of Japanese Americans.

One of the most respected men at the convention is Mike Masaoka, 55-year-old Washington, D.C., lobbyist for the group.

One thousand persons gathered at a testimonial dinner for Masaoka in the Conrad Hilton Thursday night (July 16) and heard him praised by Edward J. Ennis, chairman of the board of the American Civil Liberties Union; Rep. Sidney R. Yates, (D-Ill.); Roy Wilkins, chairman of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, and U. Alexis Johnson, undersecretary of state for political affairs and former ambassador to Japan.

In acknowledging the tributes for his 25 years of

Japanese photographer sails on successful papyrus boat voyage

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados—Norwegian explorer Thor Heyerdahl (of Kon Tiki fame) proved many things when he entered Bridgetown Harbor last week in the papyrus boat, "Ra 2," ending a two-month, 3,200-mile voyage across the Atlantic. He showed that the Egyptians could have done it 6,000 years ago.

The explorer claimed that the voyage also proved that "eight men from eight nations on both sides of the political fence, black, white and yellow, of all different religions and backgrounds could live together like one family in a small cabin, 6 feet by 18 feet."

The crew included: Kei Ohara, Japanese cameraman; Italian mountaineer Carlo Mauri, cook; Santiago Genoves, Mexican anthropologist; Yuri Cenkevitch, Soviet physician; Georges Sourial, Egyptian diver; Norman Baker, American navigator; and Madani Aitouhani, a Moroccan.

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working for better laws and conditions for Japanese Americans, Masaoka spoke to the young people who are sometimes critical of his generation.

He said he wanted them to remember that "because of what your parents endured, because of what America offers, you and I are able to be here tonight."

He added, "I have a word for some of these young people who say that their fathers, uncles and brothers made a mistake when they volunteered to fight."

"I myself lost a brother. More than 600 Nisei died. I want to tell you here and now that if your older Japanese Americans did not go out and purchase with their

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NEWS CAPSULES

Agriculture

A bill by Rep. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) would authorize paid advertising of Hawaiian papayas under provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937. The bill, already passed by the Senate, has strong support of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. Matsunaga's bill would extend to papayas the same provisions of the existing law which authorizes paid advertising under marketing order for a number of items such as citrus fruits, onions, plums, nectarines, cherries, etc.

William Minami of Reedley was named alternate, representing plum growers, on the Calif. deciduous fruit control committee. He was the only Nisei appointed this year.

Politics

Senator George Murphy's busy schedule has forced the postponement of the reception planned in his honor by the Japanese American Republicans on July 26. Soichi Fukui, JAR president, announced that Sen. Murphy had requested that the reception be held one week earlier, but this was impossible because Yamato Res-

PSWDC-JACL to host 1970 Nisei Week ball

LOS ANGELES—Under the leadership of Akira Ohno of West LA and Kiyoshi Kawai of Downtown LA, the JACL Pacific Southwest District Council will chair the 30th annual Nisei Week Coronation Ball Aug. 15 at the International Room of the Beverly Hilton Hotel with music by Ed Swan's recording band. During the dance portion, youth band will alternate to give out with the "Rock and Roll" music for the younger set.

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restaurant, where the event was scheduled, was not available on the earlier date. The GOP group plans to reschedule the event, probably in the early fall.

Holding the distinction of being the first woman to serve on the State Board of Barber Examiners, Mrs. Toshiko Yamamoto of Los Angeles has been appointed as a paid member of the board by Gov. Ronald Reagan. She has been a journeyman member since 1968 and has resigned that post to accept the \$8820-a-year position.

Mrs. Yamamoto, who with her husband, George, operates the Toshi Barber Shop in East Los Angeles, has been very active in Japanese American Republican organizations.

School Front

A mother and son graduated from different colleges recently. Mrs. George T. Okada, 52, returned to school after her husband passed away in 1964. She finished with honors at Seattle Pacific and will teach at the American School in Tokyo. Her son, Marshall, 22, graduated magna cum laude from Seattle University in finance and business administration.

San Francisco State College athletic director Paul Rundell told a San Mateo writer that Dr. S. I. Hayakawa has been grossly misunderstood by many of his opponents, has done most to make the campus fit for education again with his leadership and is not afraid to make decisions, sticking by the rules to run the ship himself.

