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By RAYMOND UNO
National JACL President

On one of the steps on the top flight of the steps on the Colorado State Capitol Building is imbedded a gold plaque inscribed with the exact height of one mile (5,280 feet above sea level) from which originates the name for Denver, the Mile Hi City.

Just before landing and just after take off from the Denver Airport, I noticed the stew-

Ft. Lupton and Mile Hi

ardesses strap themselves with a safety belt just above the mountain range capped with snow outside of Denver. In both instances, turbulence shook the plane for about five minutes. Apparently, this particular area traditionally shakes the plane coming and going. It was one of the few times I experienced air-turbulence.

At the airport I was met by Mountain Plains District Governor Takashi Mayeda of Denver and Tom Urano, Fort Lupton chapter president, Jack Tsuhara and Alfred Watada of Fort Lupton Chapter. Denver appears to a progressive city and it is my understanding the airport, in size, is about the sixth largest in the nation. Denver, unlike many of the larger metropolitan areas, still appears to have a wholesome "air" about it. The snow-capped mountain ranges help to make a picturesque community.

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We stopped off at Jack Tsuhara's house for some informal shop talk while his wife took care of some light refreshments. Fort Lupton and the immediate vicinity has a total population of about 100 people of Japanese ancestry, men, women and children. The total community population is about 2,500. Many of the chapter members are lifelong residents of the area. They have no overt racial problems and the economic situation is comparable to other areas where there are farmers. With the Sansei leaving agriculture for the big cities, the end of the Japanese farmer looms large on the horizon.

Migrant Labor Issues

As in other areas, the JA farmer is caught in the middle of the migrant farm labor controversy. Although JACL members represent the JA community on the Community Relations Committee, the inability to reach satisfactory solutions seems to plague the farm-labor problem. The bombing of the police department was an unfortunate incident, but, admittedly, it woke the community up to the extent they are now seriously looking at the grievances of the disadvantaged minorities in the community, and, earnestly working, and not just looking, for solutions.

Because the younger people are leaving the community, there are fewer and fewer people and the leadership of the Chapter remains in the hands of the dedicated, hard-core of JACLers who have been in it for the last 20 years or so. Yet, we reaffirmed the need for JACL even in the small communities where the influence of the Chapter members has been effective and good community relations has been maintained in the name of JACL.

Although we are just starting in many areas, to flex our muscles, the advantages of strength in numbers can not be questioned in many instances where minority rights are attacked or subtlely undermined. The manpower and resources of a strong national organization are the first line of defense against the deprivation of rights and the assault against human dignity regardless of when, where or how such cases may arise.

In spite of our apparent lack of complete and overwhelming support from all of the JAs in the United States, I challenge any JA to duplicate what JACL has done, is doing and will do in the future. Sure, we have our shortcomings; but you name me a critic who hasn't!

Potluck Supper

The evening "rap" session was preceded by a potluck of Japanese food. I was told Fort Lupton goes all out on these occasions and I was not disappointed. The food was superb and the abundance was like a cornucopia — overflowing. There is something about homemade Japanese food that cannot be duplicated; the "aji" is great and the food simply melts in the mouth. It reminds me of the "nokai" picnics of prewar and postwar days.

Thanks must go to Sam Koshio and Tom Sasaki, Special Committee, and the ladies who prepared the food. Sam was the Toastmaster and we had a good time batting the breeze about JACL and mutual friends. Masami Hayashi and Jim Konishi of our Salt Lake Chapter are former Fort Lupton people and have relatives still living there. Many of the Fort Lupton people have been in or know people in Salt Lake and the hometown gossip gets thick in a very short time.

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The reason Fort Lupton asked for my presence was the question about certain staff, our directions and involvements, and the continued

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NORMAN MINETA WINS SAN JOSE MAYOR ELECTION

Commands 60 Pct. in Primaries to Win Outright

SAN JOSE—Norman Mineta, 43, became the first Japanese American mayor of a major American city here this past week (Apr. 13) by a commanding 60 per cent majority of the votes cast in a 15-way race.

Of the 49,777 votes cast in all 147 precincts, Vice Mayor Mineta polled 30,496. His closest challenger, City Councilman David J. Goglio, polled 6,902.

San Jose is the fourth largest city in the state with over 600,000 population.

A partner in an insurance firm founded by his father, Mineta was appointed in July 1967 to the city council to fill a vacancy created by the election of Ronald James as mayor. Mineta amassed enough votes in the April, 1969, primaries to retain his seat in the city council for a full four-year term. He was also elected by the city council to serve as vice-mayor.

A native of San Jose, he and his family were evacuated to Heart Mountain WRA Center during World War II. The family returned to San Jose where Norman became student body president at San Jose High. He graduated from UC Berkeley majoring in business administration, served two years in military intelligence, and assumed active roles in civic affairs, including the Human Relations Commission, Boy Scouts of America, Urban Coalition and National Conference of Christians and Jews. He was also secretary of the Santa Clara County grand jury in 1964, a two-year San Jose JACL president in 1959-60 and treasurer of the Wesley Methodist Church.

For his leadership in the field of human rights, Mineta was awarded the Nisei of the Biennium award in 1968.

In the midst of his campaign for mayor, Mineta was subjected to recall attempts because of his stand on the utility tax.

Joe Tanaka elected to St. Louis school post

(Special to The Pacific Citizen)

ST. LOUIS—Joseph K. Tanaka, active JACLer and past chapter president, led a field of five candidates including the incumbent to win a seat on the Lindbergh School District Board in the Apr. 6 election. It was his first endeavor in politics, polling an impressive 5,085 votes as compared with the incumbent's 3,696 who was runner-up.

The district in suburban St. Louis encompasses 25 square miles and has an enrollment of 13,000.

Creative design director for Hussman Refrigerator Co., he taught interior design the past 22 years at Washington University. He is a 442nd veteran, current Lindbergh High School PTA president, active with the YMCA, Khoury League (baseball for youngsters) and married to the former Nikki Nakano of Philadelphia. They have five children, four presently attending schools in the district. Joe Tanaka is a native of St. Louis and believed to be the first Nisei to run for public office in the state.

Salt Lake to host Bussei women

SALT LAKE CITY—A group of 1,000 members of the National Buddhist Women's Federation will come together at the Salt Lake Buddhist Church, Salt Palace, and the Hotel Utah on April 24 and 25, for a convention whose theme will be "Compassion."

Purpose is to mutually strengthen and deepen spiritual ties, to promote and support the education of Buddhism in America, and to determine how funds realized from the Dana (Offering) Day program can be used to maximum benefit. Heretofore, contributions have been directed toward social welfare, charitable organizations and educational endeavors.

Among the honored guests will be Bishop and Mrs. Kenryu Tsuji, JACL President and Mrs. Ray Uno, Gov. and Mrs. Calvin Rampton, Mayor and Mrs. J. Bracken Lee, and Rev. Yoshitaka Tamai from Denver. Over 35 ministers will also honor the occasion by their attendance.

Issei memorial stone at Sacramento erected

SACRAMENTO — The local Nikkeijinkai will dedicate a memorial monument at the Odd Fellows cemetery, 2720 Riverside Blvd., to 127 more or less forgotten Issei buried there between 1910-1926. Most of them were buried in 1913-14. Tom Fujimoto is in charge of theunveiling ceremonies.

Japan visit set

SACRAMENTO — Gov. Reagan will travel to Japan in late October—his second trip to the Orient since he took office. His wife, Nancy, and their two children, Patti, 18, and Ronald, 12, will also accompany him.

Norman Mineta

Model City budget omits request of Seattle Orientals

SEATTLE—Model City Program funds to establish an Asian cultural-recreation center in the International District here to help the elderly Chinese, Japanese and Filipinos this summer have been denied.

A request for $34,000 to cover full-time staff helpers with bilingual ability and a car to transport the elderly was involved. And such volunteer groups as the Young Asians for Action had already committed themselves to assist with routine tasks.

But as the Model City Citizens Advisory Council met Apr. 6 to adopt its final budget for the third year which excluded the International District Improvement Assn.'s request, the Oriental members of the audience walked out of the meeting and gathered angrily on the steps of the Seattle University library shouting, "Power to the people — the Asian people!"

The group has threatened to withdraw the International District from the model area.

Eric K. Inouye, coordinator for the improvement group, said the International District has been systematically excluded from the Model City Program, though the coordinator has a contractual relationship with Model City Program to handle the program in the area where Orientals make up 5 pct. of the Model Neighborhood population.

Inouye said he and the group receive about $1,400 a month to perform community services in the district but local improvements have not been made.

Spark joins fight on unregulated federal 'snooping'

WASHINGTON — Rep. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) has joined more than 60 other members of the House in introducing legislation designed to restrict the federal government's maintenance of personal records and so-called "data banks" of information about individual citizens.

The measure would require federal agencies which maintain such records to:

1—Notify the citizen that the record exists;
2—Notify the citizen of all transfers of such records;
3—Disclose information from such records only with the consent of the citizen or when legally required;
4—Maintain a record of all persons who inspect such personal files; and
5—Permit the citizen to inspect his own records, make copies of them and supplement them.

The Hawaii lawmaker said that he is deeply concerned about recent revelations of unregulated government "snooping" on private individuals and elected officials.

"It is clear that in cases where the maintenance of personal records is necessary, guidelines are need to protect the individual's rights," Matsunaga said. "Since the executive branch has failed to establish guidelines administratively, I believe that Congress must act to protect the citizen's right to privacy."

Reischauer applauds improved U.S.-Peking ties

CAMBRIDGE — Prof. Edwin O. Reischauer last week applauded the apparent warming of relations between the U.S. and mainland China but warned not to expect too much too soon.

He also warned that U.S. should not now move to ignore Taiwan. "We're finally beginnning to admit what we should have admitted a long time, that China on the great continent does exist. But we shouldn't move to a new myth and pretend that Taiwan does not exist."

Mahalia Jackson to sing for Emperor of Japan

TOKYO—Negro gospel singer Mahalia Jackson, in Japan for a series of Easter season concerts, thrillingly accepted an invitation to sing Christian hymns before Emperor Hirohito on Apr. 23, six days before His Majesty's 70th birthday.

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PARENTS DEMAND NISEI PRINCIPAL BE REPLACED

Picket Demonstrate, Pupils Boycott Denver Grade School

DENVER — Dismissal of the Nisei principal at Harrington School, Joe T. Ariki, was part of the package of complaints registered by parents who began to picket the school during spring vacation (Apr. 7).

When classes resumed last week, about half of the pupils boycotted the school and some were enrolled in a private school conducted by parents at a nearby church.

It all started after the recent reading test scores were published, according to the protest group spokesman, Mrs. Tony McCann, and the school administration's failure to remedy the situation. These scores, compared with the national average, were:

Reading Tests	Harr	Nat'l
1st Grade	1.5	1.7
2nd Grade	1.9	2.7
3rd Grade	2.6	3.7
4th Grade	3.1	4.7
5th Grade	4.3	5.7
6th Grade	4.4	6.7

"The boycott doesn't really affect the operation of the school," Ariki said. "In fact, it permits teachers to give more individual attention to those pupils who are in class. However, the thing I'm concerned about is that pupils participating in the boycott are missing out on a great deal of instruction."

Ariki was hopeful that a series of meetings with parents would be resumed to explain the special programs instituted to improve the reading level of sixth graders. "We've been concerned for a long time about the educational achievements of our pupils and have been trying to do something about it," the principal added.

Of Harrington's 583 students, 458 are black, 98 are Hispano, 24 are white, 7 are Oriental, and 2 are Indian.

The list of 18 demands from the parents include adding special reading teachers, materials and ethnic literature in the school library, free breakfast program, parental voice in selection of teachers, an assistant principal, full-time nurse and social worker at Harrington.

A school executive said Harrington is too small to qualify for the latter three types of personnel.

$3 million in quake disaster funds expected

LOS ANGELES — The Little Tokyo Redevelopment Project's earthquake disaster task force may be successfully reaching the end of its two month quest for funds, according to task force chairman Tad Ikemoto.

What remains to be done is resubmission of the Little Tokyo Redevelopment Project office proposal for emergency funding to the area office of the Dept. of Housing and Urban Redevelopment, Ikemoto said last week (Apr. 14) after conferring with HUD area director Ray Carrosco.

According to the feasibility of the proposal, the area office will hopefully approve allocation of "accellerated funds" to the Little Tokyo Redevelopment Project. The sum being asked is $3,000,000.

A similar proposal had been submitted after the Feb. 9 earthquake but the area office rejected it for "lack of funds".

Washington Trip

However, this time the prospects for approval are very high, Ikemoto continued, in view of the task force meeting in Washington (Apr. 8) with key government officials, including Secretary George Romney of Housing and Urban Development and Robert Finch, special assistant to the President.

The area office will review the feasibility of how the money will be used and whether it would secure the objectives stated in the proposal, according to Kango Kunitsugu, project manager, who expected to have the proposal resubmitted this week.

The proposal would allow the project office to acquire properties along E. 3rd St. damaged by the earthquake thus accelerating the timetable for construction of the proposed senior citizen housing development.

Ikemoto led a 11-member delegation to Washington to meet with HUD officials. They conferred for an hour with Secretary Romney and another hour with his staff.

Sincere Interest

"All of us were Impressed with the sincere interest of the Little Tokyo project shown by the Secretary and his top aides," Akira Kawasaki, chairman of the Little Tokyo Community Development Advisory Committee, said upon return. In another way, I think Little Tokyo made quite an impression on them since it is not

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PSWDC date changed

SAN DIEGO — The second quarterly PSWDC session being hosted by San Diego JACL has been rescheduled to Sunday, May 23, 9:30 a.m., at the Nisei VFW Post at National City, 24th and F Sts., it was announced by DC Gov. Mas Hironaka.

Six JARP books in '72 expected

By SHIG WAKAMATSU
Chaiman, JACL-JARP Exec. Comm.

Los Angeles

The most encouraging news out of UCLA is that the six JARP books now in progress are all scheduled for completion during the summer of 1972. Six of the seven author-researchers involved in these books presented their respective reports at a JACL-JARP Executive Committee meeting held at UCLA on March 25.

SPECIAL REPORT

Heading the list were reports on two principal works: (1) a general history of the Japanese in America, by Dr. Robert A. Wilson, a Meiji Era historian and JARP Director; and (2) a multi-generational sociological study of Japanese Americans, by Dr. Gene N. Levine, Principal Investigator-JARP, and his co-authors, Drs. John Modell of the University of Minnesota and Edna Bonacich of the University of California, Riverside.

General History of Japanese in America

Dr. Wilson indicated that his book, which is 60 per cent completed, will run about 600 pages consisting of a prologue, an epilogue focusing on the future of the Sansei, and 23 chapters divided into 6 sections — Genesis, The Sojourner Stage, Changing Aspirations, Quiet Before the Storm, Pearl Harbor, and Reconciliation.

Dr. Wilson further indicated that his research led him to include much of the Hawaiian experience as a necessary precursor to the mainland history of the Japanese.

His work will have the advantages of the recent research in Japan by Yasuo Sakata, the comprehensive sociological study by Dr. Levine, et al., and specialized data from the 1970 census anticipated in the first half of 1972. Dr. Wilson was optimistic in that if the Census Bureau data are available sooner, his manuscript would be in good shape by June, 1972.

Progress Over Three Generations

Dr. Levine presented a working outline of his book, the result of extensive data amassed — in part during the days of Dr. T. Scott Miyakawa and Drs. Gregory and Gladys Stone in relation to the nationwide survey questionnaire —and realized through grants by JACL, Carnegie Corporation and National Institute of Mental Health.

