



Asian demands for Seattle schools met

SEATTLE — What the girls' vice-principal at Franklin High School feared would happen for two years broke into a black-Asian confrontation of shoving and pushing on campus on Friday, Oct. 22.

Mrs. Roberta B. Barr, vice-principal, said the "right combination of circumstances of events" conspired Friday to bring to a head what "I've been looking for to happen for two years."

The school, which has an enrollment of 1,662 (45% white the rest half black and half Asian), has seen an increase in the number of Asian students from Hong Kong who have a tremendous language barrier, feel alienated and disenfranchised.

Tuesday, last week (Oct. 26), Dr. Forbes Bottomly, school superintendent, promised Asia parents, students and community leaders he would respond immediately to their demands:

- 1.—One or two Asian administrators, including a vice-principal.
- 2.—Additional Asian counselors and community liaison workers.
- 3.—Bilingual or bicultural faculty and an increase of 25 pct. in the number of Asians in the South Region district staff.
- 4.—Expulsion of students responsible for extortions and beatings "which have brought about the racial tensions which now exist."
- 5.—Education of faculty and students around Asian problems and needs.

Another student, Robert Woo, said Asians have felt for

a long time that there is a problem and are tired of waiting for something to happen. He said Asians either would take care of themselves or the school district would have to do something to help them.

Students from Hong Kong After a student from Hong Kong tried to explain how he felt, struggling with his English, he sat down.

Asian community leader Robert Santos said the boy's difficulty in expressing himself was a good example of the kinds of problems some Asian students are experiencing at school.

There was a loud applause when Santos suggested that Frank Fujii, Franklin art department chairman and head basketball coach, would make an excellent vice-principal.

Fujii declined the offer. Tsuguo Ikeda of the Atlantic St. Center, who helped set up the Tuesday meeting, told Bottomly: "I don't see why we need to wait until a crisis

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Seattle JACL in thick of battle over school problems

SEATTLE — The Seattle JACL, with the rest of the total Asian community, has been actively involved seeking solutions to the educational problems at South End schools, according to chapter president Dr. Minoru Masuda.

The chapter has worked to have Asians represented on the regional advisory council, met with school officials to assist them in their recruitment program and placements of Asian administrators and teachers.

The chapter has also conferred with school officials to secure Asian counselors and stress the need for teachers of English as a Second Language to alleviate the recent Asian immigrants language problem.

"The school administration has finally realized how desperate the situation has become and recognized the presence of educational inequities," Dr. Masuda concluded.

ASST. ATTY. GEN. KASHIWA

Refuse Act of 1899 effective weapon against bigtime environment polluters

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department's top environmental prosecutor says the government is winning the battle against water pollution through a little-used 1899 law with sharp teeth.

"The results are just astonishing," says Asst. Attorney General Shiro Kashiwa, head of the Justice Department's division of land and natural resources.

Landmark court cases in the last few weeks upholding the Refuse Act, a law passed when William McKinley was in the White House, are having an impact on major industries across the United States, Kashiwa says.

"The most astute businessmen are discovering that it's better to meet the pollution problem than to get into litigation with the Justice Department," he says. "They realize the Refuse Act is a powerful weapon in our hands."

So far the Justice Department has won the battle every time major industries resisted the law, Kashiwa says. This legal power was illustrated last month when Florida's Pulp and Light Co. settled a Justice Department suit out of court and agreed to spend \$30 million over the next five years reducing thermal pollution of Florida's Biscayne Bay.

At the same time, the International Telephone and Telegraph Co., acting under a consent decree, earmarked \$22 million to treat wastes being discharged from one of its pulp plants into Puget Sound.

And, in perhaps the most significant decision yet, U.S. District Judge Allen B. Hanay has ordered Arco Steel Corp. to stop flushing cyanide, ammonia, and other toxic wastes into the Houston Ship Channel. The company is under government pressure now to treat the wastes, then incinerate the residue.

Courtroom Strategy Kashiwa attributes the law's effectiveness to a change in strategy adopted by the Nixon administration.

For years, the government prosecuted polluters under criminal provisions of the Refuse Act. But the maximum fine was \$2,500 — a very light slap on the wrist for multi-million dollar industrial polluters, Kashiwa says and so the criminal penalty

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MULTI-ETHNIC CURRICULUM IN SEATTLE URGED

JACL Supports Proposal for Local School Board

SEATTLE — A multi-ethnic curriculum, proposed by the Central Seattle Community Council, in the Seattle public schools from kindergarten to 12th grade was endorsed this past week by the Seattle JACL board of governors, it was announced by Dr. Minoru Masuda, president.

"We feel such a program which takes into account the multi-ethnic character of our American society and implements it via community input can be a more wholesome and equitable approach to education and the socio-cultural problems of society," Dr. Masuda declared.

The community council's education committee, chaired by Donald Kazama, immediate past Seattle JACL president, and which worked with the Seattle School District in drafting the proposal for funding, was comprised of representatives from the various ethnic communities including the Blacks, Japanese, Chinese, Filipinos, Chicanos and Indians.

It was the education committee's contention that "physical desegregation was not enough, if children of different races cannot learn to respect and live with one another."

The proposal encourages community involvement in decision-making, thus allowing JACL a means to identify the

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JACL position on Okinawa reversion treaty presented

(Special to The Pacific Citizen) WASHINGTON — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, chaired by J. W. Fulbright (D-Ark.), last week (Oct. 27) began hearings on the treaty to return Okinawa to Japan in 1972.

The JACL statement in favor of ratification of the reversion treaty, prepared in 1969 by the International Relations Committee, headed by Dr. Mary Watanabe of Philadelphia, (see Nov. 21, 1969 PC), was submitted for the record.

"Although that statement may be somewhat outdated by recent events the reasons set forth for the reversion next year remain as valid today as they were then," Washington JACL Representative Mike Masoaka declared.

JACL believes that the peaceful reversion of Okinawa to Japan not only removes a major irritant to U.S.-Japan relations, but would also contribute to a better understanding of U.S. foreign policy and aspirations throughout the world.

And since Japan has suffered several "shocks" in recent months, the return of Okinawa at this time in history may prove helpful to those pro-American elements within Japanese society, Masoaka felt, "who are hard put of late to try to explain our intentions in connection with Japan and the Far East."

