

Congressional Sessions



NEWS CAPSULES

Redevelopment

As this is written (afternoon, December 31), it is not yet certain as to when this Second Session of this 91st Congress will be able to adjourn sine die. There are many who would like to see it complete its work and close down tonight before the new year. But, there are several who feel that this Congress cannot complete action on all of the "must" bills before Saturday night, January 2. By law, this term of Congress must terminate by noon, January 3.

At the same time, we do not yet know whether the First Session of the new 92nd Congress will convene at noon on January 4 or January 21. Under the law, the new term for each Congress begins on January 3 of the odd-numbered years, unless Congress by joint resolution decrees otherwise.

Since the record of this 91st Congress cannot be summarized until after final adjournment, we shall not try to evaluate its accomplishments and its shortcomings at this time.

We do know, though, that this Congress failed to enact legislation repealing Title II of the Internal Security Act of 1950, the long dormant statute which authorizes emergency detention and concentration camps under certain conditions.

As with so many other bills, the efforts to repeal Title II "died" when the House Rules Committee refused to consider and clear H.R. 19163 for House debate and vote.

In other words, the plan for repeal called for an attempt to substitute S. 1872, the bill to repeal Title II passed by the Senate on Dec. 22, 1969, for H.R. 19163. Had the motion to substitute been accepted by a majority of the House, the House could then have voted the repeal bill.

Moreover, if one wants to look at the brighter side of the picture, it is better that no vote was taken on Title II than one that would have amounted to a repudiation of the repeal effort.

At least, this much is certain. Because the House did not pass H.R. 19163, the arbitrary provisions of Title II were not reactivated and the most repressive sanctions of S. 12 and H.R. 14864 were not helped to become law threatening the civil liberties and personal freedoms of so many Americans.

Since we here in Washington are very much aware of the tremendous work done by JACLers throughout the nation, and particularly by Ray Okamura, Edison Uno, Bob Suzuki, Hiroshi Kanno, Ross Hirano, Don Hayashi, and many others too numerous to mention, we share with them the great disappointment over the failure of this repeal campaign this year.

At the same time, though, the momentum developed over the past two years in rallying public and organizational support for the cause of Title II repeal will not quickly slow down to a halt.

Indeed, we are already planning the strategy and marshalling the Congressmen and Senators for another assault next session on Title II. And, the lessons learned this session, plus the support developed.

Two more parcels along Mo-line Alley were purchased by the Little Tokyo Redevelopment Project last month and with two more to go, the First Action Area covering the easterly portions of the First-Central-Second-San Pedro block may be completed as a commercial area sometime in 1972.

Members of the nonprofit corporation to develop and manage the senior citizen project for the Little Tokyo Redevelopment Assn. were nominated by the JACL, So. Calif. Gardeners' Federation and the two church groups: JACL—Masamune Kojima, Dr. Ki-yoshi Sonoda, Toshiko Yoshida; So. Calif. Buddhist Church Federation—Rev. Horyu Uchi-Rinban Ryuzei Masuko, Bishop Reikai Nozaki; So. Calif. Christian Church Federation—Frank E. Kagiwada, Nisuke Mitsumori, Rev. Howard Toriumi; Gardeners—Mike Fuji-zawa, Aiba Kurihara, Mac Sasaki. Board will meet in January with three other nominees from the community-at-large to complete the list.

City of Seattle voters rejected Charter Amendment 3 in the Nov. 3 elections that would have given aliens civil service status while working for the city. Final canvass released last month showed 98,750 nays; 65,694 ayes.

National Union Electric Co., Greenwich, Conn., filed a \$360 million suit in the U.S. District Court, Newark, N.J., charging seven major Japanese TV makers and their subsidiaries with violating U.S. anti-trust laws and federal antidumping act.

Jiji Press reported Japan's GNP for fiscal 1969 (which ended March, 1970) exceeded the 60-trillion yen mark for the first time—¥62,433,300.

Prof. Stanford M. Lyman, now at UC San Diego's sociology department, announced his book, "The Asian in the West," is now available and may be ordered from Desert Research Institute, Univ. of Nevada, Reno 89507.

Dr. Mitsuo Yanagihara of South Gate, president of the Southeast Los Angeles Chiropractic Society, said his group supports the proposed 10 percent cut in Medical Budget while other health care purveyors are against it.

The Tulare County Superior Court Judge John Locke ordered Teruo Sadakane, 41, an Earlhart farm laborer, to appear for trial Jan. 23 on charges of assault with deadly weapon.

San Gabriel High guard Kit Okamura, a first string all-Pacific League pick, was selected to the all-CIF third team by the Helms Athletic Foundation.

Because McClard's drug store in downtown San Mateo near the railroad tracks has been robbed three times previously, owner Earl Kobayashi put in a silent alarm that rings at the police station.

Accent Records Co. of Hollywood has released Allan Ivohara's first 45-rpm platter, "Mini Skirt Girl" and "Postman Rush My Letter Through," both composed by Pat McClain.