The sampling of the original 1,047 Issei respondents and follow-through on their Nisei and Sansei descendants covered a total of 4,000 Japanese Americans spanning three generations. Some 400 multi-generational families are thus represented in this study made by Dr. Levine and his co-authors.

It will be the first multi-generational study of an ethnic group on a nationwide scale and an imminent major contribution to the general theories of ethnicity.

Dr. Levine reported that all data have been processed, that the analysis is well under way, and that sufficient funds are at hand to complete all writing and residual computer work. The finished product consisting of 25 chapters is scheduled for September, 1972, and will address itself to an audience of peers, i.e., sociologists, etc. However, a condensed version may be in the offing for the general public.

Planted in Good Soil: History of Japanese American Contributions to Agriculture, Horticulture and Floriculture

Dr. Masakazu Iwata of Biola College, La Mirada, Calif., reported that his work will begin with the history of emigration from Japan, with detailed information on the background of agricultural immigrants to California. Issei contributions to the Pacific Northwest, the Rocky Mountain area, Texas, and the Southwest are being studied along with isolated but interesting Issei enterprises such as floriculture in the deep South.

Covering the period up to the outbreak of World War II, one of its features will be a study of the role of the Japanese Americans in marketing.

Dr. Iwata reported that he has thus far completed 4 out of 7 chapters and will require another summer of research and writing before a completed manuscript can be submitted, hopefully by summer's end.

His book, the first of its kind by a Nisei, will command an interested audience, since so much of the exploits of the Issei were unheralded feats of patience and courage performed on the soil.

Social History of the Japanese Americans in the Los Angeles Area

On behalf of Dr. John Modell, Dr. Wilson reported that Modell's doctoral dissertation on the subject matter has been accepted by Columbia University and the manuscript is practically completed in form for printing. The book is focused on the growth of the largest Japanese American community in the U.S. and the life of its inhabitants as it existed up to the eve of evacuation.

Dr. Modell, a member of the JARP team, has authored several papers on Japanese Americans which have been presented at professional meetings.

Special History of the Early Issei (1885-1908)

Because so little is known about the earliest Japanese immigrant — the true Issei pioneer — Yasuo Sakata's book will be a significant volume.

Sakata was sent by the JARP for a year's stay in Japan to research on the origins, the localities and the circumstances which motivated the early Issei to emigrate to America. He has uncovered valuable materials which heretofore have not been brought to light.

One of his emphases will be on the migration of laborers from farming localities in Japan and the convention contract laborers to Hawaii.

Sakata is a student from Japan and a mainstay in the JARP office since its inception. He will utilize the book as his doctoral thesis in history at UCLA and anticipates completion by Sept. 1, 1972. He observed that his difficulty lies in an overabundance of valuable materials at hand.

Legal History of the Japanese in the U.S.

Frank Chuman, past National President and former

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Patsy Mink challenges Asian ethnic scholars to wider roles

LOS ANGELES—Scholars and students gathered here last weekend for the first national conference on Asian American studies were challenged by Rep. Patsy T. Mink (D-Hawaii) to help lead the nation to a greater appreciation of the values and humanity of Asia.

Speaking before some 300 persons at USC Town and Gown on Friday night, Mrs. Mink declared American education has persistently failed to recognize that the history, culture and politics of Asia are equally important as the study of Europe, its history, culture and politics.

"If America is to reach full bloom as a nation which fulfills the ideals of a democracy, it must develop an attitude in its people which accepts an Asian life as being equal to that of other human beings and accords it full dignity," she emphasized.

It was deeply-imbued anti-Oriental prejudice in America and belief that Orientals could not be trusted that resulted in the Evacuation of Japanese Americans in 1942, the Nisei congresswoman said, and the "Vietnam war has hardened this view".

Lt. Calley Trial

She recalled that during the Lt. Calley trial, the slaughter of women and children was "no big thing" and all Vietnamese were pictured as the enemy because of the "mere gook rule", which holds life is less important to an Oriental. "Laws that protect other human beings do not apply to gooks'," she explained.

Even the Army indictment against Calley stipulated "Oriental" human beings were murdered. "Why the special description of the victims?" she asked. And is the vast majority against the Calley verdict really saying he should be freed because the victims were "Oriental" human beings? "These are questions which should never have to be asked in a free society,"

Rep. Patsy Mink

she declared.

Sensing Asian American studies can change the attitude of all Americans toward Asians, she reminded the scholars are obliged to equip the general public with adequate knowledge to counter prejudice and to impress that Asian life is just as precious as any other.

She insisted the study of Asian culture and history should not be a fetish for the few at universities but become a standard part of school curriculum, elementary and secondary.

Important Task

"We must have a nation fully conversant with the history of the East as well as the West," she said. "Asian American studies has the important task of instructing non-Asians in the ways of those of Asian descent."

Education can forestall future Vietnams and My Lais when Americans know "it is no more right or just to slaughter millions of Asians and destroy whole Asian countrysides than it is to exterminate equal numbers of Europeans", she predicted.

Rep. Mink reported she is supporting the Ethnic Heritage Studies Act of 1971, already approved by a House subcommittee on Education and Labor. The bill would amend the Elementary and Secondary Act of 1965 by adding a broad new federal program of aid to schools in the area of ethnic studies.

Another bill fostering ethnic studies in grade schools is the International Education Act up for extension this year to secure funding, she noted.

Conference Objectives

According to Dr. Harry H. L. Kitano, acting director of Asian American Studies at UCLA, the three-day conference was called to assess the state of the studies, to aid in research and development of curriculum, to coordinate future efforts and directions and to attract young scholars into the field.

A number of papers were reviewed by a panel composed of:

Dr. Isao Fujimoto, UC Davis; Dr. James Hirabayashi, San Francisco Sstate; Lucie Chang Hirata, Yuji Ichioka, UCLA; Wilma Sur, Univ. of Hawaii.

Workshop moderators were: Dr. Roger Daniels, Univ. of Wyoming, on "Wartime Relocation"; Yasuo Sakata, Ichioka, UCLA, on "Sources of Japanese American History"; Franklin Odo, UCLA, "Asian Americans and U.S. Policies in Asia"; Dr. Fujimoto, "Analysis of Asian American Communities"; and Dr. Dennis Ogawa, Univ. of Hawaii, "Asian American Studies Curriculum".

UCLA 'Hi-pot' program

LOS ANGELES — Counselors, instructors and students of UCLA's "high potential" program for Asians were alarmed by university revisions which would prevent high-risk students from the university, according to Jim Matsuoka, instructor, and JoAnne Amano, student. They are now hopeful the UCLA Asian Studies Center can regain control of the program.

SADAKICHI HARTMANN

Most Original American

(Following article appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle Sunday magazine, "This World", on Apr. 4 and was written by Harry Lawton, editor at the UC Riverside Press, who with George Knox has co-edited "White Chrysanthemums", which deals with the life of Sadakichi Hartmann — a personality known to our readers when the late Larry Tajiri was PC editor and columnist. Lawton, while a reporter for the Riverside Press, wrote a definitive series on Hartmann in 1954. — Editor.)

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By HARRY LAWTON

Take Ken Kesey and his pranksters. Add double portions of Jerry Rubin and the Yippies, stir in generous amounts of Bernard Berenson's erudition, Walt Whitman's yea-saying, and Edgar Allen Poe's misanthropy, season with Whistler's sarcastic wit and the knavish mendacity of Francois Villon, flavor with pinches of anarchism, Zen Buddhism, hedonism, and pacifism, and you have that most outrageous and original of all American Bohemians—Sadakichi Hartmann.

Sadakichi Hartmann (1867-1944) is one of the most neglected figures in American literature. Although he led the avantgarde of his time and wrote pioneer books in art and photographic criticism (including the first modern history of American art), dramas, poetry, a novel, and hundreds of essays, none of his work is in print today.

A naturalized citizen of Japanese-German ancestry, Hartmann spanned the period of the Mauve Decade to the Depression, tilting at all the windmills of respectability, hurling lances at what he foresaw as the leveling forces of American technology.

'Original Bohemian'

He was as Kenneth Rexroth has observed the court magician to two generations of American intellectuals and the Greenwich Village mold from which hundreds of later claimants to the throne of Bohemia were cast.

Almost everyone who was anyone knew him and he was both loved and hated.

Walt Whitman said in 1888 that he had "more hope, more faith" in Hartmann than "any of the boys." James Gibbons Huneker asserted that Hartmann literally "exudes genius." Sheridan Ford fled a reading of Hartmann's erotic poetry, denouncing him as the "most dangerous man in the world." Ben Hecht brushed him off as a "truculent poseur" and W.C. Fields genially termed him "a no good drunken bum." Ezra Pound said that if he had not been himself he would have liked to have been Sadakichi.

In 1916, the self proclaimed King of Bohemia bobbed up in San Francisco, taking the city by storm. Society matrons swooned over him at studio teas, he staged Ibsen's "Ghosts" in his little theater "The House of Mystery" on Russian Hill, hobnobbed with George Sterling and entertained the intelligentsia in his flat at 900 Green Street, gave lectures at Paul Elder's, and presented his famed perfume concert.

Three Years in S.F.

During three years here, Hartmann generated a galaxy of legends, most of which are apocryphal, including the story that he was ejected from the Bohemian Club for being too Bohemian.

His last years were spent in poverty in a shack he called Catclaw Siding on the Morongo Indian Reservation in Southern California. From there he made periodic sorties to Hollywood, where he was adopted as court jester and reigning wit into the hard-boozing, carousing John Barrymore circle.

When Hartmann died in 1944, the newspapers referred to him as America's "last Bohemian." Indeed, he appeared peculiarly quaint in the midst of the second World War — a time when all Bohemians had vanished.

In the silent 1950's, Gene Fowler laid Hartmann to rest in his best-selling "Minutes of the Last Meeting," which depicted with considerable nostalgia and charm the roistering Bundy Drive studio sessions of Barrymore, W.C. Fields, John Decker, and Hartmann. Fowler's portrait of Sadakichi, fondly recalled

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ACTION BOX

(Helpful feature to remind all JACL chapters of current obligations will be noted under this heading, "Action Box". We are grateful to Kaz Horita, nat'l v.p., for the suggestion that was generated during his visit with the Central California District Council last November.—Ed.)

Date and name in parentheses refer to person or office initiating the letter requesting action from JACL chapters.

1970 Federal Tax Report—Apr. 12 (Hq.). Form 990 must be filed by May 15, 1971.

Public Relations—Apr. 8 (Tomihiro): Watch for objectionable films on TV. (a) Betrayal from the East, (b) Air Force, (c) Across the Pacific, (d) Little Tokyo, USA, (e) Black Dragon, (f) Behind the Rising Sun, (g) Purple Heart.

Support campaign to revoke liquor licenses of "whites only" membership clubs.

Scholarship—Mar. 26 (PC). Number of scholarships and total dollar amount of awards per year to be reported to the Pacific Citizen.

Title II Repeal—March. 26 (Okamura). If congressmen are listed as co-sponsors of repeal bills, commend them and urge they work actively for passage; if not yet listed, urge they join immediately as co-sponsors.

Washington Newsletter

Mike Masaoka

Supreme Court Trends

During the 1968 presidential campaign, then Candidate Nixon questioned many of the "law and order" decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States, suggesting that if he were elected Chief Executive he would seek to name a bench more concerned with the protection of society than with the rights of individual criminals.

And, when as President he named Warren Berger to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, he noted that it could well be that the precedents that might be set by the several justices he might nominate would be of far greater consequence to the nation in the long run than the laws he might sign and the executive actions he might take.

After refusing to confirm nominees Haynsworth and Carswell, the Senate confirmed Harry Blackmun.

At about the half-way mark in this court term in which both of President Nixon's appointees are serving together for the first time, the trend of the decisions thus far would seem to indicate less of the activism of the Earl Warren Court and more of the judicial restraint pledged by the 1968 Candidate.

The shifting thus far, at least, has not been abrupt and obvious. It has, rather, been a sort of "gradualism", as described by Justice Hugo Black, the senior jurist and one who has served under five chief justices since he was nominated by Franklin Roosevelt in 1937. Nevertheless, to those involved in civil rights and liberties, the tendency is clearly apparent.

Thus far, the principal difference between the present Court and the Warren Court is the voting tandem of the Chief Justice and the most junior of Justices, both of whom happen to be Minnesotans. Justice Blackmun has voted with Chief Justice Berger 49 out of 52 times on "controversial" issues.

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The core of the so-called liberal bloc is composed of Justice William Brennan, appointed by then President Eisenhower in 1956, William Douglas, appointed by then President Franklin Roosevelt in 1939, and Thurgood Marshall, appointed by then President Johnson in 1967.

On the other hand, the conservative core is made up of Chief Justice Berger and Justice Blackmun and Byron White, appointed by then President Kennedy in 1962.

The three so-called "swing men" or "balance of power" include Justice Black, Potter Stewart, appointed by then President Eisenhower in 1959, and John Harlan, also appointed by then President Eisenhower but in 1955. The first two vote together most of the time, with the third some of the time.

In the so-called Warren Court, the liberal majority was most often made up of six and sometimes seven of the nine justice.

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For many years, Justice Black was counted upon as a leader of the liberal bloc. While this is no longer to be taken for granted, he often sides with the liberal "trio" in such four-to-five cliffhangers as the power of prosecutors to make some use in criminal trials of unconstitutionally obtained confessions, the duty of new lawyers to take loyalty pledges, the right of suspects to be free from prosecution if they agree to give grand jury evidence, the power of prosecutors to use some "hearsay" evidence, the authority of Congress to deprive citizenship from certain children born abroad to at least one American parent who does not fulfill residence requirements in th United States prior to the age of 28, etc.

Except for the ruling on loyalty oaths for lawyers, each of the results of the majority marked a change, some subtle, from what the Warren majority had held previously.

But the Brennan-Douglas-Marshall grouping has had some trouble holding on to Justice Black on some important decisions. They lost him—for examples—on mandatory home visits by welfare inspectors, Congress's powers to overturn the voting age laws of the states, and removal of any chance to wipe out a guilty plea once given.

The actions of Justice Black on the voting age issue gave a good indication of how crucial his single vote can be. He first voted with four justices to hold that Congress could reduce the voting age for federal elections, but then switched and voted with four different jurists to hold that Congress could not touch age laws for state and local elections.

Justice Stewart more often votes on the conservative side, but he too shifts even on a single issue. He was with the majority of five in favor of a carefully worded limited loyalty oath for attorneys, but turned around to join the liberal bloc in striking down unlimited probing into a lawyers' association.

Justice Harlan's pivotal role at this half-way juncture, however, is more potential than actual, as most Court observers view it. His past record suggests that he may be drawn over to the side of the Warren "bloc" and he is not as firm an ally of the Berger-Blackmun coalition as one might suspect. But on most crucial issues in this term so far he has been with the conservative side.

A summary at this point of time hints that the conservative "bloc" is not yet in full command, though it seems to be in a rather "comfortable" position. Should the ailing Justice Black, Douglas, or Harlan resign or retire soon—as many expect one or more to—President Nixon will be in a position to make certain that his judicial philosophy will control the nation's court of last resort for years, and possibly decades, to come.

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The country's highest appellate court has more than 60 major decisions to hand down before its slated June 7 adjournment. It still must act upon practical steps that can be taken to desegregate public schools, the powers of juries in death penalty cases, the right of parochial schools to receive public funds, the freedom of adults to see "dirty" movies and pictures, etc.

There are those who charge that the Berger Court lacks the decisive leadership of its predecessor bench and that there is too much divisiveness among the nine to dispense "true justice".

