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By RAYMOND UNO  
National JACL President

Nature is Mother Earth personified. Unpredictable Nature nestles mankind into her arms ever so tenderly, only periodically and temperamentally ravaging the helpless inhabitants of this earth with ferocious wind, rain, snow and other "acts of God". There is nothing as soothing and inviting as the gentle breeze that caresses the sur-

### Ponderosa Inn

face of the earth on a hot summer evening. But there is nothing as destructive as a hurricane that leaves in its wake fallen trees, broken windows, torn roofs, overturned trailers and countless other damage to property.

The eve of the first quarterly Intermountain District Council session foreboded ominous traveling conditions for the weekend. Although Burley (Idaho) is about 170 miles from Salt Lake City, the big winds reduced in velocity from the night before and spotty ice on the road made driving on the freeway mildly hazardous.

Our chauffeur George Kimura confidentially, if not somewhat overly so, safely drove his wife Harriet, Amy and Ben Aoyagi and myself to the Ponderosa Inn, Burley.

Governor Ron Yokota from Boise; Jack Ogami, national recognitions committee chairman from Snake River; Sam Sakaguchi and George Nakaya from Idaho Falls; Dr. J. T. Kihara and Hiro Shiozaki from Pocatello and George Tamura from Boise had arrived earlier and greeted us and Frank Yoshimura, national budget committee chairman, his wife Sadie; Choke Morita, IDC secretary; Saige Aramaki and Tosh Hoki from Mt. Olympus.

IDC meets quarterly and has two straight business sessions and two social-business sessions. The business session is attended by only delegates and district officers. The social-business sessions held on alternate quarters draw the wives, boosters and friends.

Reactivation of the Pocatello-Blackfoot Chapter appears a distinct possibility. The dire need of staff help was not only evident but clearly mandatory to keep the chapters in this district council active. Staff help must come in the form of program development and leadership training.

We completed our business in good time, had supper and were on our way home by 10:30 p.m. the same day. As usual, I was assigned the task of driving home. We came to a fork in the freeway, one reading Pocatello and the other reading Ogden. After going about a half mile down the Ogden direction, we "U"-turned and returned to the fork in the road and headed toward Pocatello.

Regardless of what we may think about directions, we have got to understand the signs are on the road for one reason—to tell us what road we should take.

No one will own up to who suggested what, but the ultimate consensus of all (but me) felt the driver ought to know where he is going. Consequently, we took an extra 1½ hours to get home. We took the wrong road home and had to drive an extra 80 or 90 miles. Talk about backseat driving! With the past president, current president and their wives advising me, we got a lot of extra miles on this trip. Just think of the extra mileage our chapter is in for this year!

The "Sugarhouse" rapist was loose in our area and my sister-in-law came over to stay in my absence. Since I thought we would be home in Burley overnight, I didn't take my house key with me. When I rang the doorbell at 3 a.m., my sister-in-law had told my wife not to answer the door. Fortunately she braved it, and I was able to get into my own house.

The Governor's Diamond Jubilee \$100-a-couple dinner turned out all the living governors of Utah who were honored by Democrats and Republicans alike, even though it was the annual fund raiser for the state Democratic party. An unusually large crowd honored two Republican and two Democratic governors.

Bipartisan support from leading party officials and office holders speaks well of political maturity in this age of political polarity and extremism. Mildred and Cliff Coulam, and Dan Dix were among JACLers and friends in attendance. Governors Maw, Lee, Clyde and Rampton have all looked very favorably on JACL and Japanese Americans and Lee and Rampton have been to Japan and were impressed by the industrial development and friendly and generous hospitality of the Japanese people.

Ex-governor and now Mayor of Salt Lake, J. Bracken Lee, serves on the Salt Lake-Matsumoto Sister City committee.

Utah's 60-day legislative session is not considered long by national standards. However, if you have to lobby for bills, 60 days can be an awfully short time. Since the middle of January to March 11, I got tied up in lobbying for

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# Seattle Community College seeking Asian administrators

SEATTLE — Seattle Community College has agreed to hold open for persons of Oriental descent any administrative positions that become available, a spokesman for Oriental groups said this past week.

The Rev. Lincoln Eng, a member of the Asian Coalition for Equality, said the SCC Board of Trustees has agreed "... to freeze, for Asians, available administrative positions over which they have direct control."

Mr. Eng said the agreement was reached at a meeting held Mar. 4 between 13 representatives of the Seattle Asian community and the Board of Trustees.

### Five Administrators

A sit-in was held at Seattle Central Community College on Mar. 2 (See PC, Mar. 12) by about 60 students and supporters of the Oriental Student Union to press demands that the college hire five Oriental administrators.

Mr. Eng also said the board agreed to "use its influence" to insure the hiring of Asians and to expand the ad hoc Committee on Minority Hiring to include additional Asians and other minorities.

The representatives learned that there are 90 administrative posts, 87 being held by whites and 3 by blacks.

No time has been set for the hearings, Mr. Eng said. He said some positions may open in fall quarter.

### Public Apology

The chairman of the Seattle Community College board of trustees said he had "overreacted" in the aftermath of Tuesday's (Mar. 2) demonstration at the college's central campus administration headquarters.

In an open letter to Seattle's Asian community, Board Chairman Arthur Siegal explained he had described the demonstration as "juvenile, and ill-advised."

"Those are inflammatory words and should be stricken from the record," Siegal said.

Later in the letter, he explained, "I still believe that whenever property is damaged or individuals are intimidated (in this case, employees) there is a lack of responsibility. However, this statement has been misinterpreted as my beliefs that the Oriental Student Union was irresponsible. This is not true. We do not know the identity of all individuals involved and prefer to make no pre-judgments."

### Outsiders Present

He said the board has information that a number of persons at the demonstration were not community college students.

Siegal said the board does not intend to take legal action at this time but "feels it is necessary to be apprised of courses open to it." The board has asked the attorney general's office to research the matter and report on it.

"There is no threat of jail, fines or criminal punishment," Siegal said.

He said action will be taken under the "Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities," which provides an impartial hearing, free from board or administration control.

"The board of trustees strongly feels that this process will prove to the community that the students are fully capable of governing and disciplining themselves," Siegal said.

Siegal said the board has stressed it believes the cause of the OSU that more Asian administrators be hired is a just one but that financial problems make it impossible to grant immediately. The Seattle JACL board also supported the OSU demands (See Mar. 5 PC).

### Young Asian Comments

Susan K. Tomita, who represented the Asian American Social Workers but also active with the Young Asians for Action and a member of the Seattle JACL board, called the Mar. 4 meeting "a beautiful example of how a community can act together on an issue that affects all."

The issue of discriminatory

hiring is a community problem, not just for students, she emphasized. She credited OSU leaders Michael Tagawa and Allen Sugiyama for initiating the negotiations with the board six months ago. "We Asians should be glad we have hard-working individuals who acted bravely before the community came out to support them in unison," Miss Tomita declared.

All 13 representatives also spoke up, appealing on behalf of the community and students. "From now on, let's all get together and not just talk," she urged.

The 13 Asian community representatives were: Father O'Connell, Filipino American Center for Equality; Rev. Stanley DePano, Beacon United Methodist Church; Rev. Yugo Suzuki, Blaine Memorial Methodist Church; Robert Santos, Catholic Interracial Council (Filipino Community); Dr. Eusebio Sato, Asian Community; Dr. Jim Takasaki, Rev. Lincoln Eng, John Eng, Dr. Joe Okimoto, Asian Coalition for Equality; Larry Matsuda, University of Washington Minority Affairs; Dr. Min Masuda, Seattle JACL; Allen Muramoto, Young Asians for Action; and Susan K. Tomita, Asian American Social Workers.

## Nisei voice added to Oakland schools

OAKLAND — Energetic participation of Japanese Americans in committee work of the Oakland Public School polyethnic advisory council was lauded by the Oakland JACL. The council was formed in the fall of 1970 at the request of the school superintendent by representatives from the Blacks, Chicanos and Asians in the community to assist the school board in the areas of master planning, curriculum, human relations, practices and policies.

The Oakland JACL is represented on the council by:

Mr. and Mrs. Min Tamaki, Mrs. Margaret Saito, Mrs. Mary Anna Takagi, Mrs. Sono Fujie and Mrs. Helen Ogawa.

While Mrs. Grace Aikawa and Mrs. Kimi Matsumoto have assisted on a volunteer basis with the school's office of human relations, the JACL is now urging a full-time Japanese American staff worker in the office because of the volume of work and need.

### Asian Americans in L.A. pick education commission

LOS ANGELES — Twenty-seven representatives from the Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Filipino, Samoan and other Asian American communities were elected to serve on the Asian American Education Commission, which is expected to have official status with the L.A. board of education in determining educational policies.

The election held Mar. 7 at Senshin Buddhist Church highlighted a series of community meetings held within the past four months. The 27 are to be augmented by three more appointees to comprise the full commission. Over 800 names were screened to shape the ballot of 42 nominees.

The 27 commissioners are: JAPANESE (11) — Susie Dobashi, parent, East L.A.; Sue Embrey, parent-teacher, Echo Park; Kazuo Higa, teacher, Crenshaw; Alan Hattori, professor, Ben Arri; Mitchell Matsumura, high school student, Crenshaw; Haruko Morita, elementary school principal, Wilshire; Micki Nakagiri, teacher, Burbank; Alan Nishio, director, Asian American Studies Center, Crenshaw; Rev. Dr. Bill Shinto, minister-professor, Costa Mesa; Midori L. Watanabe, psychologist-professor, Highland Park.

CHINESE (9) — Kenyon Chan, staff coordinator, Crenshaw; Morgan Chan, teacher, West L.A.; William Chun-Hoon, reading task force administrator, West L.A.; Irvin Lai, contractor, Crenshaw; Bill Leong, educator, Highland Park; James Wong, chemical engineer, West L.A.; Richard Wong, UCLA student, Studies Center staff, Hollywood.

FILIPINO (4) — Remy Lani, teacher, reading-language specialist, Hollywood; Betty Gabonia, secretary, Echo Park; Al Mendoza Jr., high school student, Los Angeles; Royal F. Morales, social worker, South L.A.

KOREAN (1) — David Hyun, architect-planner, Silverlake.

SAMOA (1) — Rev. John Alalilua, Presbyterian minister, Pomona.

HAWAIIAN (1) — George Matsumoto, businessman, West L.A.

## 3-way telephone link with interpreter, school and inquirer started in S.F.

SAN FRANCISCO — To assist foreign-born residents encountering language difficulties in seeking information concerning school matters of any kind, Dr. Thomas Shaheen, Superintendent of Schools, has established a switchboard operation at School District headquarters which will provide interpreters for those requiring such help.

These volunteer interpreters, representing nine ethnic and nationality groups, will be available for telephone contact in their homes or offices to those requiring their services.

"The new operation," Dr. Shaheen explained, "is expected to meet a long-felt need. People with English-speaking difficulties, seeking information about school locations, help in teacher-pupil relations and like problems are to call the department at 863-4680. If they cannot adequately explain their needs to the operator so that they may be referred to the proper department official, they will be placed in contact with the vo-

### Asians testify before U.S. Senate committee

SAN FRANCISCO — The U.S. Senate Select Committee on Equal Educational Opportunity, chaired by Sen. Walter F. Mondale (D-Minn.) met here Mar. 3-5, hearing from Asian and Black students from the Bay Area.

It examined the results of integration of the Berkeley school system. Nancy Ukai, an 11th grader who has attended Berkeley schools since kindergarten; Stewart Yee, human relations coordinator-teacher; and Raymond Okamura of the Berkeley Asian American Task Force, spoke before the committee.

(Text of Ray Okamura's statement, where he urged people of all color be sought to integrate schools physically and academically, will be published separately.—Ed.)

Edison Uno of San Francisco also addressed the committee, contending equal educational opportunities do not exist in San Francisco. He noted that Asian American students comprise over 20 percent in the schools but numbers of Asian teachers-administrators is less than 6 percent.

The committee was established last year to study the effectiveness of efforts throughout the U.S. in assuring equal educational opportunities. The committee is investigating the effects of racial and ethnic segregation in schools, voluntary school integration efforts and desegregation under law, problems of urban and rural education as they affect students from disadvantaged backgrounds, the community participation in schools and other subjects relating to issue.

### L.A. supervisors vote again for Title II repeal

LOS ANGELES — The County Board of Supervisors, on a motion by Supervisor Ernest E. Debs, voted last week (Mar. 9) to endorse Sen. Daniel K. Inouye's proposed legislation which would repeal the Emergency Detention Act of 1950.

Titled S. 592, the bill drafted by Inouye, (D-Hawaii) is aimed at preventing such injustices as was suffered by Americans of Japanese origin who were incarcerated in concentration camps during World War II.

### CCDC meeting

FOWLER — The Central California District Council will meet April 21, 7:30 p.m., at local Buddhist Church, it was announced by Fred Hirasuna, district governor. The session is open to all JACLers and their guests.

## ORGANIZES OWN PICKET LINE

# Nisei actor fired from 'Pueblo' role

WASHINGTON — Clifford Arashi, Japanese American actor who was fired from his role as a North Korean colonel in the Arena Stage production of "Pueblo," organized a protest picket on opening night, March 3.

Alex Bilanow of the Washington Daily News reported on the occasion as follows:

Arena Stage was picketed for the first time in its history last night by nine youths, aged between 9 and 15, charging discrimination against Oriental actors.

Neither the occasion, the world premiere of the play, "Pueblo," nor the freezing rain could overwhelm the spirits of the merry troupe who marched in a scraggly, broken circle in front of the Southwest theatre for about an hour. Some paused in their march to banter with inquisitive first-nighters.

The troupe was led by Clifford S. Arashi, of Bayside, N.Y., a Japanese American actor who is a member of a group called the Oriental Actors of America.