The Cleveland Press saluted Patricia Nihei, 18, of East High and Monte Ishige, 18, of Wickliffe High as scholastic all-stars at the annual Top Honor Student dinner June 23. The newspaper honors the top honor student from some 125 high schools in the area annually.

Japanese classical dance instructor Mrs. Fujima Kansuma in Los Angeles will celebrate her 30th anniversary as teacher with a recital at the Ahmanson Theater of the Music Center in October.

Joyce Kobayashi, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Kobayashi of Denver, was honored for playing a major role in constructive educational reforms at Stanford, establishing student workshops on social and political issues and student center for innovations in education and research. She received a \$350 Dinkelspiel Award during the university's 79th Commencement June 14. A philosophy major, she served on the four-member Council.

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IDAHO RODEO QUEEN GIRLS STATE GOVERNOR

SUGAR CITY, IDA.—Lucinda Sakota, daughter of John and Mabel Sakota of Sugar City, Ida., was elected governor of Girls State at Caldwell, Ida. She was among 274 delegates

of Presidents that headed the campus students this past year.

Sports

Mark Mondschein of Haverford (Pa.) High won the 1970 state high school pole vault championship with a 15 ft.-14 in. effort—best to date involving any Japanese American. His mother, Momoe, is married to Irving Mondschein, asst. coach at Univ. of Pennsylvania and member of the U.S. Olympic decathlon team in 1948. Mark, who is 6 ft.-1, will attend Pennsylvania in the fall.

Flowers-Garden

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from various parts of the state and is the first person of Japanese ancestry to be honored as governor. Her official duty will be to spearhead the activities of the 1971 Idaho Girls State.

REXBURG, IDA.—Gail A. Hanami, daughter of Takeshi

and Mariko Hanami, Rexburg, Ida., reigned as queen of the Upper Valley Wranglers annual Fourth of July Rodeo. Her selection was based on horsemanship and appearance, also sale of tickets. She received a complete western wardrobe and other special prizes from local merchants.

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endorsed the resolution initiated by the Pacific Southwest District Council asking for a feasibility study to be made by an ad hoc committee to establish a separate arm, similar to such organizations as the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith or JACL's ADC of the late 1940s. The resolution is subject to ratification by the National Council.

ing experience to get all JACL chapters to become involved in civil rights programs.

Convention

The high cost of convention in JACL was raised within the National Board after Harry Takagi, 1972 convention chairman, reported the tentative plans of the Washington, D.C. host chapter.

Some felt the high cost even discouraged JACLers within the Midwest District Council from participating in the Chicago convention.

"Are we pricing ourselves out of national JACL conventions?" another member inquired. While Takagi had no comment, he welcomed the expressions of the various board members on the matters of cost.

AUG. 2—COMMUNITY INFO SERVICE DAY

Gov't Agencies Come to Little Tokyo

LOS ANGELES — A massive single-day social service event will take place during Community Information Service Day on Sunday, Aug. 2 at 11 a.m., in and around 125 Weller St. with no less than 12 major private, city, county, state and federal agencies taking part. Many individual volunteers representing the medical, legal and social service professions in the Japanese American Community are also participating.

cause of lack of awareness and misunderstanding due to language difficulties.

In any event, volunteers who are bilingual will be stationed in all the mobile medical units and will assist those agencies who wish to provide answers to pertinent questions in both languages.

Some of the participating agencies are:

The American Cancer Society, The American Heart Assn., Diabetes Assn. of Southern California, The Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services, Health, Fire and Mental Health, Los Angeles Society for the Hard of Hearing, The Social Security Administration, Southern California Society for the Prevention of Blindness, State Tax Board and the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.

Help Needed

Because the need for "bilingual volunteers" is so great, a special call for persons who would be interested in taking part in the Community Information Service Day is being made.

A spokesman for the event said that they are not seeking persons who speak "perfect Japanese" only, but indicated that those who have a working knowledge of the language and can communicate it to another person would be ones whose services would be greatly appreciated by all.

The call for volunteer translators of the written language was also made. Although as much material as possible will be presented in Japanese, there remains a volume of information which needs to be worked as soon as possible.

