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By RAYMOND UNO
National JACL President

The day before leaving for Santa Barbara, I had the opportunity of talking with Victor Shibata, Jr. JACL Administrator, who was vacationing and travelling through Salt Lake. Vic, Ron Aramaki, past IDYC chairman, and I had lunch and talked on through to supper and finally split at 9:30 p.m. when I had to go to another meeting.

Santa Barbara

The aches and pains, the strengths and directions of the youth program was discussed from top to bottom. The regional interests, the gaps in age of youth, leadership vacuum, need for program development, need for staff assistance, funding and so forth produced more questions than answers. One thing was certain, the youth program requires the sustained and total commitment of the entire JACL. Where the adults have supported with enthusiasm the youth program, the youth program has flourished and where it has not, it has withered.

There was little question about numbers. There are plenty of youth all over. Whether JACL can interest them and if so, can it keep their interest, was the difficult question to answer. It is my feeling JACL can, but only if it decides to support the youth program 110%. Whatever effort we expend will be returned manifold and with interest.

Vic was born in Ogden, Utah, my hometown. Until my national exposure to JACL, I didn't realize so many people were from Utah.

ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES

George Ohashi, Santa Barbara Chapter President, George Yoshimura and Donnell Choy, with the UC Santa Barbara Asian American Alliance, met me at the airport and we went to the Holiday Inn to check in for the conference to chat about JACL and Asian Americans. The prime grievance against JACL was the lack of relevancy to society's problems today. George and I attempted to reconstruct the origin and composition of JACL and the work that had been done prior to, during and immediately after WWII, and the relevancy of JACL during those periods.

The hard core JACLers that had worked for years and years have done their share. These are the people who have kept JACL together from its inception and who have given of their time, money and talent up to this day. They deserve their well earned rest; however, this nucleus group must be replaced by younger, dedicated and far-sighted leaders. These must come from the Sansei and Yonsei. The directions of JACL must be forged anew taking into consideration the past, present and future. It can be done and it must be done.

We travelled to the suburbs of Santa Barbara and had delicious chicken teriyaki, and a table full of mouth watering food prepared by George Ohashi's wife, Bernice, with the assist of Reiko Uyesaka (Caesar's wife) and Jane Uyesaka. We were joined by Susan Ohashi, George's daughter, and Hiro and Kieko Goto. Hiro is a probation officer with the Juvenile Court. We were also joined by a group of Sansei.

George's house provides a panoramic view of the ocean and town below. It is quaintly built, but in good taste and fashionable in appearance. Caesar Uyesaka is still deeply involved in community activities. He is a silver medalist winner for Nisei of the Biennium. He and his brothers operate an auto parts business.

After eating, we rushed down to UCSB for the Asian American Studies class. George Yoshimura, a Stockton native, coordinates the program and has been doing an excellent job in getting Asian American Studies started off on the right foot.

After giving a brief history of JACL, its past and present programming, I was asked questions about what JACL is doing for the Asian Americans, its stand on Vietnam, the pros and cons of joining JACL and the future directions of JACL. It is always difficult to assess the outcome of such confrontation, if it may be called that. Hopefully, I was able to give them some answers and enlightened them on JACL as at least one hope for getting young people involved and active on a national, regional and local basis. Colette Matsui still had questions on her mind about JACL.

George Yoshimura, Donnell Choy, Bill Nakasono and I continued the rapping over coffee for a couple of hours. These young people want to get involved, but they don't want to be wasting their time in an organization that has no commitment to make changes of the existing inequities that permeate our society. Many of the young are not only feel that there is no hope. Only radical changes can start the motion for saving our society.

Much of the reputation of JACL comes from their contact with JACL on a social level. A joint rap session with the district youth council was also scheduled.

NC-WNDC GUEST SPEAKER

INTERESTS OF BLACK AND JAPANESE AMERICANS SAME—ERASING RACISM

SAN JOSE — All persons in America who have experienced oppression must join forces to lead this nation past racism, a well known black psychiatrist and author said last week (May 16).

"Non-white Americans, those who can't change their names or who because of physical characteristics are distinguished as a minority member, have a vital interest in eliminating racism because their very survival depends on it," according to Dr. Price M. Cobbs.

"As long as racism exists, we may always be singled out, defined as dangerous and eliminated," he says. "We must join together to change America," he adds. Dr. Cobbs is co-author of "Black Rage" and the just-published "Jesus Bag."

He addressed the No. California Western Nevada JACL District Council dinner at San Jose Hyatt House.

Lesson of Evacuation

Minorities have operated under the democratic principle that if "we are diligent and loyal we'll be accepted as full citizens and accorded all the rights thereof," Dr. Cobbs says.

But the presidential order of February, 1942, which placed Japanese Americans in prison camps made them realize how quickly a nation can turn on citizens and declare them aliens, enemies and spies, he says.

"The interests of Japanese Americans and Black Americans are similar because both groups have felt the oppression of this country."

"We must be in the forefront to form a coalition of the oppressed both psychologically and politically."

Mineta Election

"The election as mayor of Norman Mineta, who as a boy was placed in a wartime detention camp, is a step in the right direction."

"It is the case of a minority leading the white majority to live up to this nation's expressed ideas of democracy."

"However, bigoted exists when so many feel that Asians are cheaper than Asian lives as in the furor over the Calley case and the threat of another presidential order '9066' still present in America," Dr. Cobbs believes.

Mayor-elect Mineta, who returned to San Jose from eight days in Washington and New York in time for the dinner, reported briefly on his trip.

He testified at a Congressional hearing on public housing fund allocations. In New York, he spent much time inspecting various city departments.

Mayor-elect Mineta in push for housing funds

WASHINGTON — Mayor-elect Norman Y. Mineta testified May 11 before the House appropriation subcommittee asking for more additional housing and urban development funds.

Mineta and Syracuse Mayor Lee Alexander offered joint statements and then testified separately. Both were given a negative response.

Mineta had asked for a \$100 million increase in appropriations on urban housing, municipal planning, model cities and rent subsidy programs.

Subcommittee members cited deficit spending and inflation as reasons that full funding to city requests could not be approved.

Mineta was guest of honor at a reception the previous evening given by Rep. Don Edwards (D) of San Jose. Guests included:

Sen. Alan Cranston (D-Calif.); Sen. Daniel K. Inoué (D-Hawaii); Rep. Charles Gubser (R-Gilroy); Rep. Phillip Burton (D-San Francisco); Hon. Sidney Yates (D-III) and various Nixon administration officials.

PSWDC combats

formal for routine quarterly session

(Special to The Pacific Citizen) NATIONAL CITY — The Pacific Southwest District Council last Sunday (May 23) scrapped a tradition by dispensing the biennial district convention trappings for an unadorned quarterly session. It was held in the trim but comfortable confines of the Nisei VFW Post here with the San Diego JACL as hosts.

The usual pace in the PSWDC calls for coffee & doughnuts with morning registration, greetings (Isao Horiyue as host chapter president), committee workshops, then breaking for luncheon (about 70 were served here).

Just before luncheon, Bob Nakamura, chairman of the National JACL Visual Communications section, received "Manzanar" film now on 16mm. It was originally taken on Super-8. The afternoon is reserved for district business, adjourning by 4 p.m.

As for business, the district council with Gov. Mas Hironaka presiding, has—

1—Recommended the two Japanese American banks in the state make available a comparable plan to the Federal Student Loan program. Neither (as well as many others) has been enthusiastic of FSL program.

2—Authorized the PSWDC executive board to allocate \$1,300 requested by the Visual Communications Committee, \$800 for new overhead expenses and film-editing equipment, and \$500 toward pressing a new film on the Issei Hananai film.

3—Appointed Luis Aihara to assist the JACL Blue Shield administrator in Southern California.

4—Expressed urgency for the Japanese American Community Services to activate its fund collection role so that JACLers can be assured their donations to the grass-root organizations under JACS are properly channeled.

5—Allocated \$500 to co-sponsor a Japanese American drug abuse conference Aug. 6-8 at Los Angeles, California.

6—Approved a new film on the Issei Hananai film.

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SOCIAL SECURITY CREDIT FOR WORK IN CAMP ASKED

Rep. Gubser's Bill to Remedy Inequity for Time in WRA Centers

WASHINGTON—Rep. Charles S. Gubser (R-Calif.) introduced legislation May 14 providing that Japanese Americans who were interned in relocation centers in the United States during World War II would receive social security wage credits for employment performed during their detention.

The 10th District Congressman explained that many able-bodied evacuees were employed by the U.S. Government within these relocation centers, often for long hours and always at low wages, in order to keep the camps operational.

The Pacific Citizen learned that Charles Kubokawa of the Sequoia JACL, who attained fame as the first NASA aquanaut, with considerable cooperation from Washington JACL Representative Mike Masaoka, assisted Rep. Gubser in preparing the legislation.

"The individuals who suffered these years in camp are now at the age when they could be eligible for retirement under social security," Gubser said, "but they are penalized because the time they spent working in the camps is not eligible for credit toward social security retirement. My bill would correct this inequity."

"We can never blot out the unfortunate reality of having 'relocated' loyal U.S. citizens who just happened to be of Japanese descent," Gubser continued. "The least we can do is correct one small aspect of a much larger and long-standing inequity by crediting the people of Japanese ancestry for the quarters they worked in the camps so they may enjoy an earlier and much deserved retirement."

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The students could not read three-letter combinations, such as PIP, ZIF, WAT, LAG, REN or GUB.

Chinese tutoring followed on a one-to-one basis for a total of up to 14 hours across 25 sessions.

The 30 Chinese words introduced in seven stages were: 1—Mother, See, Big, Knife, Has, One, 2—Book, Father, Man, Two, Small, 3—House, Buy, And, 4—You, Say, White, Red, 5—Car, Want, Good, Not, Fish, 6—He, Use, This, Mouth, Give, 7—Brother, Black.

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Purpose of Experiment
Purpose of the experiment was to highlight the specific problem areas for future research.

Where the Chinese and English systems differ, the experimenters felt, was in "sound mapping"— devoid in Chinese and irregular and particular in English. They proposed that much of the reading disability can be accounted for in terms of the highly abstract nature of the phoneme (the critical unit of speech in alphabetic systems) and that an intermediate unit, such as the syllable, might well be used to introduce reading.

It was also suggested a syllabary (which is used in Japanese—the "kana" symbols) may be a step toward reading alphabetic writing.

