



'MO' MARUMOTO NAMED TO STAFF AT WHITE HOUSE

California Sansei to Be Consultant on Executive Manpower

By RAYMOND UNO National President

It is easier for a camel to walk through the eye of a needle than for a JACL president to make all of the JACL members happy.

When President Woodrow Wilson went to the League of Nations to plead for creation of a truly effective organization to promote world peace, little did he realize that his own country would turn her back on his proposal.

To Light the Candle

Unfortunately, we learn little from the lessons of history and still look upon a strong world government with suspicion and distrust. The fortress America concept had little chance of success then, less now and tomorrow may be too late to revise our isolationist thinking as well as polemicism of the world tendency.

As JACL attempts to move forward to a more meaningful deeper and creative commitment, many of its members view with suspicion and distrust its directions.

Fear of the unknown, fear of retaliation have obviously put the progressive mobility of JACL in a straight jacket, and, rather than be a leader, which JACL can very easily be, it would rather be a follower, self-satisfied in its middle class orientation and characteristic of a parent, must outdo our peers and look down on the struggling masses who have not yet arrived.

I lay no claim to be omniscient or omnipotent; I can only say I have lived as each of you. My experiences I cherish dearly because it has had far more tragedies than triumphal happiness, but the many hurts have cut deeply and have left emotional and characterological wounds and scars I still nurse with hope and empathy; hope that others may not have to duplicate my sufferings and empathy for those who must and have, and more so those who have not and will not have, the opportunities I have had.

The taste of success is much more sweet when spiced often by the bitterness of failure; the real reward is found in our compassion toward our fellow man because of our mutual bitter-sweet experiences rather than arrogance toward those who have not quite achieved.

As Eleanor Roosevelt once said of Adlai Stevenson, he was one of those who would rather light a candle than curse the darkness; I am always optimistic that we in JACL would rather light a candle than curse the darkness.

As I travel from district council to district council, chapter to chapter, I have reason to believe that JACL can and will light the candle.

At each stop, I talk to many JACLers from all walks of life and I find them to be sincere, warm, questioning, bright, alert and understanding. Some are idealistic, some are reluctant, some are aggressive, some are cautious, but all are concerned about JACL and her future.

In addition, I am glad to report, the members are frank, and in some instances brutally frank, which they must be to keep me from being weasel worded or stalling the fence on controversial or important issues.

WASHINGTON—The White House last week (Nov. 12) announced the appointment of William H. Marumoto of Whittier, as a consultant to the White House on executive manpower. His responsibilities will be recruiting individuals to presidential and other high-level appointive positions.

Marumoto is believed to be the first person of Oriental ancestry to serve on the White House staff.

Prior to his appointment, he was assistant to the Secretary at the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and also served as director of Public Affairs for the Teacher Corps.

A specialist in university development and public relations, Marumoto has been on a leave of absence since September, 1969, as a management consultant for Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co., Los Angeles.

For the past decade, he has been active in university affairs serving on the administrative staffs at Whittier College, UCLA, and the Walt Disney-founded California Institute of the Arts.

Program Alumni Director Marumoto has received more than 20 national awards from professional associations for fund raising, public relations and alumni programs developed at Whittier College and UCLA, including two of the highest awards presented by the American Alumni Council.

Prior to going to Washington, Marumoto was active in a number of community organizations in Southern California including: JACL, Kiwanis, Japanese American Republic of Southern California, Junior Advertising Club of Los Angeles, the University Club of Los Angeles, and the YACA.

He is also consultant to the Whittier-Nixon Presidential Library and the Green Power Foundation.

The 35-year-old Santa Ana native was graduated from Whittier College in 1957 and did graduate work at the Univ. of Oregon the following year.

He is married to the former Jean M. Monishige of Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii and they are the parents of four children, Wendy, 9; Todd, 7; Lani, 5 and Jenni, 11 months.

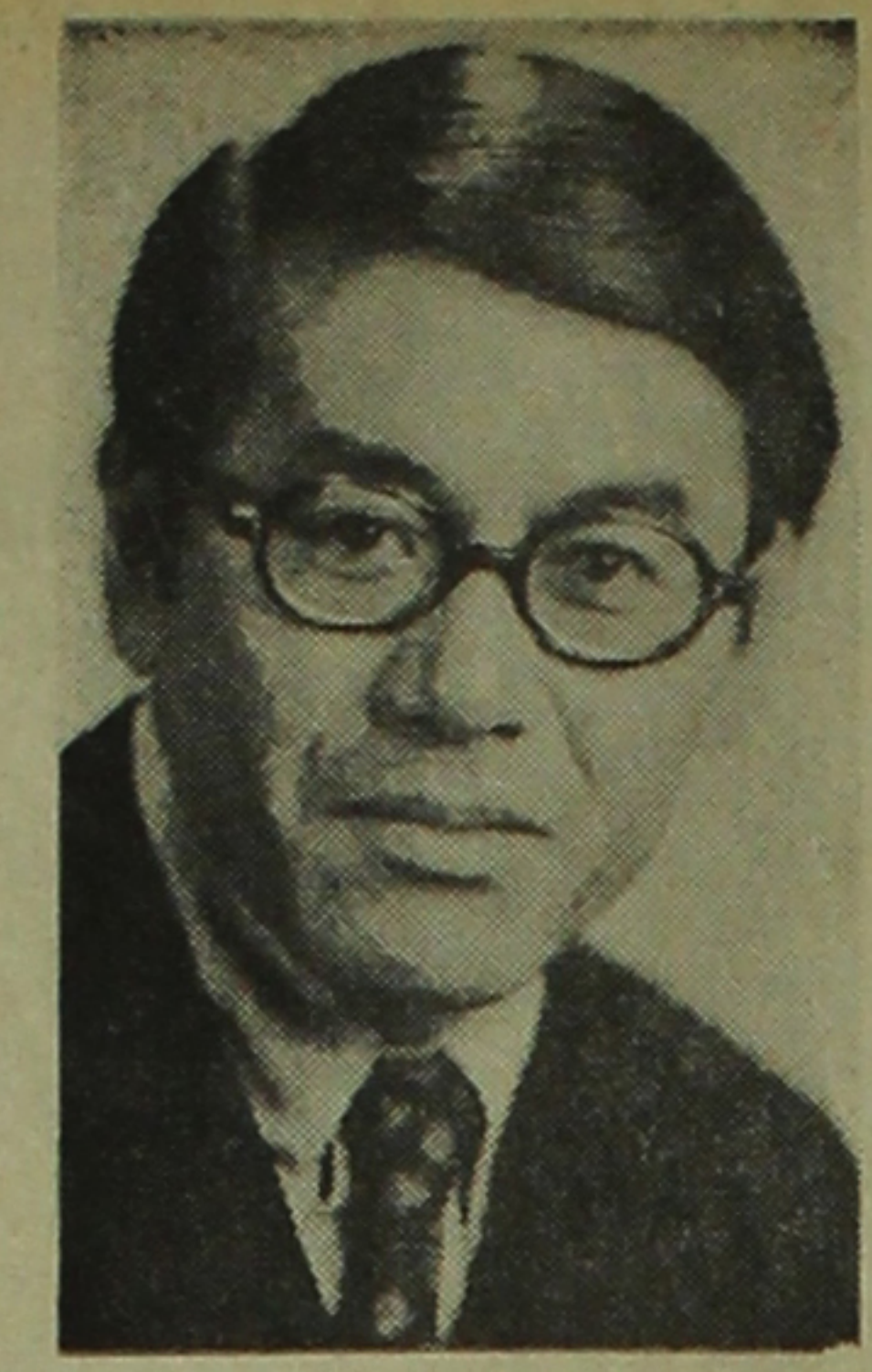
His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Y. Marumoto, reside in Santa Ana. His two brothers, Dr. Thomas Y. Marumoto and Dr. Benjamin K. Marumoto, reside in Newport Beach and Fullerton, respectively.

