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By RAYMOND S. UNO
National JACL President

Were you born in this country?

How frequently have other JAs been asked that question? The more I ponder the question, the more I am prone to acquiesce in the legitimacy of such inquiry.

The increasing number of visitors from Japan who travel to every nook and cranny of this country has made the Japanese from Japan as conspicuous as imported Japanese products which saturate this country from coast to coast. In recent years, there is very little to distinguish, for the average American, between JAs and Japanese from Japan. Regardless of how much we integrate and assimilate, we remain racially identifiable minorities. In addition, there is a common bond, for many, of language.

Our International Affairs Committee chaired by Dr. Clifford Uyeda will probably have increasing demands placed on it in respect to our position and relationship vis-a-vis Japan and the Japanese people. No doubt JAs can play a unique role in creating and maintaining goodwill and friendship between Japan, its people, and this country.

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Nagoya Students

The University of Utah has for the last nine years carried on a special program with the Nagoya Broadcasting Company of Japan. Between 10 to 13 students every summer are sent to the University of Utah from Nagoya and vicinity by the Nagoya Broadcasting Company, all expenses paid, and they stay here for a two month period and, in addition, travel across the United States by car and visit cities and states of interest.

Although our sister city is Matsumoto City, and Nagoya's is Los Angeles, we have more-or-less adopted these students during their stay in this city. Our Mt. Olympus and Salt Lake Junior JACLs traditionally have hosted them to a buffet dinner and outing.

This year's group appeared to be especially talented and gregarious. Tats and Jeannette Misaka, Frank and Sadie Yoshimura, Jimmy and Barbara Mitsunaga, myself and wife, Yo, and Jeannette's mother, Mrs. Henry Mitarai (whose late husband was a 1000 clubber and long-time, staunch JACLer) grubbed some food and assisted in feeding the students and Juniors up in Millcreek Canyon.

Since the students always crave rice, Mrs. Chieko Ogawa and my mother, our Issei help, paved the way for the making of sushi. Like most Nisei men I know, unless we have rice, we just don't feel like our meal is complete. These students seem to feel the same way.

We were later joined by Rupert and Josie Hachiya, Ich Doi and Alice Kasai, all long-time JACLers.

A few days later, Governor Calvin and Mrs. Rampton had a reception for the students at the Governor's Mansion. Chapter President Ben and Amy Aoyagi, Alice Kasai, Patti Niwa (Alice's niece), myself and wife, Yo, were privileged to join the Governor's other guests to break bread with the Nagoya students again.

After complaining to the University of Utah that the Asian Americans were being neglected by the university, I don't know whether by coincidence or design, they promptly asked Rev. Hirofumi Watanabe, Minister, Salt Lake Buddhist Church, to give the Benediction at the Summer Commencement Program. I believe this was a first for an Asian from our community to so participate. My wife and I were given tickets to the reserved section to witness this event and sat behind the Nagoya students who were made honorary alumnae of the University of Utah.

We were glad to see so many JA names receiving their degrees on the bachelors, masters and doctoral levels. We were especially pleased to see Karen Tsujimoto graduate Magna Cum Laude and Phi Kappa Phi. She is a junior JACLer and daughter of Floyd and Satoye, whose son, Richard, was a national merit scholarship finalist, JACL scholarship winner, a top graduate from Stanford and now getting his doctorate at State University of New York.

Also, Alan Oshita, a junior at the U and the Mt. Olympus Junior JACL Chapter president and son of the Ben Oshitas, was elected to the Honor Society of Phi Beta Kappa.

We finally bade farewell to the Nagoya students the following night when they gave their "At Home Program" at the university. They provided singing, skits and other enterainment and was well received by the audience of friends and well wishers.

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The following week, Consul General Eikichi Hara and Consul Suzuki from San Francisco made a brief visit to Utah. Mrs. Kuniko Terasawa, Utah Nippo; Kay Terashima and Mr. Bunji Fujii, Buddhist Church; Albert Kubota and Mr. Kohei Asano, Japanese Christian Church; Ben Aoyagi, Salt Lake JACL; Saige Aramaki, Mt. Olympus JACL and myself had breakfast with Consul General Hara

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NISEI WEEK DRUG CRISIS CENTER ASSISTS SIX

Big Drop Noted from Last Year's 18 Arrested by Police

LOS ANGELES — Six young people — including one 13-year-old girl — were brought to the JACS-Asian Involvement "crisis center" over the final Nisei Week weekend (Aug. 21-22) for help, mainly in the form of good advice.

All six had been exhibiting symptoms they had taken dangerous drugs and were spotted by JACS-AI Youth and Drug Section "monitors" assigned to seek out and try to calm down teenagers "on drugs" during the Nisei Week Festival's weekend activities.

At the entrances to the carnival grounds were police cars posted to handle possible arrests. The grounds were also patrolled by city police officers.

On Saturday, by 3 p.m., the first person — a young girl— to require assistance from the JACS staff had been convinced to visit the center. By 8:30 p.m., the number rose to five.

Probably on Reds

They stumbled and appeared to be generally incapacitated, probably due to large dosages of "reds" or barbiturates. One young girl sat on the floor and whimpered, while JACS-AI staffers attempted to calm her.

A doctor and nurses arrived about 9 p.m. to offer professional assistance.

On Sunday, the monitors continued filtering through the carnival area, passing out anti-drug literature and keep a watch for drug users and peddlers.

That day, only one drug user — a young man — required the services of the crisis center.

18 Arrested Last Year

JACS-AI office administrator Linda Iwataki said the number of Japanese American teenagers needing assistance had been substantially less than expected, considering that last year 18 young people were arrested for drug offenses on the first night of the two-day carnival. This year, there were no arrests reported.

Miss Iwataki, attributed the low figure for this year to three possible factors: (1) young people who use drugs have begun to realize that if you're "high" in a public place or at a public gathering, chances are great that you'll be arrested; (2) some of those who were arrested at last year's carnival or who have previously used drugs are now helping others through the JACS programs, channeling their energies in positive endeavors; and (3) advance publicity of the JACS-AI's intention to look for drug users and pushers at the carnival may have prevented some from attending in an intoxicated state.

Start research to document L.A. Asian problems

LOS ANGELES—A six month demonstration program for Asian Americans, funded by private and federal resources, is in operation here to more precisely document Asian problems and experiences with particular emphasis on identifying those areas of greatest need.

JACS-Asian Involvement worker Carol Hatanaka, (689-4413) in requesting community cooperation and help for statistics, reports or data, explained the information is needed to explode the myth Asians are an ethnic minority with little or no social problems.

"We are in the process of gathering data and information, regarding Asian Americans so that a more comprehensive, accurate profile of the Asian communities in the U.S. can be deevloped," she continued.

In Other Cities

The Demonstration Program also aims to identify problems, programs, services and resources existing and needed by other Asian American communities in New York, Seattle and San Francisco.

Miss Hatanaka added statistics on the Asian American communities here are scattered and incomplete.

The project was arranged by the Asian American Social Workers liaison committee with the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare chaired by Pete Jamero, Seattle. The idea originated among AASW members in Los Angeles .

Special Service for Groups, Inc., a grantee agency here, is responsible for fiscal management of the program.

Dr. Lyman to address NC-WNDC Nov. meeting

SAN MATEO — Dr. Stanford Lyman, professor of sociology at UC San Diego, and specialist in Asian American history, has accepted the invitation to be keynote speaker at the fourth NC-WNDC quarterly session here Nov. 14.

The San Mateo JACL are hosts for the meeting.

EDC-MDC CONVENER—Governor of Eastern District Council Ira Shimasaki, of Washington, D.C. JACL, will preside at the joint biennial meeting of Eastern and Midwes District Councils when delegates from 12 chapters meet in Southern New Jersey with Seabrook JACL as host chapter on Sept. 4 and 5. He served previously as EDC Governor in 1953-1955, President of Washington, D.C. Chapter in 1947-48 and has been active in JACL in various capacities. Currently he is serving as Chairman of Arlington Cemetery Committee for the National JACL (1948-1071). He is the charter member of Tulare County Chapter in California, one of the oldest JACL chapters established in 1934.

Nixon, Hirohito to meet in Alaska

SAN CLEMENTE—President Nixon and Emperor Hirohito of Japan have agreed to a historic meeting in Anchorage, Alaska, on Sept. 26 when the Japanese imperial entourage stops over enroute to a seven-nation tour of western Europe.

The two leaders will be accompanied by their wives.

Though a formal welcome ceremony is planned, there will be no state dinner, the Western White House announcement here added. The Nixons, he was then Vice President, were guests of honor in Tokyo in 1953 at a luncheon tendered by the Emperor and Empress Nagako.

ETHNIC HERITAGE STUDIES CENTER BILL IN SENATE

JACL Support Given for Similar Bill at Last Session

WASHINGTON — The 1971 Ethnic Heritage Studies Center Act, a bill introduced by Sen. Richard S. Schweiker (R-Pa.), has been approved by the the committee on labor and public welfare and sent to the Senate as part of the Education Amendments of 1971 (S. 659), the Washington JACL Office reported this past week.

Among co-sponsors of the bill are the two Hawaiian senators, Hiram Fong (R) and Daniel Inouye (D) as well as Tunney (Calif.), Percy and Stevenson (Ill.), Scott (Pa.), Nelson (Wis.), Taft (Ohio), Williams (N.J.), Griffin (Mich.), Hruska (Neb.), and Mondale (Minn.)—where JACL chapters are located.

The JACL has supported a similar bill in the previous congressional session. Bill Hosokawa of Denver, author of "Nisei: the Quiet Americans", testified last year in the House in favor of this legislation to encourage the study of different ethnic, racial and cultural groups.

The bill authorizes the Office of Education to estabish guidelines and regulations for ethnic heritage studies centers to be operated by non-profit public or private educational agencies or institutions.

Each center is expected to develop curriculum materials for use in elementary and secondary schools, train personnel to use such materials, disseminate the material and cooperate with other centers.

A sum of $30 million to cover a two-year program (until June 1973) was asked to implement the act.

Japanese TV in L.A.

LOS ANGELES — Nippon Educational TV will supply Japanese-language programs to United Programming Corp., Los Angeles, for one year starting Sept. 19 to be beamed over KWHY (22) UHF-TV here on Sunday evenings.

JAPAN LEADS IN TOURISTS TO U.S., BIGGEST INFLUX NOTED IN HAWAII

LOS ANGELES—For the first time, Japan has taken the lead among overseas countries in providing the greatest number of visitors to the United Staes during a six-month period, according to an analysis developed by the U.S. Department of Commerce from original data provided by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

During the first half of 1971, total overseas visitors to the U.S. numbered 1,084,369, an increase of 7.1 per cent over the same period of 1970. Based on 1970 average expenditures, this means that these visitors from abroad spent at least $423 million while here.

During the first six months of this year, visitors from Japan totalled 145,569, while the United Kingdom, formerly the number one generator of VISIT USA traffic from overseas, sent 125,606 travelers in May and June.

Japan produced the greatest number of U.S. visitors from overseas for the months of January through April, 1971, with the U.K. leading to this county.

During 1970 207,455 Japanese visited the United States. Data obtained from U.S. Government Form I-94, completed by visitors when they enter the country, indicates that 45 per cent of this total visited Hawaii and 17 per cent visited Guam. (There is no way of determining from Form I-94 how many of these Guam and Hawaii visitors went on the U.S. mainland.) The remaining 38 per cent visited the U.S. mainland.

While 58 per cent of those listing themselves as pleasure visitors went to Hawaii, 74 per cent of those listed as business visitors entered the continental United Staes.

SACRAMENTO SHERIFF SEEKS ASIAN APPLICANTS

SACRAMENTO — Steps to have Asian deputy sheriffs in the County of Sacramento was accelerated this past week with the Sacramento JACL assisting in publicizing the announcement of an open examination on Oct. 2.

Candidates must be between the ages of 21-35, minimum height of 5' 7", minimum weight of 140, and a high school graduate or equivalent. Salary range is $387.20 -472.00 every other week. Residence is not required until appointment. Filing deadline is Sept. 10. Flyers for the examination are obtainable from County Civil Service, 827-7th St.

Reischauer points to China-Japan lies as bellwether

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—"If the President failed to notify Japan ahead of time about the 10 percent tax on imports, it is another diplomatic 'boo-boo'—almost a declaration of trade war," Asian scholar and former American ambassador to Japan Edwin O. Reischauer commented recently.

"It would be as bad as not warning Japan about the China visit," he added. Japan sells 30 percent of all its exports to the U.S.

"Our important relation in Asia is Japan, not China," Dr. Reischauer said. "And it is now clear that China does not want the U.S. to continue such a close relationship with Japan. So in the next 10 years the most important thing to watch is the China-Japan relationship, not the U.S. China relationship."

JACL Student Aid application deadline for '71 extended two months to Nov. 1

LOS ANGELES—National Student Aid Chairman Dr. Roy Nishikawa announced the deadline for applications has been extended from Sept. 1, to Nov. 1, 1971. The extension was given in order to afford more students the opportunity to file applications for the outright grants.

This is the first year that the JACL has attempted to operate the program on a national scale. Prior to this, the program was piloted in the Southern California area, receiving an overwhelming response from students needing financial assistance in order to pursue their educational goals.

The various regional subcommittee chairmen will initially process applications before passing them on to the National Committee in Los Angeles for final disposition.

Applicants should file directly with their regional chairmen to avoid any mix-up.

Applications and further information is available at the Southern California JACL Office, 125 Weller St., Suite 310, Los Angeles, Calif. 90012. (213) 626-4471. The regional chairmen are:

CENTRAL CAL: Dr. James Nagatani, 1319 Main St., Delano, Calif. 93215.

EASTERN: Grayce Uyehara, 1535 Marlborough Rd., West Chester, Pa. 19380.

INTERMOUNTAIN: Ron Yokota, P. O. Box 166, Boise, Idaho 83701.

MIDWEST: Mrs. Ruby Nakagawa, 910 W. Belle Plaine, Chicago, Ill. 60613.

MOUNTAIN PLAINS: Dr. Takashi Mayeda, 1550 Lincoln #201, Denver, Colo. 80203.

NORTHERN CAL: Ed Hoshino, 2924 Warm Springs Drive, San Jose, Calif. 95127.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Takeshi Kubota, 9817 55th Ave. So., Seattle, Wash. 98118.