INFORMATION SERVICE DAY IN LITTLE TOKYO SET

LOS ANGELES — Weller St. will be closed to vehicular traffic on Sunday, June 6, for the second annual Community Information Services Day between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

In addition to dispensing information in both Japanese and English on public service agencies and providing health services, the Asian Involvement Office with other self-help youth groups will staff the youth and drugs section and with attorneys and law students a legal aid section.

Aged Issei in need of transportation may call Linda Iwataki (689-4413) for assistance.

CCDC breaks mark in membership; Nat'l tops 22,000

SAN FRANCISCO — With 18 chapters setting all-time highs and 18 other chapters surpassing their 1970 membership performance as of mid-May, national JACL membership acknowledged 22,351 paid members.

It represented 88.2 percent of last year's total of 25,349. The enrollment was slightly behind last year for a comparable period when it was 92.6 pct. of the 1969 total of 24,552.

Central California was the first district to surpass its previous mark with 1,497, a new high. All nine chapters topped previous year membership performances.

San Francisco chapter currently leads with 1,121; San Jose trailing with 1,005.

ALL-TIME HIGHS — Alameda, Arizoboa, Cincinnati, Fremont, Fresno, Gardena Valley, Monterey Peninsula, Puyallup Valley, River Falls, Mid-Columbia, Milwaukee, Parlier, Reedley, Sacramento, San Luis Obispo, Santa Maria, Valley, Seattle, Selma, Spokane, Watsonville.

EXCEEDING 1970 — Ben Lomond, Cleveland, Delano, Florin, Fowler, Gresham-Trousdale, Redondo Beach, San Gabriel Valley, San Mateo, Sanger, Selaceno, Sequoia, Tulare County, Twin Cities, West Valley.

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JAL-JACL SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS: 4 CALIFORNIANS NAMED WINNERS, THREE TEACHERS & MINISTER-TO-BE

SAN FRANCISCO — Four Californians were announced winners of the 1971 JACL-Japan Air Lines summer fellowship. They are:

Ronald Ken Kobata, 28, UC Berkeley student, of 175 Wood St., San Francisco;
Alan Takeshi Nishio, 25, associate director, UCLA Asian American Studies Center, of 3515 1/2 Wellington Rd., Los Angeles;
Bill Mince Tsui, 28, instructor, Fresno State College, of 438 S. Phillip, Fresno; and
Sharon Uyeida, 24, elementary school teacher, of 1171 Francis Dr., San Jose.

The fellowship includes round-trip air transportation to Tokyo, tuition for courses, room and board at Sophia University, after-tours and weekend trips.

This is the fifth consecutive year that Japan Air Lines has offered the fellowships to JACL members, but this year, the rule was changed to limit the awards to those between the ages of 21 and 30 with priority to those who have never been to Japan.

Judges for the fellowship were: Takayuki Hashizume, district manager, JAL; Tak Kasuya, district sales manager, JAL; James Musakami, JACL nat'l v.p. for research and services; Mrs. Kay Okamoto, active in Ikebana International, Satsuki Kai, Jr. Fupinkai and Hamilton Senior Citizens Center; and Bishop Takashi Tsuji, Buddhist Churches of America.

The group will depart July 8 and return in August. Classes at Sophia commence July 10 and end Aug. 21.

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ALAN NISHIO



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Nishio, involved with Asian American studies now for more than two years at the teaching or research level, expects to gain a perspective on the culture, history and current life style of the Japanese and determine its relevancy for an understanding of the Japanese in America. By improving his Japanese language, he also hopes to continue the oral history project initially started by the JACL-JARP and better communicate with various segments of the Japanese community.

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ACTION BOX

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Planning—June 11 (Shimazaki), Proposal for consideration by National Planning Commission. (Channel through District Councils.)
Public Relations—Apr. 8 (Tomihiro): Watch for objectionable films on TV. (a) Extrajury will offend. (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 Repeat—March 26 (Okamura). If congressmen are listed as co-sponsors of repeal bills, comment on them, use urge they work actively for passage. If not yet listed, urge they join immediately as co-sponsors.

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Title II Repeal Slowdown



It appears as if Chairman William Colmer of the House Rules Committee is preventing a showdown on legislation relating to Title II of the Internal Security Act of 1950. JACL has been spearheading the campaign for outright repeal of this emergency detention-concentration camp authorization law.

As Chairman of the Rules Committee that clears legislation for floor debate and vote and determines the conditions under which such debate and vote may take place, this Mississippi Democrat decides on the agenda of bills to be considered by his Committee, which is supposed to meet every Tuesday during the congressional session.

At this time, with most of the legislative committees busy considering the bills over which they have jurisdiction, there are relatively few measures that have been reported by their respective standing committees and are waiting for Rules Committee clearances. Indeed, our understanding is that the leadership of the House is calling on the various committees to expedite consideration of legislation in order that the House may take them up as quickly as possible; otherwise, there may be so many bills to pass upon toward the end of the session that a legislative logjam may be created that can prevent relatively early adjournment. Accordingly, one would think that the Chairman of the Rules Committee would be more than pleased to have his Committee consider bills for House debate and vote.

On March 30, the House Internal Security Committee reported H. R. 820 and a few days thereafter Chairman Richard Ichord of that Committee requested the Rules Committee to grant clearance for this bill which would amend, and not repeal Title II of the 1950 Internal Security Act. The JACL, incidentally, is opposed to this particular bill because it, in effect, re-activates and reactivates Title II by amending certain of its provisions.

On April 6, the House Judiciary Committee reported H. R. 234 and that same day Chairman Emanuel Celler of that Committee requested the Rules Committee to clear this outright repeal bill for floor consideration. H. R. 234 is the JACL legislation that was introduced and co-sponsored by Congressman Spark Matsunaga of Hawaii, Chet Holifield of California, Robert Kastenmeier of Wisconsin, and Abner Mikva of Illinois and more than 150 other members of the House of Representatives and provides for the immediate repeal of Title II, while at the same time prohibiting the establishment of detention camps in the future.

Not only Chairman Celler but also Congressman Matsunaga have consistently and continuously called on the Rules Committee for an opportunity to explain H. R. 234 and to request that it, and not H. R. 820, be cleared for House debate and vote.

On several occasions recently, Chairman Colmer has indicated that he plans to have his Rules Committee take up Title II legislation "soon". But, for the past several Tuesdays, he has failed to include this legislation on the Committee's agenda, probably because Chairman Ichord has personally asked that the Committee defer "hearings" on the Title II issue until he has completed public hearings in connection with the demonstrations of anti-war organizations and individuals in Washington late last month and early this month. Moreover, HSC's public hearings are held on Tuesdays, the same morning as the scheduled meetings of the Rules Committee. Coincidentally too, so are the executive meetings of the House Judiciary Committee.

Chairman Ichord may be using his hearings on the backgrounds of those who organized and participated in the two-week-long demonstrations to help make a "case" for H. R. 820 on the basis that "emergency detention" authority is needed to preserve "law and order", even though such authority in Title II is restricted to declared wars, invasions, and insurrections in aid of a foreign enemy.

Though the "climate" of Congress at this particular time may not be most conducive to Title II repeal, JACL is fearful that continued delay in its consideration may also threaten successful repeal action by the House and the Senate. Given a choice, JACL would prefer to take its chances on floor consideration in the near future to continued delay.

HAROLD GORDON

Harold Gordon, of Chicago, passed away last week. To newcomers to JACL, that name may not mean too much. But to those involved in the legislative, legal, and public relations battles of JACL in the post-World War II period, his is a most revered and honored name.

Though not of Japanese ancestry and active in the civil rights activities of several Jewish organizations, Harold Gordon was so convinced that those of Japanese origin in the United States had been so mistreated in World War II that he dedicated his time and energies to JACL's efforts to seek corrective and remedial legislation and court interpretations. He became a legend in his lifetime among JACLers as more of a JACLer than most, exemplifying those Americans of goodwill who were so helpful to the cause of equity, justice, opportunity, and equality for Japanese Americans in the late forties and the decade of the fifties.

He is the first of the non-Nisei who became an active leader in the official circles of the Midwest District Council and of the National JACL. He served as Chairman of the National JACL Legislative-Legal Committee and his non-Japanese name indicated to many in the Congress and the Government that JACL was not an exclusively "Japanese" organization and that non-Japanese also believed in fair play for those of Japanese ancestry.

He became National Chairman of the JACL Thousand Club and contributed to making it "the fun group" within JACL. He thus became the first non-Japanese to be elected a national JACL officer.

Though there were some in the Japanese American community who questioned the sincerity of this non-Nisei and his motives in being so active in JACL, this did not deter him from vigorously espousing the causes of JACL, even at great personal sacrifice to himself.

He is the first non-Japanese to be awarded JACL's gold medal for distinguished services and he is the first to be "given" a "Japanese name," Tokuzo, a famous lawyer for justice in Japanese legal annals, by his friends and associates in JACL.

We who knew and worked with Harold Tokuzo Gordon will never forget his enthusiasm and his devotion, which will ever remain an inspiration to us that there are always other who are willing "to stand up and be counted" when the chips for humanity and dignity and decency are at stake. So long as there are Harold Gordons in the world, the causes of equality and justice will ever be fought.

NEWS CAPSULES

Courtroom

Alejandro Figueroa, 45, was convicted of 19 counts of first degree murder and one of arson May 17 in a Los Angeles county superior court in connection with the fire destroyed the Ponet Square Hotel last Sept. 13. The building, leased by Yoshimatsu Minami and managed by Robert Fujimoto, was the city's worst hotel fire in terms of lives lost and property damage. One of the victims was Roy Tomoto, 47, who lived at the hotel.

The State Attorney General has asked the California Supreme Court to deny a mass-murder suspect John Linley Frazier's motion for a change of venue from Santa Cruz County. Frazier is charged with the slaying of Dr. Victor Ohta, his wife, their two small sons and the physician's secretary. The state appellate court has denied the request. It was indicated the supreme court, meeting in Los Angeles in June, may rule on the issue.

Government

Former Washington, D.C. JACL board member, Francis Shida is now deputy regional commissioner with the Denver office of the U.S. Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare. Dr. Iwao Moriyama of Washington, D.C., with the U.S. Public Health Service, will spend two years in Hiroshima as chief of the statistics department with the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission.

Los Angeles Harbor Commissioner Fred I. Wada resigned for a second time May 19 for health reasons. Last summer he resigned for similar reasons but the City Council confirmed his appointment for a second five-year term after the Huntington Park supermarket owner agreed to assist in his role in fostering trade with Japan. Wada was appointed to the commission in January, 1969, to succeed Taul Watanabe who had resigned.