CRCSC celebrates 25th anniversary

LOS ANGELES—The Community Relations Conference of Southern California celebrated its 25th anniversary Nov. 8 at the Palladium where the Japanese American Citizens League was cited among the 11 founding members. JACL is still active in the group now comprised of some 90 organizations.

When the organization, then known as the Los Angeles County Conference on Community Relations, was 10 years old, the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California bestowed a huge trophy to the conference in appreciation for its assistance to evacuee finding jobs and housing upon return from the camps in 1945.

The conference was founded to help evacuees resettle. As that issue ceased, other needs in the community, such as housing, civil rights, jobs, etc., for other minorities were tackled and it is the largest coordinating group which meets regularly in the Southland today.



William 'Mo' Marumoto

Asian Americans not as college conscious today

LOS ANGELES—With general community interest on the rise to have more black, brown and Indian young people continue and complete their education, four-year colleges locally have made special efforts to recruit them in order to alleviate existing problems arising from the racial crisis.

But young people from the Asian American community have been overlooked, according to a JACL office spokesman here.

While educators recognize the Asian community has the highest educational attainment percentage, they are not aware that an increasing number of Asian American high school graduates is not as college-conscious or is just satisfied with a two-year degree.

To encourage Asian students who have the desire and motivation to continue their education but do not have either the grades or motivation to continue their education, the Educational Opportunities Program (EOP) at Cal State L.A., Cal State Long Beach and at UCLA have established Asian American facilities to expedite enrollment.

EOP personnel are now recruiting students for fall 1971. They are: George Toy, Cal State L.A. 224-2153; Naomi Uyeda, Cal State Long Beach 433-0951, ext. 459; and Cynthia Ong, UCLA 825-4976 (Mar. 1, 1971 deadline).

Students central at 3222 W. Jefferson, Room 5, is also open Thursday evenings and Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., to prospective college students in need of matriculation information.

HAWAIIAN ELECTION PARADE

From Lt. Gov. Post Whither Ariyoshi?

By ALLAN BEEKMAN (Special to the Pacific Citizen) HONOLULU—In Hawaii's three branches of government, it remains only in the executive that a Nikkei has failed to reach the top.

In the Nov. 3 Election, George Ryoichi Ariyoshi was elected Lieutenant Governor. This is the highest position yet achieved by a Nikkei in the executive branch. The office was created with the granting of statehood. At least two of the three persons who have previously held it regarded it as a steppingstone to the governorship.

During the campaign, when Ariyoshi was asked if he so regarded the post, he replied that he was concerned with the election of 1970, not with that of 1974. Many things can happen to alter the political situation in the next four years. Of his predecessors, one, William S. Richardson, was appointed from the post to Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court, filling the vacancy left by Tsukiyama; two filed for the governorship, both losing in the Primary.

It is likely that Ariyoshi feels he is pointed upward; his career has been a pattern of steady upward progress. Increased responsibility fosters increased stature. At 44 he must regard his new post as only a milestone.

Son of Sumoist Born in Honolulu of Japanese immigrant parents, George had the hard struggle up from obscurity of the average Nisei. His father, Ryozo, came from Fukuoka Prefecture, his mother from Kumamoto. Ryozo, a top sumo wrestler locally, worked as stevedore, then opened a dry cleaning shop.

George, the eldest child, helped around the shop. The family had continued to grow a brother and three sisters were born after him.

KONKOKYO RAPS RELIGIOUS-TYPE SCHOOL EVENTS

San Francisco JACL Asked for Support, Votes Hands Off

SAN FRANCISCO—A move to halt religiously oriented school programs, such as traditional ones at Christmas time, and the teaching and singing of religious songs in San Francisco public schools is currently being conducted by Nobusuke Fukuda of the Konkoku church of this city.

He asked the San Francisco JACL on Nov. 2 to support his resolution, but was turned down by a 3-7 vote with four abstentions.

Fukuda, who is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Shinko Fukuda, public information officer of the Kongo Young People federation, also presented a similar resolution to a previous chapter board.

Against Religion Bias He said his resolution was in line with the National JACL executive board's decision of Nov. 1 to oppose the adoption of "Japanese Americans: The Untold Story" by the state board of education curriculum committee on the grounds of complaints that the proposed textbook for children was too pro-Christian and anti-Buddhist.

Fukuda's resolution read: "Whereas we are living in a multicultural society, and whereas the public school system is becoming more aware and accepting of the diversity of ethnic identity by members of minority groups;

Whereas the need for complete assimilation into the dominant culture is no longer recognized as being absolutely essential to become a 'good American'; and whereas children attending our public schools belong to various religious organizations;

Whereas there should be separation of church and state in the public school setting; and whereas the public schools have traditionally had Christmas programs for which Christian songs are taught to and sung by the pupils;

Whereas the teaching of these religious songs is an infringement of the principal of separation of church and state; and whereas the emphasis of Christianity in our public school setting to young children with easily influenced minds reinforces our inferiority complex away from one's own culture and religion;

Therefore, be it resolved that the San Francisco public schools refrain itself from conducting religiously oriented school programs, and that any religious songs be removed from the curriculum of religious songs.

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DR. MASAJIRO MIYAZAKI

Nisei in Canadian Elks Honored

LILLOOET, B.C.—A charter member of the Lillooet Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of Canada, Dr. Masajiro Miyazaki, 70, who retired from his practice of medicine because of his own health, was conferred the honors of Freeman of the Village at a recent community testimonial for the Canadian Nisei.