Secretary of State William P. Rogers, first witness to appear, called for early ratification of the treaty, saying such action would protect and promote U.S. security interest in the Far East.

Sen. Fulbright noted that seating of People's Republic of China in the United Nations and expulsion of Nationalist China would have "substantial effects" on U.S. security interests in the Pacific.

Starting then, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, acting in conjunction with the Environmental Protection Agency and state pollution officials, will require any company dumping waste into navigable waterways to obtain a federal permit.

"Companies who are denied permits are likely to file suit, and we'll defend the corps of engineers," says Kashiwa. "Other cases may arise if permits are cancelled. We foresee a lot of litigation in this area," he says.

So far slightly more than half of the estimated 40,000 industrial polluters have even bothered to apply for permits. But these firms which have applied produce 90 percent of the nation's wastes, and government officials for that reason seem satisfied with the response.

Indeed, the stage is now set for systematic regulation under the permit system.

"Once the permit is issued some firms may not comply," says Kashiwa. "But it won't be the Justice Department's job to make that determination. We don't take water samples. We receive the cases from the Army engineers."

Kashiwa who formerly was Hawaii's attorney general, has a legal staff to help him enforce the anti-pollution laws — 15 attorneys in Washington and an average of two in each of the 93 U.S. attorney's offices around the country.

Of her candidacy in the Oregon primaries, she noted

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Restricting Saneise's speech illegal

(Special to The Pacific Citizen) MERCED — County Counsel Russell M. Koch has ruled that restricting the content of a student graduation speech is in violation of the U.S. Constitution.

The opinion was rendered Oct. 18 at the Merced County Board of Education meeting in response to a question raised last July by Mr. and Mrs. Mark Kamiya of Ballico, who claim the eighth-grade graduation speech of their daughter Marla was illegally censored by the Ballico-Cressey School administration.

Mark Kamiya, a member of the Ballico-Cressey school board, sought the decision of the county school trustees in August. Ballico-Cressey School Superintendent William McGowan told the county trustees he had been misunderstood, in that he was discussing with students on how to shorten speeches when he was accused of censorship by the Saneise student.

Koch said, "Regulations attempting to limit or restrict the content of speech by participating students would be violative of the fundamental free speech rights afforded by the U.S. Constitution."

"I also recognize an opinion in this field may raise more questions than it answers."

"Naturally, our office will work with any school district on the specific problems they may have," Koch added.

Koch's three-page opinion heavily quoted passages from a U.S. supreme court case, Tinker v. Des Moines Community School District (1969).

State Board Rule In San Diego, the State Board of Education meeting Oct. 15 told local school districts "to encourage students to express opinions, to take stands, to support causes" and generally exercise their constitutional rights of free expression on campuses.

The new policy represents a major liberalization of rules governing student conduct within school grounds in the areas of speech, circulation of petitions, publishing of newspapers, use of bulletin boards and wearing of insignia, including buttons and armbands.

"There should be no prior censorship or requirements of approval of the contents or wording of the printed materials related to student expression on campus," the state board said.

The policy statements were contained in advisory guidelines to local districts. But the state board made clear that, based on recent court decisions, districts have little choice but to comply.

The guidelines grew out of a decision in September, 1970, by a three-judge federal panel which held unconstitutional

Barren lot transformed into S.F. mini-park

SAN FRANCISCO — A mini-park is being developed in Nihonmachi, on the empty corner of Sutter and Buchanan, where the prewar Kumamoto Hotel once stood, through efforts of the Japanese Community Youth Council.

Over \$200 was raised by Rich Wada and his committee at pancake breakfast to obtain necessary material for the mini-park. With ideas supplied by young people, Daniel Hirano designed the park. Over 130 individuals donated labor, funds and material.

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State Education Code provisions restricting student expression on school campuses.

Guideline Adopted Later, the panel and the State Department of Education jointly developed wording of the guideline which were approved unanimously by the state board.

Attorneys said the guidelines represent the culmination of years of challenges and court decisions which have gradually upset state laws and local school rules restraining student expression.

A bill signed the same week by Gov. Reagan repeals education code sections declared unconstitutional and requires local districts to adopt new

decisions in line with the court rulings, they said.

Wilson Riles, state superintendent of public instruction, said the guidelines "indicate to districts the limits of their authority to the extent that they imposed restrictive regulations, if tested in court, would fail."

Under the guidelines, students have the right to distribute petitions, circulars, leaflets, newspapers and other printed matter on campus.

Previously, the code prohibited material containing such things as "propaganda" or "partisan" statements.

Such restrictions were often interpreted so broadly that school authorities were able to suppress almost any expression.

The guidelines recommend certain limitations, such as distribution of printed materials before and after school hours and during lunch period.

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The guidelines allow for disciplinary action against students who violate such restrictions.

However, in the case of defining what is obscene or libelous, they rely on "current legal definitions," and not on the interpretations of school authorities.

Where this case all began . . .

TURLOCK — Marla Kamiya of Ballico took her case about "censorship" and her constitutional right of free speech to the Merced County School Board Aug. 16, but must await further consideration of the matter before a decision can be reached.

Marla, 13, is the eighth grader who wrote a speech (First draft is reprinted elsewhere) for presentation to her graduating class, and claims that she was forced to rewrite it three times before it finally met the criteria set up by Ballico-Cressey School District Superintendent William McGowan.

Mark Kamiya, Marla's father and a member of the Ballico-Cressey school board, told the county trustees that his daughter's constitutional rights were abridged. He explained that from the time his daughter was chosen to give the speech until the time she did, many of her ideas were marked out and she was told she couldn't express them.

Kamiya felt that school authorities made his daughter rewrite the speech because they did not agree with her political philosophy.

Impact Weakened Marla feels that alteration of her speech weakened it. "I spent four hours with Mr. McGowan and he said he was shocked that I had such views. He implied that if I didn't change the speech, I wouldn't be allowed to give it," she stated.

Marla's mother told the county trustees that liking or disliking the speech was not the real issue — the issue was who was qualified to censor the speech.

McGowan stated that he had been misunderstood on some points. He told the board that he would not have prevented Marla from giving her speech at graduation, but was informed by other persons that she should not be allowed to.

"I feel basically that my job is to work with children," he told board members, "to guide them and discuss with them how to shorten their speeches." He indicated that he was attempting to do this with Marla when he was accused of censoring the speech.