John T. Miho, 28-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Katsuro Miho of Honolulu, was named deputy regional counsel for the Office of Economic Opportunity at San Francisco. He had been a legislative assistant to U.S. Sen. Hiram Fong (R-Hawaii) in Washington for nearly three years and a deputy corporation counsel for city and county of Honolulu.

School Front

The Univ. of San Francisco will confer the honorary doctorate degree of fine arts in absentia upon Seiji Ozawa, musical director of the San Francisco Symphony, at its 112th commencement May 30. The maestro is scheduled to be in Japan at the end of the month.

Cal State-Dominguez Hills' "Asian American Awareness" series continued to be sponsored as a forum to reflect the broadest range of interests and opinions. History instructor at Gardena High, Mas Okui, and a panel of four students spoke May 19. Mrs. Midori Watanabe, asst. professor in psychology at El Camino College, and Royal Morales, Filipino community worker and a member of the Council of Oriental Organizations, were to speak May 27 on campus.

Longtime teachers of San Fernando Valley Japanese Language School were honored at the institution's 50th anniversary celebration May 16. They included Mrs. Michi Yamashiro, principal and for the past 42 years a teacher, and Arao Hasegawa, teacher for 32 years.

An Ontario girl has been selected one of 22 Oregon State University coeds who will be a 1971-72 member of Mortar Board, national service honor society for senior women. She is Candice Hironaka, a senior next fall in the school of education. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. George Hironaka.

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Awards

Nancy Takayo Komae, USC song girl with a 3.95 grade point average majoring in accounting, was awarded a \$200 scholarship from the American Society of Women Accountants, L.A. chapter. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Komae, Venice-Culver JACLers, was a recipient in 1968 of a \$250 JACL Tsukamoto memorial scholarship and a California State Scholarship.

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Churches

The Anaheim Japanese Free Methodist Church, founded Nov. 28, 1921, and making plans to celebrate its 50th anniversary later this year, has started a \$100,000 building fund drive to provide for an auxiliary chapel for Japanese services, office, social hall and parking space. Groundbreaking is planned for July 4, according to the Rev. John Miyabe, pastor, and superintendent of the Pacific Coast Free Methodist Conference.

The Rev. Seiki Ishihara and his family were honored May 22 by the Salt Lake Buddhist Church, where he has been its minister for seven years, to return to his father's temple in Shiga-ken. He was needed immediately in Japan after his father's death last August, but his work extended his stay here. Previously he was minister at Florin, Cleveland and San Francisco Buddhist churches.

Nisei Week

Peggy Nishimoto, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Nishimoto of Pasadena, was named Miss Pasadena JACL and will be in the 1971 Nisei Week queen contest. The selection was made at a queen's tea held May 3 with Frances Hiraoka as chairman. Other candidates were Jane Kinoshita, Joanne Goya, Cheryl Kish and Carrie Masunaka.

Military

At the annual UCLA ROTC Awards Review held May 22, Ronald Toyama of Los Angeles, a graduate student in business, was cited with the DAR Distinguished Cadet Award for "highest standards of personal character, military ability and academic achievement." Peter Ng, also of Los Angeles, received the Society of American Military Engineers Award.

Malheur Girl Ball Queen Gayle Kuwahara, daughter of Mrs. Yuko Kuwahara of Vale, was recently named queen of the military ball at the Univ. of Oregon. The Air Force and Army ROTC members elected her to the position. Gayle, a 1970 graduate of Vale Union High School, is vice-president of Angel Flight where she holds the ranks of "Captain." She is also president of Kwamas, a sophomore service honor society and a member of Pi Beta Phi social sorority.

Book

Among the 1971 Pulitzer Prize winners announced Apr. 30 was John Toland whose book "The Rising Sun" (Random House) delineating the history of the Japanese empire from 1934 to 1945, won in the general non-fiction category.

Tadashi Akaishi is vice-president and publisher of Harper & Row's trade, religious and paperback departments.

Organizations

Terry Suzuki, Univ. of Calif. research associate in plant pathology and active with the Monterey Park-Nachikatsuura Sister City Assn., was nominated president of the Monterey Park Coordinating Council. The first president of this group was Alfred Song, now state senator. Suzuki has been active with the coordinating council the past 3 1/2 years and was first v.p. for two terms.

Jack Ogami was elected president of the Weiser (Idaho) Lions Club during a Wednesday noon luncheon meeting at the Hotel Washington.

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Local Scene

Los Angeles

Keynote speaker last year at the annual Little Tokyo Community Advisory Committee banquet, architect Tosh Terasawa returns to the podium June 15 at the Biltmore Bowl to emcee the 1971 LTC-DAC installation dinner. Ki-yoshi Kawai, banquet chairman, estimates a 100 pct. improvement in the turnout with 600 expected this year. A stimulating program of speakers and exhibits indicating the program of Little Tokyo redevelopment is being planned.

Miss Teen of Crenshaw Square will be crowned at the VFW Nisei Memorial Post 9938 coronation dinner-dance July 17 at the Airport Marina Hotel. Seven girls are competing for honors to reign July 22-25 at the Oriental Summer Festival at Crenshaw Square. Tickets are \$7.50 per person. Don Masuda and his orchestra will play.

San Francisco

A five-week summer day camp program will be inaugurated by the Japanese Community Youth Council for grammar school children from June 28-July 30. Registrations will be held every Saturday, 12n-3 p.m., according to counselor Kathy Kitagawa (568-8052). Crafts, nature study, games, songs, woodsmanship and outdoor cooking will be taught. A \$5 per week fee will be charged but scholarships are available. Program will aid working Japanese mothers this summer especially since there will be no public summer schools this year.

San Jose

Dr. Robert B. Munger, well-known Presbyterian minister and currently professor at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, will be the challenge speaker for the 22nd annual Japanese Evangelical Missionary Society Conference June 21-27 at Mount Hermon in the Santa Cruz mountains. Conference applications may be secured from JEMS, 112 N. San Pedro St., Los Angeles 90012.

Business

Bill T. Yamashiro, agent for Cal-Western Life's Wilshire agency in Los Angeles, has done it again. This is his 14th consecutive year membership in the Million Dollar Round Table.

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Bill Hosokawa

From the Frying Pan

Pleasant Hill, Calif.

BETTER THAN NOTHING—Until a few weeks ago I didn't even know there was a Pleasant Hill, California, but before anyone takes offense let me add that there must be lots of folks who never heard of Lakewood, Colorado, where we now live, nor of Golden, Colorado, where we used to live. Then our California son (there is also an Oregon son and a Texas daughter as well as a Denver daughter) was transferred from Los Angeles to San Francisco. And somehow or other, he found an apartment for his family in Pleasant Hill. He told himself that he didn't mind driving 50-odd miles a day, to and from work in the San Francisco financial district, if his family could enjoy the clear atmosphere and green environment of Pleasant View.

So one day last week in the course of a business trip that would take me elsewhere, we made a detour to Pleasant Hill by way of San Francisco for another one of those hit-and-run visits which are somewhat better than nothing. The airliner from Denver made a wide loop over the south end of San Francisco Bay, as it usually does in preparation for landing, and we couldn't help but remark what a tremendous asset it is to the people who live in the area. I hope enough of them care sufficiently to save it from destruction or even further damage.

For various reasons, chief among them that Pete had commitments that kept him from meeting us, and that we had a lot of stuff to haul, we took a cab into town. When the meter turned twice while we were still on the airport grounds, the driver, in response to a crude remark from me explained that the cab firms had just been granted a fare boost. The ride into town (excuse please; it's known in these parts as The City) was fast and comfortable and just about as cheap as the ride into Midtown Manhattan from Kennedy International, which adds up to an astonishing figure for risking one's life. Wait a minute. Come to think of it, I haven't taken a cab into Manhattan since their last fare increase, and I shouldn't be giving New York too much credit.

Anyway, Pete met us in due time and we whisked over the Bay Bridge, still a magnificent piece of engineering, to East Bay. Always before when I had done this, we turned northward toward Berkeley or Richmond or Sacramento or some lonely little place like Colusa. But on this occasion Pete headed straight inland, through a tunnel and over a pass, and suddenly we were east of the hills that make such a pleasant backdrop for the bay-side communities. The thick grass on the slopes was still green from the spring rains, though they would turn golden and brown before long, and the eucalyptus and liveoak were in full leaf. It was a pleasant drive indeed, and I rather suspect the man who named the area had been similarly taken when he decided to call it Pleasant Hill.

Pete and Vikki's paid turned out to be rather pleasant quarters far enough off the arteries to be satisfying quiet. Main source of sound was grandson No. 2, Patrick by name, who reveals about three and a half teeth when he grins and bounces on his belly like a stranded turtle when he gets wound up. Incidentally, one of his reactions is a perfect example of monkey-see, monkey do. Ever since he began to sprout teeth, Patrick has had to suffer the indignity of having people stick their fingers in his mouth to feel them. Now, if you pick up Patrick and put your face within distance of his hands, he'll shove his fingers in your mouth, possibly to check whether your teeth are your own or the product of your dentist's expensive skills.

Anyway, we loafed around, forgot all about business, didn't telephone a soul, and got a good deal of visiting accomplished before catching a ride into The City with Pete at 6:20 a.m. to hop a plane and return to the pressures of the workaday world. It was a delightful interlude, and something that ought to be done more often. Chances are, though, that life being what it is, the interludes will occur only too rarely.

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Jewish groups call off picketing of Japan Air Lines

PHILADELPHIA — An extensive campaign to pressure the Japan Air Lines into granting El Al Airlines landing rights in Japan, initiated May 3 by the Presidents Conference of Major Jewish American Organizations for a number of American cities, fizzled out and nobody knows why, according to the Philadelphia Jewish Times last week.

In Philadelphia, the campaign was supposed to be an intensive picket at the Japan Air Lines office but late Wednesday (May 5), a call was received from New York to call off the picket, according to Albert Chernin, executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council.

Chernin said he was given no reason for calling off the picket and was attempting to get a clarification of the directive.

There were plans to schedule to have demonstrators picket JAL offices in Washington, D.C., San Francisco, New York, Cleveland, Los Angeles and Philadelphia, after the May 3 advertisement appearing in the New York Times.

Japan Air Lines has denied the Jewish boycott charges in replying to the allegations and explained reciprocal landing rights are negotiated by governments. Furthermore, JAL said it enjoys normal airline relations with El Al.