DOWNTOWN'S FIRST—Robert K. Hoshizaki (left) hands $100 check to Ted Kojima, Downtown L.A. JACL president, to become the chapter's first Century Club member. The Century Club was established at the 1970 National JACL Convention for those who contribute $100 a year toward support of National JACL. —Toyo Miyatake Photo

MEXICAN AMERICAN GROUP PROTESTS

SOCIAL SCIENCE TEXTBOOKS UP FOR STATE ADOPTION NOT IN COMPLIANCE

LOS ANGELES — Support of the recently-established Asian American Education Commission was sought by their colleagues, the Mexican American Education Commission, of the Los Angeles Board of Education who plan to appear next week (Sept. 9-10) before the State Board of Education at Sacramento to:

1—Urge rejection of social science textbooks now on review by the State Board until these books comply with the law, and

2—Establish a minority task force to advise publishers on ethnic matters and assist them in the compliance of state laws regarding textbooks.

At the July 8 session in San Francisco where selections from a list submitted by the curriculum committee of the State Board of Education were being considered, the Rev. Vahac Mardirosian, chairman of the Mexican American Education Commission, and Mrs. Kay Gurule, chairman of the commission's task force on textbooks, testified "no social studies book on the list meets the legal requirements for adequate representation of all ethnic minorities".

(Ron Hirano, director of the JACL education commission, had presented a convincing statement in support for better textbooks at the July meeting.)

California State Education Code 8576 states,

> Instruction in social sciences shall include . . . a study of the role and contributions of the American Negroes, American Indians, Mexicans and other ethnic groups to the economic, political, and social development of California and the United States of America.

Representation

Correct and adequate representation of minorities in state books is considered a crucial issue by minority educaton leaders because of the influence such textbooks have been shown to have in shaping a child's self-image," said Rev. Mardirosian. "The importance of this influence is recognized in the published state guidelines, which say that social studies textbooks should help children from all ethnic groups to build desirable self images and give the pupils a sound basis for pride."

Concerning the treatment of Mexican American culture and history in the social studies texts she reviewed, Mrs. Gurule said, "Our Commission finds that minority communities such as ours have received the 'band-aid' treatment from publishers treatment from publishers anxious to obtain lucrative state adoptions. The Mexican culture has dominated the entire Southwest history, language, life-style, art economics, industry, yet we see no discussions of this in the texts our children are required to read."

Testimony from Black, Asian, and Anglo groups revealed similar complaints.

Task Force

As a possible solution to the problem of inadequate representation of minorities in state textbooks, Rev. Mardirosian suggested that a task force of minority educators be set up by the State Board of Education to advise textbook publishers on ethnic matters and aid them in complying with state laws.

Another proposed solution the use of supplementary books on ethnic minorities in addition to the standard textbooks, had been thouht impossible to implement this year because of cutbacks in state educational funds.

Due to the unfavorable testimony presented by the minority groups, Jack Ford, president of the Board and Wilson Riles, State Superintendent of Public Instruction postponed the final board decision on textbooks and supplementary books until September, by which time the proposal for a task force of minority educators was to be investigated.

MIKE MASAOKA SAYS

At Another Crisis Point

During a recent visit to Japan, Mike M. Masaoka, Japan America Society of Washington, D.C., executive committee chairman, spoke at an America-Japan Society luncheon at Tokyo. Partial text from Japan Times follows:

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By MIKE MASAOKA

Tokyo

Ever since the Meiji Era, Japan in one area or another has always been trying to catch up, as it were, with the so-called West in certain selected fields, while managing to retain much of its own culture and heritage.

Now that it has succeeded by almost every conceivable yard stick, it may well be the time for Japan to move away from this national motivation of seeking equality at almost any cost to one of providing inspired leadership that other nations, if such be their aspiration, may also achieve this high level of economic, political, and social development.

And to accomplish this without huge unnecessary military expenditures and within the framework of free enterprise and a democratic system.

Credit U.S. Leadership

Furthermore, as I read postwar economic history, Japan's phenomenal progress as an industrial and commercial power was possible largely because of American leadership in espousing, developing, and practicing so-called freer trade policies and principles among the more advanced nations in that time when they were rebuilding and rehabilitating their industrial plants after the ravages of World War II.

In the same period, the newly independent and emerging nations were also encouraged to adopt these same general philosophies concerning their trade outlook.

Now, unfortunately, for one reason or another, there seems to be a surge of economic nationalism and protectionism in the United States with organized labor reversing its 35-year old policy of freer trade for one of trade restrictionism as the most damaging evidence of this new attitude.

Accordingly, in its own self-interest — if nothing else — it would seem that Japan would be well advised to take up the torch, if you will, of freer trade and deliberately become the real and meaningful leader for expanding and promoting commercial relations between all of the nations of the earth.

Japan Biggest Gainer

After all, no other country has more to lose, or to gain, from world trade than Japan.

In this context, Japan might well call an international conference to rethink and restructure such multilateral organizations as the GATT and the OECD in the light of current world realities, including the possible reentry of mainland China in the near future into the world community of nations.

Japan might well propose what might be called a Japan Round of negotiations to eliminate non-tariff barriers and other impediments to the freer flow of goods and capital between nations.

As we all know, Japan, while speeding its liberalization programs, still retains many import restrictions on both goods and capital investments.

Reexamination

It also insists upon retaining the artificially pegged exchange rate of ¥360 to an American dollar which was imposed more than 20 years ago when it was still an occupied territory with no industry to speak of, no foreign trade, and no dollar reserve.

We are not, of course, suggesting that all import and capital limitation be immediately and arbitrarily removed, or that the yen should be revalued right away.

What we are suggesting, however, is that Japan review and reexamine its own world trade policies and practices in the light not only of the economic and political realities of the day but also of its own arguments for freer and unencumbered entry to other markets.

Certainly, the legitimate needs of the so-called infant industries and of the national interest, security, and economy should be protected, but the rights of the Japanese consumer to the widest possible variety of goods, from the greatest possible number of sources, at the most reasonable and competitive prices should not be ignored.

Restrictive Policies

Nor should uneconomic, inefficient, and inappropriate industries be artificially stimulated and safeguarded in Japan, any more than they should be in the United States, the EEC, or elsewhere.

The Japanese need to keep in mind that the more restrictive their own trading policies are insofar as the Japanese home market is concerned, the more legitimate becomes the incentive for other countries to impose quantitative limitations on Japanese exports.

The Japanese have to understand that world trade must be, as so many put it, a two-way street, and this does not mean that other nations must give and the Japanese receive.

So, any Japanese gestures toward greater trading and investment opportunities should be real and meaningful, and not mere window dressing or an ill-concealed excuse for delay and inaction.

Japan Can Adjust

We suspect that the Japan that has been able to develop such tremendous trading opportunities for itself can more than adjust successfully to any reasonable liberalization and yen revaluation program.

We also suspect that any initiative taken by Japan in freer trade leadership will rebound to the short-range and long-term profit of the Japanese.

In addition to taking the lead in meaningfully promoting world commerce as an instrument of international policy to insure peace and progress, Japan needs too to inaugurate an imaginative and persuasive public information program that will advise the general public in other lands, including the United States, not only of the initiatives being taken by Japan in encouraging freer multilateral trade relationships but also the basic reasons for such mutually advantageous actions.

Such educational and informational campaigns should be conducted to present Japan's feelings and intentions regarding world trade and the cooperative advantages of such reciprocal activities, rather than repeating sales pitches or copying the language and techniques of Madison Ave.

Japan is a nation of dedicated and proud people and as such should not be peddled like cigarettes or soap.

Erase Stereotypes

Beyond such national campaigns, individual Japanese export industries and companies can — and should — contribute to this efort to erase the developing stereotype that the Japanese are motivated by business and profit factors alone, and that instead of a heart the Japanese have only an abacus, the soroban.

We appreciate the reasons that tend to keep Japanese businessmen and their families segregated, or congregated, into little islands of their own, as it were, when they are abroad.

Nevertheless, we know that this very self-segregation has created and sustained many myths about Japanese trade practices.

Even as more and more American industries and companies are beginning to emphasize public service, so too should Japanese industries and companies.

They need deliberately to become, in a real sense, citizen participants in those communities in which they reside, even though temporarily.

Why shouldn't Japanese business, which takes profits out of a community, also not contribute to the cultural, social and civic betterment of that community?

Urge More Contributions

Why shouldn't the Japanese contribute to various appeals for funding welfare and other such needed projects?

Why shouldn't the Japanese provide special scholarships to deserving students, including some for colleges and universities in Japan?

Why shouldn't the Japanese add to the paintings, the sculpture, the art, etc., of local museums and institutions?

In a sentence, why can't the Japanese become good citizens of the various communities in which they do business and live, even as they are successful businessmen in those respective areas?

If Japanese industry and business could only divert a little part of the energy and dedication they devote to business to community involvement, as it were, it would certainly help to eliminate the charge that the Japanese are only economic animals.

Danger and Challenge

There is — of course — much more that could — and should — be said regarding the present posture of United States-Japan relations, and particularly the more emotional sensitive trade relationships. But, time will not permit.

May I note, however, in conclusion that President Nixon, in writing of the great crises in his pre-presidential career, explained that the Chinese characters for crisis means both danger and challenge.

Today, United States-Japan relations are at another crisis point, as it were, at another crossroads in their respective histories.

No doubt, there are many grave dangers ahead. So, too, is the challenge to overcome

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S.F. MASSAGE STUDIO BEAT

Reporter Gets Involved to Get News

SAN FRANCISCO—Do massage studios deal with libido as well as the spinal cord?

This was the question that Robert Patterson, one of the reporters for the San Francisco Examiner and husband of the former Kay Uyeda set out to answer through personal investigation.

Ten years ago, there were only 30 massage studios in the Bay Area. Now, there are close to 300.

This rapid increase has prompted much speculation that these studios might offer something more than just a professional body rub. Various critics have charged that these studios are actually a "front" for sex and prostitution

Are these charges true?

Six Studios Covered

Patterson decided to find out for himself by visiting six massage salons. An account of his experiences appeared in the San Francisco Examiner Sunday feature section, Aug. 22.

Baking in sauna baths, sogging through steam baths, rolling in oil, and having his back molded and kneaded by many hands, Patterson found little to whet his suspicions.

At one studio, he was offered a "local" job for $20; at another studio his lady masseuse offered an "extension of her attentions" for $10.

But, except for these two instances, Patterson found only the spinal cord and not the libido.

His travels finally took him wearily to the Kabuki Hot Springs in the Japan Center where he tried the $13 private massage, bath and sauna treatment. (The Kabuki also offers a $10 massage and a $3 bath).

At Kabuki Onsen

In his Sunday article, Patterson described his experiences thusly:

> Miss Sonobe, my masseuse, took off my clothes, not even letting me unlace the shoes. She scrubbed me, pounded me, shampooed me, walked up and down by back like it was the bridge over River Kwai, and then—just as I was falling asleep—asked me if I would like a "snubbup." Her English was poor, my Japanese worse. But I sprang from the pallet, determined to carry out my investigation but still inhibited. I asked the standard question.
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> "How much?"
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> "Ten cents."
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> It turned out that a "snubbup" was Sonobe's way of saying "Seven-Pp."

Washington Newsletter

David Ushio

The Dilemma of Welfare

A recent announcement by the League of Women Voters has urged the Senate to consider the needs of the nation's poor. League President Lucy Benson indicated that welfare legislation may be held up by the Senate Finance Committee due to the new economic policies that President Nixon has proposed in August. Mrs. Benson added,

"President Nixon's request that implementation of welfare legislation be delayd until July 1, 1973, should not be used as an excuse to defer or kill it. I doubt that the President's 90-day freeze on wages and prices was intended to be accompanied by a freeze on legislation designed to help the nation's poor."

A recent cartoon in the Washington Post depicts the plight of poor people on welfare. A poor family in desperate conditions, living in a dilapidated home, with children obviously without proper clothing and food are pictured opening a large package marked "Special Delivery, U.S. Welfare Program." The caption reads, "The product we advertised is not available at this time. However, we are sending you instead this handsome bumper sticker for the big new car you will want to purchase." The bumper sticker reads "Buy American."

The message, of course is that while making big news with his economic policy aimed at helping big business in the United States, the President has overlooked the poor people of the nation who were expecting help from a new welfare reform bill.

The campaign to change the welfare system in the United States has been a long drawn-out affair. Most officials agree that welfare is one of the most difficult problems that the United States government is facing today.

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One of the many major criticisms of the present welfare program is aimed at the "Aid to Families with Dependent Children" program. Under the provisions of this program, a family with a male head is not eligible for benefits whether or not he has a job. So in many cases when a working father cannot earn enough money to support his family, it is better for him to desert them so they could qualify for welfare.

I spoke to a young man some time ago. He had not finished high school, had married at 16, and seven years later had four children. He tried very hard to get work but his skills were not in demand, primarily because he had none that were marketable.

He had asked for assistance various times but was told that his family did not qualify because he was the head of the family. He assessed the situation and decided that even if he worked full time the amount he would make would be less than what his wife would be eligible for under welfare if he were not around.

In a last desperate decision, he deserted his family so his wife and kids could qualify for aid because he could not find a job. He felt badly and was going through a retraining program to gain skills so he could get a good enough job to support his family.

The tragedy of the situation was that the welfare program encouraged him to leave his family because the family was better off on welfare without him.

This, of course, is one example among millions. Many within the Japanese American community would scorn any program that would appear to be associated with welfare. Whether one feels that welfare is justified or not, the fact remains that millions and millions of Americans, and many of them innocent children, are victims of society and are relegated to lives of poverty and despair from which they alone cannot hope to escape by themselves.

It is a paradox in America, poverty amid affluence, ghettoes in the most advanced technological and modern nation on earth. Be it right or wrong, the welfare problem must be dealt with in an innovative way. A guaranteed annual income has been proposed to handle the situation. Others have many proposals.

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According to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, there are many myths and misconceptions that the general public has about welfare and welfare recipients. Using the statistics compiled by HEW, the League of Women Voters has published a pamphlet that asks certain questions about which the public-at-large seems to be puzzled concerning welfare. Among the questions and answers are (TRUE OR FALSE):

1—There is a high rate of fraud by people on welfare. ANSWER: False. 1971 figures show that less than one percent of persons receiving aid have tried to cheat in any way. Cheating on federal income tax reports, however (by people not on the withholding plan), runs from 22 to 28 percent.

2—Welfare families have a large number of children, mostly illegitimate. ANSWER: False. The average family on welfare has two or three children. In spite of increasing welfare rolls, the illegitimacy rate among welfare families has not risen in ten years.