### Formal Complaint

In a formal complaint filed with the D.C. Human Relations Commission, Arashi has charged he was discriminated against by being bumped out of the role of a North Korean commandant in the play about the capture of the U.S. spy ship, Pueblo, by North Korea two years ago.

Arena producers contend, however, that Arashi "didn't satisfy the director" in the part and that he got four weeks severance pay in accord with the theatre's agreement with Actors Equity.

"In view of my painful experience of the first three weeks (in rehearsal), my re-

placement by a blond-haired, blue-eyed man was particularly humiliating," Arashi's complaint said.

He also charged it was unfair that Orientals were not cast in the role of North Koreans. There were half a dozen such parts but only one Oriental was in the cast, he noted.

"Why aren't there Orientals picketing?" a woman with a mink stole, asked. "They couldn't get here. They're all in college, studying. Besides, it's raining—you can't expect them to come out in all this rain, can you?" Arashi replied.

### TV Commercials

Arashi said he had a lead in the "World of Susie Wong" and was an understudy for the lead in "Katakai," both on Broadway about a decade ago. Since, he added, he's worked off-Broadway shows and portrayed a karate man and an Eskimo in TV commercials.

Fifteen minutes before showtime, he called his picketing troupe together, collected their signs and said, "C'mon, let's all go get some hot chocolate and something to eat." And they all disappeared down the street into the darkness and rain.

Alma Robinson of the Evening Star was a little more critical of Arashi's picketing with her story headlined, "Fired Actor Hires Pickets." A disgruntled Oriental actor directed his own play on the sidewalk outside the Arena Stage last night to dramatize his grievances in front of crowds attending the opening performance of "Pueblo."

### Eight Black Pickets

The actors were eight black youngsters from a nearby Southwest neighborhood who were generously paid to keep a small picket line moving under the bright marquee.

Clifford S. Arashi, a Japanese American from New York City, claimed that the theatre discriminated against Orientals when he was fired two weeks ago — with severance pay — from a leading role in the play, the Korean ship besieging the Pueblo.

The director reluctantly substituted Ned Beatty, a white member of the resident company, to play "Super C," according to a spokesman for the Arena. "He (Arashi) didn't satisfy the director for

the requirements of the role," said public relations director Alton Miller.

Arashi was cast "as a result of auditions in which many — let's say a number — of Orientals actors were auditioned," he added.

### One Oriental Remains

One-labeled an "Oriental Uncle Tom" in Arashi's picket signs — remains in the cast as one of several North Korean sailors. The rest are white.

"They should have hired another Oriental actor to replace me, not a white man," Arashi said. "After all, if they can play the Oriental parts, then why can't Orientals play as Americans?" I'm an American, I served in World War II."

Arashi said he expected at least 25 to 40 demonstrators — mostly college students — to show up and picket last night. The driving rain kept them away, he thought.

## JACL supports Nisei complaint of theater bias

LOS ANGELES — The JACL this week (Mar. 11) urged the District of Columbia Human Relations Commission to take appropriate action in the case of racial discrimination perpetrated against Clifford S. Arashi who was fired from his role as "Super C" in the Arena Stage production, "Pueblo," which opened Mar. 3.

George Takel, national chairman of JACL's cultural committee, told the commission that the auditioning, casting, rehearsing and then dismissal of the Nisei actor was "something less than an honorable demonstration of professionalism and indeed integrity."

He further regretted a theater like the Arena Stage with the prestige it commands in the Nation's Capital "should be so guilty" in the dismissal of Arashi. It was a "callous affront to the dignity of an individual artist (and) an exhibition of the kind of dishonesty that is at the root of the racial malaise of this Nation," he added.

The Kausal-born actor lodged the complaint against the Washington Drama Society, the producer and director of the play. "I am a Japanese American and I charge the above respondents with discrimination against me on the ground of my race, color and national origin in violation of Article 47 of the police regulations of the District of Columbia," the complaint concluded.

### Open house set

LOS ANGELES — The So. Calif. Gardeners Federation will have open house Mar. 20, 4-9 p.m., at its new \$150,000 headquarters building at 333 S. San Pedro Street.

# INTERMOUNTAIN ADOPTS JACL BLUE SHIELD PLAN of undue pressure tactics

## NC-WNDC Health Plan May Become National During Biennium

SAN FRANCISCO — The JACL Intermountain District Council unanimously moved at its Feb. 21 quarterly session to adopt the JACL-Blue Shield health plan of the No. Calif. W. Nev. district council, according to IDC Gov. Ron Yokota.

In announcing the action, health plan coordinator Haruo Ishimaru said the NC-WNDC Blue Shield program now covers five district councils or 68 of the 93 chapters in the national organization. The five districts (No. Calif., Central California, Pacific Southwest, Pacific Northwest and now Intermountain) embrace over 80 per cent of the national membership, Ishimaru noted.

Inquiries from another district council have also been received, Ishimaru said.

### National Plan

Although the Board of Governors of the Plan is not necessarily inviting other district councils to join, they may do so following certain procedures. Ishimaru foresaw the plan may be adopted nationally during the biennium.

The JACL-Blue Shield Administrative Committee has studied other comparable health plans and said there is absolutely no question that their plan is superior. It is one of the newest, but in terms of over-all benefits, it is 30-35% better.

As far as any service-type plans are concerned, the only other plan with anything close to comparable benefits is substantially higher in premiums, it was pointed out. For example, the basic dues of the JACL-Blue Shield plan for a family of three or more is \$69.80.

Furthermore, the JACL-Blue Shield plan has centralized its administration with the National JACL office, and now because of size and geographic scope, it has a stability no other plan can offer, Ishimaru said.

(Special to the Pacific Citizen) SALT LAKE CITY — National JACL President Raymond Uno has issued a strong rebuttal to the charge that the book, "Japanese Americans: The Untold Story," was rejected by the California Curriculum Commission "because of the pressure exerted by a group representing a small minority of the Japanese American community."

This charge was contained in a letter sent to school officials throughout California by Daniel Broussard, Director of Human Relations, of the San Mateo City School District which sponsored the Japanese American Curriculum Project (JACP) writing team. In a letter to Broussard,

Uno stated that he was distressed by Broussard's characterization of the JACL and the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA), both of whom have objected to the book, as representatives of a small minority of the Japanese American community when, he pointed out, "they are, in fact, the two major national Japanese American organizations representing perhaps two-thirds of that community." He further stated that "although no organization expects one hundred percent support of its policies from its membership, to characterize the actions of the officials as that of assmally-minority is beyond comprehension."

Uno's letter was issued to clarify the position of the JACL. "To many a people," he said, "the JACL's opposition to the book may seem harsh and unreasonable if they are not familiar with the background to the controversy. Due to the persistence of the JACP to obtain an endorsement from JACL, behind the scenes negotiations have been taking place for close to one year. Because of the JACP representatives' failure to follow through on agreements made at various meetings, a compromise could not be reached."

Uno also revealed the fact that Dr. Suzuki of Pasadena, chairman of the JACL National Education Committee and one of the principal opponents of the books, was initially a strong supporter of the JACP. At their request, Dr. Suzuki solicited letters from various JACL officers urging the publishers to publish the book. His efforts were apparently also an influential factor in the National Board's decision to grant the JACP \$4,000 to subsidize the project.

According to Suzuki, his actions were taken in March 1970, a year before he could obtain a copy of the manuscript for review. "I felt there was a great need for a good book on Japanese Americans and wanted to give as much support and encouragement to the JACP's efforts as I could," he said.

### Confidential Wanes

"At the time I had some confidence in the JACP having worked with several of the authors on the Title II repeal campaign. Moreover, I assumed they would have the book reviewed by several of the authorities in the field of Asian American studies. However, we later learned that they had not done this before publication."

Members of the Southern California JACL Education Committee were not able to review the book until the middle of April when they finally received a copy of the manuscript. Upon reviewing the book, they began to have serious doubts about it for the first time. "We were particularly appalled," a committee member said, "by the derogatory passages on the Chinese which bordered on being racist statements."

The Education Committee communicated their concerns to the JACP in the latter part of April hoping that they would make appropriate changes before the book was printed. However, the first printing of an unprecedented 30,000 copies of the book was run off early in May without any changes.

### Endorsement Issue

At this point the Education Committee recommended to the National Board that the JACL should not endorse the book and maintain a noncommittal position.

Consequently, the JACP requested a meeting with members of the Education Committee. At this meeting, which took place in the latter part of June, the JACP representatives promised to follow up on seven specific proposals which could possibly result in an acceptable compromise. However, according to committee members, only one of the proposals were ever followed up by the JACP.

The JACP continued to push for the endorsement of the JACL at the National Convention in Chicago last July. As a result, a special meeting of the JACL Executive Committee was held at the convention with members of the JACP and the Southern California Education Committee. The consensus of the Executive Committee was that the book was unacceptable in its present form and changes must be made before the JACL could consider endorsement.

### Agreements Reached

A special subcommittee was appointed to work out details and agreements acceptable to all parties were reached. At the time, according to Ray Okamura who was on the

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## Watsonville bars SENSEI as too young for ballot

WATSONVILLE — Watsonville almost had its first Japanese American candidate for the city council.

Fred N. Hiraga, 21, filed for a place on the ballot for the May 11 municipal election before deadline, but was disqualified on a technicality. He was too young.

Hiraga was one of two men who had sought to be candidates for the city council, but were barred from entering the race for the four openings because of a city charter provision which states that candidates must be at least 23 years old.



Washington Newsletter  
Mike Masaoka

## Title II Repeal Hearings

Wisconsin Democrat Robert Kastenmeier, Chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee No. 3, has announced that public hearings will begin March 12 on legislation to repeal Title II of the Internal Security Act of 1950 and to prohibit the establishment of emergency detention camps.

Because the printed record of the extensive hearings held last year before the House Internal Security Committee are sufficient to provide the necessary background and reference information on this proposal, the Subcommittee has decided to limit its witness to members of Congress and of the Administration.

This means that the JACL and other organizations for and against repeal, will not testify before this Subcommittee. JACL will, however, submit a lengthy written statement for the record.

Inasmuch as time is of the essence, JACL applauds the Subcommittee's plans. Hopefully, few of the more than 150 Congressmen who have joined in co-sponsoring the bill will ask for the opportunity to testify personally. For if they do, they may well "fillbust" the repeal effort into defeat by wasting valuable time on explaining legislation that most of the Subcommittee members already understand and appreciate.

As of this writing, eight of the nine Subcommittee members and 20 of the 38 Judiciary Committee members are among the co-sponsors of the legislation.

At the March 18 hearings, Congressman Spark Matsunaga of Hawaii, Chet Holifield of California, and John Anderson of Illinois are expected to be the principal witnesses. Matsunaga represents the special concerns of the Japanese Americans in this statute. Holifield is not only the dean of the entire West Coast congressional delegation but is one of the few members who know from personal experience the tragedy of the 1942 Pacific Coast evacuation and detention. Anderson is Chairman of the House Civil Liberties Committee and is expected to express the majority Republican position for repeal.

Hopefully, the Department of Justice will present its testimony on behalf of the Nixon Administration. It is not expected to be different from that of last Congress, when it endorsed repeal. It may be that Assistant Attorney General Robert Mardian, who replaced now Federal Appeals Court Judge J. Walter Yeagley as head of the Internal Security Division, may be the departmental witness.

We trust that next week's Pacific Citizen will provide a detailed story of the hearings before House Judiciary Subcommittee No. 3.

### 18-Year-Old Voting

On March 10, the Senate approved 94 to 0 and sent to the House a constitutional amendment that would lower the voting age to 18 years for all citizens in all elections, by 1972.

The amendment is expected to be approved by the House by more than the two-thirds majority required and submitted to the states for ratification right away.

This proposal is designed to remedy the situation that resulted when the United States Supreme Court held that legislation passed last year by the Congress lowering the voting age of citizens to 18 could apply only to federal or national elections, and not to state and local elections.

For this constitutional amendment to become effective as the 26th Amendment, it must be ratified by three-fourths of the states, or by at least 38 states.

At present, only Kentucky, Alaska, and Georgia permit 18-year-olds to vote in state and local elections. Of the re-

maining 47 states, only eight have reported it possible to reduce the voting age by state action before the 1972 congressional and presidential elections without resorting to some extraordinary procedure, such as special statewide referendums.

For the past 20 years, constitutional amendments to lower the voting age to 18 have been introduced in every Congress but, with the exception of 1953 when an amendment was defeated on the Senate floor, they have never won committee approval in either the House or the Senate.

The JACL has always supported this reduction in the voting age of citizens on the grounds that those of 18 are mature and concerned enough to be discerning, discriminating, and responsible in casting their ballots, at least on par with those who are 21 and over.

### Cloture Fight Ends

Last week, on March 9, this time by an eight vote margin, the Senate refused to ease its Rule 22 to enable three-fifths, and not two-thirds as at present, of all lawmakers present and voting to invoke cloture, shut off filibusters, and force an immediate vote on the merits.

The fourth consecutive weekly vote on revising the closure rule to 39, the highest yet recorded for changing Rule 22. The previous high was 54, garnered in 1963.

As promised, after the unsuccessful effort to invoke cloture on the filibuster that has tied up the Senate since Jan. 26, New York's Jacob Javits argued that the Senate, at the start of a new Congress, has a constitutional right to change its rules and invoke cloture for this purpose by a simple majority. In order to obtain a vote on his proposition, the New York liberal challenged the ruling of President Pro Tempore Allen Ellender of Louisiana that the vote for cloture had failed because it had failed to secure the necessary two-thirds.

Majority Leader Mike Mansfield, who has favored easing Rule 22 to three-fifths of the Senators present and voting, moved to table (kill) the Javits challenge. The majority Leader's motion carried easily, 55 to 37, and effectively ended the rules change dispute for this year.