Novice skydiver drowns in canal

DOS PALOS—Fresno dietitian Lillie Imamura, 32, landed in the Delta-Mendota Canal south of here during a practice parachute jump May 13 and was drowned. Her body was found two days later.

A farm worker said he spotted her in the water struggling and was ready to dive in to rescue her when she disappeared.

The skydiving instructor said it was her second jump and appeared to have made a perfect departure from the plane and was untroubled until she neared the ground where winds carried her over the canal into 15 ft. of water.

She was the daughter of Yasujiro Imamura of Santa Maria.

JAL Fellowship—

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Bill Tsujii

Tsujii, on the threshold of a doctorate degree in the area of Japanese Americans, and instructor on Japanese American ethnic studies at Fresno State, senses the continuity of the Japanese people and culture as passed to him by his parents and grandparents. The fellowship, he says, will enable him to capture the essence of Japan, relearn the Japanese language, be enriched by the first-hand observation of Japanese centers of history and culture and intensively interact with the people of Japan.

A member of the Fresno JACL, he is currently CDC youth commissioner and advises the Fresno Jr. JACL. After graduating from Cal State-L.A., he taught briefly at Stevenson Jr. High and a summer at Roosevelt High, evening classes at Cal State and Los Angeles City College.

Born in Manzanar, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hotsu Tsujii, graduated from Los Angeles High School, East Los Angeles College, and Cal State-L.A. with bachelor and master degrees. In the summer of 1967, he toured western Europe for 10 weeks with Cal-State students.



Sharon Uyeda

Miss Uyeda, who has been teaching the first grade now for two years, finds the fellowship may provide a foundation for a possible master's study in comparative education and an insight into American Buddhism by discussing with young adults there the Buddhism of Japan. Her experiences, she feels, will enhance her Buddhist Sunday School curriculum also as well as cooperate with the fourth grade teachers in her Berkeley Union School District where Japan is an area of study.

A member of the San Jose JACL, who began as a Jr. JACLer in 1965, she has been elected to several positions in both the youth and adult chapters. She is also active with the California Teachers Assn., school district curriculum improvement committee, the San Jose Betsuin Sunday School and the West Buddhist Sangha.

Born in San Jose, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Uyeda, graduated from

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SAN FRANCISCO — Exports to Japan from the Los Angeles customs district jumped from \$379.8 million in 1969 to \$619.2 million in 1970, according to the U.S.-Japan Trade Council here. The 64 pct. gain puts Los Angeles third place among all U.S. customs districts, close on the heels of San Francisco (\$719.9 million) and New York (\$731.4 million).

Los Angeles ranks second, after New York, among all U.S. customs districts in value of imports from Japan.

Body washed ashore

LOS ANGELES — A body washed ashore Apr. 30 at Redondo Beach has been identified by County Coroner's Office as that of Kenneth Kenji Morita, 20, of 16403 S. Dalton, who was reported presumed drowned April 3.

HIROTO CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Reception Aboard 'Queen Mary' Set

LOS ANGELES—The Queen's Salon in the newly-opened-to-the-public Queen Mary, anchored at Pier J in Long Beach Harbor, will be the locale for the community reception for Edwin C. Hiroto, candidate for the 27th District state senatorial seat which will be contested at a special election on June 22.

The gala rally and reception at which 3,000 are expected, will be held Saturday, June 12 from 8 p.m. A special "free flow" tour of the newly refurbished ship, with stationary guides at selected intervals, has been arranged for rally goers from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

The no-host cocktail reception will feature name entertainers and a wide variety of door prizes for a donation of \$5 per person. Tickets to the gala are available at:

The Bank of Tokyo, 120 S. San Pedro; Sumitomo Banks in Little Tokyo, Monterey Park and Orange County; Fuji Drug, and Hiroto Campaign Headquarters, 333 East Second Street.

Mexicans 'upset' by Japan fishing

TIBURON — The U.S. Sports Fisheries Marine Laboratory acting director, James L. Squire, Jr., observed sailfish and marlin catches have declined in Pacific Mexican waters and said the Mexicans are "very upset".

The Mexicans feel the decline is due to heavy catches of billfish being made by Japanese longline commercial fishermen. As a result, resort operators are considering asking the Mexican government to declare a 200-mile limit on foreign fishing vessels.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS SET FOR S.F. NIHONMACHI

SAN FRANCISCO — A long campaign to obtain traffic signals for two dangerous Sutter St. intersections at Buchanan and Laguna appears to be resolved successfully as the public works department was instructed to begin planning for their installation.

But Michael Uyeno, who spearheaded the action with the Japanese Community Youth Council, is skeptical. "Our committee's work won't be completed until the signals are actually in place."

The city traffic department long contended the intersections were not hazardous enough to warrant signals.

Title II chairman

LOS ANGELES — Mrs. Sumi Ujimori, of 1395 Kempton Ave., Monterey Park 91754 was appointed by PSWDC Gov. Mas Hironaka to succeed Dr. Bob Suuki as chairman of the So. Calif. JACL Committee to Repeal Title II. She chaired the local East L.A. JACL Title II Repeal efforts.

James Lick High and San Jose State College. This will be her first trip to Japan, though she has visited widely in the U.S. and toured Europe for 10 weeks last summer.

OVERSEAS JAPANESE ASSN. Hosts 600 at Its 12th Annual Confab

TOKYO—Held annually since 1957, the Convention of Overseas Japanese here May 14-15 attracted some 600 delegates and guests. Prince and Princess Takamatsu were present at the opening ceremonies at Sabo Hall here.

Aichi Gov. Mikine Kuwahara, board chairman of the Overseas Japanese Assn., which sponsors the convention, paid tribute to the outstanding achievements of Japanese emigrants and their children and grandchildren during the past 100 years since large-scale emigration began.

Messages from Prime Minister Eisaku Sato and Foreign Minister Kiichi Aichi were read. Prince Takamatsu welcomed the delegates and praised their outstanding achievements abroad.

Delegates discussed Japanese economic cooperation programs, emigration trends and problems, cultural exchanges and the education of children of Japanese abroad.

Last year, over 700 attended the 11th convention, representing 12 nations. Largest delegation of 467 came from Brazil, where there are over 635,000 Japanese, emigrant and native-born.

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THE PRACTICE OF KODEN—There is a book published in Japan, first published in January of 1970, which seems to be a compilation of proper protocol in "when such-and-such happens, then you must do thus-and-so" to be properly Japanese in social customs as they relate to forms and manners adapted from the old traditions to fit modern life conditions. Over 2,700,000 copies have been sold in Japan. This must mean that even the Japanese in Japan are not too sure about what they are supposed to do under given social conditions and circumstances. This must be a Japanese "Emily Post" book.

This book was taken from this book and it states as follows:

"To take a light example, when someone passes away, all the friends and relations are supposed to send money wrapped nicely in (white) paper. This is commonly called an incense offering and serves to relieve the close family of the financial burdens imposed by the funeral. It constitutes an exceedingly strict obligation for anyone in some kind of a relationship to the deceased. A record must be kept of the names of all who send such money offering along with the amount received. This sounds pretty mercenary, but actually it is merely a practical measure since afterward a curious bit of etiquette demands returning to each donor a gift or something which comes to half the amount of the original donation, a practice which is observed without reference to the position of the thoughtful one or the sum of the offering."—The East (magazine), April, 1971.

In this country, our observation, which is probably very incomplete and superficial, has been that the practice of giving a monetary offering at a funeral was universal among the Issei. In our family, this offering was called "koden". Whatever the family's financial circumstances, the koden was always paid. It was considered a very sacred obligation to return the koden to the family of the giver when a death occurred in his family.

The Nisei generation, for the most part, continues this very good practice. It is a form of mutual burial insurance. In these days of inflation, burial costs have gone up and become a severe financial burden. The average family needs financial assistance at such a time.

It would be very helpful if some knowledgeable person would compile the do's and don'ts of the koden system. At times problems and questions arise. What is the proper amount to give? What do you do when you do not hear about the death until much later? Is it still proper to send koden? If a certain family gives you X number of dollars when a death occurs in your family, and there are several brothers in your family, is the amount of the

koden to be split among the brothers, or should each brother give a separate koden of the original amount given to the family? Should some kind of a gift be enclosed with the acknowledgement of the koden or flowers? In Southern California, the custom seems to be to include a book of stamps with the acknowledgement.

Mutual burial insurance societies may serve the same practical purpose, but the koden system has a personal element that cannot be replaced. This could be a very practical and desirable part of our cultural heritage that the younger generations might do well to remember and continue to practice.

ETHNIC JOKES—The hypersensitivity of the minorities has created a situation where anything resembling an ethnic joke, which is a racial group in a manner considered even remotely derogatory, immediately arouses the wrath of the subject ethnic group. An ironic situation has been created which gives a monopoly to comedians of a racial minority to stories of ethnic humor—witness Pat Morita and his Japanese comedy, Flip Wilson and Bill Cosby and their black dialogue, Myron Cohen and his stories of Jewish characters.

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1000 Club Report

May 14 Report

First half of May saw 98 new and renewing memberships in the 1000 Club, according to National headquarters, with one new Century Club member in Raymond S. Uno, Salt Lake City.

24th Year: San Francisco—Masao W. Satou.
23rd Year: Hollywood—Arthur T. Ho; Wilshire—Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa.
20th Year: Downtown L.A.—Justin Lee; San Jose—Alan A. Masumoto; Sacramento—Richard T. Matsumoto; Berkeley—Mrs. Jean Nakamura; Seattle—Dr. George E. Brown; San Francisco—Mrs. Betty S. Yumori.
19th Year: MPDC—Mrs. S. Ruth Hashimoto; Downtown L.A.—Lynn N. Takagaki.
15th Year: Marysville—Robert Kodama; Fresno—Dr. Sumio Kubo.
14th Year: Hollywood—Paul K. Kawakami; Cincinnati—Benny Okura; San Jose—Esau Shimizu; San Francisco—Henri Takahashi; Berkeley—Henry M. Takahashi; Livingston—Merced—George Yagi.