But, it is still much too early to pass any accurate judgment on the Berger Court as a whole, for the Chief Justice in only in his second term and practically all of his associates are justices named by other Presidents than Richard Nixon.

Flowers-Garden

The Calif. Assn. of Nurserymen has certified three South Bay men, **Paul Ogawa**, 29, of Gardena's ABC Nursery; **James S. Nakai**, 54, Hawthorne city planning commissioner and owner of Hawthorne Nursery since 1937; and **Eddie Yoshiki**, 55, partner of Ed & George Nursery, Hawthorne. Mrs. Eddie (Ruth) Yoshiki earned her Calif. Certified Nurseryman credentials in 1970 and was one of the founders of the certification program, which involves a three-hour examination.

School Front

Seattle's Central Area School Council elected **Yoshio Aoki** of the Seward School attendance area as its chairman.

History Project —

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National JACL Counsel, reported that he has completed the compilation of all major lawsuits and decisions involving Japanese Americans in the Superior and Appellate Courts of every state, in all Federal District Courts and in the Supreme Court of the United States, as well as all bills affecting Orientals introduced in the California legislature since 1856.

From this painstaking research will emerge a distinct and perhaps surprising picture of how the Japanese Americans have fared through the years and in various regions before courts of law.

Chumans' work will add a Japanese American voice to the national awareness of "legal racism." Despite a busy law practice, he still has several field trips to make before completing his manuscript by June, 1972.

JARP Documentary Collection at UCLA

UCLA is now in possession of the largest collection of documentary materials on Japanese Americans. The work of cataloging and annotating these materials has been taken over by the staff of the Asian American Studies Center under the direction of Dr. Harry Kitano.

The Center has spent about 13 per cent of its annual budget on this work alone and has approached the JACL-JARP for aid.

There have thus far been collected 101 volumes of personal diaries, 250 books by Issei authors, nearly completed back issues of five Japanese vernaculars, relocation center newspapers and periodicals, personal papers and memoirs, Japanese school textbooks, 100 and 50 ft. reels of microfilm, respectively, of Japanese Consular reports and unpublished documents, etc.

Dr. Kitano estimated another full year for completing the annotation and emphasized the importance of continued donation of documentary materials by Japanese Americans.

The Asian American Studies Center at UCLA has thus become an integral part of carrying out the long-range objectives of the JARP. A staff of bright and interested Sansei scholars has been attracted to help build a strong center for the continuing of Japanese American studies and development of curriculum materials for teachers and students.

UCLA Luncheon

Prior to the JARP business session, UCLA hosted a luncheon at Faculty Center. Representing the University administration were:

Dr. Ken Trueblood, dean, College of Letters and Sciences; Dr. John Burke, dean, Division of Social Sciences; Dr. Franklin P. Rolfe, dean (ret.), College of Letters and Sciences.

Other University personnel in attendance were:

Dr. Robert A. Wilson, Dr. Gene A. Levine, Dr. Edna M. Bonacich, Dr. Harry Kitano, Dr. Masakazu Iwata, Yasuo Sakata, Allan Nishio, Franklin Odo.

Representing the National JACL were Raymond Uno, president, and James Murakami, vice-pres. (research & services). Members of the JARP executive committee attending were:

Frank Chuman, Mike Masaoka, Yone Satoda, Mas Satow, Sim Togasaki and Shig Wakamatsu.

Redevelopment –

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every day that you can round up ten citizens on less than 24-hour notice and fly to Washington at their own expense."

The delegation also met with William Marumoto, special assistant to the President, and Washington JACL representative Mike Masaoka in the afternoon. Other members of the contingent were:

Kazumi Adachi, Soichi Fukui, Alfred Hatate, Tetsu Nakamura, Koshiro Torii, Tosh Terasawa, Tom Kamei, Kango Kunitsugu and Sachiye Hirotsu.

Development Co.

Meanwhile, the Little Tokyo Development Co. has been organized and will soon invite other businessmen and shop owners to join in developing and managing the proposed $5 million shopping-retail center in the so-called First Action Area of Little Tokyo's redevelopment project.

Founding members who are property owners in the area are:

Henry Ida, Susumu Honda, Roy Hoshizaki, Kiyoshi Kawaratani, Akira Kawasaki, Jack Kohama, Nori Kuroyama, Henry Murayama, Herbert Murayama, Kenji Sayama and Mrs. Iwa Sera.

The first action area is located west of Central Ave. between 1st and 2nd St. and straddling both sides of Moline Alley.

The development company is in the process of selecting an architect and legal counsel. Kango Kunitsugu is the project adviser.

E. 2nd St. Issue

The City Traffic Dept. proposal to make E. 2nd St. one-way (eastbound) has been temporarily stayed after Little Tokyo businessmen met with Sam Taylor, traffic dept. manager, at the City Hall office of Councilman Gilbert Lindsay on Mar. 31.

Taylor said he would take no action on the conversion of 2nd St. without prior consultation with Lindsay and Little Tokyo Community Development Advisory Committee.

Tats Kushida

Kushida appointed agency manager

SACRAMENTO—Tats Kushida, CLU, of Monterey Park, has been appointed manager of Cal-Western Life's Wilshire Agency, it was announced by Bill Daniels, CLU, Vice President and Manager of Agencies for the Sacramento-based insurance firm.

Prior to joining Cal-Western in July, 1957, Kushida was regional director of the Japanese American Citizens League in Chicago and Los Angeles. For many years a leading member of the agency he now heads, Kushida has qualified for every company convention as well as winning every year the life insurance industry's coveted National Quality Award. He has been a frequent member of Cal-Western's exclusive President's Council as well as the firm's "Top Ten" and attained his Chartered Life Underwriter designation in 1965.

"Cal-Western has been a familiar and friendly name in the Japanese American community for over half a century and our Wilshire Agency is proud to continue to serve its many thousands of policyowners with the best in both individual and group life and health insurance as well as pension and profit sharing plans and estate planning," Kushida said, adding that opportunities are available to qualified men seeking a satisfying and rewarding career. The Wilshire Agency is located at 3600 Wilshire Blvd.

JACL urges anti-poverty programs be kept in present OEO structure

(Special to The Pacific Citizen)

WASHINGTON — Addressed to both the Nixon Administration and appropriate congressional committees, the JACL this past week endorsed the statement on the future of the Office of Economic Opportunity as prepared by the National Leadership Conference on Civil Rights.

The JACL is a charter and founding member of the Leadership Conference.

While the Administration plans to relegate the OEO to a research and evaluation organization by spinning off all operational programs to other federal agencies, thus reflecting "a diminished concern for current anti-poverty needs and demand for community action at the local level," the Leadership Conference has recommended:

1—The present program be extended for two years and to include whatever amendments to fortify the original mission of the agency and current requirements.

2—Community action programs not be transferred or terminated without prior Congressional review.

3—The OEO budget reflect a much higher level of funding particularly for community action, special impact and innovation programs.

4—Strengthening the legal services program within the EOA Act.

5—Keeping the VISTA program as an integral part of OEO.

6—Local share for community action and other OEO programs not be raised to 25% as proposed.

The OEO's mission is "to strengthen, supplement and coordinate efforts in the furtherance" of a policy to "eliminate the paradox of poverty in the midst of plenty," the Leadership Conference reminded.

The OEO is the federal government's lasting commitment to the war on poverty and as rallying point around which the poor and disadvantaged people can command attention and assistance, the statement continued.

Participation of citizens at the local level to determine use and allocation of money for community action programs is the heart of the OEO anti-poverty program. No other organization has done more to champion the importance of the nonprofessional in our society, the statement said.

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NEWS CAPSULES

Courtroom

Hawaii Supreme Court Justice **Bert Kobayashi** wrote the Mar. 31 opinion invalidating a state law which keeps a man in prison because he cannot pay a fine, since it denies "equal protection" to the poor. But the court rejected the idea that fines could be abolished and all convicted persons sent to prison, since the plight of the indigent is unchanged and promotes an inverse discrimination because the employed man with funds would suffer a greater penalty. Case involved George Tackett who was found guilty of grand larceny and ordered to serve 10 days in prison because he could not pay a $50 fine. Tackett was represented by the county public defender. Earlier last month the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that it is unconstitutional to jail a man because he is unable to pay a fine.

Former Los Angeles police officer **Peter J. Lupton** pleaded guilty Apr. 16 to a federal charge that he violated the civil rights of a young woman, **May Ling Lu**, 20, by forcing her to partially disrobe for a search in his patrol car. Queried by U.S. District Judge Warren Ferguson on the incident, Lupton said that while on patrol in Chinatown at 11:30 p.m. last May 18, he stopped a young couple's vehicle "without probable cause". He said he suggested —also without probable cause —that the young lady accompany him to a police station for a search. She declined but agreed to submit to a search in the vehicle and partially disrobed, exposing "her private parts". Lupton denied he touched or threatened her. An officer for five years, married but with no children, he resigned, forfeiting retirement donations and other benefits amount to about $3,000 and is now unemployed. Lupton also participated in the police raid on a Skid Row apartment which ended in the "mistake" slaying of two Mexican nationals but was not charged.

Entertainment

Active Hollywood JACLer **James "Butch" Kasahara** and the Alii Nuies continues to entertain at the Islander Restaurant on La Cienega Blvd. in Beverly Hills.

Politics

The Calif. Senate Democratic Campaign Committee, chaired by Sen. **Alfred Song** (Monterey Park), has decided to stay clear of the special June 22 primaries to fill the 27th District (Los Angeles) vacancy but actively support the party candidate in the July runoff. Assemblymen Alex P. Garcia (D) of the 40th District and David A. Roberti (D) of the 48th District are leading contenders. Republican candidate **Edwin C. Hiroto**, a hospital administrator, has been gaining grass-roots support from bipartisan groups since he announced his intention early this year.

Business

Active Parlier JACLer **Nobuo Ebisuda** was promoted vice president af Central Bank (formerly the Central Valley National Bank) in Parlier. The branch manager since 1967, he started his career as a teller in 1953.

S. Richard Komatsu, spoke to the American Water Works Assn., California sec., on the "Economics of Environmental Design" at its 22nd annual conference at San Diego. Komatsu is a principal in the San Francisco and Richmond architectural firm of Hardison and Komatsu Associates. He is also serving his third term on the Planning Commission for the City of El Cerrito.

Yoshio Yanagisako, who started the Island Noodle Factory 28 years ago in Honolulu, is now manufacturing saimin for the Mainland market at his Las Vegas plant. He also has visions of having saimin stands, aiming seriouly at the lower-income markets, particularly black.

Payne Co., manufacturers of **air conditioning and heating** products with plants in City of Industry, Calif., and Collierville, Tenn., honored **Bill Y. Kobayashi** of Montebello as its top salesman for 1970 with a Master Marketer Award and a $1,000 cash bonus. Award is presented annually to the winning district sales manager or branch manager. Kobayashi joined the firm in 1963 and is district sales manager in the San Gabriel Valley, San Bernardino County and Las Vegas area. He graduated in mechanical engineering from USC in 1959 and also holds a master's degree in business administration from the same school.

Fine Arts

Paper sculpture of Chicago designer **James Higa** from Hawaii are being exhibited during the month of April at the Chicago Public Library. He is now free-lancing but has worked with Sears and with Container Corp. of America in advertising and package design.

Crime

County sheriff deputies and city police officers raided 22 massage parlors, arrested 61 persons Apr. 8-9 after one of the most extensive raids on charges ranging from bribery of officers to conspiracy to commit prostitution. Tanaka's parlor, managed by **Hiroshi Tanaka**, 41, of 1851 W. Imperial Highway in Inglewood, was among those hit. Also booked were **Kazue Nagata**, 24, of Los Angeles, and **Masae Ikeda**, 41, a masseuse.

Military

Award for **Sp/5 Dennis M. Fujii** of Kauai, whose exploits during the rescue operations in Laos Feb. 18-22, won him the Silver Star has been upgraded to the Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second highest decoration for valor, "by direction of the President," the Army announced.

Sports

Randy Yamamoto, 19, of Watsonville Eagle Golf Club, shot a 76 over Rancho Canada and a 79 over Pebble Beach to successfully defend his field low gross title at the 21st annual NC Nisei Golf Assn. tournament Apr. 3-4. The 4-handicapper of Cabrillo College paced a field of 240 entries. Six-handicapper **Gordy Kono** of the East Bay Golf Club fired a net 144 over the two courses to take field low net.

Osaka professional bowler **Mitsuteru Yamada** set a new record with an 899 series (one shy of a perfect 900) on games of 300-300-299 in the West Japan monthly tournament Apr. 6 at Osaka. Earlier this year (Jan. 31), **Nobuyuki Katagiri** of Yokohama bowled a 279-300-300 in the East Japan monthly professional tournament in Yokohama—thus two Japanese bowlers have rolled two perfect 300 games back-to-back.

The San Francisco Giants signed southpaw pitcher **Kunihiro Yoshioka**, 21, who was to start this year with the Tokyo Lotte Orions, which completed its first American spring-training program in Arizona-California . . . Paramount High halfback **Dan Chikami**, named to appear in the annual North-South Shrine football game this summer, was among 12 recipients of the National Football Foundation scholar-athlete award.

Penthouse Clothes Lakers of L.A. defeated the Berkeley Royals for the Calif. Nisei Athletic Union AA basketball crown in the annual North-South series, which started 20 years ago.

Local Scene

Los Angeles

The **California Bonsai Society** presents its 14th annual show of miniature trees at the Calif. Museum of Science and Industry May 1-8, probably the largest display of bonsai to be seen outside of Japan, according to John Naka, who has been the prime organizer of this show since its outset. This year's show will feature 250 trees. Admission to the exhibit is free and demonstrations are planned for 2 p.m. during the week.

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"Go For Broke" children's art exhibit during the Easter holidays held in cooperation with Nobuyuki Gallery attracted over 100 entries. Top winners were Janet Tamiko Turner, 7, of Long Beach for her crayon drawing of her pet goldfish, and Joan Hamaguchi, 9, of South San Gabriel.

Deaths

Kenneth K. Morita, 20, of Gardena, was presumed drowned at Torrance Beach Apr. 3 as the Coast Guard and friends gave up their week-long search of the offshore waters. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Morita.

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Bill Hosokawa

From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.

ON THE BRINK—In one respect, the Mile-Hi (Denver) Chapter of JACL was ahead of the times. Several years ago, before most of the current crop of young Nisei and older Sansei JACL activists threw their energies into the movement nationally, a group of individuals in their late twenties and early thirties expressed dissatisfaction with the way the local chapter was operating. They had excellent reason for their discontent. The chapter was limping along in weary fashion, traveling over time-worn trails. It needed new ideas and new blood. Most of all, it needed new leadership, and the oldtimers were only too happy to turn the job over to the younger people.

What happened is that they turned over not only the leadership, but the whole blinkin' chapter and said in effect, "It's yours; run it."

The younger people tried, but without the scarring experience of struggling over the years without active public support (as most local JACL leaders must), they became discouraged when their programs and functions drew scant attention. Before long they threw up their hands and said if the community wasn't going to back them, to hell with it. They had other fish to fry.

The matter of competitive interests and concerns is not peculiar to this area. In other localities, particularly east of the Sierras where there are relatively small Japanese American populations and cultural assimilation is well advanced, it is natural that business-social-church-neighborhood interests should begin to loom larger and more important than ethnically-oriented matters.