(The BPO Elks of Canada, unlike its counterpart in the United States of America, welcomes as members any men of sincere intention irrespective of color or religion, only that they believe in constitutional government and the existence of the Supreme Being, the Pacific Citizen was informed. The Canadian Elks, with its national headquarters at Winnipeg, is not integrated with the Elks in the U.S., which has a whites-only membership clause.)

This agricultural and mining community on the Fraser River in the Kamloops district of some 1,500 population has been home for the Canadian physician since 1945. For a good many years, he was the only doctor in town. He had been practicing previously 20 miles west of here at Shalalth. He graduated from Univ. of British Columbia in 1925, considered a "vintage year" as among his classmates were graduates who have become university chancellors, public officials, doctors, lawyers, businessmen and a raft of academics.

Most Successful Event The testimonial for Dr. and Mrs. Miyazaki was hosted by the local Elks Lodge chaired by Exalted Ruler Bob Vail and the municipal council with John der Basran as mayor at the community hall. With 125 people in attendance, the Bridge River-Lillooet News called it "one of the most successful and interesting evenings of its type."

People lingered on for conversations long after the dishes were clinking in the kitchen. Dr. Miyazaki was an active figure in the village and in 1950, he was elected to the first of three terms as Lillooet alderman and became the first Japanese Canadian to be elected to public office in Canada. The Nisei in Canada had regained their voting rights in 1949.

He helped organize the local Elks lodge in 1940, served as treasurer for five years, chaplain for two years as well as chairing and assisting in a host of committee projects.

For his prominent and long service to scouting in Canada, the Governor General presented him with the Award of Merit earlier this year. The title of "freeman" is the highest honors the village could bestow upon a citizen in recognition of distinguished service.

Dr. Miyazaki now resides in retirement at 252 Oak St., Kamloops, B.C., where he is near a treatment center.

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NC-WN EXECUTIVES RETAIN CHOICE OF GOVERNOR, SUGIYAMA NAMED

(Special to the Pacific Citizen) BERKELEY—Over 200 JACLers and friends gathered at "His Lordships" in Berkeley for the 4th NC-WNDC quarterly meeting Nov. 8. In what was, as had been anticipated, a lengthy session, delegates considered and acted upon agenda items with dispatch, but in a thoughtful mood.

Following reconsideration and sound defeat of the controversial constitutional amendment calling for direct election of the district governor by chapter delegates, the selection of the district governor was returned to the hands of the District Executive Board.

In the election which followed, Mrs. Chizu Iiyama (Contra Costa), Haruo Ishimaru (West Valley-San Mateo), Tom Okubo (Sacramento), Seiichi Otow (Placer County), and George Uyeda (Monterey Peninsula) were among a record slate of 12 candidates for positions on the District Board.

Also re-elected for a new two year term was 1000 Club Chairman Tony Boch (San Benito).

DC Board Executives The nine new and continuing board members present then met and elected incumbent board member and Alameda Chapter president Shig Sugiyama the new district governor for the 1971-72 term, succeeding incumbent governor Dr. Kengo Terashita.

Incumbents Vice Governor Dr. Harry Hatasaka (Sequoia Chapter) and Treasurer Peter Yamamoto (Cortez Chapter) were re-elected to their positions for a second term. New board member Tom Okubo was elected to succeed Secretary Ray Okamura.

The following standing committee chairman assignments were also decided: Peter Yamamoto, finance; Dr.

Harry Hatasaka, memb. chapter of year, program; Ed Toshiro, pub. rel. educational; Dr. Kengo Terashita, recog.; Russ Obama, youth; Remaining assignments to be determined.

Special reports were presented by: Mrs. Chizu Iiyama and Mike Honda, sensitivity training at Dr. Price Cobb's training institute in San Francisco; DYC Chairman Carolyn Uchiyama and District Youth Commissioner Russ Obama, youth activities; Dr. Harry Hatasaka, Foothill College Japanese (teahouse project); and Kaz Maniwa, activities and objectives of the five JACL Field Operations Expeditors (FOX).

Resolutions on Elks The council passed two concurrent resolutions calling for abandonment by the Elks Clubs of their "all-white" membership policy and urging members, chapters and National JACL to take affirmative action to induce the Elks to end their discriminatory practices. The resolutions, which were also considered and passed by the District's Junior JACL Council earlier in the day at their separate meeting in Richmond, stated in part:

"Whereas hypocritical adherence to beliefs, practices or policies which judge the individual person's worth, standing or acceptability in the community on the basis of his race, color or creed is contrary to the concept that 'all men are created equal' and cannot be morally or intellectually justified or excused by the performance of 'good' deeds for that community; and call upon the BPOE to abandon its policy of judging a person's worthiness to membership on the basis of his race or color; and upon JACL chapters and members to refrain from using Elks Club facilities for JACL functions; to decline awards, grants, and scholarship sponsored by the Elks Club; and to decline any invitations to the Elks Club as a guest of members.

Cases Cited In explaining the purpose and reasons for the action resolution, Berkeley Chapter representative and author of the resolution Frank Yamasaki cited cases from around the country in which other organizations, such as the Girl Scouts, which are not ethnic groups, have taken similar measures as a means of combating this insidious form of racism.

A provocative panel discussion on "Japanese Americans in Public Life" moderated by Yori Wada, president, San Francisco Civil Service Commission, followed with distinguished panelists: Wayne Kanemoto, Municipal Court Judge, San Jose; Tom Kitagawa, former mayor, Union City; Bob Morimoto, former candidate, Merced County Board of Supervisors; Frank Ogawa, Councilman, City of Oakland; Mamoru Sakuma, Superior Court Judge, Sacramento County; and National JACL President Raymond Uno, former candidate, Utah State Senate.

The evening banquet was highlighted by the installation of officers and the keynote speech by National President Raymond Uno on the topic "Political Activism—Nisei Style."

The council session was co-hosted by President Harry Takahashi's Berkeley Chapter and President Jerry Irei's Contra Costa Chapter.

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JAPAN STEPPING UP DEFENSE PREPARATIONS TOKYO—Defense Agency Director-General Yasuhiro Nakasone disclosed a five-year plan for a massive defense buildup to counter indirect aggression from abroad last week.

The fourth five-year defense project becoming effective April, 1972, is reported to cost \$14.5 billion, to acquire 1,000 tanks, 200 warships totalling 245,000 tons, two squadrons of F-4 Phantom jets and three batteries of Nike-Hercules missiles.

Planting at Chico A search by the U.S. Department of Agriculture located only 30 mature specimens of the tree in the Free World. A planting of more than 60,000 seedlings of the species is under way at a USDA station in Chico in order to assure a future supply of the alkaloid, called Camptothecin. Attempts to synthesize the extract have been unsuccessful.