13th Year: San Jose—Dr. Thomas H. Hiraoka; San Francisco—Alan A. Masumoto; Sacramento—Richard T. Matsumoto; Berkeley—Mrs. Jean Nakamura; Seattle—Dr. George E. Brown; Venice—Culver—Mrs. Betty S. Yumori.
11th Year: Long Beach—Harbor—Dr. George E. Brown; Snake River Valley—Dr. Roy J. Kondo; San Francisco—Dr. H. Quintus Sakai; Seattle—Dr. Paul Suzuki; Puyallup Valley—Nobuo Yoshida.
10th Year: San Francisco—Mike Inouye; Dr. Willard R. Yasu; Eddie Moriguchi; San Mateo—Hiroshi Ito; San Luis Obispo—Ken Kitazaki; Salt Lake City—Kenzo Morioka.
9th Year: Placer County—Robert Nakamura; Snake River Valley—James Wakagawa.
8th Year: French Camp—John T. T. Fujiki; Fresno—Joe N. Hashima (formerly Gardena Valley); Salt Lake City—Tad Hatanaka; Raymond S. Uno (Century Club); Venice—Culver—Mrs. Frances Kitagawa; San Luis Obispo—Stone Saruwatari; Snake River Valley—Dr. Kenji J. Yaguchi.
7th Year: Detroit—William S. Adair; San Francisco—Fred Y. Abe; Seattle—James K. Fukuda; Chicago—Harry T. Kuwahara.
6th Year: Milwaukee—Chester Sagar; Gardena Valley—Yoshiaki Tamura.
5th Year: Milwaukee—Makoto Aratani; Berkeley—Goro Endo; Roy H. Matsumoto; Cleveland—Robert L. Fuji; East Los Angeles—Frank Sakamoto; Pasadena—Mack M. Yamaguchi.
4th Year: East Los Angeles—Fusao Kawato; San Francisco—Calvert Kitazumi; Sequoia—Kiyu Nishizuru; Watsonville—Frank Sakata; San Fernando Valley—Mitsuharu Saruwatari; Pasadena—Mrs. Thelma Stoddy; Seattle—Shosaku Suyama; Uchichi Tamesa; Masahisa Tanaka.
3rd Year: Sacramento—Yasumi Matsui; Seattle—Thomas T. Mulkara; Salt Lake City—George J. Sakashita.
2nd Year: Berkeley—Mrs. Ruth M. Adams; Ted Obata; Milwaukee—Mrs. Myrtle Brown; Mrs. Sakai Curik; Katsuno Zemski; French Camp—Tatsuo Egi; Venice—Culver—Mrs. Sanaye Gamachi; Geary Yamamoto; Sonoma County—John M. Hirooka; Monterey Peninsula—Dr. John K. Ishizuka; Placer County—Ken Kawabara; Chicago—Donald Kawamura, John Kuhn, Jean Naito, Patricia Stack, Fred Suzuki, Terry Sawada; Downtown L.A.—Masaki Kobayashi; Detroit—Mrs. Rose Lendrum, Mrs. Fran Ovijs; San Luis Obispo—Mrs. Yukiko Wilkerson; West Valley—Frank H. Miyagawa; Gardena Valley—Joe Sakamoto, Ricky Sakamoto, Pasadena—George Shiota, Bill T. Wakiji; West Los Angeles—Nancy Takahashi.
1st Year: Gardena Valley—Louis C. Galucci; Dr. Tom Maeda, Tad Suyama, Mrs. Tokiye Yamaguchi; Cleveland—Takashi Masukoka; Marysville—George M. Nagawaga; Pasadena—George M. Okada.

CALENDAR

- May 28 (Friday) Scianoco—Gen Mtg.
- West Los Angeles—Benefit movie, Mahood Rec Ctr, 8 p.m.
- May 29—Jr JACL workshop, Northfield Inn, Northfield, Mich.
- May 30 (Sunday) DC—Memorial Day Rites, Arlington Nat'l Cemetery.
- Fresno—Dr. Taira Testimonial, Buddhist Church Annex, 6:30 p.m.
- May 31 (Monday) Pocatello—Memorial Service, Mountain View Cemetery, 10 a.m.
- Portland—Memorial Service, Rose City Cemetery, 2 p.m.
- Chicago—Memorial Service, Montrose Cemetery, 11 a.m.
- Los Angeles—Memorial Service, Evergreen Cemetery, 11 a.m.
- Fresno—Memorial Service, Nisei War Memorial, Roeding Park, 9 a.m.
- San Francisco—Memorial Day service, Golden Gate Nat'l Cemetery, 10 a.m.; Shig Sugiyama, speaker.
- June 1 (Tuesday) Gardena Valley—Meet the Candidates, North Gardena Methodist Church, 8 p.m.
- PSWDC—Nisei Relays Comm Mtg., Japanese Chamber of Commerce, Rm 206, 125 Weller St., Los Angeles, 8 p.m.
- June 3 (Saturday) Contra Costa—Days at the Races, Bay Area Community—Newcomers Program, International Institute, 297 Lee St., Oakland, 1 p.m.
- Alameda—Oakland—Duplicate bridge tournament, Buena Vista United Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.
- June 6 (Sunday) PSWDC—Nisei Relays, Franklin HS Field, 9 a.m.
- Sacramento—Comm Picnic, Elk Grove Park, 11 a.m.
- June 8 (Tuesday) Sequoia—Bd Mtg, Issei Memorial Prog, Westside—Bd Mtg.
- June 9 (Wednesday) Orange County—Bd Mtg, Bank of Tokyo, Santa Ana, 8 p.m.
- June 12 (Saturday) Sequoia—Children's picnic, Altdersgate Church, Palo Alto, 11:30 a.m.
- June 12-13 Eden Township—Bazaar, Eden Comm Ctr.
- June 13 (Sunday) PNWDC—District session, Spokane JACL hosts.
- Salinas Valley—Barbecue, Bolado Park.
- June 14 (Monday) Alameda—Bd Mtg, Buena Vista Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.
- June 29 (Sunday) Pocatello—Picnic, Blackfoot Fairgrounds.
- June 28 (Saturday) Chicago—Graduates dinner, McCormick Boys Club, 6:30 p.m.
- June 27 (Sunday) Dayton—Pictures of Japan, West Los Angeles—Steak bake, Cheviot Hills Pkwy.
- Monterey—Community picnic, Orange County—JAX's carnival, Garden Grove Park, 12m-9 p.m.
- June 30 (Wednesday) Berkeley—Bd Mtg, American Savings & Loan, 7:30 p.m.
- June 30 (Wednesday) Monterey Peninsula—Bd Mtg, JACL Hall, 7:30 p.m.

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June Events

Gardena Valley slates candidates night June 1

A public meeting has been called for June 1, 8 p.m., by Gardena Valley JACL to meet with the five candidates vying in the June 8 election for the unexpired city council term of the late Vince Bell, chapter 1000 Clubber. Board members will meet prior to 7 p.m. at the North Gardena Methodist Church.

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Alameda JACL cited DC chapter of year

SAN JOSE—Shiro "Jug" Takahashi, Alameda JACL president, accepted the NC-WNDC Chapter of the Year perpetual trophy and gavel on behalf of his chapter during the second quarterly district session held here May 16.

The 1970 award was based on chapter programs, membership record and participation, according to James Kido, district committee in charge, who also presented citations to the Sonoma County, West Valley and Contra Costa chapters.

CHAPTER PULSE

Scholarship

The 26th annual Snake River JACL graduation banquet will be held May 29, 1971 at 7:30 p.m. at the Eastside Cafe. Guest speaker will be Sam Harsin, a Korean War orphan through the Holt Program from Baker, Oregon. Sam is currently the Oregon State FFA vice-president.

Three \$250 awards offered by Gardena Valley

Graduating high school seniors who are either Jr. JACL members or children of members in the Gardena Valley JACL have until June 1 to apply for three \$250 scholarships, according to David Mau (327-4684) and Judy Kawamura (323-8414). There are three \$250 awards, one from the chapter and two from Mrs. Tokiye Yamaguchi in memory of Hiroshi Yamaguchi.

Alameda calls for applications by July 31

Alameda JACL has set July 31 as its deadline for applications for the 1971 chapter

Asian Studies

UCLA Extension this summer offers courses in modern Chinese and Japanese on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays, 7-9:30 p.m., at UCLA Bunche Hall starting June 21 with Kuo-yi Pao and Keoko Isshiki as respective instructors. George Matsubayashi will teach conversational Japanese starting June 22, 7 p.m., on Tuesday and Thursday. Enrollment is now open, by writing P.O. Box 24902, UCLA Extension, Los Angeles 90024, or calling 825-4838.

PASADENA JACL REPORTS

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The chapter board last month staged a surprise potluck supper at the home of Ken Dyo for Mr. and Mrs. Richard Inatuku of South Gate, newly-weds. Mrs. Inatuku (nee Kimi Fukutaki) has been past president for two previous years and will continue to assist as ex-officio.

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May Events

Portland plans for 1973 bowling tourney

Plans for the 1973 National JACL bowling tournament scheduled in Portland JACL, scheduled May 27 at Epworth United Methodist Church. Bud Ishida and Mits Nakashima are tournament co-chairmen.

Contra Costa greets new members, Issei

Contra Costa JACL combined their Issei appreciation program and new member program at the May 22 potluck supper at Kennedy High School, Richmond.

The El Cerrito Minyo group, koto selections by Mme. Muramoto of Oakland, and local skits comprised the entertainment program. Committee members were: Ben Takeshita, Mike Miyakado.

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Tango-no-Sekku party draws 60 Sequoia CLers

Almost 60 persons, young and old, enjoyed the Sequoia JACL Tango-no-Sekku celebration May 1 at Palo Alto Aldersgate Church with songs, making "kabuto" out of paper, eating home-made manju and receiving a live goldfish.

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Pres. Nixon responds to Black Caucus demands

WASHINGTON — President Nixon last week (May 18) told the 13 black congressmen who boycotted his State of the Union message four months ago that their civil rights goals "are largely those of the Administration."

Replying point by point to 60 social and economic recommendations the black caucus made to him in a meeting March 25, he promised "a drive to validate with jobs, income and tangible benefits the pledges this society has made to the disadvantaged in the past decade."

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Science

Among four UCLA professors of science named to the American Academy of Arts and Science this past week was Dr. Susumu Hagiwara, professor of physiology, who has been at UCLA since 1969, was the first director of the Marine Neurophysiology Laboratory in San Diego.

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PASADENA JACL REPORTS

Busy Thus Far, Will Be Busier Yet

PASADENA—It has been a busy year for Pasadena JACLers thus far, according to Mack Yamaguchi, chapter president, in his April-May report. And the expectations are that the momentum will continue.