3—People on welfare are lazy and won't work. ANSWER: False. Most welfare mothers either work or want to work. Less than one percent of those on welfare are able-bodied men.

4—Once people get on welfare, they stay on the rolls for years. ANSWER: False. Six out of every ten people now on welfare are getting benefits for the first time. The typical family stays on welfare less than two years.

5—Most people on welfare are white. ANSWER: True. Sixty-one percent of all those on welfare are white.

6—Most families on welfare average $300 per month. ANSWER: False. Mississippi pays the average family on welfare $54 a month. Average payments across the country are $185 a month per family—far below the poverty level.

I have included these questions to see if we as Japanese Americans are aware of the welfare problems that are so vital to aid so many citizens struggling in our society.

Welfare as presently constituted is indeed a mess. We need progressive new programs to combat the problems.

A new program should include uniform benefits on a nationwide basis which also would be made eligible to the working poor, thus discouraging the temptation to desert family so they could become eligible for aid. It should include training programs so the unemployed and underemployed can get jobs. And even more important would be that these training programs be aimed to train people for jobs that exist. And finally, a new program should provide incentives for working—not penalties.

NEWS CAPSULES

Government

Tokyo Metropolitan **Gov. Ryokichi Minobe** concluded his 10-day U.S. visit at Los Angeles surveying the smog problem, being impressed by the county air pollution control program. He noted the absence of any smoke emanating from stationary sources while on a helicopter tour of the L.A. basin last week (Aug. 25), saying Tokyo has yet to start controlling factories and other polluters. While in New York, he proposed a five major world cities conference on pollution. Mayor Lindsay suggested ten cities be called to the meeting expected to take place in Tokyo in 1973. . . . Gov. Reagan appointed **Ray Koyama** (R) of Guadalupe to the Santa Barbara County Fair board of directors Aug. 24. The Santa Maria Valley JACLer fills the vacancy caused by the death of Everette Brickey of Orcutt, whose term expires Jan. 15, 1975.

Politics

With a special election set for Oct. 19 to fill the vacancy in the 48th State Asembly District (Los Angeles) seat caused by the recent election of Assemblyman Roberti to the State Senate, Hollywood JACLer **Bruce Bollinger** (D) has announced his candidacy this past week. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Pomona College and now a Ph.D. candidate in political science at USC, his study of the political behavior of the Issei-Nisei was published by the Pacific Citizen in its 1969 Holiday Issue. Another distinguished name in support of the Nisei since prewar, **John Anson Ford**, is his campaign chairman. Bollinger, 34, is familiar with state legislature, having served on several staffs there during the 1960s at the administrative level. He is currently teaching political science at Cal State-Fullerton. He is married and has one daughter, 8.

Flowers-Garden

The Calif. Division of Highways awarded the **Kawai Bros.**, Buena Park, the bid to landscape the new 1½-mile stretch of Ventura Freeway (Rte. 134) between Orange Grove in Pasadena and Figueroa St. in Eagle Rock. About 32 acres will be prepared and decorated with shrubs and trees, an irrigation system installed for $274,996. Completion date is summer 1972, the 8-lane facility will be open by May.

Radio-TV

Kajima Productions Ltd. of Tokyo was on location in Little Tokyo last month for a 13-week Fuji TV network series in Japan on "Urban Development of the World's major Cities". The Los Angeles segment illustrates the theme of a multi-nuclei city as well as its world-famous tourist attractions in Hollywood, Disneyland and Knott's Berry Farm. Production teams have also covered Paris, Stockholm, Helsinki, London, Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Rome, Bologna, New York, Boston, Hartford, New Haven, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Chicago, San Francisco and Honolulu. The firm produced, "Tower in the Sun," (1963), which won the Education Ministry Grand Prix. That film was based on the Kasumigaseki Bldg., Tokyo's first high-rise structure.

Nisei Week

Petite **Audre Miura**, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. David Miura of Long Beach, was voted as 1971 Miss Tomodachi by those on the Nisei Week court who determined among the seven members was the most congenial and friendly . . . Over 55,000 were estimated in Little Tokyo to view the Nisei Week parade Aug. 22 headed by grand marshals, **Mayor and Mrs. Norman Mineta**, of San Jose.

Science

George Yokoi, technical special ist with the Univ. of California Lawrence Radiation Laboratory, Berkeley, was named curator of technical facilities for Exploratorium, museum of science and industry at the Palace of Arts and Sciences. He will supervise programs for high school science students under a National Science Foundation grant.

Awards

The Japan Science Council awarded its Shinkishi Hatai Medal for the most remarkable contribution to marine biology in the Pacific to **Dr. Carl Hubbs**, professor emiritus in biology, of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at San Diego. His studies of marine biology date back to 1906. Presentation was made at Canberra, Australia, recently where he was attending the Pacific Science Congress as a delegate from the U.S. National Academy of Science.

Business

Shigeru Dave Nagai (above) has been promoted to Director of Marketing of Boise Cascade Recreation Communities for Southwest United States. At his new post Nagai will direct marketing programs for more than $250 million in properties including Spring Valley Lake, Lake Arrowhead, Golden Hills, Lake Widwood-West and Waikola, Hawaii, a 31,000-acre resort community on the fabled Kona Coast. He is also in charge of advertising, recruiting and trainig programs for the entire division.

Sumitomo Bank of California has filed application for a second branch in Sacramento to be located at Challenge Way and Arden Way in North Sacramento, according to Kunio Kabuto, bank president. It would bring the total to 15 in the state, if approved, eight in Northern California.

Two promotions announced by Japan Air Lines for its main American office in New York: **Shigeru Hotta**, manager, sales administration; **Yuichiro Kittaka**, asst. to the v.p., and public relations director, from Tokyo.

William Hiroto, 42, erstwhile editor-publisher of the New Crossroads, was named corporate vice-president of Yamato Restaurants, a chain operated by **Kenji, Kobo and Joe Ishizaki**, at San Francisco, Century City and Newport Beach. His public relations - journalism background will be invaluable in the areas of promotion and customer relations, Kenji Ishizaki said, as he revealed the management was well aware of the necessity to broaden its corporate base.

Organizations

Kay Fujimoto of Downey, a Warren High School honor graduate and student body leader, was selected by the National Girl Scout Council to attend the recent workshop conference on ecology in Potomac, Md. She was the only Oriental participant among the 36 senior girl scouts. She visited her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kadowaki and Kathy, in Parma, Ohio enroute home. In September she will attend Loma Linda University.

Education

Dr. Kiyoshi Iwamoto of Salt Lake City has been selected for the Outstanding Educators of America awards for 1971 and will be featured in a national awards volume "Outstanding Educators of America." The annual awards program honors men and women for their exceptional service, achievements, and leadership in the field of education. Nominations are made by the officials of colleges and universities. Dr. Iwamoto, a Ford Foundation Overseas Scholar, is a professor of economics at the Weber State College in Ogden, Utah. He had previously taught at the Stanford University, Tokyo University, and University of Utah. Dr. Iwamoto is a longstanding member of the Salt Lake JACL.

A $125,000 federal grant from the Adult Education Act will enable the Los Angeles City School District to find solutions to communication problems arising out of various Asian immigrants now moving into Los Angeles, according to **Mrs. Sadae Iwataki**, curriculum coordinator at Cambria Community Adult School who was assigned as the project director. First goal would be to develop instructional material to fit the requirements of the Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Filipino newcomers for material is sadly lacking, and to conduct training sessions for teachers at adult schools teaching English as a second language.

Entertainment

Portland ice-skater **Christy Ito**, 20, will tour 28 cities in the U.S. and Canada this current season with the Shipstads and Johnson Ice Follies. She took up the sport at age 10 and has won her share of figure ice-skating trophies. She is the daughter of the Harold Itos.

Redevelopment

A San Francisco Japanese "living arts" center is under construction at the **Iwamasa Bldg.**, Post and Buchanan, below the Toho Theater, featuring a stage and rooms for Japanese cultural exhibit and teaching purposes. Completion is scheduled for late September. Adjacent to the theater will be the Hibachi Corner, specializing in noodles, beef and beer. The building is the first construction in the Nihonmach Community redevelopment project.

Press Row

Another new Asian American publication, **"New Dawn"**, has surfaced in San Francisco. Published by the J-town Collective, 1827 Steiner St., the first issue was a 16-pager reporting on alternative education, High School Coalition, women's health team and an interview with an Asian ex-convict.

Deaths

Mrs. Shizue Shimanouchi, 83, of San Francisco died Aug. 23 after sustaining a stroke Aug. 6. She was the widow of the late Yoshinobu Shimanouchi, prewar newspaper publisher in Los Angeles, who passed away at Topaz WRA Center. She is survived by s Henry, George, both formerly with Japanese Foreign Office and now advisers to Japanese economic organizations; d Ida, Mrs. Mari Hata (Los Angeles) and Mrs. Midori Lederer (New York).

Masaoka—

Continued from Front Page

these dangers in order that the future will be one of equal and responsible partnership in the new Pacific era that is surely dawning.

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—Japan Times

Local Scene

Los Angeles

Sen. George McGovern was in Los Angeles this past week, meeting with representatives from the Asian American community for "input" at the Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda residence.

Conversational Japanese Language classes, beginners and intermediate, will resume at the First United Methodist Church, Monterey Park, the week of Sept. 13. Adult evening classes, conducted once a week, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., are currently being enrolled. Tuition is $6 a month. Registration forms and information are available at the church office (743-1240) weekdays between 9 a.m. and noon.

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San Francisco

The new banquet room of the Miyako Hotel will be the site of the Sept. 19 Issei appreciation day program being co-sponsored by the San Francisco JACL, Japanese Speaking Society, Kimochi, and the Japanese Community Youth Council. Local area talent will be featured, according to Sandy Ouye and Yosh Tajima, co-chairmen. Those interested in assisting may call Miss Ouye (771-6809) or Tajima (567-1760).

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Oakland

East Bay Japanese for Action has scheduled a Lake Tahoe trip for Sept. 17-18, with departure time slated for 8 p.m. and return by 2 p.m. the following day. Details are to follow. At the EBJA picnic at Kennedy Grove Park Aug. 21, about 50 persons attended.

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Sacramento

A new group of young adults Asians have organized locally as the Sacramento Area Social Set (SASS) with Alan Nakano, 2041 20th Ave., Sacramento (456-7196) as the contact man. Community action projects, cultural programs and a wide variety of social activities are planned, the first being a young adult volleyball league.

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Seattle

Asian Drop-in Center is in the process of incorporation. Jacqueline Kay, recently from New York, is temporary board chairman with Mrs. Yuri Sata as legal counsel.

The UW Ethnic Cultural Center, 3931 Brooklyn Ave. NE, has been opened with Roy J. Flores, 27, prominent member of the Filipino community as director. The center will provide offices and meeting rooms for various minority groups, including the Asian Coalition for Equality.

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Chicago

Grand Master Shoshitsu Sen of the Urasenke Tea Ceremony School and his wife, Mme. Tomiko Sen, will be special guests at the 10th anniversary banquet of the Urasenke Chicago Branch at Conrad Hilton on Sept. 10. This is his third visit here.

The 15th in his family line to head Urasenke, the Kyoto-born master is a graduate of Doshisha and studied at the Univ. of Hawaii. Reservations for the banquet are being accepted by Rev. Gyoko Saito, 334-4462.

3d Hawaii census objector guilty

HONOLULU — Federal Judge C. Nils Tavares accepted the plea of "no contest" to a charge against Donald P. Dickinson of refusing to answer questions in the 1970 census, and fined him $50.

Former manager of the now defunct radio station KTRG, Dickinson said he was a veteran of 24 years of military service and had never knowingly broken any laws. He read a formal statement to the court, likening his action against the census to the July 4 actions of the patriots in 1776. He said he felt the census had "swarms of officers" going throughout the land invading the privacy of individuals.

Two other objectors who have been convicted have appealed the decision against them.

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From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.

VIEW FROM THE OUTSIDE—Sometimes it takes a person coming into the community from elsewhere to put things into perspective. From the viewpoint of one who lives in Denver, we are beset with problems. Compared to the not distant past, we are in a bad way. The air has become polluted so that on some days, even though the sun is shining, the mountains are seen but hazily. Traffic congestion has become frightful. The freeways are jammed morning and evening and it is likely the problem will get worse before it gets better.

We have our minority problems. Chicano militants are at odds with the police, Angry Blacks have threatened dire things. Some spokesmen for both these minority groups say they have given up on the system. They complain that their needs are being ignored by an insensitive city government and they vow to take matters into their own hands if the police do not stop harrassing them.

Taxes have soared. Fewer people walk the downtown streets after dark. It is safe not to. Dutch elm disease is wreaking havoc on the stately trees that line our parkways. The beauty of the foothills is being violated by real estate developments. The summer has been so dry that only plentiful storage in mountain reservoirs has saved us from a water shortage. Our outlook seemed terribly bleak—until last week two New Yorkers dropped in. What they had to say indicated our plight isn't so bad at all, at least not in comparison to other American cities.

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THROUGH GENTLE EYES—Taro Yamasaki is a bearded young Sansei who sees the world through gentle eyes. He aspires to be a photojournalist, recording the beauty and nobility of humanity as well as its frustrations and despairs. He must have inherited some of the artistic sensitivity of his father, Minoru Yamasaki, the architect, for Taro's pictures are able to evoke emotions. Taro and his bride have come to Denver to live.

It did not take him long to find beauty in the commonplace, hope in the tawdry. He was impressed that even in Denver's slums the people raise flowers and tend green lawns. He was impressed that people smile at him, even though he wears a beard and lets his hair grow long, that people trust him even though he is a stranger. He has become aware of the frustrations and anger of the Blacks and the Chicanos, but it is anger tinged with hope because there is hope for a better life in this community. He thinks Denver is a fine place to make his home and he is happy to be here.

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FROM WELL-TRAVELED EYES—Toge Fujihira, cinematographer and photographer, probably is as well traveled as any Nisei. He has traveled with his camera from the Arctic to Africa, Asia, the Americas and Europe. Not long ago he was in the Caribbean where a rising Black nationalism has made White journalists unwelcome but Fujihira, an American with an Oriental face, found doors open to him. Fujihira has been in Denver a number of times, but never so long as on this trip which was for the purpose of covering the Methodist world conference.

He found Denver a delightful place, handy to the strength-giving mountains that loom tall in the morning sunlight. He found the people friendly and outgoing, happy to share a smile and a kind word. He investigated enough to find taxes lower by far than in the area of Long Island where he lives. He thinks it would be great to live here.