Vice President Spiro Agnew was not the presiding officer on this crucial showdown vote and subsequent ruling because he was speaking on revenue-sharing in New Orleans. This automatically placed President Pro Tempore Ellender in the Chair. The Louisianaian, who is the dean of the Senate in point of consecutive service in the chamber, has always favored the filibuster as a weapon against legislation which he did not favor. This year he was more or less in charge of the successful coalition of southerners and conservative Republicans who managed to retain Rule 22 intact.

When President Richard Nixon was Vice President, and when Senator Hubert Humphrey was Vice President, they each ruled that, in their respective opinions, a simple majority could adopt and change the Senate rules at the beginning of every congressional term. In every case, however, the Senate overruled their opinions. This time, Vice President Agnew was not around to even express his interpretation.

## Census questions considered invasion of privacy by four Hawaii residents

By ALLEN BECKMAN

HONOLULU — Honolulu businessman David Watson, and former radio station KTRG announcer Donald Dickinson pleaded innocent to Federal charges of refusing to answer questions in the 1970 census. Both cases were postponed until April 26.

Federal Judge C. Nils Tavares postponed the arraignment of William Danks and William Steel for one week. Also charged in the census case, each appeared for arraignment without an attorney.

Those charged objected to the census questions primarily because they consider them an invasion of their privacy. By limiting prosecution to those who objected on such grounds, the census officials obviously hope to evade accusations of treason growing out of the nature of the questions asked in the Hawaii census.

The 1970 census permitted only residents with some aboriginal ancestry to identify themselves as Hawaiian. Though disenfranchised as Hawaiians, Caucasians were permitted to retain American identity. On the other hand, descendants of immigrants from East Asia were official-

ly registered as of the same nationality as their foreign-born ancestors.

### 'Necessary to Prosecute'

The census officials have issued broad hints that any who objected to answering the census questionnaire on the grounds that it required residents to certify they are neither Hawaiian nor American will not be prosecuted if they keep quiet about their defiance. At a press conference in Washington, Federal Commerce Secretary Maurice H. Stans said, "Only five individuals opposed the census to such a degree that we found it necessary to prosecute." The census bureau is also prosecuting an objector in Delaware.

In Honolulu, Leland H. Gray, who ran the census in Hawaii, said, "One thing about this matter which emerges as confusing in the news stories is that there must be hundreds of persons here who protested vocally or in writing against some of the census questions, but are not being charged. The difference is that they did fill out enough of the answers on the questionnaire so that a complaint

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## TURN DOWN NISEI IN VOTE TO FILL GARDENA POST

Paul Bannai Was  
Runner-up in Last  
City Council Race

GARDENA — In an unprecedented move, the Gardena city council has set a special election for June 8 to fill the seat left vacant by the death in February of councilman Vincent A. Bell after a move failed to seat his Nisei runner-up Paul Bannai in last year's election.

The decision to hold a special election came after seven lengthy personnel sessions last month in which the remaining four members of the council attempted to appoint a fifth man, as has been the precedent.

Mayor Pro-tem Ed Russ moved to appoint Planning Commissioner Paul Bannai, who polled only 122 votes less than Councilman Bell in the 1970 regular election. (Precedent is to appoint the runner-up in the last election with the highest number of votes.)

### Fails With 2-2 Vote

The motion to appoint Bannai failed by a 2-2 vote, with Mayor Robert Kane and Mayor Pro-tem Ed Russ voting in favor and Councilmen Don Dear and Ken Nakaoka opposed.

Another motion to appoint Planning Commissioner Bob Longacre, who polled 252 votes behind Bannai, was also defeated.

Candidates may file for the special election until March 31.

### Nakaoka issues statement to Gardena Valley News

(In a statement to the Gardena Valley News, Nakaoka who said he wishes to "set the record straight" last week expressed the following views.)

Gardena City Councilmen Ken Nakaoka and Don Dear both expressed surprise at Councilman Ed Russ' nomination of two former candidates to fill the vacancy created by the death of Councilman Vincent Bell.

Nakaoka stated that Russ' action was a highly irregular since the Council had decided in special session not to fill the vacancy by appointment. Russ moved to appoint either Paul Bannai or Bob Longacre to the post, since they had narrowly missed election in 1970. Much debate ensued over the propriety of nominations being made. They finally allowed by a City Attorney's ruling.

The Council had discussed filling the over-three-year term with persons from the following categories: Former Councilmen, former candidates for Council, Planning Commissioners, Recreation and Parks Commissioners, other elected officials, community leaders and others who had expressed a desire to serve on the Council.

### Fear Clique

Dear felt that the chief disqualifying factor in some cases was political alignment with members of the current council. "I am sorry Bannai's name was brought up," said Dear, "because we had already agreed to go to an election. Among reasons for Bannai's rejection was his close alignment to Bell and Russ and the concern that this council would be controlled by a clique or group to the detriment to this community. We can't expect to appoint a gentleman to this Council who is not going to be independent."

Nakaoka said, "It would be a disfavor to the citizens of this community to select from the losers. The purpose of Council selection was to get someone who was middle-of-the-road and independent."

Russ agreed that they had, "diligently tried to agree on somebody."

### Over 24 Considered

Dear said that they tried to select a person "who would draw this Council together to work as a team and be independent. Not one of the over two dozen fine and able people that were discussed could get three votes from this Council."

"It would be more than repulsive for me to nominate all of the various people that I suggested or supported," Dear continued. "It is proper that this problem be brought to the people to be settled in the democratic fashion." Dear

## NEWS CAPSULES

### Government

Serving on the San Joaquin County grand jury this year are Dr. Kenzo Terashita, immediate past NC-WNDC governor, and Frank Morita, Stockton businessman.

Wing K. Fat of Sacramento, who has served on the California Veterans Board since 1966, has been reappointed by Governor Reagan for another four-year term ending Jan. 15, 1975.

Former Orange County JACL president James Okazaki has been city attorney for San Juan Capistrano since September. A total of 303 resolutions adopted by the city council since 1961 have not been properly written or recorded, he told the councilmen last week, and his predecessor, John Dawson, has offered to catch up with work.

Dr. T. Kong Lee, president of Lincoln University, San Francisco, is a member of President Nixon's national advisory council on adult education, and a member of the San Francisco Asia Art and Culture Committee.

Billie Kuramaji, daughter of the Ted Kuramajis of Dinuba, Calif., will attend the final session of the White House Conference on Youth at Estes Park, Colo., April 18-22. She is among 120 adult and youth, selected from various areas and ethnic backgrounds, who have been meeting in San Francisco, Newport Beach and Boston to prepare for the final meeting. Some 1,500 participants are expected at the Estes Park conference.

Ichiro Kuroda, now a methods and standards technician with the Los Angeles City recreation and parks department's management analysis systems division, received a 30-year service pin. He started as a messenger clerk with the city library, served with the 24th Infantry Division in combat intelligence in the Pacific theater during WW2 and returned to L.A. civil service.

### Deaths

Tomoyoshi Imai, 84, Hood River pioneer orchardist, died Feb. 24 at Hood River, Ore. He came from Okayama in 1908, developed stump land on Dee Flat into a commercial fruit-producing orchard. Surviving are W. Kono, five sons Shige, Hiteishi, Genbata, Shiro and Tetsuo (Nakamura), two daughters Akiko Nakamura, Molly Lessner (Portland).

### Tariff Commission

rules on Japan TV sets

WASHINGTON — The Tariff Commission has ruled imports of Japanese-made television sets were injuring the domestic industry, clearing the way for the Treasury Dept. to impose penalty duties on some imports in violation of the Antidumping Act.

H. William Tanaka, a Washington lawyer for the Japanese manufacturers, said the rulings might be further challenged either in the U.S. customs court or in federal district court.

### Rep. Matsunaga calls for Red China recognition

WASHINGTON — A House resolution calling for the "normalization of relations" with the People's Republic of China was introduced Mar. 9 by Rep. Spark Matsunaga.

"This is not to say that the government of Taiwan should be cut adrift," the Hawaiian Democrat said. "In view of our longstanding treaty and alliance with Taiwan, the U.S. should find room in the diplomatic spectrum for both Communist China and the Government of Taiwan." He also pointed out that U.S. did not withdraw diplomatic recognition of Chile when a Marxist government was elected recently in that country.

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concluded. Russ agreed that the best course of action is to have the people make their own choice.

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upon discharge from the military. He transferred to the recreation and parks department in 1950. A native Angeleno, he graduated from Roosevelt High and Los Angeles City College.

Mrs. Toshi Yamamoto of Los Angeles is serving on the blue ribbon steering committee of Gov. Reagan's all-minority appointees preparing for the April 3-4 workshop at Sacramento. At the initial meeting several months ago, among the Nisei attending were Frank Ogawa of Oakland, Howard Nakae of Auburn, and Fred Yasukochi of Oxnard. Mrs. Yamamoto is vice-chairman of the State Board of Barber Examiners.

Mike Iwatsubo is rapidly assuming the role of unofficial mayor of West Fresno, a role previously held by such notables as Setsuo Sakamoto and Frank Tuck. Recently Mike represented the West Fresno merchants to protest in the city council the closing of E St. to northbound traffic at Fresno St. His eloquent presentation persuaded the city council to overrule the traffic department diverting traffic westbound on Fresno St.

### Politics

A special election to fill a vacancy in the California state senate, the 27th District seat vacated by George Danielson, now a congressman in Washington, has been scheduled for the Gov. Reagan for June 22 with a July 20 runoff if no one candidate wins a clear majority. Observers feel the Democrats in the senate would be handicapped by the slim 20-19 majority they now have during the critical portion of the 1971 legislature. Later this spring, Edwin Hiroto (R) is among the first candidates in this race.

### Courtroom

Harry Lee, 38-year-old Chinese American attorney in New Orleans, has been sworn in as U.S. magistrate for the Eastern District of Louisiana. The term is for eight years on an annual salary of \$22,500. He is a graduate in geology from LSU and in law from Loyola University. His father was the Chinese interpreter for the federal government in the Orleans area for many years.

### Sports

Ray Tanimoto, 26, of Aptos High School near Santa Cruz, the man who bought his team milkshakes whenever it scored 75 points or more, was named the Monterey Bay League's lightweight basketball coach of the year. Aptos won the league's lightweight championship with a 15-3 record in the 10-team league.

Last season it finished in the last place. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tanimoto of San Jose, graduated from Fresno State College in 1968, teaching business at Aptos High besides coaching the team for the last three years.

### Flowers-Garden



San Jose 1000 Clubber Taro Yamagami (above) of Saratoga, a landscape architect with offices in San Jose and Los Gatos, was elected president of the No. Calif. chapter of the American Institute of Landscape Architects. Previously he was chapter secretary, served as Optimist governor for the Pacific General district and served on the Saratoga city planning commission advisory board.

Mrs. Kosui Fujikado of Alexandria, Va., attended the second world convention of Ikebana International in Tokyo last year as guest of Houn Ohara, headmaster of the Ohara School of Japanese Flower Arrangement. The invitation was in recognition of her many years to the Ohara School and her pioneer work in flower arrangement school which dates back to 1930 in Seattle. In recognition of her qualifications, she was selected by the wife of the Japanese Ambassador to continue her teaching to the Embassy staff.

### Entertainment

Mme. Tokuyae Hanayagi and her Japanese Noh dancers of Los Angeles are billed in the 24th annual International Folk Dance Festival April 3, 8 p.m., at the Music Center's Dorothy Chandler Pavilion.

### Redevelopment

Colleen Kajioaka of Redwood City and a 1969 San Jose State graduate in business administration has joined the Little Tokyo project office of the Community Redevelopment Agency as community

## Local Scene

### Chicago

Asian American students and faculty at the Univ. of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana have organized an Asian American Alliance. Ty Unno is faculty sponsor. It recently showed the CBS-TV documentary, "Nisei: the Pride and the Shame", and plans to show "Hiroshima - Nagasaki" and a film on Buddhism as part of its program.

### Los Angeles

A new two-hour color film, "Japanese Summer", will be narrated by Philip Walker as part of the Explorama Series at the Ahmanson Theater, Music Center, on Mar. 28, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. and at the Santa Monica Civic Aud., Mar. 23, 8:15 p.m.

Benefit tickets for "Gunbatsu", now showing at the Toho LaBrea, are being handled by the Pioneer Projects in Pasadena, Long Beach, Gardena and Little Tokyo to raise funds for the wildflower sightseeing trip this year. Tickets are \$2.25, while the regular box office price is \$2.50. (Tickets are good until Mar. 30, but also good for another feature to be shown April 21-May 11.)

The JACS Asian Involvement office has Japanese-speaking volunteers from Internal Revenue Service providing income tax services free of charge to those who gross under \$10,000 a year. They will be at Rm. 305 on Saturdays, 1-4:30 p.m., until April 10. Persons are expected to bring their 1969 tax returns, their 1970 W-2 forms and any Form 1099 from banks, credit union and/or savings and loan associations. The new forms are complicated and this service is expected to help many in the community.

Yellow Brotherhood stages its community open house party on Sunday, Mar. 23, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., at 1227 S. Crenshaw Blvd. The two-story house was purchased through solicitations from the public. YB members and the volunteer community advisory group will be hosts for the day.

information aide, working with subcommittees of citizens advisory committees and local service organizations, according to assistant project manager Sachiye Hirotsu.

"Involved Together Asians" (ITA), a community-oriented organization organized last December to serve the West L.A., Venice, Culver City and Santa Monica area, will sponsor a Toshiro Mifune film, "Lower Depths", on Saturday, April 3 at the Japanese Institute, 2110 Corinth, as a fund-raiser. Two showings are slated: 7:30 and 10 p.m. ITA is attempting to establish a "drop-in" center in the area. It continues to meet Monday nights at 7:30 at 2110 Barry Ave.

Council of Oriental Organizations (COO) ad hoc committee for an Asian community center met Mar. 13 at Resthaven Psychiatric Hospital auditorium. The proposed center is to be operated by the County Dept. of Community Services as a multi-language and multi-based center for members of the local Asian communities.