Any and all persons who feel they would like to take part in this program as either a volunteer interpreter or translator are asked to contact Miss Linda Iwataki at 689-4413 or contact the JACS office at 125 Weller St., Los Angeles, 90012.

Under the sponsorship of the Japanese Community Pioneer Center and the Japanese American Community Services (JACS), Community Information Service Day hopes to bring out as much information as possible concerning matters of individual health, legal advice, and awareness of the social service aids in both English and Japanese.

Bilingual Approach

Intended originally to be a "health day" for Little Tokyo area residents, the one-day program was expanded with the participation of many social service agencies who saw this event as an excellent opportunity to present vital information bi-lingually. These agencies had been particularly concerned because they feared many persons were not taking part in benefits due them be-

cause of lack of awareness and misunderstanding due to language difficulties.

At the emergency meeting called Oct. 9-12, 1969, at Los Angeles, attended by many who were in the Jr. JACL for at least five years, it was their contention that the demands were too great on available manpower and money for Jr. JACL to try to maintain meaningful programs at a national level as well as the chapter and district levels.

Hence the basic agreement was reached to abolish the National Youth Council and to refocus program at the chapter and district levels.

The importance of DYC chairmen to meet annually to

discuss problems of common concerns, exchange of ideas and formulating national priorities from the youth point of view was also emphasized.

The Suzuki report noted a number of successful youth programs during the current biennium, including the tri-district conference the youth held in August, 1969, at Santa Cruz mountains.

PULSE ON THE CHAPTERS:



DETROIT ISSEI—On hand are Issei from the Detroit area to receive their JACL Wakamatsu Centennial medallion at a recent chapter keirokal from Japanese Consul General Kagei of Chicago (standing front, middle). —Tom Hashimoto Photo.

Fund-Raisers

Tickets are now on sale for the annual Progressive Westside JACL pancake breakfast set for Sunday morning, Aug. 23, at the Food Giant parking lot in Crenshaw Square. The \$1 donation covers the breakfast with door prizes. Proceeds will be used for the newly-created Asian American Education Fund which the chapter established.

The St. Louis JACL Sakura Festival held in April was a smashing success as a profit of \$1,000 was realized to sustain both junior and adult programs for the year. A highlight was the Juniors teaching the festival goers the Tankobushi... The St. Louis Jr. JACLers (JAY) washed cars for six hours on Saturday in May to net about \$40, which is being forwarded to the MD-YC treasury to help keep the district youth council solvent.

The French Camp JACL held its annual community bazaar on Saturday, July 18, at the French Camp Community Hall. Mats Murata, George Komura and Yoshitaya were in charge of the affair.

General food chairman Kay Nakata and Chizu Nonaka were assisted by: Mivo Murata, Aya Takagawa, Yoneo Hisatomi, Mike Hoover, Al Pagnucci, Frank Kosugi, John Shimasaki, Tom Nakata, Tak Hamamoto, Roy Yonemoto, Terry Hotta, Mitsu Shimoto, Martha Shimasaki, Elko Hamamoto, Michi Fumi Higashiyama, Hideko Iwata, Kate Komure, Dorothy Ota, Florence Itaya, and Jays members.

Carnival games were planned and conducted by: Tom Natsuhara, John Fujiki, Hiroshi Shinomoto, Harry Ota, Kimi Morinaka, Nancy Natsuhara, Barbara Hayashino, Yaeko Kaneko, Carol Hayashino, Ruby Fujiki, and Jays members.

Others assisting were: raffle, Bob Tominaga; finance and cashier, Hideo Morinaka; publicity, Lydia Ota; correspondence, Rosie Tominaga; ground preparation, Fumio Kanemoto, Kiyoshi Hayashi, and Kenzo Higashiyama.

The Orange County JACL will sponsor a rummage sale for the benefit of Justin Ogata, the 16-year-old Costa Mesa High School student who has been almost totally paralyzed since suffering a freak wrestling accident last December.

The event will take place at John Tadokoro's Valley Shopping Center on Magnolia and Talbot from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., July 25.