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VIEW FROM THE INSIDE—It's a nice feeling to have people say what a great place Denver is, and I suppose by comparison it is a fine community. But those of us who know its shortcomings must wonder and marvel at how utterly horrible other cities must be if Denver looks so good by comparison. And contemplate in awe the task that lies ahead in our efforts as Americans to improve on what we have.

AREA CODE 206: Joe Hamanaka

The Rugged Issei

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Seattle

". . . Ii yatsu de atta" (He was a good fellow), said 95-year-old Torataro Ito who had just lost his son, Yasuo.

The son lived and worked in Olympia, 60 miles away, but came home weekends. The father looked forward to his son's coming.

"Issho ni gohan o tabete . . . Issho ni nete . . . Yasuo wa monku o yutta koto wa nakatta. Sabishiku natta . . . . . Ii yatsu de atta," the Issei said, his eyes wide and clear, and without a blink.

(We would eat together . . . Shared a bed . . . Yasuo never complained about my cooking. I'll miss him . . . He was a good fellow).

Mr. Ito lives alone in a Central Area apartment. Still able to read the Japanese language Hokubei Hochi and the Seattle Times daily. He reads a lot now. Smokes cigarettes still, 5-6 a day. Watches television and cooks for himself. And on weekends he had cooked for his son as well, waited for his coming, with "something special" — together.

His mind is clear. He hears well and speaks with clarity. He could live to be 100, we thought.

"Ya, konogoro karada ga yowatta . . . mae wa mainichi soto o aruita ga . . ." (No, my body has weakened lately . . . I felt better when I used to walk outdoors daily).

Mr. Ito's apartment is in a predominantly Negro neighborhood, and he is afraid to go walking outdoors now, he said. Mrs. Marji Harada, the apartment house manager, does all his grocery shopping.

His wife is in a nursing home, having suffered a stroke some 10 years ago. And Mr. Ito would visit her Saturdays and Sundays with Yasuo and Takuji, the oldest. And he would cook Japanese style dishes to take to her.

One son is in Japan and another in Wyoming. And, at 95 years (96 in December), Mr. Ito now has survived two of his five sons.

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Yasuo, 47 and a bachelor, suffered a heart attack on the first hole at the Olympia Golf and Country Club course Wednesday, then to a doctor who placed him in an Olympia hospital where he died the next morning. He had been playing in a foursome that included Shig Nakao, a fellow state engineer.

Yasuo was a state highway engineer, and he leaves his mark on many of the highway bridges he designed for the state.

Ito was looking forward to competing in his 19th straight Northwest Nisei Golf Tournament over the Labor Day weekend. A great competitor, Yasuo had won 5-6 trophies in past Northwest competitions. His interests also included bridge and bowling (185 average).

Ito was a nephew of Chusaburo Ito, considered by many, along with H.H. Okuda, to be the two "giants" of the pioneer Seattle Japanese community.

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We had an opportunity to sit and chat the other Sunday with a couple of 80-plus-year-old Issei golfers.

George Suzuki was tired.

"Toshi o toru mono dewa nai." (One shouldn't get old), he said.

Mr. Suzuki had just finished the second Sunday round in a 36-hole Puget Sound Golf Club tournament. At 85, he still loves his golf, and he still competes actively with 145 Nisei and Sansei in the club.

"Mo dame da" (no good now), said the small thin man who is "shacho" of Tobo Company, local import shop. His game is not what he would like it to be.

Mr. Suzuki wields a driver almost as long as he is tall. His smooth, soft swing is flat, straight, but **"mo tobanai"** (no distance now).

Also on the PSGC roster are Tad Yamaguchi of North Coast Importing, also 85, and K. Shiogi who is 83 years young. Mr. Yamaguchi did not play that Sunday.

Mr. Shiogi who carries a 23 handicap, said **"Boku wa deru"** (I'll compete) when asked if he were playing in the Northwest Labor Day tourney. For him, it means 18-18 over two successive days, Sept. 4-5, at hilly West Seattle golf course.

Suzuki-san added, **". . . no, boku wa dameda"** — but we think he would have signed-up if the course were flatter and easier to walk.

He repeated again: **"Toshi o toru mono dewa nai."**

NATIONAL JACL PLANNING COMMISSION

Two more staff directors to serve other DCs urged

(In the coming weeks, excerpts of the recent National JACL Planning Commission discussion on a variety of topics will be published. The opening series of proposals to be presented to the JACL chapters for comment are based upon the discussion published below. The district councils are expected to add their suggestions before the final series of Planning Commission recommendations are presented to the National Council when it convenes in Washington, D.C., the last week of June, 1972.

(To properly identify those present and participating in the Planning Commission session, they are: TOM SHIMASAKI, chairman; DAVE TAKASHIMA, JIM MATSUOKA, Pacific Southwest; JAMES KUBOTA, Central Cal; SHIG SUGIYAMA, No. Calif.W Nevada; Dr. JIM TSUJIMURA, Pacific Northwest; JOE NISHIOKA, Intermountain; WALTER ALLEN JR., Mountain-Plains; DR. OTTO FURUTA, Midwest; BILL MARUTANI, Eastern; JAMES MURAKAMI, nat'l. v.p., research & services; MASAO SATOW, JEFFREY MATSUI, staff; HARRY HONDA, PC.)

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Administrative Reorganization — Geographical deployment of staff, meeting staff needs in the Pacific Northwest, Intermountain and Midwest district, staff visitations to chapters; National Director as spokesman for the JACL.

NISHIOKA — Though I have not been active in JACL in recent years, I know in Idaho and in the IDC we have lost some leaders and members. Rexburg and Pocatello dropped out completely for several years, Pocatello has come back. Rexburg has lost because its members have moved else where. Problems in Pocatello were mainly finances.

Talking to IDC Gov. Ronnie Yokota, it seems only way to keep chapters together and membership interest up, it will require staff. And when it comes to additional staff, it's the problem of finances and we wonder how this is to be met. Lots of the programs are national, but regionally it would be part-time.

We're not suggesting a JACL office in the IDC, therefore we would like one to service us together with another district. He would be geographically situated to service several districts—for example, Mountain Plains, IDC and maybe the Pacific Northwest.

FURUTA — I like to expound a bit more on this. As far as isolated areas are concerned, our problems are quite subtle. A good part of the time will have to be spent in digging out the problems. These are not on the surface as they are on the Pacific Coast.

Volunteer people can only put in a certain amount of time and not sufficiently or effectively enough as compared with a staff person. At Chicago, the MDC requested additional staff for its district but that was turned down because the budget was not approved.

If we go along with what Joe Nishioka said to maintain interest in the district and chapter level, we will need staff help to do it. There is not volunteer time to do this. If we are going to maintain JACL on a national basis, it's not a question of relying on volunteer people and MDC will almost demand we do have a staff person or the district will go to pot. The IDC will go to pot. The PNWDC might go to pot. Then JACL will go to pot.

TSUJIMURA — First of all, now, we should define what the Planning Commission is. To a point I agree with Bill Marutani and we should dream, yet we should be realistic in planning.

So, how do we fund additional staff? It is true these smaller areas demand a full-time staff man, maybe serving two districts, but we have to keep up a constant flow of communication through the chapters, district and national levels to meet this problem.

May Boost Membership

On another problem with Nisei and the youth and the point Raymond (Uno) has made about 95% of the people not doing the work and 5% doing it, so it comes to individual members in the chapter. So with a full-time staff man on, I think we can increase their individual interest and maybe increase membership, which would then begin to help pay for the additional staff. We might also have to increase local dues.

ALLEN—Not much to say about our Mountain-Plains district. We need some help to keep up the chapters. And we need to have more chapters.

SATOW — I'm speaking for your brother, Ira Shimasaki and the Eastern District, who made the same pitch for staff and a New York office at the National Board meeting. He mentioned there was an Issei problem, whole area of public relations because PR is centered in New York which we haven't even started to tap, chapters there holler for help, too.

So now we may have to determine priorities because when we get to the convention, for instance the MDC request gets turned down because it's a very low priority. So does the Planning Commission have something to say on this? We have so much money to work with and we have this kind of program—so what is the answer?

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FURUTA — The question I hear over and over again here is "What is National doing for me?" I hear this from chapter boards, individual members and from all over the Midwest. It's a valid question to ask.

SATOW — In other words, do they actually want to see a staff person who is representing National to work with them?

SUGIYAMA — There is no question that staff is needed to work with the chapters. The problem is how do we do it? What are the alternatives? This was also brought out clearly at the National Board. As for the Chicago convention, when the MDC asked, it boiled down to whether we needed a regional man in Chicago or the Community Involvement Program. And CIP had the priority.

FURUTA — That was true then, but now the problem has increased as we have the IDC expressing its need. So its not only an MDC problem. The magnititude for more staff has increased so that priorities have changed.

In Terms of Budget

SUGIYAMA — The Personnel Committee has wrestled with this aspect in terms of budget. Just looking at this in terms of dollars, the quota for Eastern is $9,600 and that won't pay for additional staff there. The Midwest is in better shape with $25,000 and they have a part-time secretary there now. Mountain-Plains is $6,000. Intermountain $14,000; Pacific Northwest $17,000.

But again, it goes back to dollars. How do we spread them so we get the optimum for the amount received; but not hitting the ideal, the ideal being a staff man for each district? Perhaps, we might combine several districts under one regional director but then we run into the additional expenses of travel if he has too much of a geographic area to cover.

SATOW — And if we're talking about the kind of regional directors we want to do the kind of work that are supposed to be done, they don't come cheap.

SUGIYAMA — Then the present JACL salary scale is also unrealistic for the type of things we are requesting them to do. So it means if we are going to make JACL move, we will need to escalate those salaries.

I recommended a 4.6% cost-of-living increase at the National Board meeting and this has been deferred, though approved in principle but to be paid retroactive if we have enough money at the end of the year to cover that. And that's just for a nine-month increase. So this is part of the reality.

SATOW — And another part of reality is once you get staff, you need travel expenses, a secretary, fringe benefits.

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SUGIYAMA — Another point here is money for programs. Bob Suzuki (of the Education Commission) asked for $15,000 for staff so we have a body but there is no program money. He has no resource money to work with. So now he is willing to work half-time so he can have some money to work with. Here we have a man who is able to dream up ideas but has no tools to work with.

So the other reality is that we may have staff, but if there is no program money, we're right back to where we started. It's a vicious cycle and this we can discuss later when we get to budget-finance.

'Must' for Big Chapters

MATSUI—A good example is Warren (Furutani) and the CIP program. I explained to him that his budget doesn't provide money for programs but if he can start something and it's good, then the district might cover. But the thing is to get progressively active where there is no program or support programs which really need support — and that's what the FOXes are really doing. Where having an office is a passive role, the FOX is out there doing things as a counterpart to the office. He's the aggressive man in the program.

As for myself and the office — and I don't see how Chicago or any large chapter would be able to operate without one — because for members to have people call JACL, they need a number. There are parents — many non-members — who have their children arrested but they are innocent and the police won't do anything about it. They need immediate help. The police will listen to JACL. This is but a small service. But if they had only a phone number to a district governor or a chapter president, they are hard to contact and ask him for assistance and I don't see how they can assist as they are all full-time working persons an only volunteers.

I don't see how a district governor or a chapter president can feel they are in a national organization when they have to operate in makeshift fashion.

SUGIYAMA — This may be all a negative picture when we only talk about expenditures for we are forgetting the revenues which may result. Perhaps this is one area a district can help for planning staff assistance. What are the expectations for increased membership, thus provide additional funding — and all of this may be more feasible, though it could mean even going into deficit spending for a while but in the long run, it may pay for itself.

SATOW — As far as operations go in JACL, we started out on a shoestring in selling our product and we have grown, but in this age of computerization, etc., we are still in the horse & buggy stage. Perhaps this is where the Planning Commission can really look into.

SUGIYAMA — Maybe we should consider some capital investments for future growth.

Washington Office

SATOW — At the height of our legislative campaign, JACL had eight or nine staff people but then we began to lop them off since we feared we couldn't raise the funds.

SHIMASAKI — While we have the Washington office further down the agenda, does the Washington office take all its time there or can we circularize him through that district?

SATOW — We hope this will be part of his job eventually after he gets settled into what he is supposed to do. This has been the situation in JACL always. Something has to be done so we load it on staff, on this guy or that guy. Even at the Board meeting, David (Ushio) was being given additional assignments.

FURUTA — Let's not load Dave heavily by having him go through the motions of going out to the chapters. It will not be effective. It will turn people off. Results may be negative.

SATOW — We don't know yet. It may be that his forte is not with working with chapters. It takes a certain amount of skill and experience working with chapters and getting new people involved to do things and set up new pograms, etc.

MATSUI — I have no doubt that Dave's qualifications are good but it's a matter of him doing his job in Washington representing now grassroots Japanese communities. All the groups are now tying to get a hold of him. They want to know how he can help push proposals for government funding, what kind of things can be done in this territory. He can be very useful to those young groups.

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SUGIYAMA — It's not fair to the National organization or Mas, either, to have our district call on him because of his proximity and because of his responsibility with National. I've been trying to carry on all the district work —even stuff which a regional director might be doing. It's a give and take situation with me and work. I can set up, for instance, a regional meeting with HEW.

Role of Nat'l Director

SATOW — In terms of total staff national, the constitution says the national director is supposed to administer the organization. And the personnel committee has directed me to speak out on issues for the organization. So I have been really thinking about the responsibilities of national director.

So if the new concept is like that of Roy Wilkins for the NAACP, then the job of the national director has to be changed. He has to be freed from administrative details, perhaps get an executive director to handle that; he needs a free rein to get around and get known, meet the medias, join power structure organizations, etc., such as the Rotary Club. He needs a good expense account. So this requires restructuring.

SUGIYAMA—I hate to call on Mas for it will take him away from National. I've taken on district matters as my own responsibility as governor.

SATOW — While I may be able to help Northern Cal, the people in the Midwest have nobody there. The East has nobody available. This is what the East, Midwest and other areas have to contend with.

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SHIMASAKI — It is imperative that the Planning Commission come up with some plan. He may be a staff person who might spend a little while here and a little while there. We don't expect the staff person to do all the work in that district for it's up to JACLers to do the work and the staffman can tie the thing together.

I recall the olden days when we had no staff at all. Then we had the greater spirit of camaraderie going because we had to do the work ourselves. We couldn't depend on others to do the work.

SATOW — Yes, and the problems were visible and felt more then than they are today.