April Events

Speakers Club hold demonstration meeting

A typical monthly practice session

Aloha from Hawaii

by Richard Gima

grown in Hawaii were marketed under a Federal agreement, according to the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. A 13-member committee is administering the program, relating the grade, size, quality, maturity, container and packaging of papayas. The program was instituted as a result of a public hearing in Hilo and Honolulu last Sept. Seventy per cent of the growers approved it in a referendum last month.

Honolulu Scene

Under a new camping policy by the Dept. of Parks and Recreation, no person will be allowed to camp in parks of the City and County of Honolulu for more than two weeks at a time. The rule will apply to all city parks on Oahu so that no camper may shift to another park once his 14-day limit has expired. This is one of the new regulations being prepared to ease weekend crowding in parks, especially during the summer. Young Suk Ko is parks director.

Univ. of Hawaii

Cynthia Hirakawa, a 22-year-old blind student, will graduate from the Univ. of Hawaii on May 23 as a Phi Beta Kappa. She is the daughter of the Futoshi Hirakawas of 3438 Ala Haukulu St. Miss Hirakawa will receive a bachelor's degree in sociology with a 3.6 cumulative grade point average. About 1,300 seniors will be graduated.

Business Ticker

Dewar's White Label Scotch whiskey advertising will feature Paul Kurata, 43, a Kaimuki Nisei jeweler. The ad is a local version of the profiles that Dewar's has been running in national magazines and that has primarily been featuring young creative types. The Kurata ad marks the beginning of a Dewar's campaign featuring civic-minded businessmen.

Twelve Hawaii business leaders and legislators met with some 200 Japanese businessmen in Tokyo recently for a two-day seminar on business treatment opportunities. The Hawaii delegation included Lt. Gov. George Ariyoshi, Clarence C. Ching, K. Tim Yee, Mayor Elmer L. Rice, Bill Dillingham and Speaker Tadao Beppu.

The Pacific Beach Hotel, 2490 Kalakaua Ave., has been acquired by Herbert T. Hayashi, president of the Pagoda Hotel and Floating Restaurant. The Pacific Beach, which was dedicated May 1, was first opened in May, 1969. It has 360 oceanview, fully air conditioned rooms with kitchens.

Nolan J. Kramer and George T. Kobayashi have been named as directors of Hawaiian Airlines. Kramer now is v.p. of visitor sales and Kobayashi is v.p. of resident sales.

First Hawaiian Bank will open a branch office at Nassau in the Bahamas in August. The bank is expanding international banking service. The branch office will give First Hawaiian direct access to the London money market and an entry to the European currency market.

Harry Otsuji, formerly president of Condominium Hawaii, has announced the formation of his own company, Otsuji and Associates. Otsuji left Holiday Mart in 1964 as executive vice president of the development subsidiary, Condominium Hawaii.

Mrs. Edna C. Shiigi has been named Hawaii's first woman regional manager for the American Family Life Assurance Co. of Columbus, the world's leading cancer insurer. Her promotion has been announced by B. Amos, president and chairman of the board. Mrs. Shiigi has been the company's top producer in Hawaii so far this year and recently placed first among more than 4,000 agents in a nationwide sales contest. She was the first person nationally to qualify for the 1971 company convention, scheduled for Sept. 24 in Nashville, Tenn.

Three new members have been elected to the Bank of Hawaii's board of directors. Among them is a Nisei, Robert H. Yamamoto, who is president of Iolani Sports and Young Hawaii. The other two are James H. Sugi, president of Pacific Resources, and Alan Kay, a lawyer, that it plans to develop a long-range program of diversified activities to provide new job opportunities for the employees of its Koloa Sugar Co., Malcolm MacNaughton, C&C President, said his company intends to develop a program aimed at diversification to supply support services and

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BOOK REVIEW: Allan Beekman Book Reveals Secrets of Occult Art

NINJA: The Invisible Assassins, by Andrew Adams; Los Angeles: Ohara Publications, Inc., 190 pp., \$6.95.

The author says, "When in the 17th Century the Tokugawa Shogun banned the practice of Ninjitsu or even the mention of the subject on penalty of death, it set a seal of secrecy on the occult art that has persisted to the present day. Through the years, only a handful of men continued as ninjas to keep alive at least the less lethal traditions of the art. On a chance, a Japanese film company produced a low-budget movie a few years ago about the ancient exploits of the ninjas, based on a scientific approach to the subject. Even the film promoters were astonished when they ended up with a full-scale hit on their hands."

"Ninjitsu," or "Ninjutsu," means "the art of invisibility." A practitioner of Ninjitsu was a ninja, an "invisible person." Ninja disguised themselves so expertly, and were so adroit at blending with the background, they had inspired the legend that they could make themselves invisible at will.

Dark-Age Art
The ninja had flourished during periods of national disunity in Japan, plying their sinister trade of espionage, sabotage, and assassination in the interests of rival warlords. When the Tokugawa family became supreme in Japan, it put an end to this dark age of civil strife. Justifiably concerned that the ninja might be used in a conspiracy against the central government, the Tokugawa outlawed the calling.

A ninja was born to the calling. In passing on their skills and secrets, fathers subjected sons to Spartan discipline. The novice ninja was trained to become an all-around athlete. He was trained in the martial arts of the day, in addition to furtive pursuits now associated with sneak thieves, such as climbing walls, and house-breaking.

Girls of a ninja family were similarly trained. In addition they were expected to use their sex to gain secrets. A girl ninja might startle a potential assailant into immobility by baring her breasts.

The successful practice of his art being predicated on keeping secret his possession of it, ninja tried to conceal their identity. For this reason, the outstanding practitioners tend to be unknown.

Outstanding Ninja
The author, however, mentions Sandayu Mochochi, an outstanding ninja. Though his name has survived, he pursued anonymity with such assiduity he maintained three separate houses "with a separate wife and family living at each one. When things got too hot in one area, he would change houses and identity." On his nocturnal forays,

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Ye Editor's Desk

THE WEEK TO 'HANG LOOSE'

This was the week to "hang loose" as the saying goes when the world seems topsy-turvy and flak bursts over the PC masthead.

Our second class mailing costs jumped up 15% and will continue to rise through 1976. . . . A particular article was too brief to suit one reader. . . . Pete Hirou-naka's cartoon last week (May 21) staggered another member. . . . Our use of "Asian" in headlines wined another casual reader who wondered where the "Nisei" went. . . . One subscriber isn't renewing because what the Japanese Americans are saying doesn't interest him anymore. . . . Another quitter was specific: he couldn't stomach Warren Furutani's column.

We're afraid more and more people (especially our faithful chapter correspondents) will be disappointed in the weeks to come by our heavy editing if created by Pete's cartoon last week. He was actually correct. Apologies are extended for any misunderstanding advertising doesn't pick up to allow additional pages recognizing the fact that in some chapters, our non-Nisei members are keeping the local club active and perking. . . . As for "Asians", more and more we note Americans whose ancestral ties are based in the Far East flourishing together on programs. When referring to persons of Japanese ancestry in general, "Nikkei" comes in handy. "Nisei" has become too specific.

We're always sad when subscribers fail to renew for we continually strive to meet and maintain the wide interests as reflected by the growing readership. We admit a good weekly sports feature is needed and some have stated they'd like to see Japanese recipes back. . . . We're shooting now to break 20,000 as our weekly press runs have past 19,000 since the first of April.

More lamentable, however, is the spectre of Death dipping its scythe more frequently among the people we have long known and worked with. Two who have been extremely effective in JACL when responsible roles were thrust upon them died during the week: Harold "Tokuzo" Gordon of Chicago, onetime National 1000 Club chairman whose last article on the Indochina War appeared in print after he had expired. . . . and Jimmy Y. Higashi of East Los Angeles, onetime So. Calif. JACL regional director and mainstay of a variety of community ventures including the Nisei Week, Christmas Cheer and Optimist Help-the-Boys projects.

An attorney for 40 years, Harold was a poet at heart. His parodies were highlights at 1000 Club whingdings. In recent years, he was among the older voices in JACL urging the national organization take a stand on the Vietnam War. . . . During his stint as regional director, Jimmy called his PC column, "Freewheeling on the Freeways", though he never owned or drove a car. He had a knack of getting around and took to wider horizons literally by forming a travel agency with Willie Kai. A serious side of Jim that seldom revealed itself was his love for religious music and Bach cantatas.

A more hopeful, personal note of the week came with the news that California Senate Majority Leader George Moscone (D-San Francisco) is pushing hard this session his Aid to Nonpublic School bills. The aid is based upon the needs of children and income level of their parents. While some oppose such aid because of already tight funds, Moscone feels it would ultimately cost more to accommodate the over 300,000 students now attending nonpublic schools were these institutions to close.

"Nonpublic schools must survive or public schools won't either," the San Franciscan has declared. Rather than investing billions in new facilities for public schools, the least expensive way for the California taxpayer, he feels, is to grant aid to nonpublic schools. To insure against having private schools becoming havens for the racists, he had Nat Colley, one of the most well-known black civil rights lawyers in the United States, draft that section of his bill on a proper racial mix for nonpublic schools to qualify.

Moscone's bills are not the more controversial but interesting education voucher system that has been aired around the country.