The Complications McGowan felt that the guideline the Kamiyas were requesting for student speeches would draw some complications. One of the biggest problems he could foresee was where should or could the line be drawn in cutting down a

government continues, perpetrating this inhuman carnage."

On the Attica Prison riot—"Had cooler heads prevailed, 38 people might still be alive today . . . What the prisoners wanted all along should have been theirs as a matter of national 'Right to Showers' law to make sure a prisoner can take a bath?"

On government repression (Mrs. Mink cited the antiwar demonstrations in Washington last May)—"Many authorities still believe they can take the law into their own hands . . . Such a philosophy of repression strikes directly at the cherished ideals we are undertaking to preserve."

Right to Read In her speech for the Hawaii Council of Teachers of English, Mrs. Mink protested "high rhetoric and low budgets" in the Federal Right to Read program begun two years ago. She said insufficient funds and bureaucratic delays in Washington had stymied the program.

A sustained and highly-focused campaign will be necessary if illiteracy is to be eliminated in this country," she said. Her suggestions included pressure from the English teachers for implementa-

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previous instances when the student speakers held conservative views.

Parents Complain McGowan said that initially he approved her second draft, but suggested Marla rewrite it again after a number of parents complained about the content.

After she practiced giving the speech before classmates, a number of students told their parents what Marla said in the speech, and they in turn telephoned McGowan and trustees to express offense, he said, adding that, because of this, he suggested she revise it again.

Though Marla wrote the third draft, she disclaims any credit for it, and sought to preface it with a public disclaimer the night of graduation. She said McGowan would not allow it.

The third draft, presented

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MIS veterans may go national, to write history

SAN FRANCISCO — Two subjects of major importance to former Military Intelligence Service veterans will be discussed during the 30th anniversary reunion here Nov. 12-13, it was revealed by Col. Thomas T. Sakamoto (ret.), general meeting chairman.

A panel of speakers meeting Nov. 13, 2 p.m., at the Miyako Hotel will dwell on expanding the No. Calif. MIS Assn. into a national group. Speakers include:

Dr. Laurence Bowd, San Francisco State College; Paul Takawa, career MIS instructor; and George Kaneaga, past pres., So. Calif. MIS Assn.

Long Range Project Second subject involves a long-range project leading to publication of the MIS history, which dates from 1941 when Nisei GIs were first assigned to study Japanese at the Presidio of San Francisco.

Washington JACL Representative Mike Masoaka will be reunion banquet speaker Nov. 13 at the Miyako Hotel Imperial Ballroom. The Nov. 12 mixer is scheduled at Nikko Suki-yaki, reunion co-chairmen Skeets Oji and Noby Yoshimura said.

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Patsy airs views like presidential candidate

HONOLULU — Sounding like a presidential candidate, Rep. Patsy T. Mink (D-Hawaii) addressed herself to a wide range of issues in two speeches here this past week (Oct. 23).

She gave guarded endorsement to school bussing for racial balance and touched on many other issues including equal employment opportunities, violence, Vietnam, military aid to Pakistan, the Attica Prison riot and government repression.

Already confirmed as a candidate in the Oregon primaries next May, the Nisei congresswoman spoke at the Freedom Fund-Awards dinner of the local NAACP, which honored her with the 1971 Recognition Award for her "many contributions to, and continuous efforts in support of, the dignity of all men."

On the day, she spoke to the Hawaii Council of Teachers of English.

She also expressed in a telephone interview her keen disappointment that President Nixon had not nominated a woman to fill one of the two vacancies on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Oregon Primaries Of her candidacy in the Oregon primaries, she noted

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" . . . Is it right to use our children to do what society has failed to do?" she asked. "I must confess my own uncertainty . . . Yet I know that we cannot wait."

In the same speech, Mrs. Mink also took these positions:

On equal employment opportunities — Strong enforcement powers are needed by the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission, but proposals for such powers were recently defeated by a Republican bill that passed the House. She accused the Nixon Administration of "vacillation and qualification" in its statements on civil rights.

On law and order — "Violence has become the order of the day. We cannot seem to even celebrate the winning of the World Series pennant without rampages of physical abuse on one another."

On Vietnam — "The very continuation of the war . . . is a colossal act of inhumanity . . . Our official policy, instead of . . . seeking a peace, is to continue it . . . Probably the Administration's intention is to maintain support-personnel indefinitely . . ."

On U.S. military aid to Pakistan — "Virtual genocide has been under way . . . The Administration barely nods its head at this massive outrage, while our military aid to the

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U-NO Bar

By RAYMOND S. UNO National JACL President

"591,290 Japanese Counted in U.S." was the banner headline (PC, Oct. 29). This included the 50 states and the District of Columbia. There were no breakdowns for the territories, such as Puerto Rico, Guam, Virgin Islands, etc., whose residents would, I assume, be American citizens, by and large.

We have discussed pushing for JACL membership in a

number of directions. Some have advocated increasing membership in areas where we already have chapters, particularly in high Japanese density areas, i.e., California, Washington, Colorado, and so forth. Some have expressed a belief that we should move in the direction of having chapters in every state, even if the membership is token.

I have, as yet, to understand why we don't have any chapter in the state of Hawaii, which has the largest concentration of Japanese. I have been given different reasons like they don't have the same problems we have in the mainland, they are considered the "majority" in Hawaii and their interests may conflict with our minority position here, they have economic and political power we don't have, they are geographically located too far and so on. Most of it sounded to me like we were fighting the issue of statehood for Hawaii all over again.

It is my belief that for JACL to become a vehicle for progress, change and assistance to people of Japanese Americans, it needs input from members from all walks of life, from every geographical region and differing social, political and economic philosophies.

We may, as past experience has shown, fight like cats and dogs, but we do share many common experiences, hopes, aspirations and needs. The cataclysmic changes in this world, this country, our communities and JACL is undergoing demand the participation of every man, woman and child wherever each may be to help solve the crushing problems which are inundating every available resource and talent that the genius of man has yet conceived.

It is highly necessary from the standpoint of participatory democracy, economics, effectiveness, and a multitude of other cogent reasons for JACL to expand its base to serve not only Japanese Americans, but all those with whom we may associate in any activity.

If for some reasons it is important for some groups not to be directly connected with JACL, we should still maintain a good communication system and we should work together on common causes and on matters of mutual interest and benefit.