SUGIYAMA—Another difference was that the Nisei in those days focused their primary activities within their own communities. People who were involved were involved with Japanese community problems. There weren't those outside problems. Today we have JACLers also active in spheres outside of JACL and the Japanese community. So, it means there is less time for the JACLer for JACL type of activity. He is probably active with professional and other community groups.

Circulate Staff

SHIMASAKI — I believe we have to get someone out into these districts even for small periods of time. Something is better than nothing. We have to take a step in that direction. By having staff circulate is an improvement. This is probably the extent to which we can fund it.

MATSUI — I think what Otto (Furuta) is saying is that, rather than putting all the funding on programs, we get to the idea of having offices around so that JACL can maintain its chapters and be a national organization. If the chapters outside of California go under, we won't be a national organization.

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MURAKAMI—Let's dream a little. How can we set up regional offices across the country? While Tom Shimasaki's suggestion is more immediate to meeting this problem, but we have to take the long look. Maybe we can take the ideal situation and then go backwards by setting up how much we can cover each biennium.

SHIMASAKI— I think we could, but the critical situation as expressed by these districts is that we have to act now. If we dream too far ahead, there may be no organization a couple biennium hence.

Combinations

SUGIYAMA — Isn't a staff person per district the ideal? So what is the logical combination of districts a single staff might cover, short of that ideal? Logical in terms of area, interests, etc? How about Pacific Northwest and Intermountain? Or add Northern Cal to that? How about Midwest and Mountain-Plains together or is that too much of a spread?

FURUTA — Mountain-Plains and Midwest is really stretching it.

SATOW — East and Midwest is a better combination.

HONDA — What about the number of chapters a staff person would be required to service irrespective of district? A man can only stay in one place for so long.

SUGIYAMA—But the matter of travel will also be a controlling factor. So let's not spread the person too thin. What is the maximum a staff person can be expected to serve? This may help the Personnel Committee.

MARUTANI — What about some single person living in one place for a couple of months and then moving around?

SUGIYAMA — That might be possible. But I also want to say that we should reject the idea of having part-time regional directors. Secretarial, we might be able to swing it. But staff part-time won't work.

SATOW — Let's work with what Ira (Shimasaki) has asked for. The staff man in New York would be in public relations, work with the Kaisha people there to stop their discriminatory practices, work with needy Issei and raise funds. But the immediate thing is to bolster chapters and their programs and not expect the guy to do all these other things. Then he can circulate around the chapters in the East and Midwest. Let's not saddle him with all those other things we expect him to do. Just like when I got started, my first assignment was to start chapters in the East and Midwest.

Serve the Community

MATSUI—Best way to service a community is for hav-

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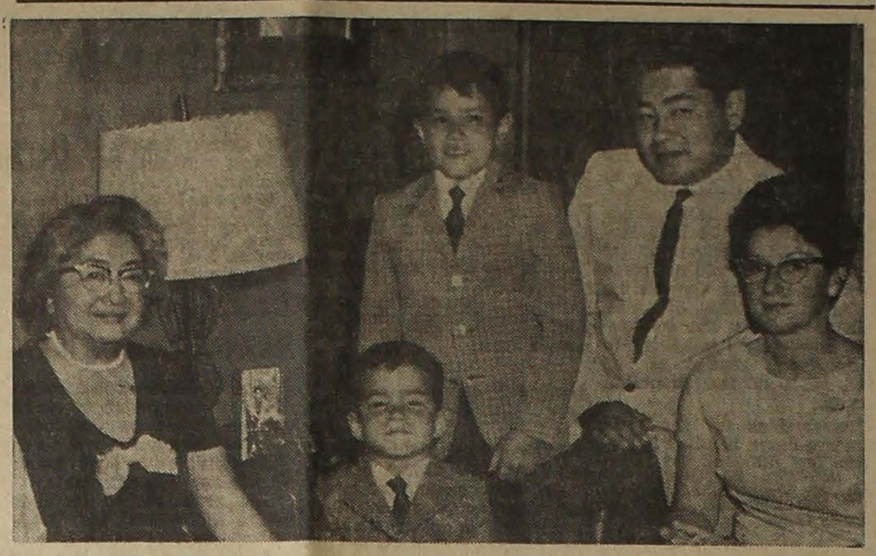

THREE GENERATIONS—Dr. Richard Ikeda, physical chemist with DuPont Research Division, who will serve as toastmaster for the JACL dinner of EDC-MDC Joint District Council meeting being hosted by Seabrook JACL at Centerton Golf Club on Sept. 4, poses with his family, which represents three generations of Japanese Americans: mother, Mrs. Masatada "Josie" Ikeda (left), a native of Idaho Falls, Idaho and past president of Seabrook JACL, Timothy 8, David 12, and Mrs. Richard Ikeda, the former Harriet Hitchner of Bridgeton, N.J.

Rare, white silk eases skin ailment

SEATTLE — Two bolts of white silk are making life easier for an Idaho infant suffering from a rare incurable skin disease which has covered 90 per cent of his body with blisters.

The bolts were given to two-month-old Travis McFall of Lewiston, Idaho, by a Japanese firm associated with the Boeing Co.

The infant suffers from a disease called epidermolysis bullosa dystrophica. The only material he can abide next to his skin is pure white silk, a rare and expensive commodity in the textile industry.

Gordon Anderson, a Boeing Co. supervisor, heard of the baby's condition from the boy's aunt, Mrs. Robert Gizinski; Anderson posted notices on plant bulletin boards asking for silk once used for parachutes.

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Education Committee

SALT LAKE CITY—The National JACL Board has been asked by Raymond Uno, president, to assist him in selecting a successor to Dr. Bob Suzuki, chairman of the National JACL Education Committee, who has moved from Pasadena to assume a new position with the Univ. of Massachusetts. Uno said the appointee should be a Californian for he would work closely with the Education Commission based in Los Angeles.

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Contemplation Willie Fujinami

New Column Is Born

(The thumbnail photo may be a misleading as Willie Fujinami wears glasses but not his first column in which he attempts to report his role as a JACL worker in the community. It was a rare, quiet afternoon at the office that allowed him to commend into print the objectives of community involvement program.—Ed.)

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Los Angeles

It has been my pleasure to work for JACL for the past year and a half, first as office manager and now as Field Director-Special Projects/Community Involvement Program in the Southern California Area. During this period, I have learned a great deal about the JACL, past and present, and its changing attitudes towards becoming more relevant to the Asian community. Furthermore, after a year and a half of assuming the role of an quiet Asian, I decided to break out of my shell and to start expressing what the needs of the community are.

For the past month, I've been re-evaluating my past work and experiences. The reason for this re-evaluation is that I was confused and frustrated. This confusion and frustration is the result of finding what the problems of our community are and feeling restricted in doing anything about them..

I feel restricted because of my own hang-ups and also of the apathy of the community-at-large. I can deal with the former but the latter is a problem over which I have no control. The question is, how can I through my work have some sort of influence over something I have no control?

It becomes a matter of acknowledging that problems exist, then finding the source of the problem and last trying to find solutions to the problems. We are now at the last and most difficult stage. The key is educating the community of the problems and stimulating them to find solutions to the problems.

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So you now see what I am confronted with. How to sensitize the community not only to look at their problems, but to take positive action in curing the many ills of our community. It may be noted that we can't solve yours or their problems but we must act together in solving our problems.

I realize that most of the people I'm addressing are of the older generation, who have worked hard all of their lives to make it where they are today. I also realize that the goals of that generation were to place material wealth over human needs in order to give his family a warm house to live in.

Furthermore, in this process we have adopted middle-class values which in turn has made us insensitive to the problems of our community. We have also accepted our stereotype of having no problems, being successful, passive, subservient, and quiet, therefore playing the role of a "house nigger" well.

My intentions are not to put down those who are committed to the American dream, but to give a better understanding of what the Sansei activist movement is trying to say.

Although material needs are a reality and important to a family, the Sansei activists are stressing human needs over material needs. Just as Nisei parents worked hard to give us Sansei the things they never had, we in turn are searching for solutions to cure ills of our community so that our future generations will not have to face the problems of this generation.

An important factor in creating this change is a re-evaluation of values. That is to change the present values of a community; to become sensitive instead of insensitive; to become active instead of passive; to place human needs over material needs; and to acknowledge that we have problems in order to solve them.

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I know that the majority of the Nisei are set in their ways (values). If after re-evaluating such values, they may become reactionary and defensive, for this is natural, and we understand.

It's like learning to speak a new language when you're middle-aged. In most cases Nisei find it "more difficult" to learn a language at their age.

By using this example we see that our priority is with the young. We should give our youths a new set of values which, in turn, will make them more sensitive to the world around them. At the same time we're not forgetting the older generations, we know that once the picture becomes clearer and they develop a better understanding of what we're trying to accomplish, they'll be by our sides giving all the support possible.

Semi-documentary of St. Shinran completed

SAN FRANCISCO—A 16-mm. semi-documentary film, "In the Footsteps of Shinran Shonin", has been produced by the Buddhist Churches of America audio-visual department.

Rarely seen temple treasures, which retrace the footsteps of the founder of Jodo Shin Shu, were photographed and narrated by BCA Bishop Kenryu T. Tsuji, who pursues photography as a hobby.

The film was premiered Aug. 29 at the Placer Buddhist Obon Service. The 800th anniversary of the birth of Shinran will be observed in April 1973.

Nominations

SALT LAKE CITY—National JACL President Raymond Uno appointed Dr. Kengo Terashita, past NC-WNDC governor, or Stockton to the National JACL Nominations Committee, chaired by Tats Misaka of Salt Lake City.

Give light, and darkness will disappear of itself.
—Erasmus

CALENDAR

Sept. 4 (Saturday)
Contra Costa—Barbecue, Alvarado Park.
Sept. 4—5
EDC-MDC—Joint biennial convention, Seabrook JACL hosts: Centerton Golf Course Clubhouse.
Sept. 7 (Tuesday)
Gardena Valley—Mtg, No. Gardena Meth Church, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8 (Wednesday)
Downtown L.A.—Dodger Night, (L.A. vs. San Francisco).
Orange County—Bd Mtg, Bank of Tokyo, Santa Ana, 8 p.m.
Sept. 11 (Saturday)
San Jose—Potluck Dnr, Buddhist Church Annex, 6:30 p.m.
Selanoco—Golf Outing, Green River course.
West Valley—Panel: Japanese Americans, Saratoga Grace Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 12 ((Sunday)
Sacramento—Flu clinic, 12-4 p.m., Buddhist Church, Japanese United Methodist Church. (For transp: call 391-2610, 445-1846 or 383-4615)
San Mateo—Comm Picnic, Boysville.
Sept. 13 (Monday)
West Los Angeles—Bd Election Mtg.
Sept. 16—18
Reno—Rummage sale, Amer Legion Hall.
Sept. 18 (Saturday)
San Jose—Golf tourney, Sunol Golf Club, 10:30 a.m.
Salt Lake—Chow mein Dnr, Japanese Church of Christ.
Sept. 19 (Sunday)
San Maeto—JYO Family Bowling, Primrose Lane, 1 p.m.
San Francisco—Issei Appreciation day, Miyako Hotel New Banquet Rm.
West Los Angeles—Issei Appreciation day, Felicia Mahood Ctr.
Milwaukee—Bon Voyage party.
Sept. 20 (Monday)
Bay Area Community—Gen Mtg, Bank of Tokyo, San Francisco, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 24—Oct. 2
Portland—Japan Week festivities.
Sept. 24 (Friday)
San Mateo—Benefit movies, "Red Beard" with Toshiro Mifune, San Mateo High, 8 p.m.
Sept. 25 (Saturday)
Selanoco—Installation Dnr, Sampan Restaurant, Anaheim, 8 p.m.; Justice Stephen Tamura, spkr.
Sept. 26 (Sunday)
Dayton—Japanese Festival.
East Los Angeles—Issei Program.
Sept. 27 (Monday)
Berkeley—Bd Mtg, American S&L, 7:30 p.m.

CHAPTER PULSE

November Events

Rep. Patsy Mink set for West L.A. inaugural dinner

Congresswoman Patsy Mink (D-Hawaii) was announced as guest speaker for the 30th anniversary **West Los Angeles JACL** installation banquet on Saturday, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m. at Airport Marina Hotel.

It is her first major appearance before a JACL group in the Pacific Southwest district, though she had been scheduled to address the 1966 National JACL Convention at San Diego and could not come west because of the airline strike at the time. She was able to address the convention, however, by telephone to acknowledge receipt of the 1966 Nisei of the Biennium honors.

Reservations for the banquet are being handled by:
Ron Yagi (397-7921), Toy Kanegai (820-3592), Ed Osugi (820-1949), or West L.A. JACL Banquet, 3950 Berryman Ave., Los Angeles 90066.

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September Events

Sunol Valley course site of San Jose golf tourney

San Jose JACL has planned a golf tournament at the Sunol Valley Golf Course on Andrade Road off Interstate 680, Sunol, on Saturday, Sept. 18, starting at 10:30 a.m.

The tournament will be played over the par-72 Palm course, rated at 72.3. The course offers complete locker room facilities, with showers, sauna and Jacuzzi bath.

The event is open to men, women and juniors. Prizes go to low gross, low net (using the Calloway or official handicap), low net for women and closest to the hole. Fees are $7.50 for JACL members, $10 for non-members and $5 for Juniors. Reservations are due Saturday, Sept. 11, at Dale Sasaki, 786 Borregas Ave., Sunnyvale 94086, (734-2360).

San Mateo set for community picnic

Under joint sponsorship of the **San Mateo JACL**, Buddhist Church, Sturge Presbyterian Church, Gardeners Assn., Japanese Youth Organization and the Committee for Asian Community Involvement, the San Mateo Japanese community picnic will be held Sept. 12 at Boysville, east of San Gregorio Beach. A donation of $3 per family will be asked to help defray expenses. Ice cream, cold drinks and prizes for the various games for young and old will be given.

Boysville has a swimming pool.

Downtown L.A. slates Dodger baseball night

Downtown L.A. JACL has reserved seats for the (Wed.) Sept. 8 Dodger game with the San Francisco Giants. Seats are in the section between home plate and 3rd base. Tickets are $2.50 and may be obtained at:
Bank of Tokyo (T. Yamaguma), L.A. Sporting Goods, Merit S&L Mitsuiline Travel Service, and Sumitomo Bank.

Justice Tamura to speak at Selanoco installation

Justice Stephen Tamura of the California Court of Appeals will speak on recent Supreme Court decisions, their implications and how they affect people at the 6th annual **Selanoco JACL-Jr. JACL** installation dinner on Saturday, Sept. 25, at Sampan Restaurant in Anaheim. Social hour precedes the 8 p.m. dinner.