### Oakland

The East Bay Samsel have decided to incorporate under the name of East Bay Japanese for Action (EBJA) "to provide for and foster the educational, social and cultural development of the Japanese community in the Alameda and Contra Costa counties; to promote interest in community service projects in the Japanese community, and to promote inter-community communication through affiliation with other organizations in the (same) area." The group also has an Issei Fund (\$108 as of last Nov. 21) for Issei projects. A program coordinator, bilingual in ability, is being sought to work with the Asian project at the International Institute here.

### Fresno

The Fresno Buddhist Church conducts a Saturday afternoon study class in Japanese culture with the finest instructors in the area appointed to conduct courses in tea ceremony, Ikebana, calligraphy, soroban (abacus), conversational Japanese and table etiquette. To encourage Samsel participation, their tuition is half-price (\$2.50 per month). A special open house is planned for Monday, Mar. 22, 7:30 p.m.

### San Jose

The local Nisei Buddhist Society has chartered a bus for the San Francisco Giants-Tokyo Orion game at Candlestick Park April 4. Bus will leave at 11:30 a.m. from the San Jose Buddhist Church. For the comfort of the Issei, a lower and warmer section seats have been reserved, according to Phil Matsumura (258-4400) who has tickets.

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Bill Hosokawa

## From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.

**WHO IS DILLON S. MYER?**—A book titled "Up-rooted Americans" by Dillon S. Myer has just been published by the University of Arizona Press. It is a handsome volume, with many illustrations and much valuable information, running 360 pages. It is an account of the Japanese Americans and the War Relocation Authority, which Myer headed for all but three months of its four years of life. The book is written from the viewpoint of Myer as director of WRA, and we hope to review it in time.

But now comes the distressing thought that to hundreds of readers of The Pacific Citizen, Dillon Myer is only a vaguely remembered name, if that. A generation has grown up with no first-hand knowledge of the World War II years, and for its members names like Franklin Delano Roosevelt, George Catlett Marshall, Henry Wallace and others have no connection with flesh and blood and possess none of the vividness that touches the memories of those who lived through the times when these men were in power. So it is with Dillon Myer, who played a profound role in shaping the destiny of Japanese Americans.

It is for those of the new generations, as well as their elders who never had the opportunity of meeting Dillon Myer, that this column is being written.

At first, of course, Dillon Myer was just another name in the Washington hierarchy of WRA, and no one in the camps knew what he looked like or what he stood for. Some likened him to the "great white father" in Washington to which the residents of the later-day reservations must look for hope, benevolence and guidance, and in truth he fit the role.

Myer at the time was—and still is—tall, lean, white-haired and slightly stooped. He wore rimless glasses and the most impressive thing about him was his smile—a warm sincere, disarming smile that quickly melted barriers of race or position and inspired confidence. That smile was friendly and his friendliness was genuine. But the smile also camouflaged the fact that he was an able administrator, and a tough, fearless fighter for what he believed to be right.

A lesser man well might have buckled under the pressures WRA faced. First, of course, was the pressure of having to live with the knowledge of the injustices inflicted on the evacuees, and of seeking to set up and follow a morally righteous set of guidelines in the operation of WRA while recognizing the temper of those times. Then there were the demands and discontent of an increasingly restive group of evacuees who, having recovered from the numbing shock of the evacuation, had begun to give voice and action to their anger and embarrassment WRA which meanwhile was doing its darndest to do right by them. And finally there was the bitter and often irrational sniping by politicians who found WRA a convenient whipping boy and proceeded to lash it with glee, ignorance and malice.

At this point I do not know how deeply Myer in his book goes into his personal fears, hopes, frustrations, doubts and elations during this period. But knowing him for the private, kindly man he is, I doubt that he goes deeply enough. He is, no doubt, more interested in documenting the history of those times.

Nonetheless, it must be recorded here that Myer demonstrated enormous moral courage in standing up to some of the most vicious character assassins in the business. He fought back ably in defense of his WRA policies directly, but indirectly on behalf of the evacuees. From the evacuee viewpoint, Myer was their champion when all American officialdom seemed bent on persecuting, or at best, ignoring them. He would listen when other shrugged their shoulders and turned away. Many evacuees, particularly in the final stages of the WRA program, criticized Myer's decision to close the camps as rapidly as possible. But he had evacuee welfare foremost, and history shows his decisions were right most of the time. With this background, perhaps, his book will be more meaningful.



By Jim Henry

## Sakura Script

Dire Fate for Tokyo?

In the wake of the recent earthquake which struck Los Angeles as a "giant hand," as the wire services phrased it, a Japanese seismologist has warned that a major earthquake was likely to hit the southern Kanto region, including Tokyo, in seven years time at the earliest.

Dr. Hiroshi Kawasumi, professor emeritus of the University of Tokyo and the nation's leading seismologist, says there is a 9.9 per cent probability of a devastating quake hitting here after 1978. "A highly dangerous period in which a major quake is statistically certain to strike southern Kanto will start seven years from now," he warned.

Dr. Kawasumi's studies indicate that if the tremor strikes in winter when winds of 12 meters per second are blowing, 90 per cent of the 23 wards of Tokyo would be completely destroyed by fire within three hours. The prediction was based on examination of past records of major earthquakes preserved at a temple in Kamakura, Kanagawa Prefecture.

A major earthquake has struck southern Kanto once every 69 years, according to his findings. The last major quake hit Tokyo and Yokohama in September 1923. Dr. Kawasumi's theory is that the next big quake will come around 1989. However, considering 13 years margin, also on the basis of past statistics, the danger period will set in seven years from now.

Big factories, he points out, have inadequate safety measures and could be a source of major disaster in the event of a big one. He also calls attention to the fact that high-rise buildings, now mushrooming in Tokyo, are not necessarily earthquake proof as claimed by the designers.

"If a major quake struck

the metropolis it might have a very different effect on these buildings than had been allowed for," he says. This is calculated on the basis of quakes that have occurred in quakes abroad and minor quakes in Japan.

As to the earthquake resistance of wooden buildings, which still abound in Tokyo, Eyo Tanahashi, an authority on architecture, has come up with a particularly interesting bit of information.

He says wooden structures have high resistance to earthquakes, although they are vulnerable to fire. By coating such buildings with a fireproof substance, Japanese cities could reduce their earthquake vulnerability considerably, he testifies.

### Testimonial set for Dr. Kazuo Togasaki

SAN FRANCISCO—Testimonial dinner for Dr. Kazuo Togasaki tomorrow (Mar. 20) at Suehiro Restaurant will be preceded by a reception at the Japanese Center, 6 p.m., where a photographic display of the Japanese community from 1900 on will be exhibited.

Jerry Enomoto will be principal speaker for the 7 p.m. dinner. Miss Hiroshima, general chairman, said dinner tickets are \$8.50.

### Korean heritage

HONOLULU — An international conference on the Place of Korea in the East Asian Tradition is being organized by the Univ. of Hawaii Asian Studies Program and community volunteers here for June 6-12. (June 9 is Korean Heritage Day). Meeting will also focus on 12 papers commissioned by the University.

## 'Subversion!', new TV documentary on Evacuation, earns plaudits from Nisei

By EDISON UNO

San Francisco  
A few weeks ago a group of Nisei from the community were invited to the private studios of Bay Area's educational TV station, KQED (ch. 9) to preview "Subversion?", a new documentary tracing the history of Japanese American detention camps.

It was produced by Barry Brown on a \$3,000 award from the Reader's Digest Foundation this past year. The film received high praise for the quality and sensitivity of the dramatic removal of 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry from the west coast in the spring of 1942.

Brown was able to capture every deep emotion from the Nisei viewers with authentic relocation camp photos and film footage never before seen by the public. The 30-minute color production moves very quickly, reviving the painful and gross injustice that uprooted thousands of innocent and helpless citizens.

### Evacuees Narrate

Dramatic scenes of pre-evacuation preparation and the actual exodus to the camps are the highlight. Voices of evacuees narrate the film, adding to the emotional reaction of the viewer.

When I received a call from Barry Brown early last year about this project, I was very skeptical about its success. I was frankly unimpressed with the quiet manners of a 30-year-old Midwesterner who told me he had received a grant from Reader's Digest Foundation to produce a film on Japanese Americans.

Our first meeting was friendly, cordial. I tried to cram into him a history of the Japanese in U.S. within two hours. I remember the dazed and foreboding look when I sent him off with a host of community contacts whom he might interview.

### Extensive Research

Barry took his work very seriously. He spent hours in interviews and research. He flew to Washington to search the National Archives for original film and photos.

From time to time, he would check back relating his discoveries, his successes, his disappointments and frustration. After six months, the theme and direction of the film began to take shape. He

was beginning to see a different insight into the subject matter as our conversations and discussions always ended by asking questions.

For two months (December and January), there was only silence and I began to worry that he got discouraged and had abandoned the project. In early February he called to say the documentary was finished.

Barry is the first to admit it is not perfect for it's extremely difficult to put so much history into a half hour. He tries hard to render an artistic impression of the desperate conditions, hopelessness and uncertainty that surrounded the internment of evacuees.

### Stereotypes Hit

The previewers all agree Barry's efforts are successful and I personally observed some wet eyes as some Nisei recalled the memories of some emotional scenes. At the conclusion of the film, the dialogue of San Francisco's Nisei effectively shatters the stereotype that Asians are quiet, passive, obedient and uncomplaining.

Significance of "Subversion?" is that it adds to the vital needed ethnic studies material now in great demand at all levels of education. Heretofore, the CBS-Twentieth Century documentary, "Nisei: The Pride and the Shame" (1965), was the only one available.

"Subversion?" comes through as a more powerful, dynamic presentation of the evacuation experience. As an instructor in Japanese American studies, I recommend this film for any class on the Asian American experience. It is another important contribution to the resource material on Japanese Americans.

The film may be purchased (about \$325 per print) from Film Wright Co., P.O. Box 31348, San Francisco 94131. The San Francisco Japanese Community Youth Council, 1600A Sutter St. (363-8052), is booking the film for showing to local organizations.

(The title, when disclosed last year in May, was questioned by the Nisei Bei Times, which feared the implication that Japanese Americans were subversive which they were not. Brown explained that "subversion" could mean that Japanese Americans were the objects of a subversion or destruction.)

## 'Untold Story' -

Continued from Front Page

subcommittee, no one thought it was necessary to have the agreements ratified by the Executive Committee, particularly in the wake of the tragic murder that occurred at the convention.

However, about a month later, the JACP claimed that these agreements were not official and binding since they had not been approved by the Executive Committee.

As the book was made available to more people, opposition to the book began to mount. The BCA and organizations throughout California issued lengthy criticisms of the book and the Curriculum Commission was literally deluged with letters of protest.

### October Meeting

In late October three of the Curriculum Commissioners arranged a special meeting in Los Angeles with representatives from the JACP, BCA, JACL and the publishers. This meeting did not resolve anything, but only created a further split between the JACP and opponents of the book.

"What bothered us," stated Suzuki, "were the deliberate misrepresentations used by JACP representatives and the publishers in their effort to gain the support of the commissioners. Most blatant was a vociferous denial by Mrs. Florence Yoshiwara, coordinator of JACP, that the JACL had allocated \$4,000 to the support of the JACP."

Since the JACP continued to press for the endorsement of the National Board, an emergency meeting of the executive committee was called on November 1. Issues surrounding the controversy were thoroughly debated by about 10 members of the Stanford Asian American Student Alliance.

After almost 8 hours of discussion, an offer was made to the JACP that if they would withdraw the book from the current adoption procedure and work together with members of the opposition to thoroughly revise the book, the JACL and the BCA would make every effort to obtain a special adoption of the book through the Curriculum Commission.

### Withdrawal Rejected

According to National Legal Counsel, Robert Takasugi, the board felt it was incumbent on the JACP to withdraw the book to restore confidence in them and to demonstrate that they were sincerely willing to make complete revisions. However, after meeting by themselves to discuss this offer, the JACP decided to reject it. Consequently, the National Board voted unanimously to oppose the adoption of the book.

Subsequently, at hearings before the Curriculum Commission on November 4, Mrs. Yoshiwara was questioned by a commissioner as to whether, in fact, such an offer had been made by the JACL and BCA. Despite her false denial of the offer, the Commission members ultimately voted 10 to 3 to reject the book due

to the numerous statements in opposition to the book which preceded her appearance.

Earlier this month the governing board of the San Francisco JACL chapter adopted a resolution in support of the book going against the position taken by the JACL National Board. Commenting on this action, Uno said, "It is unfortunate that they did not invite a spokesman representing the official JACL position to be present at their meeting. I might point out that, in contrast, the National Board spent a total of 8 hours listening to arguments presented by both sides before taking an official stand."

### San Francisco

Suzuki also expressed consternation over the decision. "I think it's rather interesting," he said, "that the JACP members who presume to be politically on the opposite end of the spectrum from that of the governing board of the S.F. chapter are now seeking their support. It is also ironic that many of the project members were among those vociferously objecting to merely the title of Bill Hosokawa's 'Nisei: The Quiet Americans' because it promoted a stereotype; yet they cannot seem to see the parallels

### Harry Okidas

LOS ANGELES — So, Calif. JACL office manager June Okida's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Okida, were honored by the children recently at a silver wedding anniversary party. Other children are Tracy, teacher; Julia, student nurse, and Eimie, with Mitsubishi Bank. The elder Okida is with Kashu Realty Co., Mrs. Okida is the former Michi Mizumura of Saltama.

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### Sao Paulo Show

In an interview in Honolulu earlier this month (January), Banjun told us that he and a number of other Japanese stars will conduct a charity show in August or September this year in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Proceeds from this show, he said, will go both to Japan's crippled children and to some worthy cause in Sao Paulo.

Banjun and others conducted a highly successful charity show last August in Honolulu. It was to make arrangements for the proposed Sao Paulo show and to promote President Shiro Kido's advertising campaign for Shochiku Studio pictures that Banjun made a one-week visit to Brazil recently.