And so, despite some efforts to breathe some life into the Mile-Hi chapter, it has lain dormant much of the time, stirring only infrequently to prove that it had not expired altogether. Periodically, some effort is made to arrive at a decision: Do we fold up and forget about JACL as a viable local organization? Or is it too important a movement to be allowed to die and be buried.

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One of those moments arrived several weeks ago, but when word was received that Raymond Uno, the national president, would be in town on Easter Sunday, it was suggested any decision be put off until he could be heard from.

More than 20 individuals—Issei, Nisei and Sansei—gave up a part of their Easter Sunday afternoon to hear Uno. By local chapter standards, this was a banner turnout. And one and all found Uno to be an enthusiastic, articulate, persuasive spokesman for the organization he leads.

Uno ran down the list of his committee chairmen, mostly young Nisei and older Sansei who are eminently qualified and successful in their professions, but who believe so strongly in JACL that they are devoting an enormous amount of their time and energies to it. He told of JACL's spreading concerns—concerns that the Nisei haven't "made it" despite some evidence to the contrary, concerns that the Nisei as a group are losing out in the nation's forward thrust because they are such a small and now-unobstrusive minority, concerns based on the fact that many of their own children are being overwhelmed by the pressures and frustrations of the times and are in need of help that can be provided best by their peers.

And when he had finished, it was evident that eyes had been opened to the national picture which had been clouded by relatively minor local concerns. Uno in an hour stirred more local interest than everyone else had been able to do in months. And so there seems to be a chance that the folks hereabouts will agree that JACL is a very necessary organization whose functions will not infringe on the preserve of other organizations. If they do, the chapter will be reborn in one of the nation's larger Japanese American communities. At any rate, we'll see.

El Pimentero — Frank Fukazawa

Ride the Kokuden

Tokyo

The incredibly punctual elevated trains circling Tokyo is something to experience. Probably some of the readers have already rode on them. Well, here it is again for them, not to forget, with a minor recent change. It is the "smooth mood" as the Japanese say, practiced by the train authorities to soften your "stress" inside the train.

Getting on at Shinjuku, the northern station where all the local lines terminate, starts the first step to stress. During the peak rush hour in the morning, the biggest problem is, "how to get in". Hundreds of people are packed completely on the narrow platform, edge-to-edge, like black bowling pins. One push and they would all be tumbling onto the track below.

The train arrives! An assault of a ball of people aims for the door. Something like a football scramble but stronger. Only a trickle can enter because nobody is getting off. They are all headed for Tokyo Station where half a million pour out daily! For each door, there are two husky looking students employed for the morning rush. Their job is to push and push the crowd from behind and get them in.

Once Inside

Once inside, the first stress is not over. The pressure from the overcrowded train is tremendous. Of course, you can't budge an inch. From the train P.A. system comes a sweet monotone. "Omachi doo sama deshita." (Sorry, to have kept you waiting so long.) Usually, you have to wait for about three trains to pass by until you can make it. Next beams out a warning. "Brace yourself for the next curve. There will be a jolt!" How can you brace yourself when your feet are barely touching the floor? Being squeezed from all sides, you are just hanging in mid-air.

The train begins to brake for the next stop. Everybody sways forward at a 45 degree angle. Your feet are dangling by now. Strangers try to brace themselves and stand straight. Will power or physical power can never sustain this pressure. Use the Judo or Aikido technique is the pro's advice. The other fellow's power will keep you floating. Otherwise, you will find yourself sprawled on the floor flat.

Among those who are lucky enough to have seats, hardly anyone is awake. They are comfortably sleeping the time away, while others are wrestling and hovering over their heads.

Destination Tokyo

Finally, we are at Tokyo Station. "Otsukare sama deshita! Tokyo, Tookyooo!" quietly says the conductor in a consoling voice. Translating this literally it goes; "You must have had an honorable tiredness. Sorry." Honorable tiredness indeed! Our polished shoes are streaked with dirt. One button is missing. The coat is full of wrinkles and even the necktie is facing the wrong direction.

Out at last on the platform, you doubt your ears ... A beautiful "Vienna Waltz" by Strauss comes soothing out from nowhere. The soothing music to soothe your honorable tiredness. Sometimes, there is wonderful music with birds singing. Hidden speakers are placed in the ceiling throughout the huge station. The half million crowd individually disperse one by one to their offices, with the tiredness of a beaten team and soft music in their hearts. Riding the Kokuden (the National Railways) is an experience. Don't forget to put it in your sightseeing schedule. But at the rush hour!

California law on anti-bussing allowed to stand

WASHINGTON — California's new antibussing statute, deliberately designed to sidestep court-ordered school integration, was perhaps not as explicit as its authors intended.

Early last year, Superior Court Judge Alfred Gitelson —since defeated for reelection —ordered the Los Angeles Board of Education to institute "full integration" in its schools. Bussing appeared to be the answer. The board appealed.

Even before the appeal could be heard, the State Legislature passed a law providing that no school district "shall require any student ... to be transported for any purpose . . . without the written permission of the parent or guardian."

That law, when it was appealed to the State Supreme Court, was upheld — but on grounds so narrow that its purpose was defeated. The state justices said pupils still had to attend the schools to which they were assigned by the school board—and if they did not choose to avail themselves of the transportation provided, they had to furnish their own transportation.

Declines to Intervene

On Apr. 5, the U.S. Supreme Court declined without comment to intervene in the California court's decision. The case was brought by the San Francisco school district to enforce another desegregation plan that involved bussing.

Thus, the nation's highest tribunal let stand a state court decision that said in part:

"We do not believe the section of the law should be interpreted to prohibit the (school) board from assigning a student to a particular school without parental consent, even if such assignment would involve bussing."

If interpreted otherwise, the state court added, the law would be unconstitutional in that parents could inject racial discrimination into schools by vetoing pupil assignments.

Appellate court rules on Ohta murder issue

SAN FRANCISCO—The state appellate court denied on Apr. 9 a petition for a change of venue from Santa Cruz County for the trial of John Linley Frazier, accused of slaying Dr. Victor Ohta, his wife, their two sons and secretary last fall.

Public defender James Jackson contended widespread publicity at the time of the multiple slaying Oct. 19 and capture of Frazier four days later would make it impossible to have a fair trial in the county. Superior Court Judge Charles Franich denied the motion originally.

CHICAGO JACLER TO HELP PICK SBA MAN OF YEAR

CHICAGO—The Small Business Administration announced Harry Mizuno of Chicago has been named to a nationwide committee which will select the U.S. Small Businessman of the Year from among 30 nominees selected, three per person, from 10 SBA regions throughout the nation.

The ultimate selection will be announced during National Small Business Week, May 16-22.

Mizuno, an insurance administrator, has served on the SBA's Illinois advisory council since September, 1969. The council serves as a liaison between the SBA and business and industrial interests throughout the state.

35,000 Mainlanders move to Hawaii in 1970

HONOLULU — The State Dept. of Planning and Economic Development statistician reported a total of 35,855 new residents moved to the Islands from the Mainland during 1970 — which includes some 13.000 military personnel and dependents, replacing a similar number who are rotated out.

There is no firm figure on the number of other Islanders leaving during the year, but it has been estimated at 12,000.

STATEWIDE CONFERENCE OF ASIAN CLUBS CALLED

FRESNO — The Sansei Club and Chinese Club at Fresno State College scheduled a weekend organizational meeting April 17-18 here to form the Asian Students Intercollegiate Assn. (ASIA), the Fresno JACL Newsletter reported.

The statewide association would encompass social, cultural and service organizations existing for Asian American collegians.

PULSE ON THE CHAPTERS:

CULTURAL-TRADE SHOW—Sonoma County JACL and the Cardinal Newman Assn. co-sponsor a gala three-day Japanese festival at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds starting this afternoon (Apr. 23) at 4 p.m. Joining hands in this civic activity are the co-chairmen, Fran Peters, Fred Yokoyama, Dick Columbini and Dr. Roy Okamoto.

Sonoma County all set for 2nd edition of Japanese cultural-trade festival

SANTA ROSA — All week long, the Sonoma County Fairground pavilion has been undergoing a change to house the second edition of the Japanese cultural and trade festival to be unveiled this afternoon, April 23, at 4 p.m.

Co-sponsored by the Sonoma County JACL and Cardinal Newman Assn., a parent booster group for Newman High School, the festival was staged successfully for the first time last April as a means of exposing Japanese culture to the public and raise funds at the same time.

April Events

Some 20 Bay Area firms dealing in Japanese products, ranging from the transistor to automobile, are participating in the trade fair while a good number of devotees and students of Japanese cultural and martial arts will exhibit their talent at the south end of the pavilion. The schedule of the special cultural program follows:

April 23 (Fri.) 8:30 p.m.—Japanese classical dancing by Mme. Michiya Hanayagi of Oakland and her group.

April 24 (Sat.) 1 p.m.—Classical dancing by Mme. Yaemichi Hanayagi of Sonoma County and her group; 3 p.m.—Judo demonstration; 4 p.m.—San Francisco Taiko Group; 5 p.m.—Karate, Sonoma State students; 9 p.m.—Hanayagi dancers.

April 25 (Sun.) 1 p.m.—Japanese dances, Jr. JACL girls; 3 p.m.—Kendo demonstration; 5 p.m.—Japanese dances.

Display and demonstrations of ikebana, doll making, pottery, cosmetics, bonsai and Japanese carp as well as serving of Japanese food — tempura, noodles, kushiyaki, sushi and refreshments — complete the festival fare.

Four Co-Chairmen

Managing the three-day festival are four co-chairmen, Dr. Roy Okamoto and current chapter president Fred Yokoyama for Sonoma County JACL and Fran Peters and Dick Columbini for Cardinal Newman Assn. Because of the tremendous undertaking, the Sonoma County Gardeners Assn., the Bonsai Club, Santa Rosa Ikebana International and Enmanji Buddhist Temple are assisting.

The gardeners have installed a 30x50 ft. Japanese garden with a pond.

Yokoyama expects some 20,000 people from the North Bay counties here to attend. He also extended an open invitation to the Northern California JACL chapter members and officers to see his chapter in action at the community level and called attention to a special registration desk to be maintained at the JACL booth.

The doors open at noon on Saturday and Sunday. General admission is $1.50, students 50 cents and children under 12 free.

Councilmanic candidates to address Salinas Valley

Candidates for the Salinas city council will be presented after the **Salinas Valley JACL** business session Apr. 26, 8 p.m., at the Palo Alto-Salinas S&L Assn. bldg. Scheduled to appear are Henry Hibino, city parks and recreation commissioner, and Mel Abdelaziz, Salinas High school vocational instructor.

Hibino recently represented the JACL in the Congress for Community Progress gathering here for civic-oriented groups.

Furutani to address Selanoco JACL Apr. 23

JACL community involvement coordinator Warren Furutani will be guest speaker at the **Selanoco JACL** general meeting April 23, 7:30 p.m., at Windermere Park, 15261 Cheshire St., La Mirada, it was announced by Babe Karasawa, chapter president.

Scholarship candidates, new members are guests

San Jose JACL's annual potluck dinner honoring its high school graduate scholarship candidates and new members will be held this Saturday, April 24, 6:30 p.m., at the local Buddhist Church annex. Folksingers will entertain after the dinner.

The chapter administers five scholarships, two from the San Jose JACL, and one each from the William K. Yamamoto memorial fund, the the Toshi Taketa memorial fund and San Jose Nisei Bowling Assn.

New Officers

Long Beach-Harbor elects woman president

Mrs. Marian Nagano became the second president in the 33-year history of Long Beach-Harbor District JACL. (Dianne Shimizu was the first woman president in the chapter in 1968.) An office supervisor, Mrs. Nagano has been on the chapter board since 1965 and succeeds Charles Yata.

North San Diego installs Tom Honda

Tom T. Honda of Carlsbad was installed as president of the **North San Diego JACL** on April 9 at an Oceanside restaurant. Jeffrey Matsui, associate National JACL director, was the installing officer.

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ASIAN AMERICANS FOR PEACE DECRY SENTIMENT IDOLIZING LT. CALLEY

WASHINGTON — Asian Americans, led by a woman with a brother in a prisoner of war camp in North Vietnam, expressed alarm Apr. 14 over public reaction to the U.S. Army conviction of Lt. William L. Calley, Jr.

Mrs. Toyo Uyeyama Biddle read a statement on behalf of eight Asian-American organizations located in various parts of the United States which condemned those who have opposed the murder verdict against Calley and seek to make him a "hero."

"As Asian-Americans, we are alarmed at the public sentiment in this country against the Calley verdict," the statement said.

"We are alarmed when a U.S. Congressman wishes to present a medal and citation for recognition of superior service to an officer who has been found guilty of slaughtering Asian women and children."

MacArthur Quoted

The statement quoted from the late Gen. Douglas MacArthur's condemnation of Japanese General Tomoyuki Yamashita, who was hung as a war criminal after World War II, which spoke of a soldier being "charged with the protection of the weak and the unarmed."

"Yet when it comes to criminal acts against the Asian people, many in this country now claim the innocence of a man who struck down the weak and the unarmed," the statement said.

"We can only conclude with despair that many in this nation do not value Asian lives — that indeed this country, to which our ancestors came with hope and good faith — look upon Asians as being less than human."

The statement said that making Calley a "hero" would seriously threaten our relations with other countries, particularly those in Asia and added, "As Asian-Americans we ask that America live up to its ideals of equality and humanity, and uphold the Calley verdict."

Sansei Gov't Worker

Mrs. Biddle, a government worker who was born in California and grew up in New Jersey, said she "could not see how we could ask for humane treatment of U.S. prisoners in North Vietnam when we condone incidents like My Lai."

Her brother, Maj. Terry J. Uyeyama, she said, was shot down while flying reconnaisance over North Vietnam and has been in a Communist prison camp for the past three years.

Peace Sunday rally planned in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES—Asian American reaction to the wave of sentiment asserting Lt. William Calley's innocence in the My Lai massacre was evidenced this past week in plans being announced for a Peace Sunday observance May 16 at the Biltmore Bowl.

A local group has invited the three Japanese Americans in Congress, Sen. Daniel Inouye and Reps. Spark Matsunaga and Patsy T. Mink, to attend the Asian Americans for Peace rally.

Among the signatories of the invitation were:

Dr. Thomas Noguchi, Kiyoshi Kawai, Jeffrey Matsui and Dr. Dave Miura.

The Peace Sunday group noted that making Lt. Calley a hero and the My Lai murders acts necessary for military expediency leads to a conclusion that "many in this nation do not value Asian lives ... that (we) countenance slaughter of innocent people as long as they are yellow."

The statement ended: "More than the honor of the American Army, more than our international image is involved. Our honor as a nation is at stake. We cannot condone these outrages against the people of Asia and hope to call ourselves a civilized nation. As Asian Americans we stand for our country. We ask that it live up to its traditions of equality and humanity, and uphold the Calley verdict."

(A similar statement was read earlier by Mrs. Toyo Uyeyama Biddle in Washington, D.C.)

'Diminished Responsibility'

At USC, Dr. Frederick Hacker, clinical professor of law and psychiatry, commented on the Calley case. Hhe said Calley might have been found guilty of a lesser charge of manslaughter rather than murder at My Lai if his military jury had been able to use the legal doctrine of "diminished responsibility" used in Europe and Africa. The doctrine has received scant acceptance in the U.S.

Dr. Hacker, remembered as a defense witness for Dr. Thomas Noguchi during his fight to retain his county coroner position, explained:

"Its thesis is that between a state of insanity which removes legal punishment and full and conscious responsibility and premeditation which brings on such punishment lies an intermediate state of mind.

"If a defendant is sane, but is not fully cognizant of his actions, then his criminal responsibility is reduced.