Because of closer planning with the Jr. JACLers, the chapter has scheduled the dinner earlier than usual so that the affair would not conflict with school studies and activities, it was explained by dinner chairman Hiroshi Kamei.

Dinner will be $5.50 per person, $4.50 for Juniors.

Election slated at San Jose potluck dinner

Annual potluck dinner-meeting of the **San Jose JACL** has been scheduled for Sept. 11, 6:30 p.m. at the San Jose Buddhist Church annex. An election meeting follows the dinner to pick 1972 officers and 15 new board members. Entertainment and diversified activities will conclude the evening. All planning to attend are asked to call the following for food assignments:
Mrs. Shizu Hirabayashi 292-6318, Mrs. Barbara Tanaka 251-6371, Mrs. Betty Inouye 293-5255.

Ethnic films to be shown at Sept. 8 Selanoco meet

Two films from the JACL Visual Communications Office will be the highlight of the **Selanoco JACL** general election meeting Sept. 8, 7:30 p.m., at La Casitas in La Habra's Fashion Square.

The youth are also expected to be present to view these two films, "Manzanar" produced by Bob Nakamura and "Wong Sinsaang" by Eddie Wong, both graduate students in ethno-communications at UCLA Theater Arts Dept.

A tea will also be held on Sept. 19, 2-4 p.m., at 12413 Breezewood Dr., Whittier, to form a women's advisory council who will assist the new president and board in planning the program for the coming year.

Whereabouts sought of credit union members

SALT LAKE CITY — Whereabouts of eight National JACL Credit Union members, whose mailed has been returned, is sought by Credit Union office, 242 S. 4th East, Salt Lake City 84111.

If the money in their share account goes unclaimed for a definite period of time, the money will be escheated to the State of Utah, treasurer Hito Okada reported. The eight missing members are:
Keitaro Kay Iwahashi, Ted T. Tanii, George Kihara, Teichi Tom Kunisada, SFC Paul L. Stevens, Tom T. Ikebuchi, Kan R. Suzuki, Takashi Hasegawa.

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and Consul Suzuki to discuss matters of mutual interest and concern.

Following breakfast, Consul General Hara and Consul Suzuki met and talked with Governor Calvin Rampton and Mayor J. Bracken Lee, both of whom are great admirers of Japan, having visited Japan in the last few years and learning first hand the great changes that had taken place in Japan in recent years.

Utah is a turkey growing state and the Governor has been interested in exporting turkeys to Japan and has been exploring avenues to ship Utah turkey to Japan. Perhaps, in the near futue, Utah turkey may grace the tables of many Japanese homes and restaurants.

The necessity for my brushing up on my Japanese has been increasing year after year. Although I have not made a serious attempt to start studying the reading, writing and speaking of Japanese, I find my command of the language woefully lacking and it appears I will continually be embarrassed because of my incompetence in the use of the Japanese language unless I crack open my Naganuma Tokuhon which I last painstakingly read many years ago at the Presidio of Monterey Army Language School.

Visa problems, divorce problems, social security problems, welfare problems, dignitaries visiting, etc. and my vocabulary accidently picks up a new word here and there. I am convinced the JAs in this country can perform a special function in this country's relation to Japan, although it may be limited, indirect and at time somewhat remote. Thus, for parents who have all but resigned themselves to the inevitable loss of the Japanese heritage and culture, there may be a revitalized interest by quite a few JAs to learn themselves and have their children learn the Japanese language, probably the single most effective way to learn about Japan, its people, and its culture.

Were you born in this country? Sometimes I kiddingly say no. I was born in Japan and spread a yarn as wide as it is long.

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THIEVES FAMILIAR WITH FUNERAL CUSTOMS HIT

LOS ANGELES—Local households in bereavement were warned to be on the lookout for burglars who focus their activities on such homes during and after funerals.

The residence of the late Sadao Matsubara was burglarized Aug. 19 while household members were attending the last rites at Jodoshu Temple. Failing to find cash, the thieves made off with the deceased's car when they found a bunch of keys.

The thieves are apparently familliar with the Japanese custom of bringing "koden" to the funeral.

VA to receive 5,000 Japan radios

SAN FRANCISCO—The first 5,000 AM-FM radios to be donated to 138 Veterans Administration hospitals for patients' listening enjoyment was delivered recently to Administrator of Veterans Affairs Donald E. Johnson by Seiichi Kawagoe, executive vice president of Panasonic, a subsidiary of Matsushita Electric Industrial Co.

"We hope to make a small contribution to the improvement of humanistic activities by donating these radios," Kawagoe said in commemoration of the company's production and sales of some 50 million radios since 1931.

The Bedside Network, an organized group of volunteers from the communications and entertainment field, coordinated the donation and ceremony.

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Aloha from Hawaii

by Richard Gima

It's good to be back after a lengthy vacation in Los Angeles. And now it's back to work.—RG.

Political Scene

Honolulu

Lt. Gov. George R. Ariyoshi said recently that he "had absolutely no intentions" of opposing **Mayor Frank F. Fasi** during the 1972 mayoral race. Ariyoshi said, "Under no conditions would I run for mayor. No one has talked to me about it, nor am I interested in it. I am very happy with what I am doing here." Ariyoshi's name was recently linked as a possible prospect to run against Fasi, who goes up for re-election next year.

Democrat Cecil Heftel has indicated that he is not actively planning a political campaign next year, but conceded that if he runs he would probably challenge Mayor Fasi. A recent poll among Democratic voters shows him as a strong contender with 30 per cent of the votes as against 40 per cent for Fasi, the incumbent who is nearing the end of his first four-year term.

At City Hall

Mayor Elmer F. Cravalho of Maui has announced that he is ordering the Maui County jail closed because it is "not fit for human habitation." Cravalho said he is informing **Circuit Judge S. George Fukuoka** that the county jail no longer will be available for prisoners. "Conditions at the county jail are not conducive to any kind of rehabilitation," Cravalho said. The 30-year-old building is a termite-eaten frame structure with no recreational facilities for prisoners.

Hawaii Today

A state senate committee has been informed that the State department of health is making plans to start phasing out **sugar cane burning** in the Islands within six months. The Interim Committee on Ecology and Environment also heard state and business officials urge better enforcement of existing pollution laws which, they said, need not be revised or replaced with new laws. **Richard E. Marland**, interim director of the State Office of Environmental Quality Control, said that if the health department's plan to phase out cane burning is adopted, it will become effective on Feb. 1, 1972.

The **hippie tide** is receding, a survey by the Honolulu Star-Bulletin shows. "The influx from the Mainland is diminishing," the newspaper said. "The expected deluge of kids here this summer didn't materialize. The Establishment has closed in, and the word is out among the youth that it's tight in Hawaii. We saw the whole gamut—in trees and caves, on beach and farms, on streets, in churches and in their birthday suits. They are as diverse as their parents. Some are clean; others are filthy. Some have money; others leech off society. As in any group, there are misfits—what would probably be the hoboes, tramps, gypsies and prostitutes of past generations."

Tourist Attraction

John C. Warnecke, a Honolulu architect and a friend of the family of the late Pres. John F. Kennedy, visited Iao Valley recently to see a natural rock formation shaped like the assassinated President's head. Warnecke visited the site at the request of Sen. Edward Kennedy. There is a possibility that the gorge may be dedicated as a national shrine.

Congressional Score

Sen. Hiram L. Fong's reaction to President Nixon's announcement that he will be visiting Mainland China: "It's fantastic that the President should bet an invitation to visit China. We have been trying to talk to them for a long time and I'm very happy the President is going. Paramount in any discussions will be Vietnam. Second would be trade and then, I presume, the United Nations." Asked whether he would like to accompany the President, Fong said, "I would like to go."

Business Ticker

Six Japanese Americans have graduated from Pan American Airways' Stewardess College. They are **Karen Kamada**, daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Kameda of Honolulu and Charles Kameda of Tokyo; **Evelyn Masaki**, daughter of Mrs. Jennie Masaki of Aiea and the late Dan Masaki; **Amy Muroshige**, daughter of the Kenneth T. Muroshiges of Honolulu; **Charlotte Shiramizu**, daughter of Mrs. Miyoko Shiramizu of Honolulu; **Naomi Tamashiro**, daughter of the Masaichi Tamashiros of Honolulu; and **Susan Tsunehiro**, daughter of the Kenneth N. Tsunehiros of Pearl City.

Dr. Eugene S. Matsuyama, formerly of Monterey Park, Calif., has announced his association with the Honolulu Medical Group, 1133 Punchbowl St., Honolulu. His practice will be limited to internal medicine. His wife is the former Cherry Blossom Queen Jayne Kuwata, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ken Kuwata of Honolulu.

Dr. Francis K. Sylva, a Honolulu dentist, has been elected president of American Security Bank by the bank's board of directors. He has been on the bank's board since 1939. He will continue to be chairman of the board . . . **Dr. George S. Kanahele** has been named vice president in charge of the Hawaii Corporation's newly created international division. He currently is administrator of the Hawaii International Services Agency. He has been active in attracting Japanese and other foreign investors to Hawaii and has led several trade missions in this regard.

Univ. of Hawaii

The Univ. of Hawaii has announced names of those who have been **promoted to associate professor** or its equivalent. They include Katashi Nose, Floyd Uchima, Dorothy O. Hazama, Harold K. Kozuma, Esther M. T. Sato, Betty K. Uyehara, Pearl N. Yamashita, Shiro Saito, Richard N. Nakano, Betty Shimabukuro, Haruyoshi Ikawa, Dennis Ikehara, Philip Ito, Yukio Kitagawa, Tom Yamamoto, Hiroshi Yamaguchi and Margaret Ushijima.

Named **assistant professor** or its equivalent included the following: Muneo Yoshikawa, Joyce M. Najita, George M. Seichi, Winifred Kubo, Yoshiko Shimamoto, George Higa, Cette T. Uyeda, Bernice Arakawa, Ted Hori, Stanley Ishizaki, Carol Kawasaka, John Kunisaki, Masako Ohama, Elsie Takeguchi, Roger Watanabe and Junko Ida Nowaki.

Names in the News

Wallace C. S. Young, owner of the Waikiki Beach Liquor and Grocery, has been elected national vice commander of the American Legion. He will be one of five vice commanders in the national organization. It is the first time in about 25 years that Hawaii will be represented among the top Legion executives, an honor which the Western states share by rotation.

John G. Simpson, 47, is the new president of the Hawaii Visitors Bureau. He has succeeded Dr. Thomas H. Hamilton. Simpson was formerly president of the Spencecliff restaurant chain. Hamilton, one-time president of the Univ. of Hawaii, will become special adviser to the Bishop Estate board of trustees. Simpson was born in Honolulu and received his bachelor of science degree from the Univ. of Oregon.

Tom Kamada, a former Hawaii man, is making his mark as a custom builder of homes in Sacramento, Calif. The native of Hilo has designed and built some 300 homes in the Sacramento area in the past quarter of a century. His specialty is in designing and building homes for individual clients.

Sports Scene

Koichi Tohei, an aikido teacher from Japan, says aikido is both a philosophy and a sport. The head instructor at the World Aikido Headquarters in Japan said, "It is the harmonizing of the mind at the body for the sole purpose of self-defense. When I was a child, I was weak. I found neither Zen nor judo very satisfying. Zen went only through the mind, and judo only emphasized the body. Neither strove for the co-ordination of mind and body, as aikido does." He said there are more than 600,000 people who practice aikido in Japan, and more than 2,000 in Hawaii.

Deaths

Dr. Robert H. Lee, 73, of 4130 Paloma Place, died Aug. 16 at St. Francis Hospital. He was a former superintendent of Ualapue Hospital on Molokai and practiced for 10 years in Wailuku, Maui, as well as in Honolulu.

Mrs. Lahapa K. Kauhane, 65, died Aug. 13 at Kaiser Medical Center. She was the wife of Charles E. Kauhane, one-time speaker of the Territorial House of Representatives, and once served as vice chairman of the Democratic Central Committee.

Among those who have died recently are **John (Jack) Bertrand**, 80, longtime Kauai civic leader who settled in the Islands 50 years ago, and **Mrs. Thelma Woo Zane**, 67, wife of Liberty Bank board chairman Kee Foo Zane.

Education

The state board of education has announced the following appointments: **Mrs. Thelma C. Nip**, vice principal of Lanakila School (temporary); **Alice Mary Doyle**, principal of Linekona School; **Frank N. Watanabe**, v.p. of Farrington Community School; **Richard S. Sakamoto**, v.p. of Farrington High School; **Melvin Seki**, v.p. of Leilehua High School; **Wallace Okimoto**, v.p. of Wahiawa Community School; **Lauretta Gum**, v.p. of August Ahrens School (temporary); **Harry Y. Fujinaka**, v.p. of Honowai School (temporary); **Kengo Takata**, deputy district superintendent of Windward Oahu District; **Francis Miyahira**, p. of Puohala Elementary School (temporary); **Kenneth Asato**, Kona Complex manager (temporary); **Sadao Aoki**, v.p. of Kapiolani School; **Calvin Yamamoto**, p. of Maui High School; **Randolph Kobayashi**, p. of Kualapuu School, Molokai.

The U.S. Office of Education has presented a certificate of merit to the State Dept. of Education for its outstanding Statewide vocational-technical education program. It was presented at the banquet of the Hawaii Practical Arts and Vocational Assn. at the Ala Moana Hotel. **Shiro Amioka, superintendent** of education, received the award on behalf of the Dept. of Education.

Traffic Fatality

Glenn Susumu Uyehara, 22, of 1412 Lusitana St., Apt. 7, was killed in a one-car crash early Friday, July 16. He was an aide at the Hawaii State Hospital. Uyehara was killed when his Honolulu-bound car veered off Likelike Highway near Valley View Drive, hit a ditch and culvert, then overturned.

Tourism

Keio Univ. professor **Eiichi Kiyooka** told a Honolulu audience recently: "Hawaii is a special place. And I would choose this state over all other states in America to send Japanese students to." To which we ask: Lucky come Hawaii?

BOOK REVIEW: Allan Beekman

Peril Charge Unsubstantiated

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THE JAPANESE MIRACLE AND PERIL, by Willard Price; New York, The John Day Co., 337 pp., $7.95.

The jacket credits the author with interpreting Japan to the western world for more than a half century. A list of his published books includes "Key to Japan", "Japan and the Son of Heaven", "Islands of Mystery", and "Japan Rides the Tiger".