For the Family

The annual picnic of the Milwaukee JACL is scheduled for Sunday, August 9, at

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San Francisco Democratic Club backs JACL on repeal of Title II

SAN FRANCISCO—Following a discussion of the forced detention of Americans of Japanese descent during World War II, the Yerba Buena Democratic Club formulated a resolution urging the repeal of Title II of the 1950 Internal Security Act. The discussion was led by Edison Uno of the San Francisco JACL.

The following resolution was passed: Whereas, Title II of the McCarran-Internal Security Act of 1950 provides the legal framework for federally operated detention camps to incarcerate potential enemies of our nation without trial or due process; and, Whereas, it is not impossible to imagine a return to the war hysteria that led to the unlawful imprisonment of 70,000 citizens of

Concentration Camps, USA program arousing interest

SAN FRANCISCO — Community response to the lecture program, "Concentration Camp, U.S.A.—Can It Happen Again?" to be held at the Western Addition Public Library on Wednesday, July 29 has been most encouraging.

Program sponsors to date include the following groups: JACL, San Francisco Chapter; Bank of Tokyo of California; Japan Center Branch; Buddhist Churches of America, National Headquarters; Pine United Methodist Church; Hokubei Mainichi; Nichi Bei Times; Sumitomo Bank of California; and San Francisco Center for Japanese American Studies.

The program speaker will be Edison Uno, National Co-Chairman of the JACL Committee to Repeal the Detention Camp Legislation.

IN ABOLISHING JR. JACL EXTEND YOUNG-ADULT CONCEPT TO YOUTH GROUPS IN REGULAR JACL

CHICAGO — The proposal to lower the minimum age for JACL membership to 14 or 15 and to abolish the Jr. JACL as a separate entity was clarified in the National Youth Commissioner's report to the JACL Convention.

By abolishing the Jr. JACL, youth commissioner Mike Suzuki was not suggesting an integration of youth members into existing chapters. Rather, the concept of the "young adult" oriented JACL chapters can be extended to the younger-age brackets, the Sacramento proposed.

"The fundamental significance is that we, young and old, would all belong to the same organization and all have a role in determining the course of the JACL," Suzuki declared.

"It is a truism that members of the younger generation will ultimately decide the future of JACL. The older generation cannot make these decisions for them. We cannot escape the fact that policies and priorities JACLers establish now will influence the decisions of the Jr. JACLers.

Sansel of Age

"If the JACL is truly interested in having the Sansel meaningfully involved in its programs in the 1970s, it must recognize that the younger generation has come of age.

"There are many details to be worked out in this proposal, but I believe a workable plan could be developed," the JACL delegates were told.

In some communities, a chapter may have difficulty programming for those 14 to 20 years of age so Suzuki sees chapters established for those of high school age and another for those of college age.

It may be that for chapters with members under age 21 or 18, an adult adviser might be required. And to assure youth chapters are not lost in district and national structures, the possibility of a "youth caucus" has been suggested.

Current JACL staff, budget, organizational patterns, etc. would all have to reflect the change in the expansion of membership, Suzuki continued, but it would require a careful changeover.

Organizational Changes

He suggested all district youth council chairmen (seven in number at the present time) become full members of the National JACL Board.

Another proposal offered as a new alternative was to have the National President appoint the DYC chairmen as members of a task force to work with the National Board in developing the proposal and to provide for their participation at the 1971 National Board interim meeting. Funds which have been authorized for the annual meeting of the National Youth Commission (the adult body) can be reallocated to meet the costs of having the DYC chairmen participate with the Board, Suzuki explained.

The JACL youth program

the United States of America of Japanese descent; now therefore be it Resolved that the Yerba Buena Democratic Club join the Japanese American Citizens League in urging Congress to repeal this law.

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Bill Hosokawa

From the Frying Pan

Chicago

THOUGHTS ABOUT A CONVENTION—As this is being written, the 21st Biennial Convention of the JACL is drifting to a close. The delegates are weary. There has been an enormous amount of business transacted. If the essence of democracy is debate before decision, then this has been a democratic convention indeed. Overall has hung the pall of a terrible, unthinkable misfortune, the loss of the life of a delegate attending her first convention.