It has become increasingly clear to me that every minority group needs a strong and flexible power base. JACL has been criticized for many reasons and many people have used JACL for their pet projects or as a scapegoat for the lack of any other party to ventilate their different hostilities on.

I have seen where JACL has been a favorite whipping boy for some people who just the same will use the resources of JACL when it is convenient for them to do so.

In spite of all the good and bad attributes of JACL, it has been the power base for many Japanese American activities on the chapter, district council and national level.

If it has helped people of Japanese ancestry to better themselves, it has served a valuable purpose. If it has helped to initiate programs that otherwise would never have seen the light of day, our money has been used beneficially. If it has pricked the conscience of our members, we have reached the office of change.

It has been my belief that the hard work, sacrifices and donations made for the benefit of JACL have done much good, and unfortunately, will never see the light of JACL day, and will never be appreciated by many of JACL's critics. But, such is the price of volunteerism and humanism.

THE BALANCE OF GOODWILL

Hosting dignitaries from Japan can become a time-consuming, trying and frightening experience. As co-chairman of the host committee for Utah, Japanese American Governors Conference, 1971, I had the opportunity to feel the frantic frustrations of helping to establish goodwill and maintain cordial relations with a foreign country—Japan. Nine governors, three wives, two aides, and a host of other officials, both Japanese and American, invaded Utah with modest fanfare, but with enthusiasm and interest.

Providing interpreters, scheduling accommodations, arranging for tours, sight-seeing, meeting local dignitaries, and a thousand other details can be an exhaustive and conducive to frayed nerves and premature graying. Wayne Horuchi, the Saneise intern in the Governor's office, did a magnificent coordinating job

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AMBASSADOR MEYER, REAGAN AT WHING DING

TOKYO — U.S. Ambassador Armin H. Meyer extended a message of gratitude from President Nixon to the Japanese American Citizens League at its 1000 Club whing ding at the Keio Plaza Hotel Oct. 22.

Nearly 800 JACL members, participants in four charter tours, and many Tokyo area Nisei, were present. Gov. Ronald Reagan of California, in Japan the same week as President Nixon's special envoy, and San Jose Mayor Norman Mineta were among other head table dignitaries.

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Capital Scene David Ushio

Perspectives on Information

Somewhere in the back of my mind is a recollection of an old movie or series of movies that I have seen at one time or another in which the story revolves around a small town. The plot unfolds through the narration of the town's newspaper editor who tells the story from a detached viewpoint as an impartial observer recalling the many facets of the town's history. I'm sure that I have seen more than one movie that owes its perspective and continuity to the objectivity and recollection of the sage editor of the local paper. Somehow, to me an editor should possess that quality of humanity that would allow him to relate a story without the prejudices and rhetoric that necessarily color other more involved accounts of an event in history or a description of a personality.

Having had these impressions in mind for many years, it was enlightening to me to first meet personally Harry Honda, editor of the Pacific Citizen. I met Harry for the first time about nine months ago when I first was interviewed to work for JACL. At that first meeting he made an effort to explain to me what he perceived to be the important issues with which JACL must deal in the future. But more so he gave me an insight into the organization as a whole rather than the individualized viewpoints of those that advocate a specific philosophy. At this time I noticed that Harry's explanations and commentary reminded me of the above mentioned editor who narrated the movies.

Later, upon each visit to Los Angeles, I could look forward to visiting with Harry and having him plan to acquaint me with some aspect of Japanese American life that I would not readily be exposed to in Washington, D.C. For example, after a recent National Board meeting Harry cornered President Raymond Uno and me and suggested that if we had time that he and Al Hatate would take us to the Japanese Consulate General's residence for the Nisei Week Queen contestants' opening tea. Ray and I readily accepted and gratefully partook of the opportunity to meet the many lovely young ladies vying for the Queen's crown and the delicious lunch that was part of the festivities.

While Ray was doing his duty (which I'm sure he enjoyed) of being photographed with the lovely candidates, I sat in the shade with Harry Honda and he explained the various personalities and experiences of the many Nisei guests that mingled in the large crowd. He mentioned more than once that many of the assembled guests were JACLers in that they are members of the various chapters but in their own professional circles were very outstanding and influential people. As a journalist with a mind crammed with facts and anecdotes collected over 25 years of newspaper work mainly with the Japanese American papers, Harry probably knows as much information and history concerning Japanese Americans in all aspects of life as anyone around. What I personally appreciate is the way in which he tells both sides of an historical event or controversy in that he relates all the viewpoints and only at my insistence will he relate what he personally felt. But in my experience Harry prefers to remain detached and objective, a mark of a good newsman.

As a young person, as far as JACL is concerned, to me Harry's help is invaluable in locating names and backgrounds of people with whom I must deal and he invariably has the information that I need.

Recently, while visiting in Los Angeles concerning the White House Conference on Aging, I made a point to visit with Harry to get his views on a series of issues. After some discussion, Harry suggested that we have lunch together and visit a collection of Toyo Miyatake's photography of Evacuation which was on display at the Los Angeles Museum of Natural History. As we drove through the streets of Los Angeles, he gave me a brief history of the migration patterns of Japanese Americans through the years, pointing out areas where Japanese Americans congregated before the war, where they lived after Evacuation, and present day movements within the area. But even more intriguing to me is the analysis of why the various moves are made and the potential results both socially and politically.

The photographic exhibit on Manzanar featuring the work of Toyo Miyatake was most interesting. Having read much material on Evacuation and having discussed it at length with Mike Masaoka and many others who were involved, the impact of the display was overwhelming.

Both Harry and I agree that such displays are very worthwhile because it communicates on a visual level, the tragedy of the Evacuation. As we walked through the display from time to time Harry would recognize a face in the photograph and explain the history of that person, what he has done since Manzanar, and where he is today. We ran into a photograph of our National Director Mas Satow appearing before a government body to testify on Evacuation. I didn't even recognize Mas but Harry laughed and pointed out that indeed it was a picture of Masao Satow. Artifacts collected from the sites of the camps were on display as well as the camera with which Mr. Miyatake photographed the pictures. I was most impressed with the display and urge all to see it while it is in Los Angeles.