USDA scientists said they located only three trees in the United States producing viable seed.

Local botanists aiding the San Diego Union were able to find only one Camptotheca, a small specimen, in the county prior to publication of the article. Since then several others, none mature, have been brought to the newspaper's attention.

13 at Nursery Recently Asakawa announced that he had found 13 Camptotheca in his nursery, the Presidio Garden Center. "We would like to donate 8 to 10 of these trees for a perpetual grove," Asakawa said. "Both my father and mother died of cancer in the past so in order to hasten the research in this field we would like to help in a small way."

Asakawa suggested that an appropriate agency such as the American Cancer Society could undertake the project and that the grove might be established in Balboa Park. —San Diego Union

Racial identity not hindrance, panel of Japanese American politicians hold

By PATRICK MURPHY (Berkeley Daily Gazette) BERKELEY — A politically prominent panel of Japanese-Americans agreed last week (Nov. 8) in Berkeley access to political office is not hindered by racial identity.

In a panel discussion sponsored by the Japanese American Citizens League six Japanese-Americans active in Northern California politics told 300 persons individual convictions are more important than group identities.

Tom Kitayama, former mayor of Union City, reminisced about a time "only a few years ago" when he and his wife were discouraged from buying a home by "the power being turned off suddenly" in every model home they toured. He said such discrimination was near a total end because of "political involvement."

"No longer because of national background do you have to be afraid," the former mayor said.

Ancestry No Bar "In regard to my running for office I don't think I was hindered because I was Japanese nor do I think I was favored. This is America. People take you for what you are," Kitayama added.

"You can be at ease with anybody," he said.

Ray Uno, national president of the League and former candidate for the Utah state legislature, urged young people to get into politics at an early age.

"If you want to get into politics you should start early. Start in junior high or high school. Take debate and other classes in which you can learn to present yourself."

"Twenty-one or 22 is not too young to run for office. You have to start making a name for yourself," he said.

Keep Swinging "If you're going to do something just take your gloves off and get in there and start swinging and keep swinging," Uno urged.

Uno strongly criticized the

JUDGE SAKUMA SAYS Mamoru Sakuma, Sacramento County superior judge, disagreed with a militant youth from the audience who argued Japanese should "cater to minorities" to compensate for past injustices.

"I think a man is what he is," he said.

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Election Results for JACL

Inasmuch as so many are placing their own evaluations on the election results of November 3, it might be interesting to try to judge what they mean to JACL specifically and to persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States generally.

Insofar as the "lame duck" session which convened on Monday, November 16, is concerned, the elections should mean little, since the defeated and retiring members will not give up their office until the end of the year and the newly elected members will not be sworn in until the First Session of the 92nd Congress convenes on January 3, unless the preset Congress by resolution before adjournment sets another date.

But, some of the retiring and defeated members may stay away from Washington, while others who were re-elected may take off on overseas junkets, thereby possibly creating a problem in which not enough members are present to establish the quorum required to conduct "official business."

Or, if the so-called liberal Senators and Representatives remain in their "home" states and districts for the rest of the year, this could mean the difference on the votes on some of the more controversial bills that are waiting to be considered in this post-election session. Of special interest to JACL as such bills as the Ichord-Ashbrook amendments to the Internal Security Act of 1960, various civil rights amendments to appropriations and other measures, education, manpower training, social security, welfare reform, and international trade may be decided because some lawmakers stayed away and others returned.

In the Senate, it appears that there will be a slight shift to the right because such liberal Senators as Albert Gore of Tennessee, Ralph Yarborough of Texas, Charles Goodell of New York, Stephen Young of Ohio, and Joseph Tydings of Maryland either retired voluntarily or were defeated in reelection bids.

Part of this loss will be made up by the return to the Senate of Minnesota's Hubert Humphrey and the election of such liberals as Adlai Stevenson of Illinois and John Tunney of California.

Indeed, because California will be represented by two liberal Senators, both of whom happen to be Democrats, JACL's position may be enhanced because it is in California that there are more persons of Japanese ancestry than in any other mainland State and because trade and commerce between California and Japan are of such such magnitude as to command attention. Most recent data indicates that the trade between these two Pacific countries will be almost four billion dollars, which is more than between the United States and all but about ten countries of earth.

With Democrats to control the Senate in the next Congress, its leadership should remain friendly to JACL, although there is a question as to whether there will be a change in the Majority Whip's post. Montana's Mike Mansfield will surely remain as the Majority Leader, and the chances are better than fair that Massachusetts' reelected Edward Kennedy will be retained as the Majority Whip.

Democrats will keep the chairmanships of every standing committee, but the defeats of Senator Yarborough, presently the Chairman of the Labor and Public Welfare Committee, and Senator Tydings, currently the Chairman of the District of Columbia Committee, may cause a reshuffling of committee chairmanships, as some senior Democrats may vie for the available positions. Also the defeat of the other Democrats who were unsuccessful may cause a reshuffling of committee memberships, since some Democrats may prefer to use their seniority to seek posts

on other committees than those to which they are currently assigned. The same applies to Republicans.

In the House, the Democrats will stay in power, but with ten more seats than in the next session.

The next Speaker is expected to be Carl Albert of Oklahoma, who has been most cooperative with JACL objectives in his many years as Majority Leader and before that as Majority Whip. There seems to be such a contest for the Majority Leader's post and the Majority Whip's designation that this time as to the probable choices who will be selected by the Democratic caucus the day before the next Congress convenes early next year.

All chairmen of the standing committees were reelected except two from Maryland, Congressmen Samuel Friedel, currently Chairman of the House Administration Committee, and George Fallon, presently Chairman of the Public Works Committee. Congressman Friedel was defeated in the Democratic primary by P. J. Mitchell, younger brother of Clarence Mitchell, Washington Bureau Director of the NAACP and one who has long cooperated with the Washington JACL Office as the legislative chairman of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights.

The death of Democratic Congressman William Dawson, Chairman of the Government Operations Committee, last week brought about a vacancy in that spot too. Congressman Dawson, at 84, was the oldest member of the House and was the first black member to become chairman of a standing House committee.

While there may be reshuffling of chairmen as certain senior Democrats seek more desired positions, at the moment the following are likely to be chairmen when the next Congress begins—Chet Holtfield of California, Government Operations; Wayne Hays of Ohio, House Administration; and John Blatnik of Minnesota, Public Works.

The major reshuffling, however, will take place in committee memberships as Democrats and Republicans will call upon their seniority for more wanted committee assignments.