On his way home, he was

when it is in their book. "Up to now," Uno stated, "the JACL has been conspicuously silent on this issue. We did not want to create a public controversy which could prove detrimental to the entire Japanese community. However, since the JACP is continuing their public campaign to gain support for the book, I feel that the JACL has no choice but to issue a public statement clarifying their position."

"Our position in no way denies the authors' rights to sell the book to the public or to individual schools if they choose to purchase it, but we are adamantly opposed to its official adoption by the Curriculum Commission which would make it mandatory in all of the California schools. Because of the book's potentially detrimental effects, we feel it is our responsibility to see that it is not involuntarily imposed on our children."

### EMPEROR-EMPRESS

## TO VISIT WEST EUROPE

TOKYO — Emperor Hirohito will visit seven European nations with Empress Nagako next fall, becoming the first Japanese ruler to be abroad. They will make official visits to Britain, West Germany and Belgium and unofficial visits to Denmark and Holland from Sept. 27 on Oct. 14. They also will visit Paris and Geneva privately.

### Kimura Photomart

LOS ANGELES — Longtime PC advertiser Kimura Photomart on N. San Pedro was scheduled to move into its new building at 318 E. 2nd St. this week.

## HARBOR COMMUNITY CENTER

## MUST REMODEL OR MOVE ELSEWHERE

LONG BEACH—For the past 20 years, the Harbor Japanese Community Center at 1766 Seabright Ave. has served many of the 1,200 Japanese Americans in the area.

"Now we're faced with the choice of remodeling the deteriorating structure or relocating out of the industrial west side and constructing a building better suited to our needs," according to Arthur Noda who heads a 13-member committee considering the future of the center.

"It's not out of apathy among the Japanese community that we've organized a research committee, but out of growing concern to establish a center where we can expand classes and activities reflecting our cultural heritage."

The center offers classes in Japanese language, flower arrangements, sumi painting, classical singing and dance. About 100 students, a third of them Caucasian, are enrolled in judo classes. The facilities also serves as a meeting place for local community groups including the Japanese Group.

### CUSTOMS INSPECTORS

## DENIED 'POT HOUNDS'

HONOLULU — The U.S. Customs Bureau has been using dogs to sniff out marijuana, hashish and other hard drugs since last August at other ports of entry but not in Honolulu, according to district director Dr. Ernest I. Mural, because of a 120-day state quarantine for incoming dogs.

Dr. Mural fears the detector dogs would lose their sensitivity during quarantine. An alternate project to train local dogs might be a project in itself since it's a very special job requiring the handler to spend virtually 24 hours a day with his animals, he added.

### Yukio Isoyes move

SAN FRANCISCO — Friends hosted a going-away dinner for the Yukio Isoyes Mar. 10. He has been transferred by Kraft Foods Co. to its Chicago office.

His wife, Mary, resigned as JACL-Blue Shield administrative secretary at National Headquarters. Her successor is Mrs. Frances Morioka, formerly office secretary for Dr. Kazuo Togasaki, who recently retired.

deners, JACL, a credit union and women's club.

"We must expand classrooms, kitchen and restrooms. On the other hand, we no longer need a gymnasium since nearby schools have facilities which are most accessible," the Long Beach jeweler added.

To remodel the one-time manufacturing plant would cost over \$70,000 or rebuilding elsewhere after sale of the existing center would exceed \$200,000, according to Noda.

His committee has proposed to the board two new sites: (1) an empty lot at Pacific and Wardlow, appraised at \$224,000, and (2) Santa Fe Ave. and 2nd St. which is still the same westside area.

## Youth dies from narcotic overdose

LOS ANGELES — Tragedy of drug abuse was felt too strongly this past week by a local Nisei family who lost their teenage son after he and two friends announced a "suicide pact."

The dead boy had telephoned his parents Saturday night (Mar. 6) from a motel to inform them, "I'm not going to bother you anymore." His two friends made similar calls.

According to police, the youth then proceeded to take narcotics. Only one succeeded in giving himself a fatal overdose.

The incident is not as uncommon as one might suspect, the Ratu Shimpo noted, as scores of Japanese American youth for various reasons intentionally take drug overdoses. Fortunately, only a small percentage succeed but when they do, it is too late to look for anyone to blame.

The Ratu Shimpo also repeated a question adults might ask: "Why are drugs so readily available when a young person seeks an 'easy way out'?"

### Earthquake relief

LOS ANGELES — Japanese government officials are continuing to inspect the earthquake scene in San Fernando Valley, the latest coming from Yokohama and presenting Mayor Yorty with a \$3,000 check for relief purposes.

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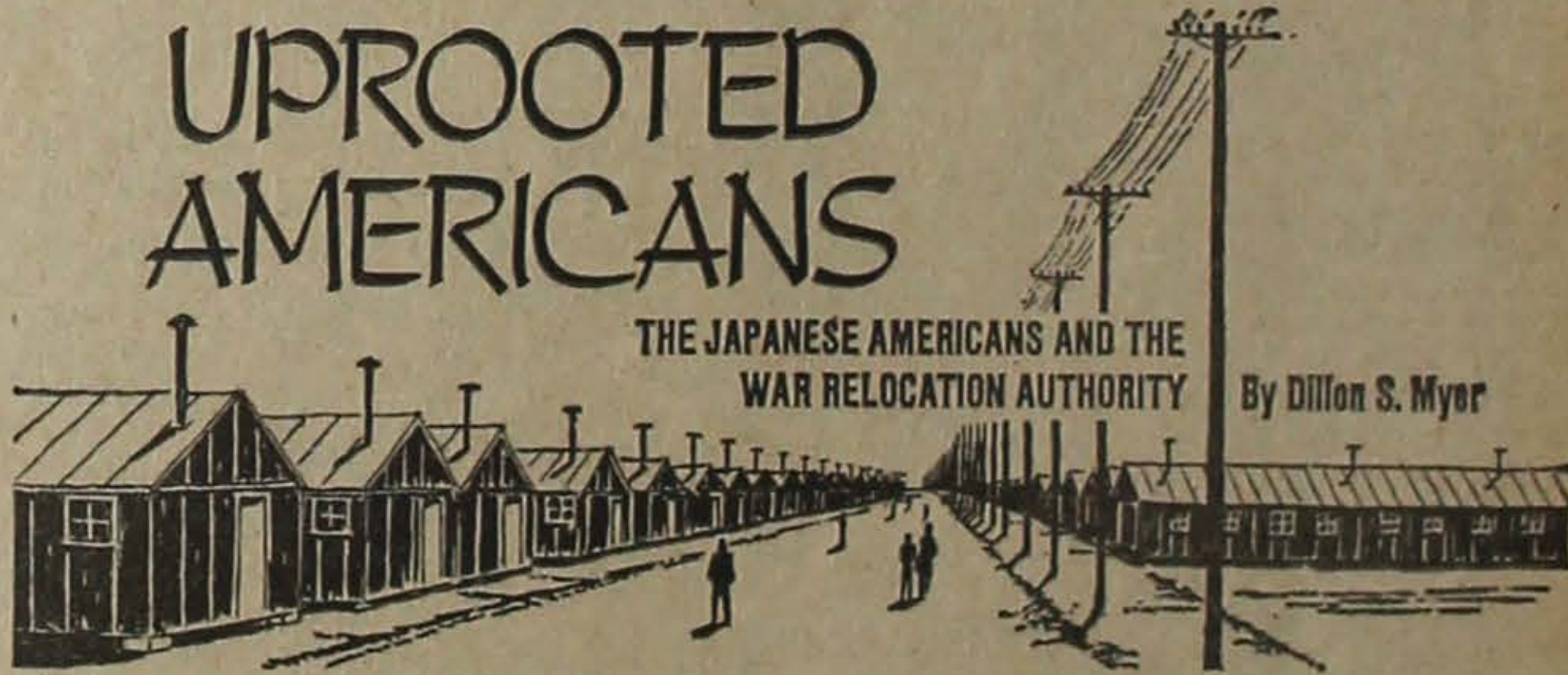
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WITH ongoing concern regarding the tragic acts perpetrated against the Japanese American people, Dillon Myer, former Director of the WRA, offers his straightforward account of the activities of the Authority under his leadership. Myer reflects on the crucial decision to establish the centers, on policy formation when there were no precedents and no guidelines, on pressures and rumors of the times, in a personal look at what went on during organizational and operational stages of the camps.

At the end of the first year of existence of the WRA, Myer stated:

"... the very fact of the Japanese confinement fosters suspicion of their loyalties and adds to the contention of the enemy that we are fighting a race war, that this nation preaches democracy and practices racial discrimination. Life in a relocation center is an unnatural and un-American way of life."

Thus in truth the ultimate objective of the WRA became, under Myer, one of more immediate concern—the need for prompt planning toward the restoration of the uprooted Americans to private life in normal communities. These 110,000 people had been moved en masse without charges or trial—the only criterion for removal being the fact of their having been born of Japanese parents. Fear of sabotage or espionage from among these people, and certain local pressures, together had resulted in the uprooting of the whole Japanese American population living in the three West Coast states and in a portion of Arizona, and their exclusion from these areas for nearly three years.

With no guideposts, the WRA in 1942 was faced with the problem of establishing rules and policies for the guidance of both staff

and evacuees. Pressures—from within and without, governmental and private, from evacuees as well as from top levels within the Authority, and between headquarters and the field are discussed openly by Myer as they were met with policies, procedures, and solutions.

This inside view of the administrative and policy-making process, of what actually happened in the relocation centers contributes much to the understanding of events of the war years.

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## 25th ANNIVERSARY JACL Kegfest

By MASAO SATOW

**SALT LAKE CITY** — Walter Masuda of Salt Lake City and Chiz Kuwaye of Sacramento emerged as the All-Events champions of National JACL's Silver Anniversary Bowling Tournament this past week (Mar. 1-6) at the Ritz Classic Lanes and won the coveted AMF gold watches emblematic of the Tournament's outstanding man and woman bowlers.

Walt Masuda's All-Events total of 1911 came from 658 which sparked South Seas Cafe to the National team championship, 618 in doubles and 633 in singles.

Chiz Kuwaye rolled 563 in the team event, 543 in doubles and finished with a strong 600 in the singles for a 1706 total.

South Seas Cafe's 990-1054 gave them the lead after the second game, and they sustained their momentum to fire a final 994 to wrap up the title.

### Three-Way Battle

The Women's team event saw three teams fighting it out in the last game with Hada's Automotive Service of Denver nosing out Los Angeles Holiday Bowl by a scant two pins and Eastbay NBA by nine.

Eastbay's Nomura brothers, Kats and George, registered 1257 in an earlier doubles round, then sweat out the onslaughts of Sam Kawanishi and Sam Fukumoto in the last squad who came within a single pin of tying their score.

The Women's doubles went to the San Jose duo of Sachi Ikeda and S. Yogo Tomami on Sachi's 224 final game.

In the Men's singles Dean Asami set out to overtake Salt Lake Tom Nakamura's 672 and shot 685 for the title as well as Tournament Men's high series.

Tournament veteran Mas Fujii of Los Angeles showed the stuff champions are made of by coming back with a turkey after two splits in her final game. Her 639 here brought her three trophies—Women's singles, Tournament Women's high series, and the Sock Kojima Memorial Trophy for Tournament veterans in the Women's division. (At least 10 Tournaments.)

Gary Yamauchi of Gardena treated the crowd to clutch bowling in his final game of the Men's 6 game Classic singles. He needed to punch out to beat Lynn Kano's earlier squad score of 1282, and turkeyed he did for 1285.

Veteran Lois Yut of San Francisco took the Women's 4 game Classic singles with 790 to round out her cycle of a championship in every Tournament event.

John Suzuki of Santa Barbara repeated his Mixed Doubles win of 1969, this time with Heidi Inouye of Los Angeles on a combined score of 1209.

### Special Awards

Special Tournament trophies for over all events—mixed doubles, classic singles, team doubles and singles—went to Gary Yamauchi and Mari Matsuzawa of Los Angeles. Gary posted a 205 average for his 18 games, and Mari registered a 191 average for her 16 games.

The Sock Kojima Memorial Trophy for Men's Tournament Veterans (15 Tournaments or more) was presented to Pap Miya of Salt Lake for his 1819 total. His 266 was good for the Tournament Men's high game trophy. Jan Watanuki of Salt Lake won the Tournament Women's high game trophy with her 252 in the Mixed doubles.

## CALENDAR

Mar. 19 (Friday)  
Belanco—Discussion: Parent-Child Relationship. 7:30 p.m. Renzo Enkoji, spkr.  
Mar. 20 (Saturday)  
Sonoma County—Jr JACL benefit movies, Enmanji Hall.  
Mar. 20 (Saturday)  
San Jose—Mixed ragtime Dols Bowling Tour, Fiesta Lanes.  
St. Louis—Gen Mtg. Potluck Supper, Grace Methodist Church (tent), 6:30 p.m.  
Mar. 21 (Sunday)  
East Los Angeles—Comm Mtg. Union Church, 2-4 p.m. George Yamate, Bob Takasugi, spkrs.  
Detroit—Gen Mtg. Brightmoor Comm. Ctr., 4:30 p.m.  
Mar. 22 (Monday)  
Berkeley—Bd Mtg. American S & L, 7:30 p.m.  
Mar. 24 (Wednesday)  
Monterey Peninsula—Mtg, 7:30 p.m., JACL Hall.  
Mar. 26-28  
Nat'l JACL—Exec Comm Mtg, San Francisco.  
Mar. 27 (Friday)  
Contra Costa—Candidate Night, Mar. 27 (Saturday)  
Fresno—New Member dinner, Fresno Buddhist Church, 8 p.m.; Mike Levine, spkr.  
D.C.—Potluck supper, St. Catherine Labourer School.  
Mar. 27-28  
Sequoia—Ski Trip: Heavenly Valley, 4:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Mar. 28 (Sunday)  
Reno—Bonsai lecture, YMCA, 2 p.m.; George Yamate, spkr.  
Watsonville—Comm Picnic, Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds.  
Dayton—Potluck supper and movies.  
Apr. 2 (Friday)  
West Los Angeles—Earth Sci Mtg. Stoner Playground, 7:30 p.m.  
JAL-JACL Fellowship Deadline with District Governors.  
Apr. 4 (Sunday)  
San Francisco—Information Day, Sonoma County—S.F. Tokyo Orions baseball, Candlestick Park.  
Apr. 11 (Easter Sunday)  
East Los Angeles—Children's egg hunt.  
Apr. 14 (Wednesday)  
Orange County—Bd Mtg. Bank of Tokyo, Santa Ana, 8 p.m.  
Apr. 16 (Friday)  
Sequoia—Potluck Dinner, Palo Alto Buddhist Church, 6:30 p.m.  
Apr. 17 (Saturday)  
Portland—Gen Mtg. (Sunday)  
Placer County—Comm Picnic, JACL Recreation Park. (Rain date, Apr. 21)  
Apr. 21 (Wednesday)  
CCDC—Dist Mtg. Fowler Buddhist Church, 7:30 p.m.