The miracle, as he sees it, is the complete recovery of Japan from military defeat to become an economic power. Japan leads the nations of the world in literacy rate, shipbuilding, motorcycles, electronics, cameras, radios, watches, and other lines. She ranks third in gross national product, with her GNP growing at five times the rate of the leader, the U.S. There is much evidence that the 21st century may be the Japanese century.

The peril, as he sees it, is that Japan may seek military supremacy as well as economic. To bolster his prognostication of peril, he draws from undocumented sources the kind of misinformation about Japan current before the war.

Misinformation

Some quotations from the book follow:

(On Japanese history) The urge for expansion of the Empire began at the beginning, with the rescript of the first emperor, Jimmu Tenno, 660 B.C., "We shall build our capital all over the world and make the whole world our dominion."

(Of Japan soon after being opened to the West) several cargoes of them (Japanese) were shanghaied and shipped to Hawaii and California where they were actually sold, the males as servants, the females as prostitutes . . . In 1897 she (Japan) sought to wrench Hawaii from the U.S.

(On Japan's entry to WW2) Tojo instructed the emperor to issue a declaration of war, implying that if he refused he would face abdication . . . faced with the army's threat that he (the emperor) would otherwise be forced to abdicate the throne, he signed the imperial rescript authorizing hostilities.

(On Japanese education) Japan's educational creed (the Meiji Imperial Rescript) established as the ultimate aim of all education, world conquest . . . such terms as "moral training," "morals," and "ethics" as used in the Japanese school system . . . signified one thing only—the emperor cult . . . This rescript and the philosophy back of it have been thoroughly ground into the Japanese mind for twenty-five centuries. . .

(Of present day Japan) American soldiers who have made trouble cannot be tried in Japanese courts . . .

(Of the state of the Japanese language today) Newspapers, even those which make a deliberate effort to limit the number of characters (kanji) use 3,500 . . . A Japanese index is a sour joke. There is no alphabetical clue.

No Sources Quoted

The author ridicules Japanese mythology; on the other hand, as in the reference to Jimmu Tenno, he presents it to the western reader as historical fact, not even naming the source of the myth or the quotation. The application of scientific scrutiny to such myths was discouraged in prewar Japan, but in this year of 1971 it should be plain that neither Jimmu Tenno, nor any other Japanese, existed 2500 years ago.

The assertion of the Japanese being shanghaied, shipped, and sold, may refer to the voyage of the Scioto in June 1868. The Japanese left Japan, voluntarily, however, though without permission of the government, which changed hands after they boarded ship. There were only five or six women among the passengers. In the sense intended by the author, no passenger was sold. Some became servants; most became field hands.

The other mentioned assertions are likewise ill-founded or unfounded.

Real Peril

Despite his dallying with truth, the author writes well. He has produced an interesting, readable book. Much of the material is valid. Among other things, he tells a good story about the romance of the first American consul, Townsend Harris, with his servant, Okichi.

The real peril is that the whole text will seem plausible to the uninitiated and thus foster distrust of Japan. For this is the kind of propaganda that helped create a situation that ensnared America into a needless, wasteful war with Japan.

BOOKSHELF

Chinese writing

Strictly for the westerners who find Chinese-Japanese characters mysterious, Donald M. Murray and T.W. Wong attempt to dispel some of the mystery with NOODLE WORDS (Tuttle: $2.25) in a happy-go-lucky fashion—first trying to show how the characters were invented, though this is one area which could have been improved in the interest of scholarship. The section on signboards in the cities, including those for men's room, ladies' room and exit, will help the Ordinary Occidental touring Chinatown or China.

Dr. Murray, who spent two years on a Fulbright scholarship in Hongkong, teaches English at Northern Illinois. Wong, Taiwan University honor graduate in 1967, is a graduate student at Univ. of Washington in comparative literature.—H.H.

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The Spartan Beat — Mas Manbo

300 Game on TV

TOKYO—Prominent feminine pro bowler Emiko Namiki certainly picked the right time to roll the second perfect game of her bowling career.

She hit the pins for 300 in the final match of the two-day first NTV Cup Women's Pro Champions Tournament in Tokyo on Aug. 3.

It enabled her to breeze to victory over her opponent in the finals, Kayoko Suda, and win top money of ¥1 million. She also collected an additional ¥200,000 for her perfect game.

There have been four perfect games rolled by Japanese girls so far and Miss Namiki has accounted for half of them. She bowled her first 300 in March this year.

For standout bowlers like Miss Namiki, Miss Suda and Ritsuko Nakayama, the most popular bowler of all currently, the rewards of pro kegling have been great.

Pro bowling, especially the women's game, is tremendously popular on Japanese television today. Especially as the bowling population of the nation is figured at more than 15 million.

Fantastic Fees

Top distaff pros reportedly make more than ¥1 million, or almost $2,800, monthly — much more than an ordinary office girl receives in one year.

An exhibition of an hour or two at any one of the more than 1,500 bowling centers in the country nets such standout bowlers at least ¥100,000.

And when a bowling center contracts to make a star bowler a house pro, it reportedly may shell out as much as ¥10 million, or around $28,000.

As for prize money in bowling tournaments, while there was only about ¥2 million up for grabs in a half-dozen meets in the early days of pro bowling in Japan five years ago, the loot has increased 25-fold to ¥50 million in more than 60 meets — and is expected to keep on rising.

As of mid-August, there were 268 licensed male pro bowlers and 69 lady pros in Japan.

Needless to say, however, only the cream of the crop are in the ¥1 million a month bracket.

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Sumoist Takamiyama

Jesse Kuhaulua, Hawaii's 365-pound gift to Japanese sumo, appears heading for a wedding.

The Maui giant, known to one and all in Japan as Takamiyama, reportedly has fallen in a big way for a 24-year-old fashion designer named Chikako Tagami.

Miss Tagami, who is reported to be quite tall for a Japanese, became a Takamiyama fan when introduced to Jesse four years ago.

The two are not engaged yet. However Jesse is expected to pop the question some time after the coming September tournament, it was reported recently.

Jesse, who came to Japan in February 1964 as just another unknown teen-aged sumo aspirant, today is holder of the komusubi rank, the fourth highest in the sport. In the last meet, held in Nagoya, Jesse had an 8-6 record, which put him over the kachikoshi (more wins than losses) hump.

Jesse belongs to the Takasago sumo camp, whose oyakata or master died on Aug. 1.

Uragoro Takasago, 57, known as Maedayama in his wrestling days, was formerly a grand champion. He was director of the Japan Sumo Association at the time of his death.

Gardena potluck dinner

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Ye Editor's Desk

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WELCOME HOME, MIKE!

It was good to see Mike Masaoka back in town, looking refreshed, though we know he goes back to Washington after a two-month tour around the world with a new series of problems on U.S.-Japan affairs in the wake of President Nixon's economic message of Aug. 15 and his impending visit to Peking.

Kenji Ito of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, in his remarks at the Welcome Home informal luncheon for the Masaokas at the Restaurant Horikawa, felt Mike has an "alibi" by not being at work in Washington this past summer for what has happened—the dock strike, the import tax, etc. But Justice John Aiso quickly followed with: "It's up to you, Mike, to solve all of them—now that you've been around the world." This airy approach, however, was soon dispelled when Mike responded.

His presence in Southern California at this time reminded him of the JACL district convention at Long Beach in October, 1941—perhaps his first call in Southern California after being employed by JACL as its first paid staff field secretary operating out of San Francisco—when the then Governor of California alluded to the dark clouds over the Pacific. Only this time, Mike says, the issues are more subtle. "We're at another U.S.-Japan threshold," he said. But he also was confident that we'll come through again.

As a parent, Mike paid tribute to the Issei who faced an unforeseeable future after Pearl Harbor and realized how bitter their struggle through the Evacuation and war years when compared with the problems facing the Nisei today when things are supposed to be better. He feared troublesome times ahead, but with a little legislative luck, vision and sticking together, "we can work and pull through together again."

For a man who's been through three typhoons on his trip, Mike looked relaxed enough to repeat that "dream" trip. It was his wife Etsu who revealed that the typhoon in Hong Kong, Taipei and later in Hiroshima, enabled them to catch up on needed rest in their room and tending to personal amenities. To be sure, the family will in the weeks to come continue to make that trip mentally.

For the record, proper credit for hosting the luncheon here goes to Katsuma Mukaeda and Takito Yamaguma, both past Downtown L.A. JACL presidents, who were instrumental in making the trip possible. About 60 people attended. Dr. Roy Nishikawa emceed the noon-time affair.

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Mike was in Japan when President Nixon announced the 10 per cent import surcharge. He stayed two extra days to confer with high government and business leaders on the new policy while the rest of his family kept to its original itinerary. He returns to Washington to discuss the economic reprecussions on the new tariff.

Mike was enroute to New Delhi when President Nixon said he would visit Peking. Nobody knows how that visit will change U.S. policy in relation to Japan, Mike feels.

Much has transpired in the past two months from a U.S.-Japan standpoint, the latest being the impending visit of the Emperor and Empress of Japan with President Nixon later this month at Anchorage. The general concern of JACL on matters international indicates how small the world has become. We're not primarily concerned with trade, but the confusion in the minds of the American public is as to whether we're Americans of Japanese ancstry or not. Raymond Uno's latest U-NO Bar column this week points to this question in depth.

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'LOS ANGELES MATSURI'

At the time Nisei Week was originated in prewar Little Tokyo, the organizers were also bent on publicizing the word, "Nisei", as an apt substitute for the three-letter epithet then popular in the press and with the man on the street.

Al Hatate, who served as Nisei Week p.r. chairman this year (after the late Jim Higashi had served so faithfully all these years), was still being asked by the medias waht "Nisei" meant and, of course, Al would explain Issei and Sansei in the process. Believe it or not, "Nisei" means very little, too, to the people in Japan, who have no idea of the nature of "Nisei-shu" (Nisei Week).

So, a tiny movement is underway to drop the name "Nisei Week" (though many will still refer to the gala mid-August days in Little Tokyo as that, I'm sure) and if anyone were to ask us for a likely substitute, we'll propose what we had in mind prewar—"Matsuri". By dubbing Nisei Week at some auspicious occasion as the "Los Angeles Matsuri"—there will be immediate identification by the people in Japan that a festive occasion, American style with Japanese touches, is being staged here in mid-August.

Americans already understand the Spanish expression for festival, "fiesta" and the French equivalent, "fete". It's about time they be introduced to the Japanese term, "matsuri". And if it would help if the Cherry Blossom festivals now staged in Honolulu and San Francisco be renamed the "Honolulu Masturi" and the "San Francisco Matsuri".

Suppose the change were made here next year, the "32nd annual Los Angeles Matsuri" has an exotic ring to it that recalls the Nisei Weeks of the past as well as promote the traditions and culture of our heritage. Use of "Nisei" would still be promoted through other channels throughout the year—for the term itself is very handy.

JAL FELLOWSHIP

Kokoro Unseen

A letter to the San Francisco Hokubei Mainichi, appearing Aug. 6, was written by Ron Kobata, San Francisco Sansei attending the summer session at Sophia University in Tokyo as one of four JAL-JACL fellowship winners. Ron is also a JACL community involvement worker ("fox") in San Francisco.

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By RON KOBATA

Tokyo

Upon arriving at Haneda Airport and getting off the plane, it felt as if I had walked into the tropical fish room at Nippon Goldfish Company. It was very humid and there was a strange odor in the air.

Then there was a taxi ride to the dormitory at Sophia University, which took about 20 minutes. While I shouldn't generalize, since I've only taken three cabs since I've been here, the cab drivers here don't take bull from no one.

I haven't done that much traveling so far — Kyoto, Nikko, Ginza, Shinjuku, Kanda. Have not met that many people thus far.

I soon started noticing certain patterns in terms of so-called tourist areas. They all started looking the same — the same specialty shops food stands, coffee shops and restaurants with their plastic samples in the window.

Depressing Pastime

I have only visited two bars, and watching the people and the hostesses was depressing. Not that I've transcended my male chauvinism or anything, but the whole thing that hostesses make a "good living" is really hard to take to this provincial, purist "gaijin."

Meeting people is a rather dificult task. For anyone the least bit familiar with Japanese society, you know that meeting and talking to strangers is taboo.

So far, I mainly have been talking with the student guides from Sophia and a few guys living in the dormitory. In the initial contacts there was usually an element of mild shock when they realized that I was a Nikkei Beikokujin that spoke very little Japanese. Then their surprise was amplified when I explained that there was a Nihonmachi in San Francisco, and I ate sushi, ebi, tako, etc.

Here I would like to point out an ironical situation: I came to Japan with the intention of learning and experiencing this country from which my ancestors came.

Then to my surprise I encountered "Middle America." There are about 140 people in the summer session here at Sophia. Of these, 130 are from all parts of the U.S., mostly teachers in their 40's and 50's and retired couples. The young people are also mainly in education or are students whose parents are wealthy.

Big City Rush

Getting back to the Japanese people: I think their seeming avoidance of strangers is due to the numbers of people. With so many people in Tokyo, you don't have time or take the chance to stop and rap with a stranger because you may get trampled.

The crowds are unbelievable. On an average day the department stores and streets of the Ginza make Market St. in San Francisco in the Christmas season seem deserted.

The people are always on the move, except in the coffee shops where they sit for hours.

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Considering that this is the peak of the tourist season, it's interesting to note the relatively few foreigners in the crowds. That should give you a rough idea of the size of Tokyo and the crowds.

Initially, I thought that all of the neon, urbanization, westernization in Japan was to please the foreign tourists. I have since changed my thinking — not to deny that since World War II and the U.S. occupation of Japan, the Japanese have been strongly influenced by U.S. media. But even with the dyed hair, makeup and obviously Western-influenced styles, the Japanese people are their own best customers and patrons.

Touring Japanese Abound

At first, it seemed as if the whole of Tokyo was designed to cater to the foreign travelers. But it has become clear to me that the Japanese people are a touring people. They really enjoy traveling and going through the tourist trip.

Some other quick observations:

Rain heavy at times.

Earthquakes heavy by my standards, light by Japan's.

Smog heavy by everyone's standards.

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For someone who came to Japan to experience and feel the "kokoro" of Japan, it has been somewhat disappointing.

The Japanese American people are still living in the Meiji era from what I have come across in Tokyo. Perhaps in the countryside it hasn't changed as much.

Planning –

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ing an office, a director or staff man, part-time secretary, a telephone. Everyone is looking for service to the chapters but with the kind of salary JACL comes up with — the best find is a young kid with a lot of gas, a lot of feeling for the community who would accept a minimum amount. There are people available like that — with no experience, etc.