"Calley was placed in a combat zone, given orders to kill, experienced an enemy where danger was hard to recognize and saw booby traps maiming comrades.

"He is not a criminal in the sense of a man who, under normal circumstances, pulls out a gun and kills. Nor is he as morally guiltless as he proclaims for he did knowingly commit the act which destroyed a lot of people . . .

"We have no diminished responsibility concept to use now. Either it was full responsibility or it was insanity. And clearly you cannot claim insanity unless the whole Army is insane."

On the other hand, Columbia Law Prof. Herbert Wechsler rejected the doctrine and noted the British experience with it has been poor and "nobody knows how to explain it to a jury." He argues that circumstances surrounding the crime should not be considered in determining the degree of guilt but rather should be referred to when deciding the amount of punishment.

Calley no hero, says Seattle ACE leader

SEATTLE—Dr. Joseph Okimoto, chairman of Asian Coalition for Equality, in a statement Apr. 11, said Lt. William Calley is no hero but a man who has been convicted of murder by a six-man jury of military officers.

"Asians cannot and will not forget that there was a massacre at the village of My Lai, and unarmed men, women and children were murdered." Dr. Okimoto said.

The coalition believes the guilt for My Lai extends much higher than Calley, Dr. Okimoto said, but the guilt of others "does not end or erase the guilt of Calley who did kill innocent civilians."

He continued, "The Asian Coalition wants it made perfectly clear that Asians are not subhuman.

"For most Americans, life is cheap in Asia. ACE will not remain silent when our brothers and sisters are being killed and injured in an immoral, unjust was being waged in Southeast Asia by the United States."

The coalition urged the immediate withdrawal of the United States from Southeast Asia to "let Asians decide their own destiny."

Lily's View of My Lai Sweep for Dandelions

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S ROLE

Fresno

It is unfortunate that the current controversy regarding the book, "Japanese Americans: The Untold Story", has generated so much heat that for both the opponents and the proponents, an objective judgment on the merits and demerits of the book has become very difficult. Many personality clashes seem to have developed, and more seems to be developing.

The San Francisco JACL took exception to the withdrawal of approval by the National JACL Executive Committee. The Riverside JACL is currently seeking approval of the book in light of the many deletions and revisions made by the authors in answer to the criticisms made of the book by its opponents.

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Aside from the controversy over the book, and more important in our opinion, is the fact that the efforts of the Riverside JACL to poll other JACL chapters on the revised edition have been interpreted by some as an effort to usurp the jurisdiction and the authority of the Executive Committee.

This is unfortunate.

There is nothing in the JACL Constitution that can be interpreted as a prohibition on any chapter to poll other chapters on any action that might have been taken by the National Board or the Executive Committee.

On the contrary we think that it is very salutary that some of the chapters which make up the National Council, which, in turn, is the legislative arm of the JACL, take the interest to question the judgment of the Executive Committee. The actions of both the National Board and the Executive Committee should be subject to the review of the chapters composing the National Council.

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There is some question as to the extent of the powers delegated to the Executive Committee by the National Board. The Constitution states:

"An 'Executive Committee' of the National Board shall, during the interim that the National Board is not in session, be responsible for and conduct functions of the National Board **as designated and authorized by the National Board."**

Inasmuch as the National Board meets only once a year, and the Executive Committee may meet as often as it deems necessary, and if the delegation of authority is considered to be a total delegation of all of the powers of the National Board, it must be conceded that a tremendous amount of authority has been placed in the hands of a very few people.

The Executive Committee, according to the Constitution, is composed of the President, the President-elect, the three Vice Presidents and the Treasurer. We believe that a later addition was made of the Immediate Past President and a Junior JACL representative.

The present membership of the Executive Committee has no representation from three of the eight District Councils —Mountain Plains, Pacific Northwest and Central California. The predominantly rural areas are not represented except very remotely. It would be difficult to maintain that the Executive Committee is adequately representative of the membership of the JACL.

It seems that at the very minimum, all District Councils should be represented.

In recent practice, the Executive Committee seems to be making major policy decisions and taking major actions for the entire organization.

Both the National Board and the Executive Committee seem to be assuming many functions which should be the sole prerogative of the National Council, unless specifically delegated by the National Council to the National Board and its Executive Committee.

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Some method should be devised to poll chapters on matters which concern major policy decisions which were not taken up at the previous National Council meeting.

The fact that the Council, which is the only National body in which the chapters have direct representation, meets only once in two years, and because expense, distance and timing prevent a large number of chapters from sending official representatives to that infrequent meeting, it becomes a matter of conjecture as to the importance of the function of the National Council in the overall hierarchy of the JACL.

It would be well that a review now be made as to the limits of the authority granted to the Executive Committee.

We do not believe that it was meant that six or eight persons, no matter how well-qualified, established policy, make major decisions and take major action for the entire organization.

Renew Your Membership

CALENDAR

Apr. 23 (Friday)
Selanoco—Gen Mtg, Windermere Park, La Mirada, 7:30 p.m.; Warren Furutani, spkr.

April 23—25
Sonoma County—Japanese Trade Fair, Sonoma County Fairgrounds.

Apr. 24 (Saturday)
San Jose—Potluck Dnr, Buddhist Church Annex, 6:30 p.m.
Contra Costa—Family Bowling Night, Albany Bowl.
Clovis—Benefit Japanese movies, C. Todd Clark School, 6:30 p.m.
Riverside — Gen Mtg, Watkins House, 7:30 p.m., Films on Sendai, Mayor Ben Lewis, spkr.
Contra Costa — Family Bowling Night, Albany Bowl.
D.C.—Speakers Club Mtg.

Apr. 25 (Sunday)
Monterey Peninsula—Spring potluck, JACL Hall, 5 p.m.
Dayton—Family picnic, Eastwood Park.

Apr. 26 (Monday)
Salinas Valley—Gen Mtg, Palo-Salinas S&L
Berkeley—Bd Mtg, American S&L, 7:30 p.m.

Apr. 28 (Wednesday)
Monterey Peninsula—Bd Mtg, JACL Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Apr. 30 (Friday)
San Francisco—Installation dnr. Nikko Sukiyaki, 6:30 p.m., Dr. Thomas Shaheen, spkr.
Salinas Valley—Scholarship benefit movies.

May 1 (Saturday)
Deadline—JAL-JACL finalists to Hq.

May 1—2
NC-WNDYC — Sequoia Jr JACL hosts: Dist. Qtrly, Cabana Hotel.

May 2 (Sunday)
Salinas Valley—Yamato Cemetery Clean-up.
Portland—Graduates Dnr, Sheraton Motor Hotel 5:30 p.m.; Ben Padrow, spkr.

May 7 (Friday)
Downtown L.A.—Mother's Day dnr, Imperial Dragon, 6:30 p.m.
West Los Angeles—Earth Sci Mtg, Stoner Playground, 7:30 p.m.

May 9 (Sunday)
Cincinnati—Tango-no-Sekku program.

May 12 (Wednesday)
Orange County—Gen Mtg, Bank of Tokyo, Santa Ana, 8 p.m.

May 15 (Saturday)
Selanoco—Family Bowling Night, La Habra "300".

May 16 (Sunday)
NC-WNDC—Qtrly Session, San Jose JACL hosts.
Reno—Sukiyaki Dnr, Libby Booth School, 2-5 p.m.

May 22 (Saturday)
Eas t Los Angeles—Emerald Ball.

May 23 (Sunday)
PSWDC—San Diego JACL hosts: 2d Qtrly Session.

May 24 (Monday)
Berkeley—Bd Mtg, American S&L, 7:30 p.m.

CHAPTER PULSE

School head to address S.F. JACL

Dr. Thomas Shaheen, 53, superintendent of the San Francisco Unified School District, was announced as guest speaker for the 1971 **San Francisco JACL** installation dinner on Friday, April 30, at Nikko Sukiyaki. Dinner will be served from 7:30 and after Dr. Shaheen's speech, there will be an open question & answer period.

The 1971 chapter board, headed by attorney George Yamasaki, general manager

Installation

of National Braemar Corp., will be installed. Tickets at $7 per person ($7.75 for students) are obtainable from Yamasaki (567-5400) and board members. On the dinner committee are:

Roy Ikeda, Sandy Ouye, Joanne Ikeda, Wayne Maeda, Wes Doi and Ron Kobata.

Involved in teaching since graduating with honors in Latin from Boston University, Dr. Shaheen was the youngest school superintendent in Rhode Island at age 27 when appointed in 1495. He was cited by the National Education Assn. in 1969 for his work with the school board at Rockford, Ill. Other outstanding achievements include his teacher development and demonstration center at Rockford and having the community there involved in school affairs through an effective p.r. program.

Scholarship

Three chapter awards offered by Seattle JACL

Japanese American high school seniors are eligible for three **Seattle JACL** scholarships this year, according to John Matsumoto, chapter scholarship chairman, of 3207 16th Ave. South. Two are $250 grants in memory of Minoru Tamesa and the other a $100 award in honor of the Rev. Emery E. Andrews. A letter of application is being sent to all eligible students.

May Events

Portland to honor local area graduates

A community dinner to honor all Japanese American graduates from high school and college has been scheduled by **Portland JACL** for Sunday, May 2, 5:30 p.m., at the Lloyd Center Sheraton Motor Inn.

Ben Padrow, Multnomah County commissioner, was announced as guest speaker. Mrs. Fred Nomura is handling reservations at $6.50. Community awards and scholarships will also be presented.

Sunday afternoon sukiyaki dinner planned by Reno

A sukiyaki benefit dinner will be sponsored by **Reno JACL** on Sunday, May 16, 2-5 p.m., at the Libby Booth School, 1450 Stewart St. Tickets are $2.50 for adults, $1.50 for children under 12, according to Tomiko Ihara, dinner chairman.

Salinas' Yamato Cemetery clean-up day slated

Members of the **Salinas Valley JACL** and Salinas Gardeners Assn. will participate in the annual clean-up of Yamato Cemetery on Sunday, May 2, to prepare for the Memorial Day observances.

Downtown L.A. to honor Issei mother of the year

The "Issei Mother of the Year", Mrs. Misao Yoshitomi, will be honored at the 10th annual Mother's Day dinner sponsored by the **Downtown L.A. JACL**, at the Imperial Dragon Restaurant in Little Tokyo, on Friday, May 7, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The committee arranging the affair is headed by Takito Yamaguma, who has made arrangements for a representative of the Consulate General of Japan, Los Angeles, to convey special greetings. Entertainment will be provided by Bando Katsufu.

Dinner tickets at $6 per person are available from Mr. Yamaguma, Bank of Tokyo, (628-2381); Ed Matsuda, (629-3141); or the JACL office, (626-4471).

Greater Portland area graduates to be honored

High school and college graduates of Japanese American families in the Greater Portland area will be honored at a banquet, sponsored by the **Portland JACL**, on Sunday, May 2, 5:30 p.m., in the West Ballroom of the Sheraton Motor Inn.

Guest speaker will be Ben Padrow, Multnomah County Commissioner. Highlighting the banquet will be the annual presentation of awards to outstanding students.

Banquet co-chairmen are Dr. & Mrs. Fred Nomura and Mr. & Mrs. Albert Abe.

March Events

New member night a 5-star success

Michael Levine of Fresno State College described the new Japan picturesquely in a manner so that the old and the young, the Japanophile and total stranger, were all drawn into his interesting presentation of Japanorama at the **Fresno JACL** new member meeting Mar. 27 at the local Buddhist Church Annex.

Industrial Japan, urbane and technocratic, superimposed on feudal Japan was a concept alien to most of the Issei of the Meiji era, Levine pointed out.

The well-arranged, easy-to-attend affair was rated a five-star success. In charge were Dr. George Nii and Mrs. Fusako Shimada.

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need for JACL in small rural communities. They indicated I would be asked some very touchy questions and hoped I wouldn't mind. My talk cut across the elected and appointed officers, the numerous committees, the function of staff, funding, our directions and involvement and the present future of JACL. When the question and answer period came, I was surprised to find little or no response. I was a little concerned and worried I may have offended these people.

Chapter Assured

After the meeting, I got to talking with Sam, Jack and Tom and they assured me that I had answered every question they were going to ask during my speech and the Chapter was more than satisfied that the National Organization was needed, was doing a job no other JA or JA orzanization could in such depth, scope and nationally, and that each Chapter has an obligation to do its share to make its contribution for a stronger and better JACL.

I can assure the National Organization we need these small Chapters and they really are doing their share in ways we do not realize. But, as I travel each weekend to these various chapters, I become more and more convinced, we really do have a unique and structurally sound organization.

We have our differences, we have our internal fights, we have our ups and downs. On the other hand, we have offered more sustained services, tackled some real gut issues, challenged in various ways the assault on minorities and particularly JAs, and are undergoing dramatic changes of orientation that are vital to the existence of our country and our organization.

We do not have to look for issues; they are before us. We do not have to look for work; the work is all cut out for us. With all that is happening throughout this country and this world, if one cannot see what is so obvious to a person who merely opens his eyes, I shudder at the thought of what we as JAs are in for in the next few years.

Fort Lupton wants to be tuned in and they seemed all fired up to want to do their share, regardless of the sacrifice. I left Fort Lupton with a warm and encouraging feeling. I am sure I was not deceived by the kindness, sincerity and vitality of the Chapter members.

Tom and Elaine Urano, Alfred and Margaret Watada, Sam and Katy Koshio, Dr. George and Margaret Uemura and son, Bradley, Shigeo Hayashi and the many other JACL members and especially the Issei people who came out and the youth, I am extremely indebted to.

Jack and Mitzi Tsuhara put me up for the night. Jack is an ex Orange County resident who moved here as a result of the War. Henry Kanegae and Clarence Nishizu are close personal friends of his. We had a good chance to talk about many facets of JA life both at night and at breakfast where Tom Urano and Elaine joined us.

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As Jack and Tom drove me into Denver to meet with the Mile Hi people, we passed the Kitayama Nursery. I understand Colorado has unusual weather and more sunlight than most places and is ideal for carnations and roses which Ray Kitayama ships throughout the U.S. He certainly has a big operation going in a small community. It was a pleasure meeting Ray and Kiyo Kitayama and talking with them.

Small Businessman

Continuing on, we passed Elton Nakamoto's place of business which handled a national franchise until recently. The sudden "yanking" of the franchise presents the brazen and callous manner in which business may be discriminating toward JAs who do not have the financial resource to fight the big corporation. Hopefully, JACL can help alleviate the gross injustice that may have been perpetrated in this case. At least, I don't intend to let small JA businessmen get picked off one by one by corporate America.

The San Marco Room of the Brown Palace Hotel in Denver provided the subdued melodramatic prologue to the meeting with the interested leaders of the Denver community. Governor Tak and Ayako Mayeda, Bill Hosokawa, Tom Masamori (an old acquaintance from the Jr. JACL program days), Dr. Kayo Sunada (Director of the State Hospital for Mentally Retarded and a Rock Spring, Wyoming, native), Y. Inai, President of the Japanese Association, Eijiro Kawamura, vice pres. and treasurer of the Japanese Association (a native of Idaho Falls, a student at the Univ. of Utah and boarder at my Uncle George's home in Salt Lake in the '20s and '30s), Betty Suzuki, Oski and Gladyse Taniwaki had Easter lunch while analyzing the anatomy of the Denver JA community.