First year 1000 Clubber Hooch Okumura of Denver scored 1713 scratch and 1875 handicap to top other 1000 Clubbers to the special National 1000 Club All-Event trophy.

Dale and Lynn Kano of Utah paired to win the pre-Tournament ragtime doubles. The JACL Advisory Board on Bowling has also decided that the handicap ragtime doubles would be run in two parts: mixed and regular.

All trophies were presented at the well-attended Tournament Award dinner dance emceed by Doug Muir, proprietor of Fairmont Bowl in Sugarhouse. Doug was presented with an inscribed silver tray for his efforts in assisting on the first National JACL Tournament in 1947 at his Temple Alleys, as were the founders of the National JACL Tournament—Maki Kaizumi, 1947 Tournament Chairman, Choppo Umemoto, Hito Okada, National JACL President at the time, and Bill Honda in absentia who is now residing in Santa Barbara.

Raymond Uno, current National JACL President departed from usual serious talks with several squad prizes and thank all the bowlers.

### Ten from Japan

Yasuharu Mizuno of Toyota Bowl in Japan brought along a special trophy which he presented to the Gardena JACL team on the basis of the highest score of the combined all events scores of the team members. Incidentally, the eight men and two women bowlers from Japan made a good accounting of themselves with several squad prizes and several high game scores.

Bowlers were unanimous in praising Tournament Chairman Gene Sato and his Committee for a smooth running on-schedule, fun-filled Tournament.

Inspiring to all the bowlers was a 74-year-old Issei, Hiroji "Pop" Okumura of Salt Lake, bowling in his first National JACL Tournament. He placed in the mixed doubles and won several squad high game honors. His five sons all participated in the Tournament and worked on Tournament Committees as well.

Diane Olsen of Salt Lake City won the 1971 Toyota Corolla grand prize in connection with the bowling tournament. Fifteen other cash prizes were also presented.

### San Francisco bowler dies at National JACL tourney

SAN FRANCISCO—Mrs. Tomoko Barman of San Francisco expressed to all JACL Tournament bowlers her thanks for their expressions of sympathy and generous considerations. Joe Barman passed away Thursday night, Mar. 4, doing what he liked to do.

With doubles partner 1000 Clubber Fred Nakagawa of Los Angeles their first game was good for squad high game, and they came within one pin of winning the second game. His third game, third frame was his Final Frame.

Earlier in the week he was happy to have bowled on the Toyota Bowl team from Japan as teammates because of his 12 years in Japan with the U.S. Navy.

### JACL student aid committee to meet

LOS ANGELES — Mechanics for making the JACL student aid program a national one will be discussed tonight (Mar. 19) at a key meeting called by Dr. Roy Nishikawa, committee chairman, at his home, 234 S. Oxford Ave.

Implementation of the Abe Hagihara memorial awards with efforts coordinated by National Headquarters and Jr. JACL is also on the agenda.

### JACL enters Sebastopol

### Apple Blossom parade

SEBASTOPOL — A dancing unit headed by Mrs. Pat Shimizu comprises the Sonoma County JACL entry in the annual Apple Blossom Festival parade here on Saturday, April 3.

Bay Area residents are invited to make the 25-mile tour of the local apple blossoms that should be in full bloom at this time, chapter officials said.



**'Y' BUILDING CAMPAIGN**—West Los Angeles JACL Women's Auxiliary has contributed \$1,000 to the Westside YMCA building campaign. Mrs. Denby Nakashima (left), philanthropy chairman, and Mrs. Tak Susuki, Auxiliary president, present the check to Martin Locke, campaign chairman. Some \$170,000 has been attained.



**40TH ANNUAL**—Ted Kojima, a Pan Am World Airways sales manager (standing at left), receives gavel as new Downtown L.A. JACL president from Kiyoshi Kawai of Sumitomo Bank, while emcee Fred Kosaka, Gardena office manager of Union Federal savings and loan, looks on. Seated are dinner speaker Edwin Hirota, City View hospital administrator and candidate for Calif. state senate, City Councilman Gilbert Lindsay and Takito Yamagata, past chapter president and past president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce from the Bank of Tokyo. Kojima was born in Seattle, graduated high school in Fukuoka and returned to study at the Univ. of Washington. He graduated from USC in 1949.

### PULSE ON THE CHAPTERS:

## San Francisco chapter programming being funneled through 6 committees

For the coming year, the San Francisco JACL programs are to be funneled through six standing committees. The structure was established to give the board a better picture of chapter activities and to enable each standing committee chairman to further develop the programs within his area.

Chapter president George Yamasaki Jr. declared the chapter is striving "to serve all parts of the local Japanese community—the Issei, youth, bowlers, businessmen."

### Activities

"In emphasizing service to Japanese Americans, we shall be particularly concerned with matters relating to discrimination. We are also aware that great strides have been made in this area but want, as National President Raymond S. Uno has said, to see that 'all the doors are open.'"

The six standing committees also provide the membership-at-large an open invitation to become active in a particular program area which may be aligned with his own interests.

The list of activities within the standing committee is by means a closed one as new programs which members are willing to help plan, organize and implement are strongly encouraged, Yamasaki added. The six standing committees, their respective chairmen and areas of particular interest are as follows:

1—CIVIL RIGHTS: Phil Nakamura (474-6432). Human Rights Commission: WACO. Title II: Housing; Employment.  
2—EDUCATION: Pat Okamoto (626-7849). Scholarship: A. K. A. American Task Force.  
3—COMMUNITY PROGRAMS: SERVICES: Roy Ikeda (97-2878). Issei Appreciation; Olympics; Community Picnic; Bridge Tournament; Candidates' Night; Community Center; Memorial Day Services; Westside Mental Health; Blood Bank.  
4—WAYS AND MEANS: Mas Ashizawa (346-6669). Pacific Citizen advertisements; Benefit Movie; New Year's Eve Dance.  
5—INTERNAL AFFAIRS: Wes Doi (567-3524). In station Dinner; Membership; Nominations and election; Newsletter; 1000 Club; Orphan Program; CPS Health Program; Recognitions.  
6—NATIONAL & DISTRICT COUNCIL BUSINESS: Yo Hiro-naka (752-2287). National and district awards; JACL and Nisei of the Biennium; National JACL fund drives.

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## March Events

### Sonoma Jr. JACL to sponsor movies

Sonoma County Jr. JACL sponsors its first Japanese movie benefit Mar. 19-20, 7:30 p.m., at Enmanji Memorial Hall in Sebastopol, according to Steve Miyano, president. Issei desiring transportation may call Miyano for service.

### Reno JACL schedules bonsai demonstration

George Yamasaki of Auburn will demonstrate the art of bonsai and exhibit his specimen at the Reno JACL meeting on Sunday, Mar. 28, 2-5 p.m. at the YMCA, 1300 Foster (if weather conditions over Donner Pass prevent his coming, the meeting will be cancelled).

The chapter is also planning a rummage sale in September and urged members to save all saleable items. Another project is a sukiyaki dinner.

### East Los Angeles set for Sunday aft meeting

JACL's Blue Shield insurance plan will be explained at the East Los Angeles JACL meeting this Sunday, Mar. 21, 2 p.m., at the Union Church. The general meeting will also feature a discussion on the welfare rights for Issei by Bob Takasugi, national JACL legal counsel, and interpreted into Japanese by Tomoo Ogita, chapter board member.

George Yamate, chapter insurance commissioner, will talk on the major medical insurance plan.

The chapter also announced an Easter egg hunt for children on Easter Sunday, April 11, with the Duprees in charge.

### San Jose bowlers set for mixed ragtime doubles

First squad starts rolling in the annual San Jose JACL-Nisei Bowling Assn. mixed ragtime doubles tournament Mar. 20 at Fiesta Lanes at 7 p.m. and new squads following at 75-minute intervals. Those without averages enter at 150 for men, 110 for women.

### Japan history teacher to address Fresno supper

Mike Levine, teacher of Japanese history at Fresno State, will be guest speaker at the Fresno JACL New Member supper Mar. 27, 6 p.m., at the Fresno Buddhist Church Annex, according to Fred Kubota and George Nii, co-chairmen.

In lieu of the usual potluck supper, a volunteer committee of women will serve dinner at \$1.50 per adult and children under 12, 50 cents for children under 12. New members of the chapter will be guests of the chapter. All are to bring their own plates, cups, and eating utensils.

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## Two-year term

**TACOMA** — Puyallup Valley JACL officers are elected for two-year terms. System was implemented in 1969 with Yosh Tanabe now serving as 1970-1 president. (Omaha JACL also elects chapter officers for two-year terms.)

## U-NO BAR

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a number of bills. Being on good terms with Republicans and Democrats alike helps considerably in lobbying, especially if you know 70 per cent of the legislators personally. I have found there is nothing like running against one of the strongest and most respected state senators, even if you lose by less than 150 votes.

My opponent, although of a different political party, has become one of my best friends on Capitol Hill. In politics, regardless of the outcome, winners and losers must work together for the common good. If they can't, they should not be in politics.

Unfortunately, we have many bright minds who have not matured politically, but who hold public office. The public becomes the loser because these officials, too often, are more interested in

## April Events

### Sonoma County charts 3 busses for ball game

Three chartered busloads of Sonoma County JACL members will ride to Candlestick Park April 4 to watch the San Francisco Giants-Tokyo Orions exhibition game. Trip chairman Edwin Ohki said busses leave from Santa Rosa Greyhound depot at 10:45 a.m. with one stop at Petaluma's Kenilworth Jr. High. The \$7 charge includes transportation, reserved seats and beverage.

## Hawaii—

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is not filed against them..." U.S. Attorney Robert K. Fukuda, a member of the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce, is presenting the case for the government. Danks takes sharp issue with both Stans and Gray. Danks claims he has been singled out for "selective prosecution."

### 'Census Resistance'

He added, "We spoke out against the census in every state of the Union. Our Census Resistance 1970 had more than 10,000 members across the nation willing to testify that they did exactly what the government wants to charge us with."

Danks said he has written the American Civil Liberties Union, explaining the case and asking that organization to represent him as legal counsel. "I haven't heard from them yet," he said. "In any case, I am going to plead innocent and will have to rely on ACLU or public counsel to represent me."

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themselves than their constituents and the public. The damage done upon the people is often irreparable. That is one very good reason why it is necessary to get politically mature candidates to run for public office.

The Nisei and Sunset are slow-ly coming of age. Norman Mineta, a tested veteran, is now running for mayor of San Jose. Hiroshi Kanno, although having tasted the bitterness of defeat, has chance to assess his plusses and minuses. He is young enough to try again and again. Edwin Hirota, a supposed neophyte in California politics, will find the magic of the handshake, the impact of a confident yet humble smile and the lasting impression of a few well-chosen words. Developing charisma for a campaign is a hard thing to generate but attracts many undecided voters.

Although not a JACL oldtimer, the few years I have intensely spent in JACL have always proved to be a mighty big plus factor for me. As a politician, it would be awkward to explain how you plan to solve the problems of other people, especially minorities when you have not solved the problems of your own group. Since JACL is the largest and only national organization trying to work actively on the national, state and local levels for the betterment of all people of Japanese ancestry, a Japanese American politician will lose a very important resource in the Japanese American community if he is not a JACL member and especially if he has not experienced the vicissitudes of JACL "politics." JACL membership is not essential, but it can be a good credential.

My chapter engagements now run into December, 1971. My wife asked me in November when I would start being home on weekends. I told her from the middle of January, I should be home. At the rate I'm going, it will be January, 1972 that is.

The voluminous mail keeps piling on my desk. If many of you have received no reply or are getting replies a few months late, I hope you will bear with me. Eventually, I promise you I will reply to everyone.

The long distance telephone calls for JACL in and out of Salt Lake City help alleviate emergency situations, but is much more frequent than I ever believed necessary. However, it is worth it because it gets JACL work done—believe it or not! Idaho, Colorado, Southern California, Arizona still remain on my agenda for the coming few months. The Japanese American Research Project, Personnel Committee meeting and National Executive Committee meeting will be sandwiched in somehow. If I should survive this experience with any semblance of sanity, I am going to write a book called, "A Decade of JACL in One Biennium."

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#### Tourism

**Honolulu**  
**Thomas H. Hamilton**, president of the Hawaii Visitors Bureau, says Japanese visitors to the U.S. will quadruple in the next four years. Some reasons advanced: (1) While most Japanese travelers overseas list themselves as company employees, the fastest growing category is "farmers"; (2) Average age of the Japanese traveler overseas has dropped over the last five years; (3) Japanese spending on travel grew 45 percent in 1969 compared with 1968; (4) Young Japanese prefer Europe as a destination, with North America and Hawaii-Oceania tied for second. Hawaii is the second most desired by young salaried women.