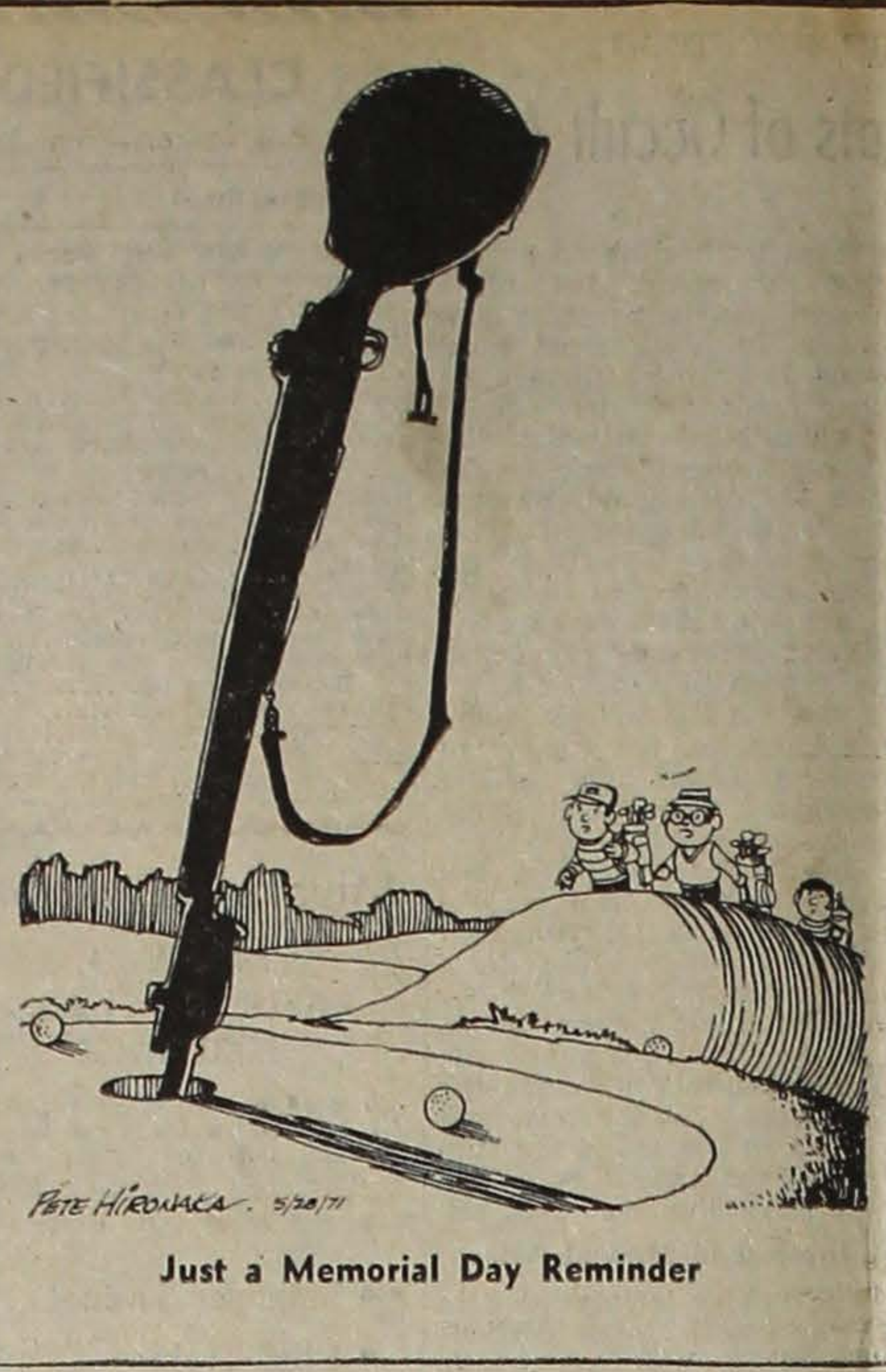
The bright note of the week was the welcome bundle of tabloid Pacific Citizen issues printed in Salt Lake City the first six years (1924-48) from Arkansas Valley JACLer George Ushiyama of Rocky Ford, Colo. He had stored them in his basement all these years. About to move from his home of 40 years and rather than lugging them to his new home, he asked if we wanted them. We hastily replied, "yes" . . . and that goes to anyone else who has prewar or wartime PCs they care to send to our library. George is searching for some prewar issues for he remembers saving from the time he joined the Denver JACL in 1937 and later the Bay District JACL in Venice just before the war.

George remembers attending segregated schools in the Rocky Ford area as a youngster—one for the white children, the other for Mexican and Japanese. He credits his dad, now retired in Los Angeles, for breaking down that system in the 1920s. His dad was among the first to grow onions successfully in the valley in 1918.

George bitterly recalls the anti-Japanese feeling during the war when "No Japs Wanted" signs appeared in Rocky Ford stores and eating places. One joint was really rough on Nisei GIs passing through town to visit the nearby Amache WRA Center that the Army had to step in and place it "out of bounds" for all military. He also remembers the time the Masonic Lodge in town black-balled his application.

His children are well aware of the history of discrimination against the Japanese in southeastern Colorado and do not hesitate to tell their Hispanic and Caucasian friends at school.

In recent years, George assisted in the JACL Issei History Project and wished he had a tape recorder to preserve the oral history of the Issei pioneers in the valley. . . . Had the tape cassettes been as popular in the early 1960s as they are today, the Japanese American Research Project at UCLA would have had a tremendous store of Issei history and lore.



CAPITAL SCENE: David Ushio

Equality for All

As a newcomer to Washington, one of the more fascinating aspects of this new experience has been meeting and working with many of the people who have made headlines in the newspapers and magazines that I have read.

After attending hearings that involve famous Senators and Representatives questioning famous national leaders, I find that our lawmakers are human beings like the rest of us, possessing both talents and frailties. Personal contact with these people further confirms that they are very capable and concerned individuals, who like everyone else, have a job to do and are trying their best to accomplish it.

Recently I had the opportunity of having lunch with the Executive Director of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. As a political science major in college whose interest centered on civil rights, I had often studied and come to admire the work of this organization. So when the director, Marv Caplan, telephoned me one day and asked me if he could take me to lunch to discuss JACL's role in the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, I was eager for the chance.

Marv Caplan is a large man, in physical stature and in energy. Very pleasant, quick to smile, and easy to converse with, Marv patiently answered all my questions, confirming some of my observations and in turn, pointing out that the real political world is much different from the "ivory tower" conception of politics that the academic world teaches.

As a former newspaper man who covered Capitol Hill for many years before coming to the Leadership Conference, Marv's retention of detail and anecdotes pertaining to the civil rights movement and the personalities involved quickly gave me a feeling for the cause to which he and many others have dedicated their lives. That afternoon I learned that the Leadership Conference was formed in 1949 when many national organizations who shared a common commitment to civil rights realized that if they joined together the collective impact would be greater and more likely to influence the lawmakers toward a decent position on civil rights. JACL was a charter member, and one of the founding organizations that established the Leadership Conference. Men such as A. Philip Randolph, Roy Wilkins, Arnold Aronson, and Mike Masaoka were among the civil rights leaders who saw the need for a unified group to coordinate the then fledgling civil rights movement.

The strength of the Conference then and still today derives from the unity and collective resources of its participating organizations. Today the coalition national civil rights, religious, labor, civic, professional, and fraternal organizations dedicated to the establishment of human dignity of all Americans. When the Conference takes a position in support of a particular bill, or when it urges the government to take a certain course of action, it speaks with authority representing literally millions of Americans of all races and creeds, from all geographic sections of the nation, and from every conceivable walk of life.

The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights has endorsed the major legislative efforts of JACL over the past two decades. The enactment of the evacuation claims laws and subsequent amendments, the removal of racial discrimination in immigration laws, and other JACL-sponsored legislation has been fully supported by the Leadership Conference. The present fight to repeal Title II of the Emergency Detention Act of 1950 has full backing of the 120 organizations that comprise the Leadership Conference.

It is noteworthy that in the past two decades in which civil rights legislation has been one of our top national priorities, that the campaigns for all federal civil rights laws enacted during these years were organized and coordinated by the Leadership Conference. It was during the monumental campaign to pass the Civil Rights Act of 1964 that Marv Caplan was asked to be director of the Leadership Conference to ensure the passage of that law. The Conference has spearheaded every major civil rights law that has been passed since then.

Over lunch we agreed that the struggle for equality and human dignity in this nation may take a long time. Social change is indeed accelerating and the pace with which we are living life is phenomenal. But compared to this speed, the advancement of civil rights is snail-like. Consequently, the frustrations marked by violent eruptions in the oppressed segments of our society will continue to occur. I asked him if the traditional approach to civil rights, as demonstrated by such organizations as the Leadership Conference, will become out-moded in these days of demands, confrontation, and violent demonstrations. His answer confirmed my personal observations, in that confrontation politics has indeed demonstrated the injustices and has in many cases prodded the government into more rapid changes and advancements.

But the role played by traditional organizations such as the Leadership Conference is even more vital today in that the legislation to alleviate the problems that cause the frustration still must be passed in Washington. The special problems that occur in the legislative process still require the guiding hand of a recognized, credible organization, such as the Leadership Conference, which knows the "tricks of the trade" to get the vital laws passed. In short, the goals are the same—to alleviate the injustice and oppression in this nation. Both groups play a vital part in the ultimate outcome though the means and division of labor may be completely different. One complements the other although at times, according to Marv, cooperation in an outward sense is nonexistent, sometimes even hostile.

Nevertheless, if our nation is to realize the goal of equality for all, the conscience of Congress, the government, and the nation must be prodded by the most effective means. All organizations can make an impact, hopefully the collective effort will result in human dignity.

25 Years Ago

Reveal torture death of Nisei (Fred M. Fujikawa, 22, of Canoga Park) in Japan, stranded in Japan by war. . . . New York Times says Issei residents who aided U.S. war effort face deportation. . . . Nisei mechanic (Chick Hira-shima of L.A.) helps George Robson win 1946 Indianapolis 500 classic. . . . Nisei GI (Tito Okamoto of Bakersfield) in Hiroshima finds brother died in atom blast. . . . Federal court will consider draft-resister cases of 100 from Poston WRA Center. . . . Permanent ban against Canada Nisei returning to British Columbia asked by provincial government. . . . Change in voting procedures proposed as solution to Spokane VFW anti-Nisei controversy. . . . State of California stymied in escheat case when it learns defendant (Katsumi Nagata of Coachella Valley) still in U.S. military. . . . National Conference of Social Work seeks elimination of racial bars for U.S. naturalization; JACL opens national drive for Issei rights to citizenship. . . . Infantry Journal to publish book on 442nd RCT.

Director's Report

BY MASAO W. SATOW

WE GO TO WASHINGTON—The 22nd Biennial National Convention Chairman Harry Takagi was by Headquarters last month going over preliminary plans for Washington, D.C., June 28-July 1 of next year. Social events as such will be cut out to take full advantage of our being in the Nation's Capital, including visitations to respective Congressmen in their offices, a Congressional spots. We are counting on National Council sessions not running over a total of ten hours over the four days.

'UPROOTED AMERICANS'—Former WRA Director Dillon Myer's book is a must among volumes dealing with the Japanese American experiences. Immediately post-war Myer admitted to some of us he was greatly concerned about the outbreak of war for the security of the west coast because of the large Japanese population. He learned fast as he inherited a rough situation, trying to adhere to principles while being badgered by a hostile press and needed by vociferous Congressmen who knew all the answers.