Soon the delegates will get around to voting a new slate of officers. The election is unprecedented in the sense that the presidency is a three-way race. That three able, dedicated men are seeking the headaches, the time-consuming responsibilities, the impossible job of keeping all elements of the organization reasonably happy, is a remarkable thing in itself. Perhaps it is a measure of the maturity of the organization that there are individuals who are not persuaded to accept, but actively solicit, such responsibility.

There is no indication, as this is written, who among the three will be named president. Whoever he may be, he will need the good will, the thoughtful support, the give-and-take cooperation of all the diverse elements of JACL if it is not to disintegrate in total chaos. He must have this cooperation, for overall the organization is too necessary to be allowed to lag into impotence.

THE TRAGEDY OF EVELYNN OKUBO — In the quiet moments of the convention, there were many who dwelt in silence or in the intimacy of small groups, on the tragedy of Evelyn Okubo, the 18-year-old Stockton girl who was found slain in the convention hotel. We do not know at this time the details of this murder, nor is there any assurance at this time that the crime will ever be solved. The track record in this city for solution of crimes of violence is not a good one.

Yet it is apparent, even now, that Evelyn Okubo's death is in much the same sense as the death of the brothers Kennedy, Martin Luther King and others, a result of the madness that hangs over our land. Soon there must be a realization among the people that a sickness pervades them, and that we must seek help. Perhaps the medication should be in the form of a spiritual re-dedication. Certainly the economic and social injustices that warp men's minds and souls must be eliminated as an initial step.

The tragedy of these times now has struck within the ranks of the JACL itself, and this bitter experience can well be the inspiration to move ahead with vigor, determination and new dedication to do what needs to be done.

THE ENOMOTO YEARS — The shock of Evelyn Okubo's death still hangs over the convention when Jerry Enomoto rose to voice his thoughts and express his thanks at the President's Recognition Luncheon. For this reason it was an anticlimactic ending to two distinctive terms of service under the most trying times. That he was able to keep the organization together and viable, that he was able to keep all elements talking to each other long enough to reach agreement on a great many difficult issues, is a tribute to the understanding and depth of the man.

Enomoto is of the younger generation of JACL leaders. He was a teenager, by his own admission too young to realize the enormity of the experience, having a ball during the evacuation period. Undoubtedly it was this very youth that enabled him to bridge gaps and keep the cool when dissent became the order of the day. It is altogether likely that Jerry's stature as a national president will be more deeply appreciated — this is not to imply that he is not appreciated today — when we are able to look back on these clamorous, troubled times with the perspective of history. After four such years as he has experienced, after the crises he has met and overcome, Jerry and Joyce Enomoto deserve a rest. Being the kind of people they are, it is unlikely that they will enjoy such luxury.

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# Asian component

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anger and great violence in response to the future of corporate capitalism. So far, the war in Indo-China has diverted the attention of Americans from the serious problems at home.  
Those flag-waving construction workers in New York will very soon join the ranks of the unemployed, and my guess is that they and others affected by the economic crisis will need a scapegoat for their frustrations and hostilities. Will it be the Asian?  
A step has been taken in that direction by irresponsible labor and business leaders.  
For example, Mr. Wright, Chairman of Zenith corporation, blamed the Japanese for the layoff of 3,000 black workers in one of Zenith's plants in Chicago. What he failed to mention is that Zenith is opening a new plant in Formosa in 1971 which will employ some 4,000 workers.  
Labor leaders have been equally irresponsible. For example, Richard Irvingston, Secretary of the Carpenter's union, recently said:  
"Japanese wood imports have caused the layoff of 35,000 workers in Oregon and Washington lumber mills. Some mills have closed. It makes you wonder who in the hell won World War II?"  
Economic Crisis  
The history of the U.S. shows that America's brand of fascism is especially acute in times of economic crisis. In the months to come, criticisms and attacks of student demonstrators may become general to include people who have traditionally occupied minority status.  
When this occurs, the Asian along with the Blacks and the Jews will be especially vulnerable and become the objects of fascist America's violence and terror.