SATOW—Let's define what chapters want from a staff, like from the Midwest. If it is decided it takes full-time, then we can judge accordingly.

FURUTA — Our problem in the Midwest is that our problems are not obvious. Guy would have to go into the community and see what they are. Then develop a plan of action, which can be initiated and have chapter members sustain program-wise for solutions. This is what we need in the Midwest.

People don't come up and tell us what their problems are. Even Warren understands this situation.

SATOW—It's difficult when we take this into National Council. I remember a situation where it was either National gets a typewriter or allow Mike to travel to a district meeting. I would hate to be compared to a typewriter but these are the kinds of choices we have to make.

SUGIYAMA — One of the areas our Personnel Committee is working on is the combination of districts for a single staff man. Could Midwest and Mountain-Plains be covered by one man?

FURUTA — It would be easier for him to service Midwest and East.

SUGIYAMA — Our omitting the East is because of the Washington representative. So we figured one man for Midwest and Mountain-Plains. Another for IDC and PNW. And if National goes into Los Angeles, he would work out of San Francisco and include Northern Cal also. Of course, there are other configurations but this is what we are considering to provide staff coverage. Where there is no staff coverage, we hope to provide secretarial help who can serve as a referral person or focal point.

ALLEN — At one time, Omaha was figuring to move into the Midwest.

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The Package

HONDA — Perhaps to sell this package of regional directors at the National Council, we must show the bulk of the chapters which are on the west coast and in California that the presence of directors elsewhere includes working on some phase of national program.

At the board meeting, I felt that if we were to have a man in New York he ought to be in charge of national public relations so that when west coast chapters were asked to support this, they would also know that he was working on some national program.

Now, if we get another man in Chicago, he ought to be put in charge of another phase of national program, which the board might determine, like research or civil rights and still get around the Midwest and even into the Mountain-Plains. Let's try to combine jobs.

SUGIYAMA — Within our own budget availability, we tried to come up with the best mix.

FURUTA — Let's not forget the prime need — servicing the chapters.

SHIMASAKI — Can we fund the Chicago office with $15,000?

SHIMASAKI — If we dilute the Washington representative to take care of the Eastern and we get the additional staff in our existing JACL offices in Chicago and San Francisco to service the other districts asking for help, and allowing $15,000 per office, then it can be handled with about $1.37 increase in present dues. This would not be unrealistic.

Membership Factor

SUGIYAMA — Whatever increase in dues we charge, we might lose in count.

SATOW — Our experience this year has been the same count despite the last increase. Maybe it's because of insurance, though we might be hurting when the government goes into medical.

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SUGIYAMA — Rather than increasing dues, let's go after membership.

MATSUI — Let's not sell JACL short. People do join for insurance, but some also join because of good programs in a given area.

And since Nisei are still insecure — like the current unemployment problem, JACL will still be in demand. And some Nisei still feel they're getting shafted when it comes to promotions and feel JACL can help but don't want to make a case. Actually the dues are not that much. And if JACL will do the things it's supposed to do like looking after the welfare of Japanese, the support will come.

SHIMASAKI — Membership is later on in this agenda. Can we reorganize the staff somehow? Let's shoot for two more staff to be housed in existing JACL offices. So what are the immediate expenses? If no one else wishes to write up this proposal, then I shall.

QUESTION BOX

History Project

Q—Where is the "Japanese History Project" located?—T. C., Los Angeles.

A—Officially known as the Japanese American Research Project at UCLA, it is situated at 288 Kinsey Hall, UCLA, Los Angeles 90024, phone 825-1068.

A Double Dip Near the Boardwalk in Atlantic City

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

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Farm Labor

Editor:

Pacific Citizen is to be congratulated in giving such extensive and fair coverage of the farm labor controversy. The National JACL Board also adopted a good resolution with due consideration for the laborer, the union and the Japanese American farmer (PC, July 30).

The destruction of equipment on the Hamada ranch was deplorable (PC, July 23). Violence is not in accordance with the principles of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee. Cesar Chavez and his co-workers adhere to the principles of non-violence with the same kind of religious fervor as Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr.

The growers maintained (PC, July 9) that they pay union wages or more. They did not specify whether they carry out other UFWOC principles — no hard pesticides used, sanitary facilities in the fields, decent housing for workers, Workmen's Compensation, etc.

The report by Warren Furutani (PC, Aug. 20) is very enlightening. With two other urbanites, the situation was assessed objectively. Similarly to the National JACL Board, greatest sympathy is shown for the most disadvantaged, the laborer. It would appear that UFWOC is the best organization to represent the workers, but unfortunately, it must have spread itself too thin. The workers in the Fresno area "do not understand where their dues are going." As is pointed out, at Delano UFWOC has a co-op, health clinic, etc. Everyone knows that Cesar Chavez and each of his co-workers get only $5.00 a week with board and are working sacrificially for "La Causa." It is only through this trust and confidence that UFWOC can win the workers and improve their lot.

The small independent growers constitute another group which deserves our sympathy. I was under the impression that UFWOC was only interested in organizing the large "factories in the field", as we were not asked to boycott local lettuce growers in Northern California, for example.

Warren Furutani's conclusion provides food for thought. "The overall situation of the farm laborer will always be that of the oppressed . . . As long as the present economic system in America stays the same, the difference of economic and social class will remain unequal."

Toyohiko Kagawa suggests an alternative in "Brotherhood Economics." Expansion of the cooperative movement would provide an equitable solution to our problems.

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Ken Dyo, 50

Editor:

The Pasadena JACL mourns the loss of Ken Dyo, a past president and longtime board member. Just last Sunday (Aug. 15) at the Pasadena Cultural Center carnival, he was the same hard-working leader assisting in various club booths. After arriving home, he was to work on his lawn, became grievously ill and was hospitalized.

With all his wonderful family by his side, he passed on to his reward on Aug. 19 at 6:30 p.m.

This loss coming so close after the death of another fine JACLer, Ben Senzaki, has been a great shock to the Pasadena JACL.

Ken served well at the district level serving as district chairman two times, and worked hard on the 13th biennial National Convention held in Los Angeles in 1954.

His belief in JACL at that time was stated thus: "As good citizens we must work towards participation in local, as well as national activities, and towards the better of our community as well as our nation. May we look towards the theme of 'New Horizons' as we work toward this future."

Ken was all this and a good JACLer.

MARK YAMAGUCHI
President
Pasadena JACL

EDITORIAL: Watsonville Register-Pajaronian

Benevolent Elks still protective

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July 27

Despite the enlightened attitude of members in such places as Watsonville and San Jose, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has refused again to delete the word "white" from the organization's membership requirements.

The vote on the resolution to take out that word was secret, following 30 minutes of debate. There was no count available, and we haven't talked to anyone who was present in New Orleans—but we'd bet that there were more votes for the resolution this year than last, and that there will be more votes for it next time around.

There was even a little hedging. The Elks gave their grand exalted ruler the right to suspend the "white" requirement until next year in any cases where it would be "in the best interests of the order" — for instance, if an Elks lodge building were located on federal property and a court ordered the requirement lifted or the lodge closed down.

There is, then, an element of self-preservation as well as social justice in the national organization's action. It is no secret that the discriminatory rule has made many Elks uncomfortable because they see it as an injustice. Some have let their memberships lapse; others have stayed to work within the lodge for change. But on the practical side, a lodge which loses members' dues, and finds its public rooms avoided by outside groups which feel strongly about compulsory segregation, and worries whether the courts might step in, has grounds for concern which do not totally relate to social justice.

The feeling of many Elks, and others, is that "the best interests of the order" will require, sooner or later, the removal of that word from the membership rules.

Ironically, those who argue for the status quo say that a person can choose his own friends and that a social or fraternal group is entitled to choose its own members, accepting or rejecting them as it wishes.

Exactly.

Only the most dreamy-eyed egalitarian would want to force the Elks in Jackson, Miss., to open their membership rolls to all Negroes who might wish to join. The choice should be with the social or fraternal group at the local level, not somewhere else. Watsonville Elks, because of that national rule, are denied the right to choose their own lodge brothers if the prospective member happens to be, for instance, of Oriental descent.

We think that's wrong, and a needless affront to those of our neighbors who are not "white." So do Watsonville Elks, to their credit; and we think the day is coming when they will be freed of the national prohibition against making their own choice of associates.

25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, Sept. 7, 1946

U.S. Army units in Pacific theater push Army orientation program to problems faced by Nisei veterans returning to West Coast . . . Back-pay dispute holds up dismissal of disloyal charges against Japanese Americans in California civil service . . . State attempt to confiscate Fresno farm of William Shiba in alleged violation of alien land laws fails for insufficient evidence.

Issei plan to resume commercial fishing operations in California . . . Mike Masaoka on statewide tour in California to explain why 79th Congress didn't pass evacuation claims bill . . . Nisei Veterans Assn. incorporated at Los Angeles . . . West Coast CIO members pledge aid to strikers in Hawaii sugar industry; most strikers were Islanders of Japanese, Chinese, Portuguese, Filipino and Hawaiian ancestries.

New San Francisco paper, "Progressive News", published by Michi Onuma with Howard Imazeki, editor . . . Fujima Kansuma completes two month U.S. goodwill tour introducing Japanese dance.

Jerry Enomoto

Perspectives

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ASSIGNMENT OF STAFF—Noted President-Elect Henry Tanaka's concerns about the organizational hangups in JACL, and his suggestion about going to a "federated" concept. As I understand the plan, it is designed to decentralize the organization, spread out decision-making throughout the district level, give maximum opportunity for innovative programming, give the general membership more imput, among other advantages.

In many respects I agree with Hank that the present structure isn't doing the job. "Executive Reorganization" is not providing the procedural tools with which to do the job. One question might be whether we are using the recent organization changes properly? Sometimes it isn't the plan that's defective, but the way it's implemented, or the people trying to implement it.

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Theoretically, I believe that decentralization is sound. Practically, I wonder. JACL depends largely upon volunteers to lead it. Volunteers can give only so much. There is nothing to prevent our districts from taking the kinds of initiative needed to realize some of the objectives Hank spells out, **right now.**

The guts of the federated concept is the assignment of staff to each district to supervise programs. We currently have five professional staff, not counting the "Foxes" who are part-time.

The position of Coordinator-Community Involvement Programs is supposedly a national one, but really benefits PSW almost completely. This is not a value judgment, but a fact. The Associate National Director is, for all practical purposes, a PSW Regional Director. The two youth positions are diffused between traditional youth/Jr. JACL programs, and community involvement type activity (my opinion). Although Ron and Victor have done commendable work by traveling occasionally to other districts, their services too primarily benefit PSW.

The National Director is an executive person who must give overall direction to the program, and cannot be expected to supervise program in districts.

We are faced with the reality that we must reevaluate how our current staff is being used, if the federated plan, or any plan, is to work. We must also take a hard look at our financial capabilities. We are already spending the major portion of our budget on salaries. How much more is the membership willing to spend, if any?

If our current staff is used differently, the kind of decentralized approach Hank envisions could be possible, without major changes. If not, either staff changes or additional staff would be necessary. Without the right kind of staff service, giving districts more money, increased policy making authority, etc., will be to no avail.

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As chairman of the National Personnel Committee, I should have answers when I place such heavy emphasis upon staff service. However, the reality is that we must rely upon imput from each District in JACL to tell us what they want. As long as the staff is located where they are, and their perception of their jobs remains as it is, nothing will change. This again is not a criticism, but a statement of fact, **as I see it.**

Finally, I share Hank's concern to the point where I seriously urge every District, if it cares enough about this issue, to do some homework and make themselves heard at the next Convention.

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Who Speaks for the Nisei?

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IN THE FACE of constant accusations, condemnations and confrontations being invoked against the Nisei from time to time by some elements of our younger generation peoples, some Nisei perhaps are becoming susceptible to paranoia and certainly to some degree of confusion. He may begin to question and doubt many long-cherished principles and ideals by which he has been guided thus far, his grip beginning to become uncertain and at times ready to abandon adherence to such principles and ideals. He has even been psychoanalyzed, by remote distance, with a resulting diagnosis of some affliction labelled "enryo syndrome."

(The "kicker" is the term "syndrome": honesty is a virtue, but if the word is harnessed as "honesty syndrome" I'm not so sure any of us would be willing to admit to the latter).

SO, IT'S NO WONDER that perhaps some Nisei feel uncertain, confused and lost.

Who, Me?

MAYBE IT'S ABOUT time that someone spoke up for the Nisei. And while in some sectors of Niseidom this writer may have gained the reputation as a "liberal",—whatever that amorphous term may mean—and thereby one who cannot truly articulate the feelings of the Nisei, I by no means feel so alienated to my brethren. As one who shared the hard times as a country lad laboring long hours in the fields, obeying the edicts of his parents without question (albeit reluctantly at times), imbued with concepts of respect for my elders, experienced the common trauma of the ignominy of the Evacuation with my fellow Nisei and our parents, as a "typical" Nisei I can and do retain many common denominators with my fellow Nisei.

NOTWITHSTANDING any convenient, and oftentimes misleading, labels that some may choose to ascribe to me.

Me, a Square?

YES, I'LL ADMIT to being a "square". Cheerfully. I am enough of a square to believe in: giving one's utmost in all endeavors, be it gaining an education or working; giving credit to the wisdom of most of my elders and paying respect to their age, regardless of the station in life such elders may occupy; observing and maintaining "law and order" but seeking to have it apply to all, to those high as well as to those low; believing that this system — yes, with all its imperfections — can be made to work if we're willing to apply ourselves.

AT THE SAME TIME, as a Nisei I am willing to reexamine, learn and, if appropriate, modify some of my Nisei concepts, but in so doing, I am by no means prepared to be panicked into abandoning many Nisei concepts which experience has confirmed as being essential and desirable.

'Enryo' Syndrome?

EVEN THIS MATTER of so-called "enryo syndrome": aside from the loaded term "syndrome", who is to pontificate that such is deleterious to the personality? What is wrong with a little "enryo," particularly nowadays when we might have a little of it to temper the indiscriminate and sweeping assertions being made from some quarters? While "enryo" might be overdone and some overhauling of the concept may be beneficial, who is to say that perhaps the Nisei may not have survived as well without it?

AND SO, I'M NOT at all sure that the Nisei should become apologetic for continuing to be imbued with a bit of "enryo" and, indeed, in these times perhaps a little of it may be a virtue.

FELLOW NISEI, arise!