For those of us who are not old enough to remember the tragedy of the Evacuation personally, such an exhibit is extremely worthwhile. And if you can visit the display with a man like Harry Honda, new dimensions and perspectives are opened up by the commentary of a knowledgeable man.

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Truman veto finally upheld after 21 years

WASHINGTON — Former Speaker of the House John W. McCormack, speaking out from retirement in Boston, led the fight to repeal Title II, the Emergency Detention Act, McCormack said.

"Spark, you tell my friends in the House that John McCormack is 100 per cent for the Matsunaga bill. There's no place for concentration camps in the American scene. We should have listened to Harry Truman in the first place and let his veto stand in 1950."

The action by the Congress in September for repeal, in effect, sustained Truman's veto 21 years later.

Yen revaluation steps underway

HONOLULU — While Okinawans holding U.S. dollars will be spared the sting of the devaluating dollar when Okinawa reverts to Japan next year, Japanese bankers were quoted by John D. M. Parkes of the Bank of Hawaii as doubting Japan would make a formal revaluation of the yen until reversion is complete.

Since August 15, when the yen has been allowed to float against the dollar, Okinawans this past month were invited to have their dollar holdings certified. Currency was stamped to prevent declaration of dollar holdings more than once.

Parkes wonders, however, if having Okinawans declare dollar holdings doesn't mean a possible speed-up of form revaluation.

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In some water pollution cases, however, Justice Department lawyers act on their own without help from other agencies. Where a discharge is occasional, such as an oil spill, a U.S. attorney can take criminal action under criminal provisions of the act. During the 1960s about 40 to 50 criminal suits were filed each year by the Justice Department. The number now has risen to over 200 annually.

"The Refuse Act has had a great deterring effect on polluters," Kashiwa says. "Oil spills once were more frequent than they are today. In the last two years there haven't been as many accidents because of the general feeling among industries that the government will enforce the law," he says. Kashiwa is encouraged also by controls being adopted at slaughterhouses and chemical factories which have traditionally dumped wastes directly into waterways.

Kashiwa cannot say for sure if the nation's rivers and lakes are getting any cleaner, but he says "on the whole we seem to be doing very well."

—Houston Chronicle

Hispano groups form coalition

WASHINGTON — Representatives from America's 12-15 million Spanish-speaking citizens gathered here Oct. 23-24 for a national Spanish Coalition aimed at ending discrimination in all levels of government and society.

Sen. Joseph M. Montoya (D-N.M.) only Spanish-speaking member in the U.S. Senate who delivered the keynote said "this activity brings a feeling of confidence to many people". Over 1,000 delegates were present.

A temporary political committee of 53 members has been organized to prepare for the next national conference on political strategy.

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comes before we set up the machinery to respond."

Leslie Chinn, a student, said Asians are tired of being stereotyped as being quiet, willing to turn the other cheek. "We're running out checks," she said, "all four, as a matter of fact."

A father received much applause when he said Asians have stopped bowing and will seek their rights "eye to eye". Maxine Loo, who speaks fluent Cantonese and Mandarin, was rehired as instructor of the English as Second Language class. She was on staff last year but dropped because of budget.

Bottomly said the district has as many as 700 students who can't speak English and that district efforts to help them are reaching only a few. He assured budget next year to mount a program to help up to 1,000 of these students stymied by a language barrier. The school district is continuing to seek an Asian vice-principal and counselor.

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by Marla at the graduation ceremony, was as follows: Our generation is growing up in a world you as adults have helped to create. The environment produced by your generation is shaping us. There are many influences upon us, both profitable and damaging.

Some of the major influences are war, prejudice, the glossing over of the opportunity, the good education, and having the progress in medicine, science, and other technology made today to us.

Are we becoming numb to the value of human life because of the glamorizing of war? Or is this nation so sensitive, and because of this sensitivity, we're fighting to stop communism for all has been the reputation of our country. Is there tolerance in your homes in our school and in our community. Or is there prejudice?

"Up to Us" If there is, will it narrow our thinking of what only brings us to the realization that this country is in need of improvement? It will soon be up to us to bring about an equality.

Our nation was founded upon democracy and justice. In order for democracy to exist, there must be consistency in our courts, in our classrooms, in our ideals, in our principles. But is there that consistency?

Are there double standards and deceptions around us forming our ideas? We are taught that we must be democratic and let the majority rule. And then aren't we sometimes overruled in the majority by an adult in authority? Such an incident doesn't strengthen our faith in consistency, ideas, views, and become adults realistic about our beliefs.

Our generation has the opportunity to receive a broader range of ideas than what you had. There is an increasing number of students opposing the views, the problems of today and their opinions are readily available to us. We have an education better than what there was for previous generations. More books and other teaching aids are available and constructive. Intentionally, we are today to give our opinions on today's problems. All of these factors are available to us, views, educated and informed citizens of tomorrow.

The progress you and those before you have made in the various fields of study is now there for us to build on in the future. We will build on the opportunity that these areas to heights that no other generation has had before. We have the ability to receive the education that would be needed for such studies.

Many times we make you our role models. We are taught to make you ours; however, to gain anything in the future, a constructive intention of ideas must travel between us.

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Following is the first draft of Marla Kamiya's eighth-grade graduation speech, which the school superintendent of the Ballico-Cressey District (Merced County) felt should be shortened to conform with a five minute slot and that some statements be "softened," as published by the Modesto Bee on July 11. —Editor.

By MARLA KAMIYA

Our generation today is growing up in a world you, as adults, have created. The environment produced by your generation is shaping us. There are many influences upon us, both profitable and damaging.

All of us will become a part of America's citizens. Many of us are entering the clan of the "silent majority," others becoming active members of this country. War, prejudice, glossing over wrongs our country has committed, and the increasing awareness of high school and college students of today's problems are some of the major influences upon this generation.

Our generation has been glamorized for us; the killing of humans is passed over. As a result of this, much of the perception has become insensitive to the value of human lives. For example, when we hear that 1,000 Vietnamese were killed, do we hear the thoughts of the feelings the families of these people are having? No, we reach for our breakfast.

Butchering Continues

As a result of this numbness, the butchering of humans continues. To further the purpose of making war less repulsive and more honorable, a distorted reason for the one we're in now is given.

Can it be that we're not fighting in Vietnam to stop communism as we've been told, but because we're aware of the rich natural resources in Vietnam that could become open to our use?