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tions went underground during the war but surfaced immediately thereafter in the McCarthy period, and with the election of certain political figures in the past several years, there seems to be an increasing tendency to express fascist ideologies.  
Prospect before Asians  
If my line of analysis is correct, what can we, as concerned Americans do? I think it is extremely important to have information on what is happening to our economic system. The economic crisis is so critical that the Wall Street Journal and the financial pages of the daily newspaper should be required reading.  
2-If on the basis of this information we can understand why jobs have been abolished, why the interest rates are so high, and how it affects our manufacturing and construction industries and the spiraling cost of living, then we will be less likely to displace our frustrations upon a scapegoat.  
3-If on the basis of this information, one understands that the source of the problem lies in the economic institution rather than being the responsibility of ethnic minorities, then we can, for example, begin to inform our friends, associates, neighbors, and hopefully, to influence our congressmen and other political officials to peacefully rearrange the institution.  
4-And finally, an understanding of the institutional structure can prevent hysterical and irresponsible behavior. People panicked in 1942. And the only way to prevent a re-occurrence is to cherish above all, the value of freedom, justice, equality, and humanism in a society indeed governed for and by the people.

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TRAGEDY NUMBS CONVENTION

No matter how much we tried to concentrate on the JACL Convention during its closing days at Chicago last week, the shock and tragedy of July 16 prevailed and the memories of that night overshadowed the true gains scored for the youth in terms of JACL.

As inevitable as death is, the manner in which it comes and who is called, that it struck in the midst of a JACL Convention displayed the compassion and love the Nisei generation has for its Sansei generation.

It affected our plans to transmit convention proceedings to our shop in Los Angeles. An Angelino who attended the Convention for the Masaoka Testimonial returned the following morning with some copy but not as much as we had intended.

For many of convention delegates, its leaders and especially the youth, it was a night without sleep. For legal counsel Bill Marutani, it was a vigil with the Chicago police, ever-inquisitive press and the hotel management that lasted beyond 36 hours.

Though the delegates were cautioned early not to speculate on what transpired, their rumors and misinformation managed to garble and sensationalize the murder story in the medias. The press-radio-TV reporters were milling about the sixth floor area of the Palmer House to pick up whatever they found of interest.

One Chicago morning daily tried to link a racial angle to the case by reporting some of the youth had met with elements of the Black Panther Party and the Young Lords, a Chicano group, though the intent of these meetings was for "understanding"—to exchange ideas on community service—in line with the Convention theme: "Understanding: the Basis for the Changing JACL."

And when JACL authorized its \$10,000 reward for information, one reporter tried to have JACL point a finger at the Chicago police. "It could have happened in any city" was the JACL reply. "We don't blame Chicago."

He became convinced that the Fountain of Youth was to be found on an island off the east coast of China. An expedition he sent out in search of this never returned, but it is possible that the ships reached Japan and that their crews were among the early colonists of that country."

Though none before him had achieved as expansive a rule as Ch'in Shih Huang Ti, a distinctive Chinese culture can be traced from shortly before 2000 B.C., and "developed along the basin of the Yellow River, near its junction with the river Wei" in northern China.

As we have seen, some contact between the Chinese and the archipelago now known as Japan was to be made by ships sailing from China. But ages were to pass before the Chinese would administer a major transfusion of their culture, and they were to do so then, circuitously, through the Korean peninsula.

Chinese influence had become dominant in the peninsula in the fourth and third centuries B.C. The tribes there gradually formed themselves into three kingdoms. In addition, at the southern extremity of the peninsula there developed an enclave, Kaya, called Mimana by the Japanese.

There, the iron-will and unflagging determination of the institution's chief executive, Dr. S. I. Hayakawa, world renowned scholar, caused him to stand at his post like a sea captain who would not give up his ship though his life was in imminent danger.

Thus, out of the storm and stress of the student revolt, emerged a great educational statesman who went about the country in humility and in a soft voice preaching reasonableness, sensibility to the dissidents, fighting fiercely for the new order and the obdurate and unyielding defenders of the status quo in a world that was irrevocably turning against them.

Hayakawa went from one end of the country to the other telling in simple terms but cogent logic the story of the conflict, its genesis, its viability and ultimate consequences. And he did a much better job of presenting the students case than the students themselves had been able to do.

The clash was not only force versus force. It was a clash of ideals and conceptualisms that went far beyond the ordinary power of self-restraint. But throughout the whole course of the upsetting, flaming events, Dr. Hayakawa remained calm. He exhibited a stoicism and steadfastness that delighted his admirers and confounded the opposition.