The biggest gain for the Democrats was in the government posts, with 13 Republican governors defeated and only two Democratic state chief executives. Next January, there will be 29 Democratic governors as against only 21 Republican governors.

This will provide the Democratic Party with a solid and substantial base from which to plan and build their 1972 presidential campaign.

From the viewpoint of JACL, however, the real victories may be in the state legislatures which were turned over from the Republicans to the Democrats, for in the next session most states will have to redistrict their congressional districts to accord with the 1970 Census. And, California will have the most new congressional seats, at least five, because of its population growth in the past decade.

With Democrats controlling the State Senate and the State Assembly, the next Legislature should carve out some five or more new congressional districts. And, it is quite possible that those Nisei may run for Congress from one or more of these new districts—and win—if the Democrats re-designate their districts properly.

Moreover, as in the national party, local Democrats tend to be more liberal and more attentive to the kinds of programs in which the JACL is concerned than the Republicans. Accordingly, JACL programs at the state level too may be more successful with new Democratic majorities in many state legislative chambers.

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The Japanese government conferred decorations to five Southern California Issei on its Day of Culture (Nov. 3): **Katsuma Mukaeda**, Los Angeles, Order of the Sacred Treasure, 3rd class; **Saburo Muraoka**, Chula Vista, Order of the Sacred Treasure, 4th class; **Torataro Nabeta**, Richmond; **G. K. Hashiba**, M.D., Fresno; and **Eiichi Yamamoto**, Petaluma, Order of the Sacred Treasure, 5th class. Mrs. Louise Ward Watkins of Los Angeles, past president of the Japan America Society, was conferred the Order of the Precious Crown, 3rd class, for her many contributions to friendly relations between U.S. and Japan.

Other Issei being honored Nov. 3 by the Japanese Government included **Masayuki Iguchi**, 73, of Denver; **Masataka Kamide**, 77, of New York; **Fujisaburo Yubihara**, 70, of Wilmington, Del.; **Shigeki Mizumoto**, 84, and **Seinosuke Tsukiyama**, 80, both of Honolulu, all with the Order of Sacred Treasure, 5th class. **Sosaku Suyama**, 81, of Seattle; **Nobui Nishibue**, 76, and **Mainichi Yamaguchi**, 70, both of Spokane, and **Gempei Miura**, 76, of Hawaii, all with the Order of the Sacred Treasure, 6th Class.

Crime

Nine Canadians and a Japanese woman, **Mitsue Takahashi**, 31, were held under \$1,000 bond after Albany, Ga. police raided a motel where they were staying and found an unspecified quantity of marijuana in their rooms.

U-NO Bar

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Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda came after me for the West Los Angeles JACL installation at the Lobster House, a quaint seaside restaurant. Dr. Toru Iwata did a masterful job as M.C. It was nice to see George and Virginia Kanegai, Roy Nishikawa, Kawakami, Mitsue Sonoda and ex-Utah Shig Miya among many, many others.

I always wished I had more time to talk casually with members because I always learn what the grassroots of JACL is thinking about. Briefly, I got to talk to Dr. Bob Watanabe and his wife, Ruth; Dr. Hank and Grace Yamada, Nisei of Biennium Dr. Paul Terasaki and many others about some interesting concepts.

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From the Frying Pan

Bill Hosokawa

PILGRIMAGE WEST — Getting from Denver to Marysville, Calif., is not an easy matter, particularly if the wind is blowing as it was the day we tried it. Direct Denver-Sacramento flights are scheduled at unconscionably inconvenient times, apparently at hours when planes aren't needed to fly elsewhere, so it is necessary to go by way of San Francisco. On this day the pilot reported 100-m.p.h. headwinds which delayed arrivals by a half hour. That meant some fancy scrambling at the San Francisco terminal to make connections with a feeder line whose plane also was late due to storms in the area.

As it turned out, the little puddle-jumper zig-zagged up the Sacramento River Delta, scarcely more than a thousand feet above the water-logged fields, to escape violent rain squalls. From that height the incredibly flat countryside is hauntingly reminiscent of the Mekong Delta. There are important differences, of course. Here there are isolated farmhouses instead of the clustered huts of villages. The roads run straight and wide and the fields seem to stretch unbroken for miles. But from a height, these impressions are superficial. What seems to count is the similarities—the table-flat land, the winding river, the plentiful water, the rice that springs up from the rich, black alluvial soil, the rain-filled clouds, the crowded aircraft droning over the fields.

Two deltas, nearly 10,000 miles apart, one ripped by war and the other reposing in peace, yet linked together by the blood of young men some of whom were born and reared in the delta of the Sacramento and sent off to die in the delta of the Mekong. I almost expected gunfire from the treeline strung along a canal or the walnut grove that looks so much like a rubber plantation from the air. It was an eerie feeling.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE — Any apprehensions about hostile natives were quickly dispelled by a warm welcoming committee of Akiji Yoshimura, Mrs. Nobu Tokunaga, Tosh Sano and George Inouye. After a brief detour into Sacramento, they whisked me across the countryside to an attractive inn set back among some trees on the outskirts of Marysville, or maybe it was Yuba City; I never did learn to distinguish between the sister communities. By then it was dark, and from the dimly lit exterior the restaurant looked as if it might be the hangout of the local chapter of the Mafia. Inside, however, both food and company, reinforced now with people like Frank and Hatsue Nakamura, Frank and Sachi Okimoto, Sud Itamura, Bill Tsuji and Noboru Honda (a Colusa native who had come back from Chicago for the weekend) were delightful.

Next evening, at the Peach Tree Country Club in Marysville, more than 200 chapter members, guests and friends, gathered to observe the 35th anniversary of the Marysville JACL chapter. A goodly number of the 24 charter members, including Noboru Honda, were present although three were dead and the whereabouts of several others was unknown. It was a happy occasion, enlivened by dead-pan readings from the minutes by Yoshimura, the toastmaster, and music by the Itoda sisters, Jeanne, Arleen and Doreen from Tracy, Calif.

The minutes showed that the original members had a very difficult time rounding up quorum for business meetings, which shows things really haven't changed much. But the Itoda girls, two of whom are teachers, showed that in some areas there have been significant changes. Dressed in identical kimono, they sang Japanese folk songs and, for a change of pace, "Tom Dooley". Although it appeared the girls spoke very little Japanese, one of them had earned a "natori" in the samisen, a kind of Japanese banjo. Yoshimura noted that the way he understood it, a "natori" was to the samisen what the black belt is to judo. If it was not entirely an evening of high culture, everyone including this visitor seemed to have had a great deal of fun. Which, of course, is what these events are for.