Denver has prospects and promise as a Chapter, but securing involvement and commitment from Chapter members has created an almost insurmountable task, but not impossible. A meeting at Cathay Post, Nisei Vets center, attracted more community people, especially the younger set, for further discussion: John Noguchi, Min Yasui, Elaine Takahashi, Tom Tamaki, Mark Ariki, Mark Hagio, Glen Oya, Marge Taniwaki, Robert Inai, Marlene Yamada, Ricki Ota and Tak Terasaki comprise a group, together with the previously mentioned people, laden with talent, energy and enterprise enough to form a solid nucleus for any JACL Chapter.

Issei Still Concerned

A rapid-fire monologue on my part certainly did not create an atmosphere for mutual exchange of ideas and thoughts, but the demands of time prevented any constructive dialogue at this time. But, I was really impressed and encouraged by the attitude of Y. Inai, President of the Japanese Association. He said, although the Issei are old, they will do whatever they can in any way they can to help the younger people. I cannot repeat all he said that day, but I left with a very strong feeling of commitment and obligation to the Issei who have proven to me, over and over again, they are still in there pitching and want to see the JAs strong, active and working together.

Governor Tak drove me to the airport during the midst of the meeting. I know not what happened afeer my departure. I hope some spark was generated to instill some direction for finding some strong leaders for the Chapter. Here, again, the need for staff help cries out because of the pain.

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Over and over again, the need for staff help has manifested itself in Chapter after Chapter. It has become more than evident that we must look toward the trained community organizer, a commodity in hot demand by every organization, but worth his weight in gold for the lucky people who latch on to a good one.

It is my opinion that the growth and well-being of JACL is going to depend on how soon and in what quantity we move toward either training our staff or getting new staff who are highly trained by education and experience in community organization work and developing of effective programming. The days of the penny-ante poker game have faded into the past; we are playing for big stakes and we need the cards; we can't bluff much longer or we will literally lose our "pants!" Who's got the joker up his sleeve? We need it now.

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Rotary-Engine Car

Seattle

Southlanders soon will become familiar with yet another Japanese import name, when Mazda Motors of America debuts in California, May 1, with Japan's rotary-engine car.

Soon to bust-out are outdoor posters in major California markets. An 8-page newspaper supplement and an 8-week saturation radio schedule also will herald Mazda's arrival.

The name, Mazda, we understand, comes from the Matsuda family name, Kohei Matsuda heads the firm. Try saying "Matsuda" fast, several times, and sure enough, it comes out "Mazda," like the old-time light bulbs.

This Northwest Corner has been exposed to Mazda cars since June, 1970. Seattle was the first base in Continental U.S., with Honolulu and Vancouver, B.C. (joint with C. Itoh & Co.) preceding Seattle.

The base at Jacksonville, Florida, followed in August, 1970, with the help of Sumitomo Shoji. Then Mazda opened in Houston, Texas, this base, again, in cooperation with C. Itoh. Now California.

The No. 3 automaker of Japan is a bit late going into California, but Mazda (Toyo Kogyo of Hiroshima) markets in nearly 80 countries in the world. Toyota, Datsun, Subaru (Fuji), Honda and Colt (Chrysler-Mitsubishi) are already in California.

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Toyo Kogyo is a licensee on the rotary engine from NSU/Wankel of West Germany. The Japanese firm spent nearly $12 million in further developing the rotary, since 1961. Mass marketing began in 1967.

The R-100 (in Japan, the Familia series) and the new RX-2 (Capella series) rotary cars carry sticker prices starting around $2,500 POE.

It's reported that nearly 400 California/Southwest applicants were willing to cough-up $75,000 to $100,000 for exclusive franchises on the Mazda. They've now signed with about 35 dealers in California for the kick-off.

So the firm that on Aug. 6, 1945, lost 40% of its plant and equipment by the A-bomb (and 400 employees killed or injured) now will be "bombing" the large California market with choice words and pictures. And on into Nevada, Arizona, Utah and New Mexico.

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Japanese car makers will be selling upwards to 500,000 cars in the U.S. alone this year, with about 300,000 going to Japan's Big Two, Toyota and Datsun.

It's going to be an interesting few years in this country. As we watch the sales battle of the compacts and sub-compacts — the Pinto, Vega, Gremlin, Duster, Dart, Hornet, Mustang, Maverick, Valiant, Nova, Cougar, Colt Subaru, Honda, Mazda, Datsun, Toyota, Volkswagen, Opel, Puegeot, Fiat, Volvo, MG, Capri, Cortina, Renault . . .

And, Japan has a few more to offer: the Daihatsu, Suzuki, Isuzu, Hino. If General Motors ties-up with Isuzu, it will be next off the boat.

And Mazda's marking time, waiting for the Ford-Mazda cooperation talks to finalize. The American firm hopes for 20% in capital participation. With the rotary, Ford's money and Ford's technology, look out for Mazda.

The emerging "star" immigrant just might turn out to be Mazda. Right now, they just can't build rotary cars fast enough at Ujina, Hiroshima.

The Rotary Age is here, California. And coming right at you, come May 1. And like they say in their Northwest ads, "someone (surely) cared when they built this one!"

Local college launches Kuromi memorial library

VAN NUYS — Pierce College accepted 54 books on floral design and shop operation to form the Yoke Kuromi memorial library, according to Arthur Ito of Flower View Gardens, Inc., secretary of the Y. Kuromi memorial fund established last year.

Pierce College in San Fernando Valley specializes in agriculture and has classes in floristry. The fund also presented certificates to the floristry classes at Pierce College, Central City Occupational Center and Bell High School to cover purchase of fresh flowers for the spring semester.

Tournament of Champions

PALO ALTO—The No. Calif. Nisei Bowling Federation tournament of champions will be held at Fiesta Lanes here on June 6, which will gather federation member team champions or runners-up in league play, according to Ron Kanagawa, tournament chairman.

Terminal Islanders

LOS ANGELES—Former residents of Terminal Island (San Pedro) will have a reunion June 6, 7 p.m., at the Golden Palace Restaurant, 913 N. Broadway. Fred Shirokawa, 1891 Caspian Ave., Long Beach 90810, is compiling a directory and wants entries.

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Aloha from Hawaii

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Hawaii Today

Honolulu

The House Lands Committee has given its backing to a **200-acre park** on Sand Island, but said the rest of the island needs to be reserved for a sewage plant and light industry. Last year the legislature authorized a park of 140 to 250 acres.

The **Royal Hawaiian Band** for the first time since 1907 may have the opportunity to take Hawaii's music overseas in major tour. **Rep. Tony Kunimura** of Kauai has assured bandmaster **Kennth Kawamura** that his committee (House All-Select Committee) will push passage of a bill to allow private financing of goodwill tours. The 42-piece band is only one of two municipally subsidized full-time bands in the country. The other is the Long Beach, Calif., band. The RHB was founded by King Kamehameha III in 1887.

Because of a **shortage of papayas**, their cost has shot up to a record of 33 cents a pound in Hawaii supermarkets. The blame for this is to be placed on a fungus called phytophthora, which is killing off the fruit at Puna on the Big Island, where about 85 per cent of the state's papayas are grown. **Dr. Jack T. Ishida**, U.H. marketing specialist and professor of agricultural economics, says the fungus has caused the production to drop from 200,000 pounds a month to about 110,000 pounds. This is the first time the cost of papaya has gone over 30 cents, Ishida said.

The alien population of Hawaii as of Mar. 15, 1971, and compiled by the local U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service; 1—Philippines 29,116; 2—Japan 14,546; 3—China and Taiwan 2,167; 4—United Kingdom 1,949; 5—Canada 1,641; 6—Korea 1,483; 7—Germany 757; 8—The Ryukyus 553; 9—France 340; 10—Tonga 328; 11—Trust Territory of the Pacific 316; 12—New Zealand 300; 13—Western Samoa 291; 14—Australia 239; 15—Thailand 252; 16—Netherlands 187; 17—India 170; 19—Mexico 148; 20—Vietnam 142.

There are **22 landmarks** on Hawaii's National Register of Historic Places, but state officials expect to see more in the next few years. The sites were selected by the National Park Service in 1962. The 22 are Mauna Kea Adz Quarry, Mookini Heiau, Kamakahonu (residence of Kam I), City of Refuge at Honaunau, Honokahau Settlement, Puukohola Heiau, Keauhou Holua Slide, South Point Complex, Puu O Mahuka Heiau, Iolani Palace, Kawaiahao Church and Mission Houses, Huilua Fishpond, Pearl Harbor Naval Base, Old Sugar Mill of Koloa, Wailua Complex of Heiaus, Cook Landing Site, Russian Fort, Piilanihale Heiau, Loaloa Heiau, Lahaina Historic District, Hokukano-Ualapue Complex and Kaunolu Village Site.

Rep. Hiroshi Kato has deplored the Public Utilities Commission's approval of a 16.5 per cent rate increase for Hawaiian Telephone Co. The PUC issued a press release saying it had approved the interim rate boost, effective Apr. 15. It will mean an increase in the normal residential phone rate of $1.30 a month, boosting the present rate to $8.95 monthly.

Congressional Score

Rep. Patsy T. Mink says she is joining other congressmen in seeking the unconditional repatriation of 1,600 Indochina War prisoners held by the United States and its allies. She says that 1,600 American servicemen are held prisoner or are missing in action in Indochina and that the "release of an equivalent number of North Vietnamese prisoners might lead to the release of the Americans now being held."

Sen. Hiram L. Fong has again begun his fight to eliminate the costly and troublesome Mediterranean fruit fly and melon fly from Hawaii. "I am working now to make a strong record in both the Senate and House to support federal research on eradicating dangerous fruit fly species," said Fong. "This work is needed, and I will fight for the federal funds to carry it out this year."

Sen. Daniel K. Inouye is drafting legislation for the Navy's early surrender of Kahoolawe. He plans to ask **Sen. Hiram L. Fong** to join with him on the Senate bill which will give title of the island to the State of Hawaii. Similar legislation is being planned for the other side of Capitol Hill under the sponsorship of Democratic Rep. **Spark Matsunaga** and **Patsy T. Mink**.

Crime File

Six of Hawaii's most dangerous criminals executed the most massive jail break in Island history on Friday, Apr. 9, from Halawa Jail but within two days five of them had been recaptured. The escapees: **William K. Medeiros Jr.**, 25; **Edward L. Silva**, 24; **Daniel L. Cuevas**, 21 (serving a 40-year sentence for the 1966 murder of Sueo Yoshikawa, Nisei gas station operator); **Edward Hose III**, 32 (still at-large earlier this week); and **William C. Brown, Jr.**, 21; and **Wendell Kealoha**, 18.

In 1970 there were **368 robbries on Oahu**—60 per cent more than 230 robberies reported in 1969, according to the FBI's preliminary annual report. Aggravated assault, in which someone is seriously injured, rose from 118 cases in 1969 to 170 last year—an increase of 44 per cent. There were 11 per cent more burglaries reported—6,875 last year against 6,194 the year before. There were 15 murders in 1970 and 17 in 1969. There were 55 rapes reported last year, as against 56 the year before.

Charles Norwood, 34, has been sentenced to 35 years of hard labor. He was convicted of second degree murder in the slaying of Edward Mahi in a Kailua-Kona bar last Oct. 16. Circuit Judge Benjamin Menor handed down the sentence, saying, "With one savage act you, Charles Norwood, have sunffed out the life of a man and, also, in the process you have forever wiped out generations of innocent Mahis that might have been."

Honolulu Scene

Part of Waikiki may properly be labeled "rural Waikiki." It now has a barnyard, which is the latest addition to the **Honolulu Zoo.** The barn has cows, chickens, goats, mules, pigs and other animals and fowls. It also has horse-drawn wagons, a hay loft, hoes, windmill and other barnyard equipment. It was officially opened Apr. 1.

Changing Skyline

The **Bishop Estate** has announced its plan for the construction of a third hotel in the Kona area of the Big Island. The new hotel will be built by Kona-Hawaiian Associates, a group composed a five island corporations, and will be operated by the fast growing Hawaiian Pacific Resorts chain. Site of the hotel will be at the north end of the existing golf course, on Kahaluu Beach near Island Holidays' Keauhou Beach Hotel which opened last summer.

Names in the News

An all-women's team under **Mrs. Hiram L. Fong** has begun a month-long campaign to raise $500,000 to build a home for elderly women, adjacent to the Palolo Chinese Home in Kaimuki. The building will have 28 semi-private rooms with adjoining baths.

John M. King, Jr. will take over the presidency of the Rotary Club of Honolulu on July 1 . . . **Sarah N. Leong** has been named the first woman vice president of Liberty Bank, according to C. T. Wong, bank president. She is in charge of the bank's foreign department.

Former State Sen. **Vincent Yano** has been presented the 1970 John Howard Award for individual service. The award is given to the person who has contributed the most in terms of service toward the John Howard Assn.'s goals . . . **Mrs. Mabel D. Ayau** has been appointed postmaster at Hoolehua, and **Mrs. Jeannette M. Toriano** has been named postmaster at Naalehu on the Big Island.

Beverly K. Kunewa, 20, Univ. of Hawaii freshmen, has been named queen of the 43rd annual Lei Day in Hawaii celebration. The event, sponsored by the City-County Parks and Recreation Dept., will be held May 1 at the Waikiki Shell. She is the daughter of the Allan Kunewas of Kaimuki.

Traffic Fatality

Dayne M. Yoshimura, 16, son of the Jack Yoshimuras of Makaha Valley, was killed April 5 when a car in which he was a passenger veered off the Lualualei Homstead Rd. at high speed and rolled over several times. He was Oahu's 15th traffic fatality of 1971, compared to 24 at this time last year.

At State Capitol

A senate bill aimed at eliminating fault as a consideration in dissolving a marriage passed 20 to 3 April 5. The measure was offered by Big Island **Sen. John T. Ushijima.** His bill also eliminates eight other grounds for a divorce—adultery, desertion, sentence of imprisonment, insanity, extreme cruelty, habitual drunkenness or drug use, non support and grievous mental suffering.

Deaths

Thomas M. Yamashita, 57, a charter member of the United Public Workers in Hawaii, died Apr. 1 in his home at North Hollywood, Calif., where he had moved after retirement last year. He was a native of Wailuku, Maui, and carried card No. 1 in the UPW. He was a football coach at Baldwin High School and superintendent of roads for Maui County before his retirement.

Alan Y. Sonoda, 57, a damage prevention coordinator at Matson Navigation Co. and former president of the Hawaiian Golf Assn., died April 4 at St. Francis Hospital. He was hospitalized April 1 following a stroke. He was one of Hawaii's most ardent golf boosters.

Guy N. Rothwell, 80, a leading island architect, died Mar. 26. Rothwell's wife of 53 years, Mary Louise Rothwell, died Mar. 2.

BOOK REVIEW: Allan Beekman

Monumental Pacific War History

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THE RISING SUN: The Decline and Fall of the Japanese Empire, 1936-1945, by John Toland. New York: Random House, 877 pps., $12.95.

With his Japanese wife, Toshiko, serving as chief assistant and interpreter, the author spent five years knitting the fragmented accounts of the Pacific War into a coherent whole. He devoured official records, diaries, and books available on the subject, travelled extensively, and interviewed hundreds of participants.

From his labors has emerged a narrative showing the war from the point of view of both Japanese and Americans. He contends that the establishment of the East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere was a genuine objective of Japan. Not only did Premier Hideki Jojo and his people believe in the Co-Prosperity Sphere, so did most Asians, except for the Chinese. Colonial Asia wholeheartedly supported the move to oust the exploiting white man.

Doubtless there were contributing causes to the war beyond that of the officers' revolt in Tokyo of Feb. 25, 1936, the incident with which the book begins. For example, it seems certain that the Japanese Exclusion Act passed by a vindictive American Congress in 1924 contributed to the estrangement of Japan. But within the scope of the volume, the author masterfully analyzes the causes that led to the final break between Japan and America in late 1941.