That and other reasons is the belief of William Winter, publisher of newsletter and author, lawyer, traveler and lecturer. If he is correct, how will this benefit of Vietnam to our selfish gains affect us as we grow older?

According to the Declaration of Independence, all men have the right to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Will the rights of very people make us insensitive to these rights of other humans as it has you? We now must realize that others also have emotions and feelings as we have. Only then can war truly cease to exist.

Prejudice is always at school, home and outside of these places.

Book Suggest

In school, the books we read may suggest that one nationality, race or creed is inferior, or we may pick up such ideas from the way a teacher or classmate talks. At home, we see on television or in the newspaper scenes that ridicule a certain minority group, perhaps insinuating that all are of one race, that black people are useful only for servants and comic relief; Chinese and Japanese are laundrymen or dishwashers.

We also hear you, perhaps, as our parents, speak in a degrading way of a group of people. Most of us probably feel that we're not prejudiced. If this is true, why are the farmworkers having to fight so hard for equal pay?

If you feel they're unjustified in wanting higher wages, would you be willing to live on the wages they receive? Willing to let your children live without the security of a permanent home? Willing to accept the mode of living they must lead just to survive? Probably not.

If you can answer yes to these questions, the sincerity in your belief that their cause is not just so hard for equal pay? Are we in this class aware of our own prejudices? It is showing up in the way we talk of for example, the Mexican-Americans and black people. This narrow-mindedness is the result of the

NEWS CAPSULES

Business

"Ralph Nader has become a sore of folk here in Japan," according to Dr. Michael Y. Yoshino, UCLA School of Business professor, who addressed the Japanese International Business Conference held in Los Angeles last week (Oct. 18-19). Tadayoshi Yamada, executive counsel for NIPPON Steel Corp., noted the younger generation in Japan now prefers the service industry to heavy industry, many preferring salary cuts for jobs in recreation centers.

U.S. Undersecretary of State U. Alexis Johnson was the principal speaker, urging a realistic relaxing of trade controls by both U.S. and Japan.

Mrs. Elsie N. Yamauchi of Gardena was promoted operations officer at Bank of America's Van Ness-Rosecrans branch, manager George Dia announced last week. She has worked with the bank since 1952.

The Sumitomo Bank of California president Kunio Kabuto announced the recent promotions of several personnel to senior vice-presidents: Hyu Asamizu, Los Angeles main office manager; Tadao Nakano, San Francisco head office loan supervision dept.; and Yoshiharu Satoh, San Francisco main office manager; and to assistant vice-presidents: Kiyoshi Kawai, (past Downtown L.A. JACL president), Los Angeles public relations officer; Jene Tamura and Kazuo Ohashi, both San Francisco head office loan supervision dept.; and Takeshi Hiramane, San Francisco head office administration dept.

Sacramento's predominantly Asian American managed and staffed Guild Savings & Loan Assn., 1631 Broadway, has opened its first branch at 2372 Florin Rd. It was announced by Dean Iano, president. Founded seven years ago, the new office in the southern area of the city "was based on our faith in the continued growth and prosperity in the Sacramento area", Iano said.

Hirokyu Hotta of Tokyo, deputy director in advertising

and sales promotion at the Japan Air Lines headquarters for the Americas in New York City, was promoted director. He succeeds Peter Ohtaki, who was transferred to manage JAL's new San Jose district sales office. Hotta joined JAL in 1958 after graduating from Gakushuin University. He was stationed in Tokyo until his assignment to New York in early 1970.

Entertainment

Young New York actress Lani Miyazaki, appearing in the Sidney Poitier-starring production, "The Organization," was described by Daily News critic Ann Guarino as one of three "highly professional" newcomers in the film. She is also rehearsing currently for a limited-run production at La Mama's "Tokyo Diary," a mixed-media musical with tunes composed by Itsumo Shimoda, a leading light with the Tokyo Kid Brothers Co., which won critical buzzhubs last season in Manhattan. Among Lani's early credits are the title role in the Broadway run of "The World of Suzy Wong" as well as TV.

The exquisite all-male Taneo Wakayama Troupe thrilled the UCLA Royce Hall audience Oct. 15 with its rock Festival music and masked dramas, brought to the U.S. for the first time. Noted the L.A. Times critic, "More accessible than Noh and more obvious than Kabuki, Edo is nevertheless just as accomplished a theatrical form."

The American Jazz Dance Co. has included Uchi Sugiyama's "Onibaba" on its repertoire being presented Oct. 30 at the Wilshire Ebell Theatre, Los Angeles. Hirochika Miva portrays the first samurai in this ballet interpretation of the medieval Japanese legend of horror and retribution.

Fine Arts

The first important exhibition of Hiroshi Yoshida prints are on display at the Pacific Culture Center, 46 N. Los Robles, Pasadena. The Los 20th Century Japanese printmaker was the first to travel outside of Japan to Europe and America. The center is open to the public without charge from 1 to 5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

History Reports One favorable influence on us is the increasing number of high school and college students becoming aware of the enigmas of today and trying to solve them. We can read and hear of their opinions on Vietnam, drugs, racism, campus unrest, and other problems, thus getting both sides of an issue since, generally speaking, you are more conservative than these students.

Through this medium, we are getting a wider range of knowledge than you received. Also, we read a greater opportunity to read magazines, newspapers and newsletters than what you had. These factors are also shaping us. We must still try to overcome unfavorable factors influencing us and build on the positive ones to be capable of remedying the problems that are now growing.

Many times we make you our scapegoat and many times you make us yours. However, to gain anything in the future, cooperation and a constructive interchange of ideas must travel between us. This country can advance only if both generations will work together.

Right now, however, we don't have the influence that you as adults have. We can try to start now to help solve our country's problems, but it is you who have most of that power.

Will you, today's adults, use the power within your reach to bring America home—from the boasts of a site realists to the higher ground of conscience and responsibility? If so, we, as tomorrow's adults, can concentrate on the advancement of the world.

Work for Unity

Without worry of the nation's problems you face now, our generation and posterity could work for the unity and understanding between nations now times to bring strength and influence it could help work to reduce the mass of people dying from starvation, and most of all work to bring about compassion—compassion for one another regardless of nationality or race, regardless of wealth or poverty, and regardless of political standing.

You attempted to make the world safe for democracy. Now let us all, you, we, and generations to come, work to make this nation and this world safe for humanity.