When immigrants from Japan came to the shores of America and constructed homes in its fertile valleys, they gave birth to a new and proud people—the Japanese Americans! Both the Issei and the Nisei understood which commodities they wished to receive from their new lives. Among these were freedom, opportunity and friendship.

It is with this, that I would like to examine the theme "Understanding: The Basis For The Changing JACL." When immigrants from Japan came to the shores of America and constructed homes in its fertile valleys, they gave birth to a new and proud people—the Japanese Americans!

Whether they fell as a result of the glorious and highly courageous feats of the 442nd Infantry Regimental Combat Team or whether it was the clear record of the Japanese Americans' loyalty on the home front, the barriers of former prejudices and unfounded myths began to fall one by one. The JACL gained

ed ground as many people were now prepared and willing to change through understanding. Finally, a bridge of human tolerance and harmony carried the JACL across the calm rivers and the organization continued slowly across the deserts to meet the scorching challenges of the more recent years.

Today, as we look at our domestic problems, we quickly discover that civil rights had become by far the most troublesome, the most crucial and the most challenging problem that confronts the people and the government of the United States. It is utterly shameful to observe that one-tenth the population suffers from social deprivation because of what they are—Black! Still yet, the American Indian, the lost and forgotten in this rapidly moving and highly technological society, suffers similar symptoms.

Why do many members of the JACL prefer to relax in their homes secure and safe and at the same instant ignoring the cries of certain racial groups. Is it because they are often told: "You've got it made! Why get involved?" Have they forgotten that only yesterday they were the victims of racist exploitation and persecution? Of a 11 Americans, they should be the ones willing to understand the frustrations and miseries of the less advantaged.

It is indeed peculiar to find that many Nisei do not support civil rights issues as was demonstrated in California in the 1964 ballot measure to block open housing in that state. Furthermore, many Issei, Nisei and even Sansei voted in favor of Prop. 13 while

leaders of the JACL campaigned strenuously against it. Ironically, however, but equally as surprising, a public opinion survey conducted in California revealed that 80% of the Californians were in favor of evacuation in 1942 and in 1967, a mere 3 years ago, a shocking 48% still were. Might another executive order 9066 reappear?

I believe that these are challenges that the JACL must consider with all seriousness. I am not necessarily speaking to the leaders of the JACL, but I am appealing to the majority of the members to strengthen the life of this organization by understanding not only the problems of the Japanese Americans but of all Americans.

Surely, the changing JACL is not quite the same as it was 30 years ago and five years from now it will again alter as new leadership, attitudes and ideals appear. The hills and the mountains that lead to universal truth are nearer but the journey is far from complete. To continue progressing in the correct direction, all JACLers must understand the significance of their own lives and what it truly means to become not only "Better Americans in a Greater America" but also Better Humans in a greater world.

These are the people who will guide the Changing JACL. These are the people who will answer hate, violence, prejudice and ignorance with the most powerful weapon of all—Understanding! These are the people, in their final passing, who can honestly claim that life was a lived because "life is not lived and then understood; because life is poorly lived till understood; and because when well understood, life begins a new career of achievement and worth."

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Hayakawa and College Storms

The college campus storms have subsided. Only those who experienced their fury can testify to the upheavals and the dramatic changes that followed in their wake. It will be noted by honest chroniclers that no college or university was more violently shaken by the tornado winds that swept across the academic community in 1968 and 1969 than was the little-known San Francisco State College.

There, the iron-will and unflagging determination of the institution's chief executive, Dr. S. I. Hayakawa, world renowned scholar, caused him to stand at his post like a sea captain who would not give up his ship though his life was in imminent danger.

Thus, out of the storm and stress of the student revolt, emerged a great educational statesman who went about the country in humility and in a soft voice preaching reasonableness, sensibility to the dissidents, fighting fiercely for the new order and the obdurate and unyielding defenders of the status quo in a world that was irrevocably turning against them.

Hayakawa went from one end of the country to the other telling in simple terms but cogent logic the story of the conflict, its genesis, its viability and ultimate consequences. And he did a much better job of presenting the students case than the students themselves had been able to do.