2 CONTRA COSTA NIKKEI INDICTED IN ESTATE FRAUD

Total of 169 Charges Against S. T. Nakano Filed

MARTINEZ—The Contra Costa County Grand Jury has indicted Sumao T. Nakano, 45, of 2533 Shane Dr., Richmond, on 165 counts of real estate fraud.

Also indicted was Joan Yamagata, 40, of 16401 Elm St., El Cerrito, a broker in Nakano's real estate firm, United Empire Realty, formerly of 10324 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito. She is charged with four counts of real estate fraud.

Nakano and Mrs. Yamagata were arrested Nov. 4 following the grand jury indictment. Mrs. Yamagata posted \$1,000 bail that evening and Nakano \$5,000 the following morning.

The true bill was returned after four nights of testimony during which 69 witnesses testified, according to Contra Costa County Dist. Atty. Samuel Mesnick, head of that office's anti-fraud unit.

One Year Investigation

According to Mesnick and Deputy Dist. Atty. John Oda, Nakano's firm has been under investigation for more than a year.

Of the counts against Nakano, 120 charge him with corporation code violations in selling partnership interests in land developments without a permit, and in violation of an order from the state corporation commissioner to stop the sales. The other 45 counts charge Nakano with grand theft.

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Two Projects

The indictments stem from two land development projects, one in Lake County called Project Berryessa and one in Contra Costa called Project Marsh Creek, according to Mesnick.

Investors put up \$80,000 for a down payment on the Berryessa property two years ago in return for a guaranteed profit of 300 per cent, with at least a 100 per cent profit within a year and a half, Mesnick said.

He said the land was never purchased and part of the down payment was used to make a \$112,000 down payment on the Marsh Creek land, where investors were told that property selling for \$755 an acre would soon increase to \$3,400 an acre. The land is now worth about \$500 an acre, Mesnick said.

The Marsh Creek project is near foreclosure, he added, and the more than 100 investors are left without any management and with bills due on both the principal and interest.

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Japanese bath houses to open in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO — Two Japanese-style Toruko bath houses are being built here: one at the Japan Center below the Kabuki Theater by theater impresario Kunizo Matsuo of Osaka, the other by Tokyo Onsen on the Ginza at the old White House Dept. Store basement at Sutter and Grant Ave.

The Japan Center bath house is expected to open in spring of 1971, while the downtown onsen in the summer of 1971.

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HOLLYWOOD FLORIST ART ITO SAYS 'Brighten Your World with Flowers'

LOS ANGELES — "Brighten Your World With Flowers" is the theme of a national advertising campaign now being featured on the ABC Evening News with Frank Reynolds and Howard K. Smith on television this fall. Hollywood florist Arthur Ito said. "The gloomy side of life is all too apparent almost no matter where one looks today," said Ito, president of Flower View Gardens, 1801 Western Ave.

"So the florists of America have decided to put things in proper perspective. The entire industry — flower growers, wholesalers, retailers, and allied tradesmen — has joined together to launch a multi-million dollar, multi-media advertising campaign that will tell Americans everywhere how they can make their world brighter today — brighter with flowers."

The nationwide ad campaign is sponsored by the American Florists Marketing Council, Alexandria, Va., the newly formed advertising, public relations and publicity voice of the U.S. florist industry. Its aim is to stimulate the sale of fresh cut flowers and houseplants for daily living.

The ad series began Nov. 3 and will continue through Dec. 17 on the ABC-TV evening news shows.

"What better time to advertise flowers, incidentally, than on an evening news show," Mr. & Mrs. Ito said. "Bad news, bad sights, bad sounds, and bad smells are all part of our polluted, over-technologized age. When men and women get home from work, tired and harassed after fighting rush hour traffic and the routine tensions of the working day, it is very likely that our particular message — Brighten Your World With Flowers — will sink in."

Ito's coordinated, local advertising campaign will feature the same "Brighten Your World With Flowers" theme. "Our aim," the retail florist said, "is to change flower buying habits throughout the U.S.A. — to promote the idea that flowers and houseplants are as much a way of life as food on the dinner table, clothes in the closet, and a car in the family garage."

Successful bazaar

"Aki-no-Ichi" bazaar held by the Washington, D.C. JACL on Oct. 10 at St. Catherine Labour School Auditorium in Wheaton, Md., a D.C. suburb, was acclaimed a success because of the cooperation of its members, friends and the public. Key Kobayashi and Katherine Matsuki chaired the event with the help of: Norman Ibari, Richard Yamamoto, gen. arr.; Joe Ichijui, fin.; Joe Hirata, procurement; Harry Takagi, adv. ticket sales; Toro Hirose, personnel; Hisako Sakata, cashiers; Helen Takagi, hosts and hostesses; Terry Kobayashi, Cee Ozaki, handicrafts; Paul Ishimoto, Hank Wakabayashi, games; Etsu Misaoka, Miyeko Kosobayashi, pub. while elephant booth; Fumi Iki.

Handling the various food booths, each chaired by different members, under Mrs. Matsuki were:

Elko Corban, Alice Endo, Sally Furukawa, Jane Y. Hirose, Mrs. J. Hirata, Aki Iwata, Rose Kuwabara, Gladys Shimasaki, Tsugi Shiroishi, Mrs. Lily Takeshita and Seiko Wakabayashi.

The chapter was very fortunate in having an exhibit and sales of wood block prints by Un-ichi Hiratsuka and his daughter Keiko H. Moore and paintings by Juichi Kamikawa. This exhibit was chaired by Lily Endo.

Decorations were put up by a committee of: Keiko Akagi, Carolyn Croft, Noralie Katsu, Mikio Togashi and Fumi Iki.

Fashion show set for CCDC confab

By AMY NAITO

FRESNO — "The Latest Thing," the fashion show to be held on Sunday, Nov. 22, highlights the afternoon program of the 21st annual Central California JACL District Council Convention.

Starting at 3 p.m., in the ballroom of the Del Webb's TowneHouse, the latest fashions come from Coffe's and shoes from Gardner's. Ralph Kuettel will provide the background music. During intermission, Mrs. Akemi Yoshimoto of Fowler will render vocal selections and door prizes will be drawn.

Mrs. Satoshi Kusakai, in charge of models, announced the following who will be showing the current styles: Patricia Suda, Mrs. Margaret Yuyama, Mrs. Karen Kondo, Mrs. Joyce Rosetta, John Sato, Fresno; Maggie Ikeda, Mrs. Susan Ikeda, Clovis; Ken Hirose, Fowler; Ruth Sugimoto, Selma; and Mrs. Aiko Tanouye, Parlier.