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San Pedro Municipal Art Gallery, 7th and Beacon (closed on Mondays). His Nisei wife is the former Nisei Week queen Judy Sugita.

The Suiseki (rock landscape on tray) collection of Kokichi Hirotsu of Redwood City was featured in a recent edition of the Burlingame Advance-Star as a "contemplative art."

Steve Sakahara was named to the Seattle High School Football hall of fame. The Cleveland High school back is a three-year letterman, who sports a 3.9 grade point average.

At least 16 nations are expected to compete in the second annual International Kenpo Tournament scheduled for San Francisco and Los Angeles in April, 1973.

Mike Lum, Hawaii's only established player in the major leagues, is spending the winter in the islands with his wife, Linda Lum.

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Americans of Japanese Ancestry Republicans (AJAR) at Los Angeles contributed a total sum of \$13,050 to the 1970 election campaign, the Republican National Committee's Heritage Groups Division was told in a report submitted by Mrs. Toshi Yamamoto.

Robert T. Matsui, a past Sacramento JACL president, heads the Barristers Club, a club for young lawyers in Sacramento.

George Y. Kuniyoshi, 69, of Los Angeles died Dec. 27 following cerebral hemorrhage. A pharmacist by profession, he operated drug stores in Little Tokyo as well as in Tokyo.

Iwao "Bill" Masuda, 42, of El Cerrito died Nov. 1 following a brief illness. In the dry cleaning trade at Berkeley, he devoted 30 years to scouting.

Dr. George H. Takahashi, 68, of Sacramento, was found dead Sunday, Dec. 20, apparently of heart attack in his car in front of his home, 845-8th Ave. The well-known optometrist and JACLer is survived by wife Toshie, 6, Gordon, 4, and four children.

Our efforts to squeeze in as much of the Asian American community news will be acknowledged in "Local Scene." We ask that items be received early enough to be timely if time is a factor.

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A Pitch for Pacificulture

By FRED S. KAI
Los Angeles
I recently attended the last in a series of ten weekly lectures and slide presentations on the arts and culture of Japan, offered by UCLA Extension. The course was taught by Lennox Tierney, Chairman of the Art Department of Pasadena City College, who has lived and studied in Japan.

The course is recommended to anyone who is planning to visit Japan for the first time as Mr. Tierney is extremely knowledgeable about its history and culture, and his many slides afford interesting support to his talks.
I feel that my brief trip to the ancestral land a few years ago would have been more meaningful had my ignorance been reduced somewhat by taking a course of this type before I went.
It wasn't the course itself, however, that prompted me to start abusing my typewriter, but a cultural "sales pitch" that Mr. Tierney eloquently delivered to the class at the conclusion of the final meeting, with the request that each person repeat the message to at least ten others.
Although I may be unduly optimistic—as well as lazy—I'm hoping that through this column I can discharge my obligation at one time. It's possible that I may even reach a dozen people if I include close friends and relatives.

RAPPIN' AWHILE
Research Center. After considerable effort, the Foundation recently succeeded in acquiring part of the Grace Nicholson Building, former home of the Pasadena Art Museum, as its site for the proposed Art Center.
Pacificulture members feel that the building is ideal for their plans as all of its architectural details, including the roof tiles, were brought directly from Peking, China by Grace Nicholson in the 1920s. The building is authentically Chinese, and Miss Nicholson's purpose in constructing it was to display Far Eastern art objects.
In 1943 the structure was donated to the city which leased it to the Pasadena Art Museum. According to Mr. Tierney, many Pasadenans have long felt that the building wasn't "right" for the museum with its emphasis on contemporary Western art. And so when the museum moved to new quarters last year, Pacificulture members began active negotiations with the Board of City Directors for lease rights to the Nicholson Building.

Bright Future Seen
Although the Foundation faced stiff competition from other interested groups—with the fight seemingly lost at times—the city finally agreed to lease the first floor to Pacificulture at \$1,000 per month. The members hope eventually to acquire use of the second floor as well, but they are ecstatic that they're in the building at all.
Mr. Tierney stated that the acute problem now is raising enough money to attract and maintain Oriental art collections, and to develop the Foundation's other projects, which include a research library, audiovisual programs for schools, courses in Asian culture and customs, and workshop programs in the Oriental arts, including the conservation and restoration of art objects.

Permanent Galleries
Southland residents will obviously benefit the most by having a permanent gallery of Oriental art within convenient driving distance, but visitors to the area would also be able to add another worthwhile attraction to their itinerary.
The L.A. County Art Museum has a Far Eastern wing that is particularly strong in Indian and Tibetan works—having recently purchased the Heeramanek Collection of some 300 pieces—but it has less to offer of Chinese and Japanese art.
The Pasadena Art Museum also possesses important works from the Avery Brundage Collection of Oriental art, but the museum's forte is modern from cubism to pop. In any case, Mr. Tierney believes that the Los Angeles area, with its huge population and pivotal location in travel and trade with the Orient, needs a center devoted exclusively to displaying and studying the cultural heritage of the Far East. He stated that at present the nearest cities to L.A. having facilities for the study of Oriental culture comparable to what Pacificulture has in mind are Honolulu and Chicago.