Government

Among the 70 American delegates attending the recent 11th U.S.-Japan Conference of Mayors in Kyoto was a Nisei delegation headed by San Jose Mayor Norman Mineka and Oakland Vice Mayor Frank Ogawa. Other Japanese Americans attending include Manuel K. Inadomi, Los Angeles City harbor commissioner; Zenzaburo Seto, Port of Los Angeles; John Hasegawa, Long Beach; Ralph T. Yamaguchi, pres., Hawaii State Chamber of Commerce; Percy Mirikitani, state senator, Hawaii; Judge Jack Mizuba; Lawrence Kagawa, James M. Morita, and Toru Kawakami, Hawaii Chamber of Commerce.

Karl Nobuyuki, 26, assumed the job of director of Gardena's new Youth and Community Services Office in the City Hall. A recent USC graduate who has been associated with many interaction and interracial projects in the East Los Angeles area, he was among the founders of the "Go For Broke" program combating drug abuse.

Carolyn Imamura, 22 of Molokai is the youth activities specialist with the Hawaii Office of Information and Youth Affairs in the State Capitol Bldg.—an attempt to show people in the community about how to make government work for those who didn't really know. As part of her duties as an executive intern with the State last year, she researched and lobbied for the program which eventually created her job.

Sports

The No. Calif. Nisei Golf Assn. revealed its Apr. 15-16, 1972 tournament will be held at Pebble Beach, now being toughened up for the 1972 U.S. Open, and will be hosted by the Garden City and Cypress gold clubs of San Jose. On the tournament committee are: Frank Shimada, chmn.; Cap Usunomiya, sec.; Ken Sakamoto, tournament director; Sokei Hayashi, rules; Tak Kawakami, banq.; John Sumida, awards; Koji Yoritani, housing; Mike Mineishi, treat.; Ray Murakami, PR; Tetsu Sumida, ex-officio sec.

Clyde Owan, 14-year-old son of the Tom Owens of Washington, D.C., who starred at 2nd base with the Pop Warner Little League this past summer was named to its 1971 all-star team.

Hawaiian Nisei Wally Yonamine, a Chumichi Dragons coach, has been promoted to club manager, succeeding Shigeru Mizuhara who piloted the baseball team the past four years and has retired.

Agriculture

Minoru Akiyoshi, 46, UC Davis instructor in enology (wine-making), was recently elected president of the American Society of Enologists, which boasts 760 members. His department at Davis is trying to locate the best places in the state to grow grapes, just as has been done in France over many centuries. It is also trying to find the best vines and ways of preparing wines, which is "where the art comes in," explains the Nisei instructor.

Deaths

Alice Kamokila Campbell, 87, heir to a quarter of the Campbell Estate in Hawaii, Calif. Oct. 23 at Menlo Park, Calif. One of the most colorful figures in the life of Hawaii since monarchical days, she was remembered for her strong opposition to statehood.

Christmas mail

LOS ANGELES — Air Service for Christmas packages weighing five pounds or less that are addressed to members of the armed forces will be accepted until Nov. 19, while parcels up to 30 pounds, it was announced by Postmaster E. W. Schneringer.

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Bill Hosokawa

From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.

THINGS YOU LEARN BY READING DEPARTMENT—A British report says those wonderful people who brought out the Honda motorbike to pollute the air with sound have brought out a gadget that smells your breath, and if it smells too strongly of booze, it prevents you from starting your car. According to the report, Honda claims the device detects a change in temperature of a drunk's breath by a piece of platinum near an intake valve in the center of the steering wheel. If you're breathing hot and heavy, the gadget short-circuits the ignition.

However, the gadget still has some shortcomings. It may not be able to distinguish the difference between a sober driver, the wife for instance, and her thoroughly soused husband snoring away on the other side of the front seat. The report goes on to say that Honda plans to install the device on their new cars next spring as an optional accessory. But how do you get people to admit they are the kind that need booze-detectors?

On a gee-whiz note, but somewhat more seriously, the Japan Trade Bulletin reports that Hitachi's laboratories have developed a system of storing as much information as is contained in one volume of the Encyclopedia Britannica—10 million characters—in a space about the size of two postage stamps. With the aid of a laser beam any part of this information can be retrieved in about one-millionth of a second, which is 10,000 to 100,000 times faster than currently used methods. Don't ask me how. I'm just relaying what Japan Trade Bulletin says. The invention is expected to find uses in large-capacity, high-speed computer systems.

Perhaps somewhat more immediately practical for the average working stiff is a "Video Bowl Clinic" displayed in a Tokyo electronic show Matsushita Electric. This is a neat little package about the size of a jukebox on wheels. It is made up of a video tape recorder, a camera, a TV monitor and automatic controls. The way I get it, a bowler who wants to improve his technique puts a coin in the machine's slot, and then proceeds to bowl. The camera makes a video recording of the bowler in action, and presto, there's an instant replay available on the TV screen to show our friend what he's doing wrong.

A somewhat similar gadget is called a "Wedding Pack Wagon," and it's designed to put together a commemorative tape of a couple's wedding ceremony, the reception following the ceremony, and even the highlights of the honeymoon trip. All of which goes to indicate that the Japanese are a lot more sentimental than we have been led to believe. With just a little imagination one can come up with dozens of dandy uses for the Wedding Pack Wagon. For instance, how about a TV tape in living color of the night Pop came home boozed up to the gill? Or Mom trying to explain how she came to crumple the front end of the family Toyota? This kind of progress could make the family photo album obsolete. It might even wreck the family.

WAGES AND PURCHASES—Japanese unions in this year's "spring labor offensive" negotiated pay raises averaging \$26 a month, or 16.3 per cent which is about three times the percentage that is likely to be permitted in Phase 2 of the Nixon wage freeze. The previous spring Japanese unions pried an 18.1 per cent average increase from their employers. What have they been doing with their money? Well, more than 80 per cent of Japanese households now have washing machines, refrigerators, electric fans, sewing machines, electric foot warmers, black and white TV receivers and oil stoves. The biggest demand in coming years is expected to be for houses and air conditioners.

NOTED IN PASSING—Japex, a name which may or may not raise blood pressures, is a Japanese government-backed oil resources development firm.