Rendered desperate by American imposed economic sanctions, Japan expanded its war against China by attacking Pearl Harbor, scoring a smashing tactical victory. Some American authorities belittle the benefits Japan gained through this surprise attack, but history shows Japan had a free hand in the Pacific for months thereafter.

In the Battle of the Coral Sea, America began to regain some of the lost initiative. Triumphing at Midway, America put Japan permanently on the defensive. The author writes dramatically of the sea fights between the two great navies in the greatest naval war in history: the battles of Savo, Eastern Solomons, Santa Cruz Islands, the Philippines Sea, Leyte Gulf and others.

In the meantime, from his headquarters in Australia, Gen. Douglas MacArthur was opening a route to Tokyo for the land forces. The book recounts these land battles, the landing of American Marines on Guadalcanal, the struggle to gain stepping stones through seizure of South Pacific atolls, and the final major battle of the war at Okinawa.

With the capture of Okinawa, America poised to invade the Japanese mainland. The Japanese Navy was at the bottom of the sea. The Japanese air force had been rendered impotent. The cities of Japan were in ruins. Atomic bombs fell on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Hollow Victory for U.S.

Some Japanese leaders lacked the emotional maturity to acknowledge defeat. They recommended arming the mainland Japanese with bamboo spears, bow and arrows to fend off the imminent invasion. Reason finally prevailed; the Emperor accepted the Potsdam terms of surrender.

America had won a hollow victory. "World War II was over, but it had left in its wake more problems than it had solved. Asia, in the throes of extensive revolt, was discarding the shackles of Western domination . . . American support of French colonialism indicated that her leaders intended to follow Britain's antiquated East of Suez policy —self-determination for nations of Europe but not for Asia — convinced that Asians did not know what was best for themselves and world security. America still had not learned that she had spent her blood and treasure to help win two disparate wars: one against Fascism in Europe, and the other against Asian aspirations."

In a pioneer work of this scope omissions and errors are probably inevitable. There is no mention of how the British raid on the Italian Fleet at Taranto affected Japanese planning for the war. Kolekole Pass through which some of the Japanese flew to the attack on Hawaii becomes Kola Kola Pass. The Japanese physician in Honolulu suspected of collaboration with the enemy, because of a phone call from Tokyo on the eve of hostilities, becomes a Japanese dentist.

The experts will probably find many more errors. Worse, the publisher dropped the text from 13 pages, leaving only blank space.

Such flaws can be amended in later editions. Despite them the book seems headed for the national best-seller list. It is a major work, a highly readable one.

'Untold Story' –

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individuality are emphasized, I find Japan far too restrictive, group-oriented, and coercive."

Children brought up in this kind of environment would tend to be highly observant of conventions because it is their duty to do so, and because security and approval lay in so acting, while other actions expose them to harsh censure and criticism. They would tend to be very careful of their actions, and extremely sensitive as to how their actions are viewed by the outside world. They would hesitate to speak up when they are not absolutely sure of their ground. They would avoid taking positions that were not popular or seemed to reflect the views of the majority for fear of appearing ridiculous if they are wrong. It is safest to follow the crowd, to do what is expected of one, to be quiet, cautious, and conservative.

The Bootstrap Doctrine

When we consider the "bootstraps doctrine" we again find a major Issei value involved. "Strive for success in the face of whatever odds." This is the Japanese spirit, Yamato Damashii. "Even if one is tired and puzzled and if the outer world conditions are such as to defeat one, one must nevertheless keep trying and never give up."

It may be true that the why we are the way we are. Once we understand that much of our behavior is the "bootstraps doctrine" does not guarantee acceptance or success, but it does guarantee that a person will not lie down and quit. If we had not been indoctrinated in our childhood with the "bootstraps" idea as well as the value of education, then when the opportunities came, we would not have been ready. We might have given up long before the opportunities presented themselves.

Ethnic Identity

It was the Blacks who first began forming their own ethnic groups expressly for the purpose of searching for and studying Black ideals, Black culture, Black identity — "Black is beautiful." There was a real need for the Blacks to do this since everything in their lives seemed to say Black is inferior, Black is lazy Black is not intelligent, Black is a lost cause. Even in westerns the good guy wears a white hat and the bad guy a black hat.

Angry, young Blacks tired of the role assigned to them by the white majority culture, gathered in Black ethnic groups to improve their self-image by a search for a Black culture and Black identity that had dignity and pride. They rejected the white majority culture which has for so long denied them a "place in the sun." The negative image the Blacks had of themselves was imposed by the white culture.

Soon other ethnic minorities formed their own groups, and in many ways imitated the techniques of the Blacks. They felt a need to search for their ethnic identity; they felt a need to reject the white-imposed stereotypes. They even use words like "brother" and "right on."

But we would argue that these concerns of the Blacks are different in detail from the concerns of Japanese Americans. We are the victims of prejudice but we also have a history that we can trace far back in time. There are heroes in Japanese history, as the samurai warriors, with whom we can identify and feel pride. We come from a country that is modern and prosperous, and has a culture that is now "in."

And no matter what forms of discrimination may be perpetuated against us we have an inner pride instilled by our cultural heritage that is tenacious and not easily destroyed.

'Quiet' American

But the Japanese American ethnic groups feel that, like the Blacks, they must reject the stereotyped "quiet" American image, as an image imposed by the white culture by discrimination and other subtle ways. But when they attack this image, they are attacking something that is truly Japanese. They are doing the very thing they accuse others of doing — rejecting their Japanese heritage.

Because we do not agree with the premises from which the Japanese American ethnic groups start does not mean we disagree with the ends toward which they are working.

Our quarrel is with their rejection of the "quiet" American image because it is a white imposed image. Actually, we would like to see Japanese Americans become a individuals who can think and act for themselves, but this is not really a Japanese image: it is American.

What Japanese American ethnic groups seem to forget is that we are not only Japanese in our background but American also. And it is the American part of us that is rejecting the Japanese, "quiet" American personality.

Dual Background

The thinking of these ethnically oriented people is confused because their major premise is that to achieve a real ethnic identity we must return to Japanese ways and reject those things imposed on us by the white culture which are degrading and demeaning such as the "quiet" American stereotype. They are confused because if they want to live according to the cultural traditions of Japan, then they must accept the "quiet" American individual; and if they want to produce an individual who is the opposite—more aggressive, able to speak out and think independently — then they must adopt American ways of doing things. Japanese customs produce "quiet" Americans.

Because we are the products of two cultures at the same time, there is a conflict of identity, and this conflict must be resolved by the individual. For some who feel hemmed in and constricted by the Japanese community, assimilation into the dominant culture seems to offer more freedom and fulfillment. For others who feel a closeness to their Japanese past and want the comfort of "belonging" that more outgoing, outspoken, assertive, independent group of the Japanese community can give, then to remain within the ethnic community seems the right path to follow.

Who is to say which is the "right way" or the "wrong way." All the choices should be left open without the insinuation that those who seek assimilation are somehow weak and full of self-hate.

Importance of Ethnic Studies

Ethnic studies will become more and more important to help interested Sansei, Yonsei and future generations to understand and appreciate their cultural past. We believe as time goes on that there will be a dilution in the amount of cultural information passed on by the family to their children.

Ethnic studies may be the only place where future generations of interested, young Japanese Americans can go for this kind of information. So it is important to build the kind of study that will truly incorporate the essential Japanese feelings, cultural traditions and ideas that make Japanese, Japanese.

To attack the "quiet" American image which we believe is an apt description of many Japanese Americans is really not constructive either. It does not help one to become less 'quiet." What it does do is to increase one's feelings of inadequacy, of being dominated by the white culture, and will make one either withdraw further into his quiet shell, or become overly aggressive and feel the need to fight every little issue that comes along.

We feel a study of our cultural background is useful in understanding ourselves and result of our Japanese heritage, it is easier to live with ourselves with less self-condemnation and with more self-acceptance. We think it is necessary to start from this point to work on ways of changing the "quiet" American behavior. We need to fight racism and discrimination wherever it occurs, but attacking Japanese character and personality will not help.

What Is Japanese?

A question we would like to ask is what are the ingredients of a Japanese ethnic identity? What does it mean to be Japanese? Does it mean preparing and eating Japanese food, speaking the Japanese language, observing Japanese holidays and festivals, learning judo, karate, and origami, studying Japanese history, art and music?

Any Caucasian can do that. Is he then Japanese? Does this kind of cultural appreciation make one Japanese?

We realize that the fad now is to be ethnically concerned and this has merits, but we feel the people involved in this program need to question more closely what it is they are trying to accomplish, what information and ideas are relevant in the search for what is essentially Japanese.

Furutani—

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empathize with other minorities).

It seems that as long as other people are kept down, then that means we can stay up. In other words, if "white" America is worrying about the "Niggers", "Spicks", and "Commies", then we are no longer Japs, but we are in a position of "white" America saying, "I like you people, but I don't like them", and then point to us as an example of a "good" minority.

Is this what it is to be a people? To want to look and be accepted by the majority regardless of our own principles and values? Are we to let the majority define right and wrong to us? That is an awfully high price to pay to be able to live next door to John Wayne . . . All power to the people.

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YAMASHITA CASE—HERE AND IN SINGAPORE

Underneath President Ray Uno's column last week was a little story from Singapore about a statue for General Yamashita that doesn't begin to reflect upon the storm being raised over that issue—till we read London Observer correspondent Dennis Bloodworth's recent report.

The Singapore Tourist Promotion Board had proposed a waxworks museum on the site of the British surrender to the Japanese in 1942 with the central figure being the man who took the bastion—The Tiger of Malaya or Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita.

The waxworks only wanted to include Yamashita among the effigies in the historical tableaux recounting World War II—but the verbal fireworks in the Parliament set "Singapore babbling like a schizophrenic on a couch and it is as if the subconscious of Southeast Asia had been unlocked," to quote Bloodworth.

A government supporter in Parliament described the proposal as an "insult to the people of Singapore" to erect a memorial to the "misdeeds of Japanese militarists" and branded it as a stunt to attract tourists from Tokyo. An official of the Appeal Committee for Singapore Chinese massacred by the Japanese called for safeguarding the honor of his ex-comrades. Other opponents of the proposal denounced it as "utterly obscene" and "a disgraceful project".

But there were other Chinese who felt, as the Singapore Herald reader was quoted in the tiny PC item, that Yamashita rendered Asians a great service, destroying the concept of the invincible white man and that Asians had no obligation but to serve and be exploited by the white man.

Some felt that the brutal bombing of Singapore's Chinatown should be blamed on Gen. Percival's failure to surrender promptly—not on Yamashita for ordering the bombers up. This is not the place to recount the oft-told history of Japanese penetration through the Malayan jungles to reach Singapore's "back door" and of Yamashita's letter to the British commander to surrender and save the lives of thousands of noncombatants living in the city. But Prime Minister Churchill ordered "there must be no thought of sparing the troops or the civil population" so Percival declined and Yamashita's aircraft inflicted the heaviest casualties of the whole episode that involved the civilian population. Churchill meanwhile bowed to military reality and Japanese occupation followed. It was estimated that up to 50,000 perished on the island (about the size of four District of Columbias) and many more were sent off to work building a railway in Siam and Burma.

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That Gen. Yamashita's name reappeared about the same time at two places antipodal to each other is a haunting coincidence. In neither place, however, were the intentions heroic. In Singapore, they wanted to erect a wax effigy in a museum. In Washington, some men in government recalled the U.S. verdict which hanged the general and of its pertinence in the Lt. William Calley case.

Perhaps it is in the nature of verbosity to have emotions as its best form of sustenance. We wind up babbling to each other. Yamashita's name had some people in Singapore seeing the Japanese in the old role of bloodthirsty villains. And some people over here were invoking the Yamashita principle to hang some more people beside Lt. Calley. And really, the Singapore proposal only wanted to put up a display as much as Mme. Tussaud's in London might of Hitler, for example, without fear that some will threaten to blow it up. Over here, the question should have been whether we have one law for the vanquished and another for ourselves, as posed by attorney Frank Reel, who had defended Gen. Yamashita at the Manila war crimes trial.

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GRUNIONS ARE RUNNING

We took Bill Hosokawa's dictum stated in his last column about not being uptight for a little while one night this past week to view one of the rarest sights in the world—the grunions which spawn only at night along the Southern California seashore. These smelt-like fish appear for a couple of hours every two weeks during the spring and summer. I guess one is not a true Southern Californian until he sees the grunion spawn.

We recommend the Cabrillo Beach marine museum program on the nights the grunions are running—for visitors will be guided to the beach where thousands of these fish come ashore to lay their eggs in the sand.

John Olguin, the Cabrillo Beach museum director, has a 15-minute film about the Grunion Story starting at 9 p.m., then hatches grunion eggs in glass jars for the public. He tells the story about sending some grunion eggs to Japan which were hatched on TV there and a batch that was hatched by the Emperor, who is an acknowledged marine biologist. The huge king crab on exhibit in the museum came from his Japanese friend who had received some grunion eggs.

The grunions are due to appear next on April 27-28, May 12-13, May 26-27 after the high tide peaks. These days (and other days for the rest of summer) happen to be after the full moon and the new moon appear.

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Scherzi a parte!

Editor:

I should like to congratulate Norman Y. Mineta for being elected the first Japanese American mayor of a major city in the U.S.A. Have you heard the latest friendly joke going around in San Jose today? I became its victim for the first time in a Japanese restaurant while eating with a couple of my Caucasian professor friends.

One of them suddenly said to me, "I hear that the newly elected mayor of San Jose is an Italian." "Oh." "His name is Norman Mineta."

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Asian American Studies

Editor:

I was never exposed to the Pacific Citizen until I enrolled in an Asian American class. In many of the weekly articles, I noticed many dealing with the importance of having Asian American Studies program within the Asian community.

I am an Asian American college student. I live within the Asian community, yet I was never aware of being an Asian until recently. Having been raised in a white environment, I felt that I was a "white" American instead of an "Asian" American. All through school most of my history classes was one-sided; that of the contributions and the problems of the white American individual. Never I read about the contributions of the Asians. Perhaps this is why I, along with many other Asian Americans, lack the knowledge of our own heritage and the role we should play within this society.

I feel that Asian American classes should be offered within each Asian community. It is important that we have these classes. There are many Asian Americans who don't realize that they are Asian instead of white. We can not change our physical features to a white person; we can dress like a white person, talk like a white person along with many other things; but we must realize that we are an Asian American and not a white American.

Having had various classes in Asian American Studies, I can say I am proud of my heritage and my background and take pride when I say I am an Asian American.

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The Most Original American

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as an alcoholic moocher nonpareil and a "magnificent charlatan," seemed to be the final summing up.

Unpublished Papers

In 1954, Hartmann's daughter, Wisteria Linton, permitted me to examine the contents of her father's battered gray trunk in his shack on teh Morongo Reservation. Beneath its lid there lay a half-finished autobiography, scores of unpublished manuscripts, hundreds of letters from the great and near great of American art and literature, photographs, lecture programs and other memorabilia.

It was clear that much remained still to be said about Sadakichi.

I tried to interest several publishers in a biography of Hartmann, but the general opinion was that his Bohemianism was outmoded, now gaslight in vintage, and he was only a literary curiosity. I abandoned the project, wrote another book instead, but continued to occasionally collect Hartmann material.

One night about two years ago, George Knox, professor of English at the University of California, Riverside, stopped me in a drug store to ask what I knew about Sadakichi.