The Pitch
Mr. Tierney is a persuasive speaker, and I'm sure that he influenced many of us in attendance that that evening to support Pacificulture and its goals.
For ten (tax deductible) dollars, any interested person can become a general member of the organization, and I for one have already sent off my donation with blessings. If you'd like to receive a membership form, you can write to Pacificulture Foundation, P.O. Box 4251, Pasadena, Calif. 91108. You can bet ten dollars that they'll write back.

RESPECTIVELY YOURS: Arty Kameda

Instructor Denied Tenure

San Jose
It had been planned to report on the "Asians for Community Action" in San Jose, but a more pressing situation confronts the community as this is being written (Dec. 9).
I have been working with community people and students to keep Mamoju "Chuck" Ogata, assistant professor in economics at San Jose State College who has just been denied tenure by the college. He has been told he would not be on the job after June, 1972.
First of all, I should explain that when a new instructor comes onto a campus, he must complete a four-year probation and if he has taught in satisfactory manner and has met the necessary requirements, he is usually granted tenure. No official reasons have been stated for denial of tenure in the Ogata case. We know that one reason may be that Chuck does not have a Ph. D. Because of this, we are asking that he be given a "conditional tenure"—that is, he is reconsidered for tenure if he gets his Ph. D. by August, 1971. This by no means an unusual request—it has been done several times before at SJS.
We are fighting this denial of tenure because we feel Chuck Ogata is too valuable to lose, both as an instructor and as a person who has much to contribute to the community.
Chuck has good evaluations by students who have taken his classes, which are full or nearly full. He teaches one of two new courses offered by the department called Economics of Racial Discrimination. We see this course as valuable, especially when seen in the light that the SJS Economics Dept. has been slow in offering new courses relevant to the changing times.
Chuck is also the JAACL liaison man to the campus. He has been the adviser to both the Japanese American Student Organization (composed mainly of foreign-born Japanese) and the Progressive Asian American Coalition.
Chuck also helped start a loan program for foreign students. Working with students, other faculty members and community people, he has helped in the establishment of a minors program in Asian American studies on campus.

Why then is Chuck Ogata denied tenure? I, along with others, feel that he is being made the victim of intra-departmental politics.
The economics department is badly split. This is a fact that no one will deny. Chuck happens to be in the smaller of the two factions. His faction has been pushing for progressive changes. The other faction seems to be more concerned about keeping the status quo.
It's our feelings and other faculty members that Chuck is losing his tenure, largely because this larger faction wants to get rid of their opponents. Thus far, working on the case has been both frustrating and disappointing. In many attempts to get a concrete reason for the denial of tenure, we have only learned of college procedures and policies.
A group of us went to a Retention and Tenure Committee of the Economics Department. We wanted to hear why Chuck was being denied. Instead, we were asked to leave.
Within four days (that's all the time we had), we passed around petitions and gathered over 600 signatures. Later on, we went to an open meeting, called the department chairman. When asked why Chuck was being denied tenure, we received just pretty words saying nothing and were told of college policies and procedures (which didn't help at all).

A coalition of students and community leaders then approached the academic vice president. Again we were met by pretty words saying nothing and were told of college procedures and policies.
During this time, the all-college retention and tenure committee (the decision goes from the economics department to the all-college committee to the president) was meeting. It is comprised of representatives of each school. It unanimously voted to recommend that Chuck Ogata's tenure be reconsidered after he gets his doctorate.
The happiness over this decision was short-lived. President Bunzel, who has say over the all-college retention and tenure committee, decided to deny Chuck his tenure. Chuck has been told he will not have a job after June, 1972.

What's most frustrating is that going through the "proper channels," we couldn't do anything for him. Going through these channels only drained our energy. We were working hard, hours upon hours because of our concern over Chuck and all we were told were college procedures and policies.
One thing we wanted to see was if any racism was involved. If there was any involved, I don't see how we could have exposed that. The doors were closed to us; our questions weren't answered and going through channels served only to divert us—all we got were college procedures and policies.
Although racism hasn't been proved here, we should keep our eyes open. Institutional racism is hard to see—it is not overt. Out of the 525 faculty members in the School of Humanities and Arts at San Jose State, only nine are Asian Americans or Asian nationals. Of these only two have tenure—that's less than 1/2 of 1 per cent of the faculty!

The figures are amazing when seen in the light that San Jose has a large Asian population and that in the college, Asian Americans (not including foreign-born students) are the largest minority!

The reason for mentioning this is because when racism exists (overt or covert), it's easier to make the victims of racism slaves; it's easier to take away their land; it's easier to fight wars against them; it's easier to put them in concentration camps; and it's easier to zinc them.

The fight has not yet ended. A group of students and community people will be meeting with the college President. Should we want to continue following proper channels, we still have grievance procedures and court action left.
As of yet, no official reasons have been given for Chuck Ogata's denial of tenure. According to college policies and procedures, they do not have to give any reasons. Good grief!!!

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