#### Congressional Score

**Congressman Spark M. Matsunaga** said here Feb. 23 that prompt withdrawal from Vietnam would not reduce the U.S. to a second-rate power. On the contrary, Matsunaga said, seeking a political settlement would show real strength on the part of the U.S. The visiting Congressman was interviewed on arrival at Hilo Airport. Matsunaga said he will continue to oppose development of the SST. He added, "I will press for repeal of the Internal Security Act." It permits the Dept. of Justice to impound politically or socially suspicious individuals and groups.

**Rep. Patsy Mink** warned that if Americans don't take more precaution to guard their basic liberties, the U.S. may slip back into an era of McCarthyism. She sounded the warning at a meeting of the Maui chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union Feb. 26. "I do not believe that we are in the massive throes of McCarthyism," yet, I think there are enough disturbing signs to be gravely concerned," she warned.

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**Traffic Fatality**  
 Wanda H. Higuchi, 20, daughter of the late H. Higuchi of Lihue, Kauai, was killed in a traffic accident Jan. 31 in Oregon. She was a student at the Oregon College of Education at Monmouth. Oregon police said Miss Higuchi was in a car which veered off the highway near Salem and crashed. Another coed, Rosemary Wilson, also died in the accident.

**Mrs. Endo**, 78, of 14 Wilkina Drive, Wahiawa, was killed Jan. 29 when she was hit by a car in Wahiawa. Her death brought the 1971 traffic death toll on Oahu to nine, compared with five at this time last year.

#### Names in the News

**Chinn Ho**, Honolulu capitalist, told the Sales and Marketing Executives of Hawaii that the U.S. should pull out of Vietnam as early as possible. U.S. foreign policy, he said, should be realistically based on new conditions, not necessarily on previous alignments. Touching on the local scene, he said there's been too much anti-tourism talk. Rep. Yoshito Takamine, Big Island Democrat, is expected to

## Aloha from Hawaii

by Richard Gima

resign his House seat at the end of this term to succeed George Martin as director of the HAWAII Division, Martin left Mar. 1 for San Francisco, where he will take the seat of the late Jack Hall as international vice president. Hall died Jan. 2. Wataru Kawamoto will take over as acting director until Martin's post is filled.

Former Lt. Governor Thomas P. Gill has announced the opening of his law office at 333 Queen St., suite 800. Gill, a Democrat, lost his bid for election as governor in the 1970 election.

Harry K. Asato has been elected the new president of the Automotive United Technicians of Oahu.

**Charles H. Nishimura**, executive director of Honolulu Community Action Program, Inc., has resigned to accept a position with the Office of the State Legislative Auditor. His resignation is effective Mar. 26. He will be an associate legislative analyst. He will be involved in the Planning, System, Programming-Budgeting System.

**Joe Kuwamoto** has been installed as the new president of the Kalihui Business Assn., Nathan Nishioka, 16, an Eagle Scout of Troop 83, Lihue, Kauai, has won a \$325 scholarship given by Kauai's two Rotary clubs. The troop is sponsored by the Lihue Hongwanji Mission. The money will pay his way to the Boy Scouts' International Jamboree Aug. 2-10 in Japan.

#### Univ. of Hawaii

A bill that would cut down on nonresident enrollment at the Univ. of Hawaii has been introduced by state Rep. Clarence Y. Akizaki. The bill would require that all out-of-state applicants have a B average in all course work completed in high school, college or any other institution of higher learning. Out of state enrollment has already been cut considerably by higher nonresident tuition rates imposed by the 1969 legislature.

Univ. of Hawaii ROTC cadets occupied two Air Force ROTC buildings Feb. 28. Prompted by the Feb. 26 fire in a nearby Army ROTC building and memories of the antiwar sit-in demonstration last April in these two buildings, 10 cadets spent the night there. The night passed without incident.

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#### Business Ticker

The barber business in Honolulu is not so bad as it is on the Mainland according to those in the know. Bobbie Lee, secretary of the state board which licenses barbers, says that for the past 18 months, about half the 25 to 30 applicants who apply to work here each six months were previously licensed elsewhere.

## BOOK REVIEW: Allan Beekman

### Analysis of Japanese Behavior

JAPANESE SOCIETY, by Chie Nakane; Berkeley: Univ. of California Press, 151 pp., \$5.00.

Professor of social anthropology in the Institute of Oriental Culture, University of Tokyo, the authoress here analyzes Japanese behavior by contrasting it with that exhibited by other nationalities, whether conditioned by class structure, as in Great Britain and America, or caste in India.

Miss Nakane believes that Japanese society strikingly differs from that of societies where social relations, to use her term, are "horizontal" between persons of similar attributes. In Japan, social relations tend to be "vertical," between inferior and superior.

The Japanese is seldom a snob. But Americans may be struck by the awkwardness and diffidence of the individual Japanese who is approached by a stranger.

#### In-Group Manners

This same Japanese may be poised and urbane among his colleagues. His demeanor improves among his associates because in the group where he earns his living he knows his place and the place of each of the others; accordingly, he can make the appropriate adjustments towards them in speech and manner. But his cultural background, including his mother tongue, unfits him for dealing with outsiders.

"The Japanese have failed to develop any social manner properly applicable to strangers, to people from 'outside.' In the store of Japanese etiquette there are only two basic patterns available; one which applies to a 'superior' and another which applies to an 'inferior,' or, to put it another way, there are expressions of familiarity and expressions of hostility, but none which apply on the peer level or which indicate indifference. This produces discomfort during contact with a stranger, whether he be foreigner or Japanese."

#### Medical Notes

**Sen. Daniel K. Inouye** criticized the nation's rising health costs and the "chaos of today's health delivery system" in an address dedicating the Univ. of Hawaii's new \$7.6 million Biomedical Sciences Building Mar. 1 on the campus. "The national bill per person, for medical goods and services is up to \$293, more than double what it was 10 years ago," Inouye said. A lot of Americans would rather die than get seriously ill, he added.

**Tad Ikemoto** named to SBA advisory council  
 LOS ANGELES — Tad Ikemoto, president of Auto-Ready, Inc., was appointed a member of the Los Angeles district advisory council for the Small Business Administration.

**Indians in California**  
 WASHINGTON — More than 100 different tribal groups are represented in the estimated 100,000 American Indians residing in California, according to Senator Cranston, who is co-sponsoring the Indian Education Act of 1971.

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curate description would be that Japanese on the whole are not sociable. This is partly because, once outside their immediate orbit, they are at a loss for appropriate forms of expression.

#### Hierarchical Rankings

In the Japanese work group there is not the specialization of tasks that exists in America; consequently there is not the American bond between specialist and specialist. Loyalty is to the company; unions tend to be company unions. The strongest bond links the employee to the man above him and to the man below. Such hierarchical rankings are influenced less by individual merit than by seniority of employment; the newcomer starts at the bottom of the hierarchical pyramid and adjusts his speech and behavior in accordance with his position.

Mergers of companies to eliminate a duplication of services are difficult to accomplish; a merger would upset the hierarchical pattern of each company. The employees would resent a merger, but in the normal course are uninterested in outsiders.

To a slight extent, the business card, so popular in Japan, helps to bridge the chasm between strangers. By showing what characters are used in writing the bearer's name, the card not only supplements an oral identification, it also gives essential information about his status and background. Etiquette requires that the person receiving the card study it carefully and adjust his speech and behavior according to the information supplied.

#### Feudalistic Pattern

Many students of Japan, both native and foreign, tend to read into the outward Westernization of the country a trend away from old patterns of behavior. On the contrary, the authoress contends that group loyalty and duties existing between superior and inferior that existed in feudal Japan are in force today. When the residents of rural Japan migrated to the cities they took their essential patterns of behavior with them. Here and there in the work the authoress seems to stretch fact to fit theory, and the arguments tend to be repetitious. But the reasoning is clear; the authoress establishes her case.

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### CALLING MR. KIYOSHI SUZUKI

The Pacific Citizen has a library of current telephone books to assist in our work. We even had the huge compilation covering Tokyo this past year—all in Japanese, of course. Now comes a story of the 1970 Tokyo telephone directory from the Radio Japan News reporting the 10 most common family names in Japan in the following order: Suzuki, Sato, Takahashi, Tanaka, Kobayashi, Watanabe, Saito, Nakamura, Ito and Kato.

There are some 32,000 Suzukis in the Tokyo phone book—taking up some 57 pages. The most common name is Kiyoshi Suzuki, 223 of them, followed by Minoru Suzukis. (The JACL membership doesn't appear to have any Kiyoshi or Minoru Suzuki on file, though there may be. Majority of the given names we have are of English origin.)

Radio Japan News further reveals that onomancy diviners (those who tell fortunes on the basis of a person's name) hold a man named Kiyoshi is patient and his patience will be rewarded with great success. And a man named Minoru is independent in his ways and will fight his way to success. These soothsayers, however, hedge somewhat by adding that a man's fate depends on the day, month and year in which he was born.

The "best ten" (or most numerous) names (in order) are Kiyoshi Suzuki, Minoru Suzuki, Minoru Tanaka, Saburo Suzuki, Minoru Saito, Shigeru Suzuki, Kiyoshi Takahashi, Isamu Suzuki, Kiyoshi Watanabe and Kiyoshi Sato.

Of further interest is the story relating to the two-volume Tokyo classified section. The most common business is carpentry and construction (31,500), followed by apartments (22,000) and bars (17,500). The vanishing trades are "kami-shibai" (2) and jinrikishas (5).

The Tokyo directory is a three-volume set, some 3,800 pages thick and weighing about 12 pounds. If all the phone books in use in Tokyo were stacked into one pile, it would soar 6.3 miles high (or 86 times the height of Mt. Fuji).

We might just kill some time checking out the Los Angeles phone book for the top ten Japanese list.

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## School textbooks probed

SAN FRANCISCO — At least five social studies textbooks being considered for use in public junior high schools here fail to "correctly portray the role and contributions of ethnic groups in the total development of the United States and of the State of California," according to the Asian American Education Task Force.

Ben R. Tong, task force chairman, of 6929 California St., noted that while these textbooks may be sophisticated in presentation and layout the treatment of the Asian American experience is inadequate.

"Contained in these volumes are the same time-worn stereotypical racial images that existed in previous books," he protested.

### Graphic Examples

"Some do not even mention the fact that Asian Americans were a significant and integral part of the American story," and provided were some graphic examples for the social studies task force of the San Francisco Unified School District to consider.

Holt Rinehart's "Discovering American History" appeared to be the leading example of the major fault to which the Asian American

Task Force objects. "It is well illustrated, contains exciting theoretical materials (e.g., the Turner thesis on the nature of frontier life) and covers with surprising intelligence the crises of the 1960s. Yet this volume does not contain a single word about Chinese or Japanese Americans!"

The same objection applies to Harcourt Brace's "Building the American Nation" and many of the others, Tong continued.

### Some Books Silly

Where Asian Americans are mentioned, Tong declared the material is scant, superficial, silly and even downright condescending.

D.C. Heath's "We, the People" hardly reflects any kind of meaningful understanding of the Japanese American relocation (referring to pages 330-331) where it states that "the war brought great hardship" to the Nisei, some of whom "were allowed to serve" in the armed forces. And "after the war, government made some payment" for the wrongs committed.

"This condescending chapter does not teach that incarceration is unconstitutional, that the Army went into the camps to recruit from those unjustly accused of treason,

and that the subsequent reparations amounted to only 10 cents on the dollar," the San Francisco Unified School District was told.

Portrayal of the Asians in terms of "an image of glorious docility" in the Leswing book, "Voices of Civilization," illustrated as the ghastliest illustration for the picture on page 119 captioned "China Today" appeared to the Asian American Task Force to be a Burmese funeral photograph of about 100 years ago.

"China today—the 700 million people we know of—is not treated with any accuracy at all" in the Leswing book, Tong contended.

### Chinese Americans

Another Harcourt Brace book, "America: Its People and Values," was criticized for perpetuating a stereotype with a half-page discussion of such Chinese American "contributions" as restaurants and close family life.

"If you are familiar at all with history, as we are to assume you are, you should know that Chinese Americans did a good deal more in 140 years than merely run restaurants and cohesive families," Tong said.

"We vigorously protest the anticipated adoption of such books."

Reminding the Social Studies Task Force that it has the responsibility of recommending texts that deal honestly and fully with specific ethnic group experiences, the obligation becomes more imperative in a school system which now serves a predominantly non-white student population, Tong continued.

### Calif. Education Code

The California Education Code calls for textbooks to "correctly portray the role and contributions of . . . ethnic groups . . . in California" (Ch. 971, Sec. 10013).

The code also says, "No textbooks, or other instructional materials, shall be adopted by the state board or by any governing board for use in the public schools which contain any matter reflecting adversely upon persons because of their race, color, creed, national origin or ancestry" (Ch. 4, Art. 1, Sec. 9002).

The San Francisco school system was urged to select those materials which create a critical awareness of the vast conflicts, pressures and strains as well as contributions of an ethnic community and the entire American social order.

"The Chinese did not simply build lines and huddle in quaint, exotic Chinatowns. And the Japanese did not simply submit to unfortunate circumstances."

"The extraordinary and creative feats of the early Asian Americans, as well as the contemporary problems of those who followed them, have not been recorded for our young people. These things must be taught to and appreciated by every American school child," the Asian American Task Force concluded.

"And most especially by every Asian American student who must struggle with demeaning stereotypes that very often limit his potential development as a full-fledged human being."

### School board hears from Asian Americans

SAN FRANCISCO — Grievances and need of Asian American students were heard by the Board of Education Jan. 21 at Galileo High School. The keynote was delivered by Ben Tong on behalf of the Asian American Education Task Force who reiterated its demands for improved curriculum, more instructors and counselors who "relate."

Specifically requested were: 1—Five Asian American teachers to develop and teach Asian American studies at the secondary level this spring semester.