Asian Component in California

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The Oakland Museum Association sponsored a lecture series this past spring on the "Asian Component in California History." Among the speakers were Professor Stanford Lyman, Alan Wong, Edison Uno, Jose de los Reyes and Dr. Paul Takagi. In an abridged version of Dr. Takagi's talk on the prospects for Asians in America, the Asian may again be made a scapegoat if unemployment in the U.S. reaches very high levels.—Editor.

Other Problems
Despite these glittering statistics on social achievements, there are some serious problems of neglect. The aged, contrary to the common stereotype that Asians take care of their own, live lonely and poverty stricken lives. The poverty among the recently arrived Chinese immigrants is especially acute.

Crime Rates
Poverty is especially serious in the Chinatown ghettos, but this problem along with, for example, crime rates remain relatively invisible to the larger community as the absolute numbers are quite low relative to other ethnic groups. Some recent crime statistics reveal the following:

For the year 1969 in the city of Sacramento, there were 19,000 felony arrests of which 8 suspects were of Chinese and Japanese descent, or a percentage of less than 1/2 of one percent.

Academic Achievers
Another set of interesting data is the number of "state scholars" among Japanese high school graduates in California. This year, 297 of 6,023 state scholars were of Japanese descent.

It is interesting to me that during this period of some 70 years, there were five major economic recessions in the United States, including a major drought in California in the 1860s. Following each of these economic crises, the Asian, initially the Chinese, and eventually the Japanese, became the targets of white hostility and frustration.

ciated Farmers, the Western Growers Protective Assn., the Grower-Shipper Assn., and the Chambers of Commerce largely represented by business interests, played major roles in influencing both military and civilian decision-makers.

Future Prospects
What happened to the Japanese in 1942 is not likely to occur again, not because white America is especially enamored with the concept of justice, but because of some major developments in corporate capitalism involving Asian countries, namely Japan.

Unemployment Data
A closer analysis of the unemployment data reveals that this is not a short term economic adjustment problem. The lead article of the May 12 Wall Street Journal reports that a Ford plant in Texas closed resulting in a layoff of 1,900 people; a Motorola plant in Franklin Park, Ill., was shut down; an auto frame company closed operations in Trenton, Mich.; a Reynolds aluminum plant was shut down in White Bear Lake, Minn.; a glass company in Arnold, Penn.; a Youngstown Sheet and Tube company in Struthers, Ohio; a subsidiary company of Arco Steel, and even utility plants in Michigan have closed down their operations.

More Violence Probable
In the 1970s and perhaps for several decades thereafter, there will probably be rising violence in the United States in response to problems created by laissez faire capitalism.

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Nisei: Quiet American
I have been reading with interest all of the favorable reviews published in the Pacific Citizen. The majority of them have been very favorable and patronizing concerning the role of the Japanese in America.

25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, July 28, 1945
10B—IN THE PACIFIC
War veterans at College of Pacific restore desecrated Japanese grave near Stockton campus. Anti-boycott activities by WRA anger Seattle produce dealers. First special train to transport evacuees back to California leaves from Rohwer, Ark. with 425 passengers. JACL opens Seattle office to aid returning evacuees. WRA officials charge of "conspiracy" by Rep. Sheppard to release evacuees to engage in west coast sabotage. Japanese Canadians file cases to test validity of Dominion's evacuee segregation program. Maj. Robert Saibara returns home to Texas after combat service in Europe with First Army. War veterans in Spokane oppose formation of special Japanese American VFW unit. VFW posts in Hawaii welcome Nisei veterans. San Luis Obispo Telegram-Tribune answers reader's protest over photo of Nisei G-2 soldier greeting father in Okinawa, "good enough for combat, good enough for our pages." Okinawa civilians get kind treatment from U.S. military government, says 100th Infantryman now interpreter with 10th Army. State Sen. Tenney of Calif. changes tone, calls anti-Nisei activities un-American; earlier criticized by WRA for misleading statements on evacuees. Woman jailed for anti-evacuee outbursts in Walnut Grove reiterates statement in press interview, had previous arrests for prostitution, vagrancy and drug abuse. Milwaukee cited by Quaker officials as "one of the friendliest" for evacuees.