Wives of presidents of the chapters, which comprises the District Council, will serve as hostesses:

Mrs. Larry Hikiji, Sanger; Mrs. Fred Kubota, Fresno; Mrs. Alan Masumoto, Selma; Mrs. Ed Nagatan, Delano; Mrs. Robert Okamura, Parlier; Mrs. Roy Uyesaka, Clovis; Mrs. Mike Yoshimoto, Fowler; and Mrs. Ichiro Okada, Tulare County.

Tickets at \$1.50 may be obtained from any JACL member or at the door. The public is invited to attend.

Womens Auxiliary

San Francisco JACL Womens Auxiliary scheduled its annual election meeting Nov. 18 at the Japan Center branch of the Bank of Tokyo. Barbara Sellers of Daly City's Deadazzled conducted a workshop on Christmas decorations.

The annual fashion show held Sept. 19 netted \$494, it was reported. Funds are used for Auxiliary projects, such as the semi-annual visitations of Japanese patients at rest homes and convalescent hospitals. Its most recent visits were made Nov. 1 by: Hideko Kobayashi, Mary Minamoto, Sandra Ouye, Jiro Shiraki, Rev. Ressen Saito, Emi Yamamoto and Chieko Yoneda.

Patients were presented a box of sushi and manju, Japanese magazines, and gifts.

Searching for that exotic, tantalizing recipe for the holidays? Look no further! By popular demand the East-West Flavors cook book by the West Los Angeles JACL has been reprinted and are now available through the members or by contacting Mrs. Shig Takeshita, 1431 Armacost Ave., Los Angeles 90025. The purchase price remains the same: \$4 or \$4.50 postpaid.

Installation

Milwaukee JACL, which is holding its election meeting on Saturday, Nov. 23, 7:30 p.m., at International Institute, will hold its installation dinner on Saturday, Jan. 30 at the Country Gardens.

Chapter's holiday calendar includes a Christmas party Dec. 13 at International Institute in the afternoon with Karen Shimabukuro arranging to invite orphans to share the entertainment, supper and gifts. Santa may bring to all good children.

National JACL President Raymond Uno will make his third appearance within the month in Southern California as main speaker at the Gardena Valley JACL installation dinner on Saturday, Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m., at the Ports o' Call Restaurant, Berth 76, Port of Los Angeles—south of the old Ferry Bldg. in San Pedro.

Previously, he appeared to address the West Los Angeles and San Diego JACL installations.

George Aoyagi is dinner-dance chairman.

Chapter Dues

Contra Costa JACL continues to hold the line for the lowest possible rate by announcing the 1971 chapter dues at \$11 single, \$19 couple membership. The \$2 increase was necessitated by the raising of national dues, the chapter board explained.

Fishing Derby

Winner of the annual Alameda JACL Fishing Derby was by 14-year-old Mike Ikeda with a 39 lb.-7 oz. bass, Tates Hanamura, derby chairman announced. Other winners:

Japan Army general who commanded troops at Kiska saved 20,000 Jews

TOKYO — Funeral services were held in Kichijoji, Tokyo, recently for Kichiro Higuchi, 82, former lieutenant general of the Imperial Army, who is credited for having saved the lives of about 20,000 Jewish people, who had fled from Nazi detention camps in February, 1938.

Higuchi, who died Oct. 11, was made an honorary trustee of the Japan Israel Association at the end of the funeral service.

According to the official transcript revealed years later, about 20,000 Jews had gathered in Otpor on the border between the Soviet Union and Manchuria in February, 1938, having fled from the persecutions in Nazi Germany. They had come from Frankfurt via the Siberian Railway.

Stopped at Manchuria

They tried to enter what was then Manchuria, but the Japanese Government refused to accept them because of the impact it might have on its relations with Germany. The Soviet Union likewise showed no intention of accepting them because of unstable relations with Germany at the time.

Practically forced to live in the open in the snowstorms of Otpor, about 20 of the Jews froze to death.

The Jewish Club of Harbin appealed to Higuchi, who was commander of the Harbin Special Service Agency of the Kwantung Army at that time, to save the Jews. Higuchi had been in Poland until the year before as a military attache,

so that he was knowledgeable of the construction of Nazi concentration camps and their purpose.

Without consulting with the Kwantung Army, he sent 13 twelve-coach trains to Otpor and took custody of the Jews. Hot food was ready for them when they arrived in Harbin, and unoccupied military barracks were made available to them for temporary housing.

Appropriate Step

Between four and five thousand of the refugees stayed on in Harbin, while the rest are said to have left for Shanghai or the United States.

Higuchi's action raised concern that it might provoke an international situation between Japan and Germany, and Chief of Staff of the Kwantung Army Hideki Tojo, who later became prime minister, started an investigation.

It is reported that Gen. Tojo concurred in Higuchi's action as being an "appropriate step," after hearing about the plight of the Jewish people in Germany and their desperate situation in Otpor.

The matter was therefore treated as a military secret, so that it was not generally known to the rest of the world.

Higuchi is also reported to be the one who, later as commander of the 5th Army, executed the "miraculous evacuation" of Japanese troops from Kiska Island in the Aleutians. —Japan Times



A SHARPSHOOTER—Standing beside three bucks shot during the annual So. Calif. Buckskin Anglers and Rangers deer hunt in southwestern Utah last month is James Hodge, p.r. chairman for the group, but better known in Little Tokyo as a news-stand vendor in front of the Kajima Bldg. Jim's 164-lb. hug buck won him second prize of \$50, losing out by three pounds to the \$100 first prize winner.

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Coming Together

The Methodist Consultation on Ethnic Ministries, including four ethnic groupings met in Chicago in mid-October to discuss the relevance of the Church in changing times.

It was a new chapter in United Methodist Church history and signaled a new commitment made by the denomination of the importance of ethnic ministry.

It was the first time that four ethnic caucuses (Afro, Hispanic, Native, and Asian American) met together to better understand each other. Each group did not try to impose its will on the others, and they found that there are certain innate qualities to each group while much was the same — they were all in the minority.

Ethnic groups within these groupings also got together; some for the first time. Never before had Indians from Alaska been with their brothers from Oklahoma and North Carolina.

Certainly the Commission on Religion and Race was well aware of the frustration and sometimes bitterness which is shared by minorities. It was quite a different role to see so many white Church executives present to LISTEN to these concerns and needs. It was gratifying to see them genuinely involved and open.

The Consultation began with a keynote address by the Rev. Roy Sano, Mills College chaplain and active Oakland JACLER. His articulate address set the tone for openness and dialogue where we could focus on the problems rather than "gathering the crumbs from under the table or begging."

Roy Sano stated, "That to many, the Church is out of step with the society." The Church must accept the fact that the assimilation model is no longer valid. It cannot disregard the identity crisis which goes on inside the ethnic person and his institutions. The individual cannot set apart the history and oppression from his self-identity and religious experience.