2—Augment this staff with six additional Asian American teachers for the following fall semester.

3—A program to revise existing curriculum material on Asian American studies.

4—Incorporate Asian American studies as part of the U.S. history and civics courses.

The Association of Chinese Teachers (TACT) reminded the board 21 per cent of the student (18,631 out of 88,757) in the district are of Asian ancestry and that Asian teachers composed only 6 per cent

## Yoshinaga Case

By KATS KUNITSU  
English Editor, Kasu Mainichi

Los Angeles  
In recent days, we have detailed the struggles of Nisei actor Clifford Arashi, who chose to protest his token employment and subsequent firing by a company producing "Pueblo" in Washington, D.C. Closer at home, we have a case that is coming to a head this week in which a Nisei planner in civil service is chal-

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lenging his department head's arbitrary and summary decision that he was not good enough to be promoted, when he placed first in a civil service test for the position.

The case of Jim Yoshinaga, city planning associate in the City Planning Department, was given a preliminary hearing by the City Council Personnel Committee, consisting of Councilmen Mills, Gibson, and Edelman last Wednesday afternoon, (Mar. 10).

Attorney Dana Hobart, whom I know personally

through our membership in the Mt. Washington West Democratic Club and for whose abilities I have a great deal of respect, presented Jim's case before the committee and succeeded in having a full Council Personnel Committee hearing set up for Wednesday, March 17, at 2 p.m. in City Council chambers. It will be a major public hearing, no doubt covered by press and TV because of Cal Hamilton, director of the City Planning Department.

Hamilton, in his director's report to the City Planning Commission meeting on March 11, wrote:

"The Japanese Community has hired the lawyer (sic) who defended Dr. Naguchi (sic) the County Coroner, in his Civil Service fight; (sic semi-colon) to support the allegations against the Director of Planning and the Department in the case of James Yoshinaga and his failure to be appointed to City Planner. The Personnel Committee has decided to have a major public hearing on Mar. 17. Unfortunately, this is going to occupy a great deal of staff time to prepare the necessary materials and the Department is absolutely convinced that it has acted not only legally, but morally, and administratively responsibly in its actions. The Director is, therefore, going to vigorously defend the Department's (sic) action."

If Hamilton's judgment of his secretary's ability is any indication of his ability to judge others in his department, I can't say much for his judgment.

For the record, Hobart is not the attorney who defended Dr. Naguchi. That was Godfrey Isaac, who is currently busy defending fired Beverly Hills Police Chief Kimble.

To capitulate Jim's case briefly, he placed first in the written and second in the oral civil service test given three years ago for the rank of city planner. Jim was passed over for promotion five times, which is possible in the civil service's "rule of three" in which the person doing the hiring has the choice of one among the top three candidates on the list.

Hamilton's explanation to Jeffrey Matsui, associate national director of the JACL, and others who talked to him about Jim's case, was that in Hamilton's opinion, Jim lacked the technical knowledge to perform adequately as a city planner. He lacked the oral ability to communicate his understanding of city planning and that he lacked leadership quality.

When asked how he could come to that conclusion in the face of Jim's top performance on the civil service test, Hamilton sniffed that he didn't put too much confidence in such tests.

There is no reason why a department head should promote anyone who is patently unqualified; however, in the case of civil service, the tests are given by law to protect workers from just such arbitrary and capricious whims as shown by Hamilton's whims.

Minority workers constantly have to fight a kind of unseen barrier in which they are told they don't show enough "leadership" ability to qualify for a promotion while at the same time are seldom given the opportunity to practice leadership. If they show leadership in spite of the barrier, the feeling is that they are "uppity" and a danger to the system.

We the Nisei are now reaping the result of years of accommodation in which we sought to become a part of the system by being the model, "quiet American," whose progress within the system was based not on his ability but on how tolerable he was to the patronizing majority.

As Jeffrey Matsui puts it, we have earned the reputation of being good technicians but lousy administrators. In the rarified atmosphere of administration, a quiet, self-effacing man is going to get nowhere.

Jim Yoshinaga, as did Dr. Noguchi and Ed Francis Ching and Ed Lee and Clifford Arashi, chose not to stay "the quiet American."

He feels that he has solid grounds on which to challenge his department head's evaluation of him, and he has chosen to stand up and fight.

Anyone who has ever had Walter Mitty dreams about standing up to his boss will know what anguish and emotional drain his decision entails.

Jim Yoshinaga is putting his job and his future on the line for his self-respect and feeling of self-worth; but in a larger sense he is doing this for all of us—for ourselves and our children—so that we can feel that possibilities for the Sansei and Yonsei are indeed limitless without putting in an unconscious mental reservation, "up to a certain

of the faculty and there are no Asians at the decision-making level.

Edison Uno, who spoke for the Task Force, warned the board: "The Asians have been neglected too long. Our patience is exhausted. You have the power to change the education system. Look into your heart and respond to your conscience to our modest request."

### Philippine guerrilla

WASHINGTON — A federal commission to study the question of additional recognition of Philippine guerrillas who fought on the side of the Allies during WW2 is being sought in a resolution introduced by Rep. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii). Recognition would mean granting of benefits and medals.



Jerry Enomoto

## Perspectives

### Soledad

INSIDE PRISON—Prisons are big news these days and you can't pick up a newspaper or a magazine without reading about them. The institution where I work, correctly named the Correctional Training Facility-Central, but usually called Soledad, had the dubious distinction of projecting the nation's prisons into the public eye. As usually happens, a series of violent deaths of inmates and correctional officers was what attracted everyone's attention.

The resulting publicity could be described as something neither inmates or staff at Soledad, or any prison for that matter, needed. Media coverage appears to dignify the distorted viewpoints of the most disturbed inmates, while depicting staff as apathetic at best and sadistic at worst. Truly, the perspectives seemed badly out of whack. Recent coverage, based upon a more in-depth look at us by observers seeking objectivity, presents a much more balanced picture. Aggressive efforts by staff to tell the story like it is has helped.

In the grim business of corrections, it might be said that "any publicity is better than no publicity." Although that might be an overstatement, it is an unfortunate fact that prisons, like leper colonies, are ugly reminders of problems that the public shuns. Aside from romanticized Hollywood hokum, people know little about them and care less. It is thus interesting to note that the ugly developments at Soledad have resulted in attracting the attention of people who, once interested, have offered a variety of resources for the education, entertainment, and training of the confined offender.

Item: Last Saturday I spent an afternoon meeting with some TV people who are working with us to begin an avocational program of teaching the technical end of motion picture and television to interested inmates.

Item: A number of outside groups have gathered together, and brought, entertainment into the institution.

Item: A gratifying flood of donated furnishings came our way when we started our family visiting program.

Item: There has been a notable increase in the interest of community ethnic groups in the needs of minority inmates . . . The list can go on.

These developments seem due to two factors: (1) Many people found out that we existed and (2) they wanted to help accentuate the positive things that are needed in an essentially negative, artificial, sterile, and demeaning setting. Make no mistake about it, the best of prisons is no place to send a human being for help, especially when society has never solved the basic contradiction between punishment and rehabilitation. An honest look at what we are doing leads to the inescapable conclusion that the fewer people we lock up in a large institutions for the shortest periods of time, the better off we would be.

Let anyone misinterpret the above, let me quickly add that the hard core criminal, who is a threat to peoples' lives, must be locked up. The tragedy is that a significant portion of the population of our prisons probably could have been kept out, and have been kept in longer than necessary. Another tragedy is that we have yet to devise an accurate way to predict human behavior—a handicap that is critical in our business.

What of the people who work in these difficult places? They are no different from workers in any field. A sample will reflect the continuum of human behavior ranging from the competent to the inadequate, from the apathetic to the dedicated, from the compassionate to the insensitive. They are no worse or no better than human beings anywhere. Because this is true, they need job satisfaction and an identity. The man in uniform at Soledad dislikes being called a "guard". This is more than a semantic exercise because he believes our claim that he is a professional worker, whose job demands more than what is expected of a turnkey. Thus he wants to be called a correctional officer. Counseling, and management of the behavior of difficult men, is what we expect of these workers under the most adverse conditions, and for poor pay.

The other night another officer was killed in the maximum security section of Soledad. He was a good officer who became the object of the unreasonable hate and violence inherent in one of a core of dangerous men we manage in that Unit. The question of why this happened perhaps transcends Soledad, and brings us face to face with the yet unanswered larger question of what causes men to kill and why? Meanwhile the humane management of dangerous men remains one of the bigger challenges to those who are given that responsibility.

## 25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, Mar. 23, 1946

U.S. Senate investigates charge 42nd wounded treat- vated . . . VFW attempt to or- like PWs, forced to travel Spokane resisted.

Calif. personnel board ex- lulu in hold of Navy transport ship while civilians occupy staterooms and cabins . . . WRA closes its last center at Tule Lake; Justice Dept. closes enemy alien camp in New Mexico . . . 442nd 2d Battalion at Leghorn deacti-

point."

If you want to look your- self in the eye in the mirror tomorrow morning, join Jim in his fight. Write to the councilman on the personnel committee—Billy Mills, Ed- mund Edelman or John Gib- son. Write to Calvin Hamil- ton, director of the City Plan- ning Department. Write to Mayor Sam Yorty.

Above all, write to Jim at 19010 Wadley Ave., Gardena, Calif. 90148 and let him know that he isn't in this fight alone.

Judge Goodman in San Fran- cisco ruled Nisei detained at Tule Lake against Japanese law) . . . Active Santa Bar- bara Nisei (Taki Asakura, 40) dies instantly in auto crash near Calabasas.

Aged evacuees transferred from housing projects in Bur- bank and Lomita to El Segun- do . . . Three Nisei denied liquor sales license, parties "not the true party in interest" says Board of Equalization member William Bonelli.

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## Asians must tell their own story

By BEN TONG

SAN FRANCISCO—The Asian American Task Education Task Force since last Novem- ber has been negotiating with the San Francisco Unified School District to establish Asian American Studies courses.

Meetings have been held with Raymond J. Pitts, assistant superintendent of curriculum, and Dr. Thomas Shaheen, superintendent of schools. The result thus far (Jan. 20) has been noncom- mital verbal support.

The school district has re- sponded by allocating \$11,000 for a special teachers work- shop in the summer of 1969 to develop Asian American studies. With five of the seven authors of the experimental texts being white, the final result left a great deal to be desired.

For example, the elemen- tary text deals with the life style of two presumably typical Chinese American families, one running a laundry, the other a restaurant. In each of these homes, there

is a neat, harmonious division of labor.

Not only are the experi- mental books from that sum- mer workshop superficial, sketchy and inaccurate, they perpetuate that which they were to have corrected. Namely, the stereotype of meek & mild, hardworking, satisfied with oh-so-little John China- man.

The secondary text conveys the distinct impression that the Chinese American experi- ence was at best a negative one. All the poor, humble, gutless Chinese ever did was suffer and work to the bone in miserable menial labor.

In the final chapter entitled, "Immigrants in the U.S.: Chinese Example," a bewil- dered new arrival in the early days of the Old West is ad- vised by his kind to stay put in the security of the ghetto.

### 'Stay Put'

A young fish peddler is told by a wise old relative that: "The foreigners' ways are different from ours; their language is different. Most of them are loud and rough, while we are accustomed to order. If possible, to avoid any contact with them . . . be patient and maintain your digni- ty."

Since this story comes at the end of one unit, one may assume that the selection is intended to draw together preceding readings into some sort of culminating conceptual package of a young Chinese sinking into the sunset of ghetto oblivion and bliss.

What is especially mislead- ing is the "either-or" question posed for the young immi- grant at the end of the tale: "Should he differ . . . in China- town or go on to the gold fields?" This seems to suggest that the early Chinese had only two options: to huddle up in congested slums or to take their chances in the gold fields.

Nowhere in these materials is there mention of the sub- stantial contributions of the first Chinese, contributions which implied extraordinary resources of intellect, imagi- nation and nerve.

### Background in California

One unit, of course, entitled Background: the Traditional Chinese Culture, does refer to tea, paper and kites as "China's gifts to the West."

Nowhere is there even a superficial hint that the Chi- nese had a big hand in de- veloping every imaginable agricultural industry in Cali- fornia. Prior to the anti-Chi- nese rampage of the late 19th Century, the Chinese were not clumped together in segrega- ted Chinatowns. They went everywhere and did not re- strict themselves to the gold fields.

They reclaimed the land in

### On Second Thought

Warren Furutani

## Midwest District



I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the Midwest District Council and especially the St. Louis Chapter for the very provocative and productive weekend. I feel that much business was taken care of and also many understandings were reached.

In terms of business, the whole weekend (Mar. 6-7) was excellent. All the usual district council frills were sidelined in favor of very personal and comfortable home meetings. What I mean by home meeting is that everything was taken care of in one of the member's home. The meetings, the guests lodging, the social gathering all took place in private homes. This made the situation and environment very warm and loose and as a result, the Mas Yamasaki-led MDC TCB'ed (took care of business).

I might say that I hope that this type of meeting catches on in all the districts. Economically there is no question as to its advantages and also feeling-wise it's much more relaxed.

The understandings I have mentioned are very mutual. On a national scale I have found that every district is different and unique.

Assuming that the programs in California can be duplicated in the MDC is a mistake. The only thing that California has that the MDC can use now is staff. One of the most common questions asked is "what can National do for the MDC or their chapters?" I'm afraid very few programs affect anything outside of California, but this is where a staff person can come in.

One solution is more visitations by national staff. Right on! But still this is just a band-aid approach. What seems to be most viable suggestion is the using of the Endowment Fund. This would free enough funds for more regional directors or foxes. The mem- bership can apply pressure in this area by contacting their district governors who have influence on the National Board. This is one of the things the mem- bership can do and as a result make National more responsive to its constituency.

Well, this is some feed from my trip to the "Show Me State" and as Mas Yamasaki says, "Power to the MDC!"

All power to the people!