Knox had been pursuing Hartmann's trail and was intrigued. As we talked, I realized that Bohemianism in America had gone full circle—a great deal had happened in the decade between the Beats and Hippies—and Sadakichi now appeared thoroughly modern in the Age of Aquarius.

Research Renewed

Who could be more modern than the long-haired Sadakichi Hartmann in a Prince Albert jacket who struck an insouciant pre-Raphaelite pose while standing on a pedestal six feet high in an 1896 photograph? Who more modern than the man who wrote the first script for a psychedelic light show in 1895, composed haiku as early as 1898, and was banned in Boston in 1893 and jailed for a drama that rivaled "Oh, Calcutta" in nude scenes. Who more modern than Hartmann who studied life in communes, wrote some of the earliest film criticism in 1912, advocated sexual freedom and women's liberation, and argued the coming revolution with Emma Goldman and her lover, Alexander Berkman?

The result of our talk was a collaboration in Hartmann research that will result eventually in a number of books, including a biography.

Richard Tuerk, assistant professor of English at UCR, and Michael Elderman, a Ph. D. candidate, have also joined our research team and are working on various aspects of Hartmann's career. The Hartmann archives are now housed in a special room in the UCR library, and each month sees the addition of more manuscripts and letters to the collection as Sadakichi's friends hear about the project.

First New Book

Herder and Herder has published Hartmann's first new book since 1923, a collection of posthumous fragments, epigrams, and aphorisms titled, Kenneth Rexroth, who knew "White Chrysanthemums." Hartmann, has contributed a sharply etched portrait as an introduction.

If the response of a number of students who have already previewed the book is any indication, then the underground may discover a new culture hero.

25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, April 27, 1946

Army credits Palo Alto Nisei (Pfc. Fred T. Fujikawa) with bringing in Japan army stragglers on Lubang Island at the mouth of Manila Bay, a feat which an infantry regiment had been unable to do since V-J day . . . John J. McCloy, wartime asst. Secretary of War, says war record vindicates faith of leading government officials in the Nisei . . . Three Issei fathers of Nisei veterans (Gensuke Masuda, Shosuke Nitta, Choyei Kondo) file suit for citizenship in Los Angeles as test to rights of naturalization.

Tule Lake WRA Center transferred to Reclamations Bureau . . . Salinas Valley JACL declares charge of battery preferred by district attorney (Anothony Brazil) against farmer (Larry Madalora) for attacking Nisei veteran (Yukio Kubota) "too lenient" . . . Alien land act case tried in Visalia court.

Validity of U.S. citizenship renunciation in WRA camps to be challenged by ACLU because of conditions and duress . . . Stockton court sentences two youth (S. J. Johnson and LeRoy Bob) in Nisei veteran murder case; Johnson to life imprisonment, Bob gas chamber . . . Terminal Island (Calif.) evacuees win $16,000 settlement from U.S. Navy.

Denver City Council will change policy on Nisei business license requests, admits discriminatory stand maintained during war years . . . National Film Board (of Canada) produces documentary "Of Japanese Descent."

'JAPANESE AMERICANS: THE UNTOLD STORY'

Riverside Rebuts

(The following articles comprise the Appendix to the Riverside JACL reply to the so-called "Stanford Critique" of the controversial book for 5th-8th graders, "Japanese Americans: the Untold Story. The main rebuttal of the Riverside JACL was published last week.)

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Japanese American and White Middle-Class Values

The JACL in its official opposition to the adoption of the textbook "Japanese Americans: The Untold Story" has made numerous criticisms. The authors could undoubtedly accommodate most of the specific criticisms by agreement or refutation.

There was one point, however, that was so broad in scope and yet so vague that it was hard to understand. The JACL, and some ethnic groups have made the accusation that this book is an expression of white, middle class values and that it rejects Japanese values. What does this statement mean?

We did not have a problem identifying with the ideas and feelings expressed in the book. In fact most people did not realize that there were any problems on the first reading. In trying to understand this criticism we began to wonder just how one *would* write a book seen through the eyes of a Japanese American who had not lost his ethnic identity.

Furthermore, what are Japanese American values? A definitive study conducted in Chicago from 1947-50 attempted to answer this question. The results were summarized in an article entitled, "Japanese American Personality and Acculturation," which appeared in Genetic Psychology Monographs, (1952), *45*, 3-102 by William Caudill, a social anthropologist. One of his coworkers was Mrs. Setsuko Matsunaga Nishi, a sociologist.

Life in Chicago

This interest in the Japanese Americans was stimulated because by 1947 they had achieved a remarkable adjustment to life in Chicago. The Nisei, almost as a group, held white collar and skilled trade jobs within the general employment market of the city. White employers and fellow employees accepted the Nisei and were enthusiastic in their praise of them. The educational level of the Nisei was beyond high school graduation, either in vocational training or college.

Although at first they found housing in the poorer neighborhoods of the city, many families subsequently moved into predominantly white lower middle class neighborhoods, where they found acceptance. Neighbors and landlords liked them because they improved the property, paid their rent promptly and were quiet and courteous.

In clothing and general appearance the Nisei were almost stereotypes of the white middle class. In attitudes and aspirations the Nisei were oriented toward careers, white collar work or small businesses.

Socially they kept themed close intimate social conselves and had not yet achievtacts with the white middle class. Yet they had achieved more in the space of four years in Chicago than other ethnic groups who had been in the city much longer, and who were far less handicapped by racial and cultural differences.

Looking for Answers

Why was this so when the culture of their parents seems to diverge in so many respects from the dominant pattern? Traditionally, the Japanese culture, social structure, values and religion are thought of as alien to those of the United States. Yet, while discrimination operated strongly against the Japanese American on the Pacific Coast the Nisei were still developing attitudes and behavior typical of the American middle class, and through education were preparing themselves for status jobs they had no hope of attaining.

The researchers' main thesis is that there was a significant compatibility between the value systems found in the culture of Japan and the value systems found in American middle class culture. This compatibility of values gives rise to a similarity in the psychological adaptive mechanisms most commonly used by individuals in the two societies as they go about the business of living.

Adaptive mechanisms are general techniques used by the ego to meet many different situations arising in everyday life. This is not to say that the social structure, customs, religion, or material culture, etc., of the two societies are similar. They are not.

But Japanese and white middle class cultures share in common the values of: politeness, respect for authority and parental wishes, duty to community, diligence, cleanliness and neatness, emphasis on personal achievement of long-range goals (more than guilt) toward non-sanctioned behavior, importance of keeping up appearance, and others.

Acculturation Basis

Japanese Americans can act with their Japanese values and personality, and behave in ways that, in many areas of life, are favorably evaluated by middle class Americans. This may account for the feeling that because so much of the overt behavior of the Nisei is indistinguishable from the behavior of the white middle class, they have become completely "Americanized." The important thing for us to recognize is that this behavior arises in considerable part from a Japanese system of values and personality structure.

Acculturation to the American core culture is a function of the number of cues and responses which an individual possesses in common with the dominant white structure. In acculturation from ethnic to American the individual strives for substitution of cues of essentially similar value. Immigrant individuals *identify* with, not just *imitate*, that class or group in the majority society which they feel most familiar.

It would seem seasonable that the Japanese American would find a close identification with the American middle class, because middle class values were those they felt closest to—were most like Japanese values.

This close parallel between Japanese values and middle class values would make it difficult in many cases to actually distinguish between the two. Many of the values expressed in the book could be considered just as Japanese as they are white middle class, and would invalidate this criticism.

Kitano's Assessment

Kitano in his book, "Japanese American, the Evolution o fa Subculture," page 3 has this to say:

"If however, successful adaptation to the larger society consists mainly in acculturation, measured by the ability of a group to share and follow the values, goals and expected behaviors of the majority, then the Japanese American group has been very successful. Japanese American values, skills, attitudes, and behavior apparently do not differ markedly from those of the average American."

We hope these ideas will be given serious consideration because we feel they are valid, and would help to explain how there could be two such opposing points of view concerning this book.

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Stereotypes and Bootstraps

In reading over the papers of the various Japanese American ethnic concerns groups, we came across a phenomenon that disturbs us; disturbing because we question the premises from which these groups are working and the methods they are using. These ethnic groups are rightly very concerned with ethnicity.

Their main theme seems to be: we need to rediscover our ethnic values, customs, and culture to become whole individuals, and with this we agree.

Along with this idea, they seem to be saying that we need to make sure we do not let the white culture dominate us so that we reject our own ethnic heritage, and accept the stereotypes that the white culture has imposed on us. They feel we need to reject the stereotype of the Japanese American who is quiet, hard-working, conforming, conservative, and passive—in short, the "quiet American."

They also object to what they call the "bootstraps doctrine" which in essence says that through persistence and hard work we have reached our goals "despite insurmountable odds."

These stereotypes, they seem to feel, result from discrimination and the role the white dominant culture forces the Japanese American to play.

We would like to argue that the image of the "quiet American and the "bootstraps doctrine" are not imposed on us by the white majority culture but are, in fact, products of our ethnic heritage, and that when Japanese American ethnic groups attack these concepts they are attacking Japanese values and personality.

Stereotypes

Whether we like it or not, the "quiet" American originates from the family life styles, socialization and methods of discipline used in Japan, and brought to this country by our Issei parents or grandpaernts.

In the Japan from which our parents or grandparents came, the most distinctive feature of the social organization was the Japanese family system with its rigid code of obligations subordinating individual interests to those of the family units. Submission was demanded and emphasis was on the duty to fulfill one's obligations. Responsibility was the willingness to accept these obligations and carry them out regardless of personal cost.

As the child grew older he had to learn an ever increasing number of restraints which required subordinating his will to duties, to neighbors, to family and to country. If he was disobedient, his family became a solid front of accusation and rejection. The individual's own emotional reaction to transgression is shame that the honor due to his status is soiled, while that of others is that he has disgraced the group with which he is identified.

Family Support

The Japanese individual receives much support and security from his family, but also in all his dealings with the outer world he must carry the heavy burden of being the representative of the entire family group rather than operating as a single individual.

Some remarks by Daniel I. Okimoto on his recent experiences in Japan (Pacific Citizen, Feb. 12, 1971) might be appropriate at this time:

He found much to admires in his mother country, but says, "Having been brought up in America where informality and

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Perspectives

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THE LT. CALLEY CASE—Much has been written and said about the conviction and sentencing of Army 1st Lt. William L. Calley Jr. As human beings we are all concerned, but as American of Asian ancestry (I use "Asian" deliberately) perhaps we are more concerned than most.

It serves no meaningful purpose to decry United States involvement in Vietnam, and say that My Lai would not have happened if we hadn't been in Southeast Asia at all. We **are** there and it **did** happen. As an American I reject the thesis that Calley should not have been convicted for doing at point-black range what our bomber pilots do daily in Vietnam raids (a radio station editorial made that very point). Do we try every pilot and bombardier flying missions in Vietnam? Maybe we should, but that it is as unlikely to happen as the academic whimsy that our national leaders from then President Johnson down should be tried as war criminals.

I find the concept of "we are all to blame" untenable because it invalidates the principle of individual, moral responsibility for anything. If we are **all** guilty, then **no one is guilty.** If this be a logical or legal premise, than those revolutionaries who contend that e.g. blacks who are in prison should be freed because they cannot be guilty of crimes in an inherently racist society which gave them no justice, must be right.

The ever-increasing revelations about hitherto unknown atrocities committed by us in Vietnam do not mitigate Lt. Calley's guilt. All they should do is wake up every American to the grim knowledge that this undeclared war has made barbarians and butchers out of American men. No amount of superpatriotic songs, or Green Beret hero worship by John Wayne admirers, should con us any more into the fantasyland belief that we are the "good guys", and that the enemy does all the bad things.

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If credit belongs to anybody in this mess, it should go to Capt. Aubrey M. Daniels, the chief prosecutor in the Calley trial. He deserves commendation for his integrity and guts in reminding the President about what morality and law and order is all about.

In a sense Daniels and the military judges in this tragedy had nothing to gain and everything to lose by conviction. Surely they knew what American public opinion would be. We don't know the details of the evidence produced, so must assume that it was of sufficient gravity, not only to convince six military officers of guilt, but to persuade them to impose a life sentence.

It is an indictment of our sense of values that a large segment of the American people will jump on the Calley bandwagon, while giving little thought to the women and children who died at his hands. Were they only "gooks", subhuman, and unimportant? In all of this smug clamor about scapegoating, who is going to make sure that the named and unnamed "others", allegedly just as responsible as Calley, are brought to account?

In my opinion, the JACL should send Captain Daniels a letter of commendation for telling it like it is. At the same time we ought to remind President Nixon once again that respect for law and morality applies to all. It ill becomes the chief executive prematurely to proclaim that he will give final review to Calley's case, and to order handling of his case differently than under routine military procedures. When he did so he created the understandable belief that he was motivated by political expediency.

Finally, I am compelled to point out the character of some notables who wasted no time publicly identifying themselves with this "hero". Governor Wallace of Alabama and ex-Goxernor Maddox of Georgia, to name a couple of the loudest advocates, are racists. It doesn't take a lot of imagination to guess how much "gook" lives mean to them.

If compassion means anything, you have to feel sorry for Calley. However, his actions bring into sharper focus the demeaning effect of our involvement in Southeast Asia. Some aspects of American public reaction to his conviction underlines the inherent racism that we can't afford to ignore, because we happen to look like "gooks" too. Incidentally the use of the inspirational music of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" to glamorize the Calley matter strikes me as in appalingly bad taste.

On Second Thought

Warren Furutani

America, Love It Or Leave It

When you are young, not a parent nor land owner, it's hard to have credibility with the older generation. It's usually because the young have very little to lose and being idealistic is a reasonable luxury of youth. Anytime a young person says anything, it is taken with a grain of salt and using this as a premise, let me say that "when it rains, it pours."

What I would like to address myself to is this Public Relations game that a segment of the organization is always using: the constant concern of how the "white" majority will relate to the Japanese minority; the ever-present pushing of "Americanism" regardless of right or wrong. This, to me, is the worst case of Uncle Tomism I've ever seen.

Examples of this in our organization are historical. The public image of the camps that was and is perpetuated by JACL is an excellent example of our kowtowing to the majority culture. The continuing presumption that JACL is the largest organization and national spokesman for the Japanese in America is a lie and also a perpetuated misnomer by JACL.

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Now, with several issues in the air, JACL is at it again. I was told that a spokesman in favor of the infamous book, "The Untold Story", said that any opposition of this book is "un-American" and that they are confusing Black Panthers with Nisei Americans.

After reading that book and all the revisions and critiques I am convinced that, although I believe the authors were sincere, this book is another example of the public relations type selling of the Japanese Americans to "white" America. This selling is being done in a very American way, too. By subtlely putting down the Chinese and Buddhists, the Japanese American can appear better at the expense of our other Asian brothers and sisters.

Another example of what I am talking about is this recent issue over the proposed name for a new chapter, Amerasia. Apparently, during the Joe McCarthy era a magazine by the same name was accused of being Communist-tainted. Using this as historical precedent, the new interpretation of Amerasia by Sansei is being completely disregarded because individuals in JACL are more concerned about what the "white establishment" has to say rather than the youth, right or wrong. It seems our sounding board is the majority and the majority-rule syndrome is our means of measuring principles and morals.

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It seems that in our efforts of assimilation, we have acquired all the worst characteristics of America's majority: the racism, prejudice, selfishness and arrogance which is a reflection of a people that has made it at the expense of others. (I know the Japanese have worked hard, but we have seemed to have forgotten our struggle against racism because we don't want to

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