Then, each caucus presented a position paper on its respective community. Each was so filled with information that it was overwhelming. Briefly, five themes seemed to dominate:

(1) The local church can be empowered. It must affirm pluralism, be an inclusive body rather than exclusive, and cultivate an affirmative view of life.

(2) The Church may need to resort to political involvement in order to achieve remedies to social and physical ills prior to spiritual upliftment.

(3) We must develop strategies for conveying our faith to the newly-arrived immigrant through facilitating social services, the ministry, and conveying the immigrant's experience to the majority community (white and ethnic) to bring about reconciliation.

(4) The minority groupings (especially the Native Americans) are "a divided people—geographically, traditionally, and culturally." In an effort to gain acceptance, the group has abandoned culture, language and art, and the ma-

Portland majority Church views ethnic cultural observances are foreign to the Christian experience.

(5) Ethnic people must be allowed to seek Self-Determination or face the realization of "cultural and ethnic genocide."

Everyone attending found acceptance and unity. No one wanted to impose their ideas on the other out of respect for personhood. There was conviction that we could not fight each other for money or resources, because "that is what the white Church wants — to have us destroy each other!"

Thus, the two million dollars the United Methodist Church is investing in the ethnic communities annually for two years must be put to use in a coordinated effort. Each community will decide which projects it desires.

Ethnic minorities seek representation on every level of the decision-making process, not just in their own churches.

Church funding or indigenous community workers (ethnic persons working in their own communities) was affirmed because of the urgency of grassroots programs with community support.

Furthermore, the Church recognizes the relevance of ministering to people in their need rather than "to gain church membership." Institutions have been in the habit of "perpetuating themselves."

The community must determine its own destiny, priorities and strategy. No longer do white churchmen come into the minority community to "help those poor people"; rather ethnic minorities are now deeply committed to Self-Determination.

The Ethnic Consultation seemed to point the way for a diverse strategy—one which accepts differences as it accepts individual human beings. It called for the continued dialogue between and within ethnic groupings to create understanding, end conflict between people of common concern, and commit ethnic communities to a spirit of self-determination.

The challenge has been issued to create innovating ways of serving people (which is long overdue) in the church and worshipping through styles which enable people rather than entrap them.

This dilemma has meaning for our ethnic community as well. We must re-think our strategy to serve today's community complete with the complexities of polarization, alienation, and loneliness of racial minorities, the poor, and the newly-arrived immigrant.

JACL, like the church, must face up to the fact that society changes, and we too must be flexible and accepting of change.

East Bay Issei Taking Charge

Berkeley East Bay Issei are beginning to seize the time. They are asserting their right to self-determination in terms of the Issei Project. At their request, the next Issei Project of the East Bay Sansei Student Association is completely in their hands. They are planning and preparing the program and luncheon.

I hope this enthusiasm will carry on so that they will determine the future of the Issei drop-in center being created in Berkeley. The East Bay Sansei, together with the other community Issei can help start a permanent once-a-week drop-in center for the Issei.

The facilities have been offered to us by the Berkeley Senior Citizens Center. All it will take now to get the center going is a decision on the activities to be held there. This takes self-determination and initiative by the main participants—the Issei. The rest of the community can provide transportation and assistance as necessary.

This center (and others like it that we hope to establish) is the result of an Issei project started last June. We had noticed that Issei did not use existing social services available to them. We heard that many Issei were financially able to live but somewhat isolated. We began to question why these problems existed and how they could be remedied.

It has become quite apparent that the experience and life styles of minorities in this country are distinctly different from the mainstream of (white) American society and problems of the minorities require slightly different solutions. This is particularly true for the Issei, and may be the reason why Japanese do not use existing senior citizens centers, social service agencies or rest homes.

Patent solutions to the problems of the elderly do not consider the cultural differences such as between the Japanese and the traditions of the white society.

One major problem for the aged Issei is loneliness, which has developed because the existing senior citizens institutions do not take into account the cultural differences between the Japanese and white society. Can you imagine an Issei relating to lawn bowling? Or a Caucasian relating to goh, mah jong, shigin? There is the language barrier and many Issei are uncomfortable speaking English which makes it harder for them to relate to the mainstream of American society.

There is a basic feeling common to the elderly, alienation from the mainstream of American society is the feeling of uselessness or feebleness to society. This stems from the fact that after a certain age your productive effort towards the total society is deemed economically unnecessary by that society. Thus, the elderly are productively isolated from

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The Tutorial Project

Los Angeles In the past few years, changes have occurred in the Asian American community. Young people are involved in various community assistance programs such as legal aid, unwed mothers, drug abuse, Issei project, child care center and the tutorial project.

Six days a week students from Cal State LA, USC, UCLA and other student groups teach and play with grade school kids at Castellar Elementary school (in the middle of New Chinatown), one of the tutorial centers. Many of these children are from families that speak very little English at home; therefore, the child has a definite handicap even before starting school.

While one of my roommates, Dale Oshima, is involved with the project, he invited me to see the elementary school and the kids. Driving up in my Datsun to the school . . . in the playground were some 80 kids (ages 5-8) mostly Chinese American, of whom half did not speak English. After taking some pictures with my Japan made SLR 35mm camera, the scene reminded me of an old Jr. JACL project in Tijuana, 1967 at an orphanage with the same age group of children and 30 Jr. JACLERs. But this place is not in Mexico, but in "our backyard." Asian American kids that need help to get on the right foot (not being political, it could be left).

Anyway, I saw a girl that I knew from UCLA and she was talking to two young lads (about the age of one of my nephews) about 5 years old. It seems that both of these boys were very shy and didn't want to associate with the other kids. No matter how hard she tried, Jenny Chomori, only got the boys in saying a few words in English.

I just thought, if it was this hard to assist these boys individually, how effective can a classroom situation be in reality for kids with problems as basic as the English language be they Asian American, Black, Chicano, Indian or White.

I hope that many of us in Holiday Issue Deadline for Ads Nov. 30

As summer ended, we decided to continue the program on a once a month basis. In October we showed a movie for the Issei. Now we are pushing for a permanent center in Berkeley. Which brings us to the next meeting in November where the Issei are planning and preparing the program.

After the center is established I can foresee it filling the gaps that past projects did not cover. Possibly a self-help program will start where the Issei will feel useful and wanted by helping maintain the center. The center can become a liaison between social service agencies and the Issei. We may be able to establish a recognized base for the East Bay's part-time bilingual social worker.

The Issei have a vast storehouse of personal history and can begin to relate it to the youth and the community. Hopefully, the difficulties and rewards of being Japanese pioneers in America will be related to all of us.

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