Myer is modest about his personal role in turning off these Congressmen and as he met the west coast racists head on preparatory to our return. The intervening years have heightened interest in books on Japanese Americans, particularly the Evacuation as people are learning all too slowly what happened to us. As Headquarters handled a number of such books in the immediate post-war period, they went begging. "We don't want to read about the camps and get mad all over again" seemed to be the answer.

Also currently available through Hq. are Edward Picer et al IMPOUNDED PEOPLE (\$7.50); Mine Okubo's CITIZEN 13660 (\$5.00); Alan Bosworth's AMERICA'S CONTRACTIONS CAMPS (\$5.00); and Bill Hosokawa's NISEI (\$9.00). We made arrangements with the late Alan Eaton to buy up the remaining copies of his BEAUTY BEHIND BARBED WIRE before this grand old man passed away, so have a limited number (\$5.00). It is one of our favorites, evoking appreciation instead of sympathy.

His dedication in our behalf was recognized by the National Board in an unprecedented special scroll of appreciation at the National Convention in Salt Lake City in 1958. The citation read: "It is not difficult for a person who is discriminated against to strive for equality, but the true measure of a man is what he is willing to do for his fellow men when he himself is not being affected. For more than a decade voluntarily and without solicitation, he has given unselfishly and without any possibility of personal gain to JACL."

This is a fitting epitaph. With heavy heart we designate his 1000 Club Life Membership now as a Life Memorial Membership.

Lt. Calley Issue

By ROBERT M. TAKASUGI

Los Angeles Much has been written and expressed regarding the recent conviction of 1st Lt. William Calley for the mass, wholesale, premeditated murders of a sizeable number of Vietnamese human beings on March 16, 1968, in the village of My Lai. Of these, we wish to list the following observations merely as premises to the message carried in this column.

1—The merger of the Hawks and Doves for Presidential intervention with hopes of violating the severity of a life sentence or vacating same altogether. 2—The President's compliance thereto in permitting Calley to remain in his apartment in lieu of stockade confinement pending an appeal. No such executive intervention occurred in the 20-odd prior trials which received little or no publicity for the same or similar crimes.

3—The response of prosecutor Capt. Aubrey Daniel III to Nixon's "second guessing" of military justice by courts martial. 4—The Chief Executive's further promise to view the verdict in a "nonlegal, non-technical" fashion. 5—The parallel drawn between the guilt of Col. Henderson, Gen. Westmoreland, and many others in the upper echelon to that of General Yamashita following the Second World War on the basis of legal responsibility regardless of personal knowledge of the crimes committed.

6—The movement of certain alleged national statesmen and national organizations to bestow military honors upon Calley and their quest to grace him with martyrdom. 7—The sale of over 2 million copies of a song whose lyrics are styled as follows: "When I reach my final campground in the land beyond the sun And the Great Commander asks me, 'Did you fight or did you run?' I'll stand both straight and tall, stripped of medals, rank and gun . . . and this is what I'll say, 'Sir, I followed all my orders and I did the best I could . . .'"

8—The testimony of former Navy Lt. John Kerry before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee wherein he reported rampant atrocities and tortures, including beatings at the Mekong delta, perpetrated by U.S. forces on Vietnamese prisoners and civilians "in the fashion of Genghis Khan." Kerry opined that U.S. presence in Vietnam was an exercise of incredible arrogance of Vietnamizing the Vietnamese. 9—The collection by a U.S. captain of amputated and severed ears once belonging to a Vietnamese. 10—The constant clamor for the end to this obscene destruction of man and country and the pronounced resurgence of a sizeable number of war protesters.

11—The shocking sympathy accorded Calley as a scapegoat victim of it all. 12—The inability of Calley to discriminate between right and wrong, because . . . it is all wrong. A portion of his testimony is here reported: PROSECUTOR: What were your troops firing at? CALLEY: At the enemy, sir. PROSECUTOR: At people? CALLEY: At the enemy, sir. PROSECUTOR: They weren't human beings? CALLEY: Yes, sir. PROSECUTOR: Were they men? CALLEY: I don't know, sir. I would imagine they were, sir. I wasn't discriminating. PROSECUTOR: Did you see women? CALLEY: I don't know, sir. PROSECUTOR: Did you see women? CALLEY: I don't know, sir. PROSECUTOR: What did you mean you weren't discriminating? CALLEY: I wasn't discriminating between individuals in the way they were all the enemy. They were all to be destroyed, sir.

Amidst moderate restrictions, Calley resides in his luxurious apartment, picture-perfectly sipping his favorite alcoholic beverage and receiving visits from friends. He is said to possess a discriminating taste for food and liquor. He has left behind him a trail of blood which has drenched the moral fiber of this nation. Pursuant to "program", he had summarily ended the lives of many whose zest and right to life was as inviolable as his own. Tragically, the Calley incident is far from an isolated matter. The creation of a Calley philosophy and the resulting support and condonation of his activities are certainly reasons why we should undergo a searching inquiry into what we are and where we are. For only then will we know where we will be.

Ethnic minorities have stressed the hideous descriptions of the victims as "gooks" rather than as human beings. Such observations are significantly relevant. It is, however, not the salient issue no more than drug abuse can be cited as a societal issue. They are the indicia—the symptoms—of the decadent state of immorality which has totally encompassed and consumed people with the force and impact of an epidemic. Honest and staunch dissent is today judged either as subversive or courageous depending upon one's position of observation when an honest expression and stand should and must always remain a responsibility for each and all. The clash of ideological views has always been measured laterally and horizontally along the total spectrum. We wonder in this case whether this is an accurate depiction. The differences are perhaps more correctly measured vertically as differences really in human dimension.

PRIORITIES

Henry T. Tanaka



Lesson of CIP

During the past 10 months I have been acutely aware of the frustrations of serving as an officer in the JACL. The fact that many other similar national organizations face the same frustrations is of no comfort to me. It does not solve our need to establish priorities, improve communications at all levels, provide for adequate followup and implementation of programs, seek additional funds to meet our many commitments, or to assure adequate staffing.

One major program priority is the Community Involvement Project (CIP) which grew out of our Civil Rights program. Under the capable leadership of the Coordinator, Warren Furutani, CIP is staffed by four Field Operation Expeditors (FOX), each assigned to a different community in California.

The major thrust of CIP is to develop and carry out social services for Asian Americans. This narrowing of its focus on Asian Americans is both realistic and timely. Its limitation to California is justified by limited funds and the greater concentration of Asians in the state.

A secondary function of CIP is to assist in the development of Asian Studies. In less than six months the CIP has demonstrated unusual progress. A recent report has identified four areas of concern: Youth and Drugs, Social Services, Legal Services, and Medical and Special Projects. As a demonstration projects, CIP may open up new and better ways of serving the needs of Asian Americans.

As with any demonstration project, CIP must be seen in proper perspective to the over-all goals and purposes of JACL. The fact that CIP is presently focused on the development and carrying out of direct social services is of concern to me. This direction might be construed to mean that the goal is to continue the development of social service programs in other cities and communities under the auspices of JACL. In my opinion, this would be an unrealistic and inappropriate role for JACL. JACL is not a social agency, nor should it attempt to be.

CIP's goal is to effectively demonstrate the need and usefulness of its services to Asian Americans, and to impress upon the communities it serves, the need to continue such services under the auspices of existing community agencies, or newly-created agencies.

As one who is intimately involved in the human services field, I am very encouraged by what has been accomplished to date by CIP, given the limited funds and manpower. I am aware, however, of the need for proper and systematic data to support any eventual recommendations when the project is completed.

What does this mean for now? To me, it means that much more attention of JACL staff and Board must be given to periodically review the project, to establish ways of collecting relevant data, to develop a skills bank of community "involvers", to make programmatic changes based on careful evaluation, and to begin exploring possible sources of financial support other than the general membership.

It means that the success of a national program, but whether its demonstration is convincing enough to be eventually taken over under auspices other than JACL.

BOOKSHELF

Performing Arts series

What are likely the final two of the Walker-Weatherhill series on the Performing Arts of Japan, NOH: The Classical Theater (\$5.95) and GAGAKU: Court Music and Dance (\$5.95) are off the press proving its aesthetic. One of following earlier books on its chief fascinations is its ability to evoke the brilliance of Asian music and dance in remote times.—H.H.

AUSTRALIAN NATIVE ORCHIDS IN COLOUR, by Leo Cady and E. R. Rotherham, Charles E. Tuttle Co., 112 pp., 102 color plates, \$6.95. The more than 600 Australian native orchids are classified into more than 70 genera. One of his nation's leading native orchid taxonomists, the author Cady has described a broad cross section of the genera as possible in the space available. The more than 100 full-color photographs by Rotherham range from the representative plays, drawings and paintings from Noh history—recreates the atmosphere of this unique theater. Author Masataro Togi, whose career in Gagaku began at age 7 in 1925, introduces the most exotic of Japan's performing arts that go back to the seventh and eighth centuries with scenes from Gagaku performances, explaining the orchestral and dance techniques and inter-dance (\$5.95) are off the press proving its aesthetic. One of following earlier books on its chief fascinations is its ability to evoke the brilliance of Asian music and dance in remote times.—H.H.

On Second Thought

Warren Furutani

Peace Sunday

On May 16, there was an event called Peace Sunday in Los Angeles. It was a conglomeration of speeches, recitals, testimonies and entertainment. It was one of the most unique peace demonstrations witnessed by a very unique audience.

This audience was comprised of mostly Nisei (at a peace demonstration? Right On!) Undoubtedly the reason they came was because of the known entertainers (i.e., George Takei, France Nuyen, Jane Fonda, Rafer Johnson) and the legitimacy of the keynote speaker, Rep. Spark Matsunaga. For whatever reason, the audience came out to hear and support the merits of peace and the ending of the Indochina war and this is a new direction for the infamously conservative Nisei.

Another unique perspective of Peace Sunday was the different speakers. You had the "bring-the-boys-home kind" and also you had the more radical participants. Pat Sumi touched on the more sensitive members of the audience with a warm pictorial and verbal reminder of the fact that the Vietnamese people are our "sisters and brothers". Her slide presentation and moving words made one empathize and realize the horror the Vietnamese people face from the war.

Mike Nakayama, a decorated Vietnam veteran, shocked the audience with the reality of the racism and unhuman aspects of America's involvement in the war. He conveyed such emotion that people were mentally transplanted from the Biltmore Hotel to the fields of Vietnam.

Peace Sunday was one hell of an experience. A cross-section of the community was there to listen to the speakers and decide their merits. The outcome? I'm not sure, but on Sunday the Asian community supported peace. Power to the People.