By Jim Henry

Sakura Script

Legend of the Sacred Tree

ATSUGI—Standing along the runway of this U.S. Naval Air Station's busy airfield is a tall cedar tree that for years has defied the ravages of Imperial Japan and America.

It's called the sacred tree by residents of Kanagawa Prefecture. For more than 1,000 years, legend says, it has contained the soul of a beautiful princess. (There is no available expert opinion on the tree's age.)

In defying two navies, the tree is said to have withstood all efforts to cut it down, and those who have wielded the axe have always met with violent accidents or death.

The problem with the tree began when the Japanese Imperial Navy took over the area in 1938 and began to build an air base there. Since the tree was near the runway, they decided to remove it.

When the two laborers attached oxen to the tree to uproot it, they both became ill. One fainted and died in a few moments and the other, according to the story, went mad.

Base Reopened

When the base was reopened by the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, again it was decided to remove the tree.

When the Japanese employee tried to cut the tree, it is said, his axe broke. While he was driving back across the field to get another axe, his pickup truck overturned and killed him.

No further attempts have been made to remove the tree and it remains standing on the runway's side, but the rock shines which used to surround the tree have been removed and installed in Yamato City near the base.

A similar problem was encountered when a shrine at the Tokyo International Airport was in the way of a new terminal building.

However, this shrine was

moved atop the building, received Shinto purification ceremonies, and there was no trouble. An employee who tried to remove a torii during the expansion work was seriously injured and unable to continue work.

The legends surrounding the Atsugi tree are hard to prove. Many residents in the towns around the base know the stories. But they don't know how they came about and no U.S. Navy records indicate that any Japanese employee was ever injured while attempting to cut the tree down.

"It's all part of the story that comes from years and years of story telling," said one town official in Yamato City.

Story or not, the cedar tree stands on the edge of the runway and if you look hard enough, you can see the spot where axe blades have marred its base.

'Japan in U.S.' picked

theme of photo contest

NEW YORK—The Japan Information Service, Consulate General of Japan, 235 E. 42nd St., New York City 10017, is sponsoring an 8 x 10" color photo contest on the theme, "Japan in the U.S.," with a Jan. 15, 1972 deadline.

Contest is open to U.S. citizens who are amateur photographers. Of the five awards, \$500 is the first prize. Three entries per participant will be permitted. Other entry information should be obtained from Japan Information Service.

Fugu poison

NAGOYA—The potent Fugu (blowfish) poison (tetrodotoxin) has been synthesized by two Nagoya scientists, who are experimenting its use in minute amounts to suppress pain in rheumatic patients.

'Untold Story' leader rebuts JACL decision

By HARRY K. HONDA

Los Angeles—Despite a recent National JACL Board decision to "cease all further action" with reference to the much publicized and debated book, "Japanese Americans: The Untold Story," the Japanese American Citizens League is still committed to having a textbook on the Japanese in America, written by Japanese-Americans, adopted for use in the public elementary schools.

The board decision was made after revisions had been made by the authors, the Japanese American Curriculum Project, a group of San Francisco Bay area teachers, hopefully to meet the strong criticisms which were registered by the JACL, the Buddhist Churches of America and the Konkokyo Church last year before the State Board of Education and its Curriculum Commission.

JACP coordinator Florence Yoshiwara of San Mateo last week contended the JACL decision was a contradiction of the board's previous promise to work toward an acceptable revision.

Coordinator Rebutts

"Between the JACL, BCA and JACP, the controversy has continued in public and in private for the past 18 months," Mrs. Yoshiwara said. She believes it is time for Nisei parents to judge the original book for themselves as efforts were renewed to sell the upper-level elementary social studies book.

The volume of correspondence in the Pacific Citizen file (which is not complete by any means) itself easily surpasses the book itself in question in terms of pages.

"We have been silent (during the period of the controversy) because we were anxious to grant every opportunity for factions (the JACL, the Buddhist Churches of America, Konkokyo Church) to amicably settle the issues. Yet in the course of this silence, we have been accused of fabrication of facts as well as breach of good faith," Mrs. Yoshiwara continued.

"Japanese Americans: The Untold Story" (Holt, Rinehart & Winston, \$4), was written last year in response to a demand for texts on Japanese-Americans for use by elementary school children. The California State Board of Education was to adopt social studies texts that year and the publisher had offered to publish the JACP manuscript.

1970 Impasse

To date, the State Board of Education has yet to adopt any new social science textbooks—first time this has happened—and appointed an ethnic task force (see PC, Oct. 29) to expunge from books accepted for adoption what was described as racism, ethnic distortions and misstatements about minorities in American history.

A 13-man group has been assigned to bring the books into compliance with state law requiring that texts "correctly portray the contributions of minorities."

Two young Asians, Amerasia Journal editor Lowell K.Y. Chun-Hoon and UCLA Asian American Studies Center curriculum coordinator Franklin Odo, are among the 13, who have until Dec. 1 to report to the state board.

Five Books Unit

Earlier this year, the San Francisco Asian American Education Task Force, chaired by Ben R. Tong, told the San Francisco Unified School District (see PC, Mar. 19) at least five social studies textbooks being screened by the Curriculum Commission failed "to correctly portray the role and contributions of ethnic groups in the total development of the United States and of the State of California."

In addition to time-worn racial stereotypes, the presentation of the Asian American experience was inadequate, Tong protested. Some did not even mention Asian Americans were a significant and integral part of the American story.

Had the JACP book, "The Untold Story," been "adopted" last November, it would have been included in the scrutiny and revision by the recently appointed ethnic task force, Mrs. Yoshiwara felt.

JACL Rationale

JACL's contention throughout the controversy has been that its own credibility would have been damaged by approving a book not up to standard, thereby weakening its own position when other textbooks come under scrutiny.

Mrs. Yoshiwara explained that under California adoption procedures, all adopted texts when subject to revision are revised under direction of the State Curriculum Commission.

The JACP believed that their book did not necessarily need to be withdrawn in order to have adequate revisions incorporated. She added, "Furthermore, the adoption procedure was the quickest way to have revisions incorporated as prescribed by law."

However, the controversy this past year has lingered over the revisions after the book was published in the summer of 1970.

'Power Play'

Mrs. Yoshiwara charged that the question of revision merely cloaked the real issues, "the frustrations faced by JACP (as) the controversy over the book provided the oppor-

tunity for a power play, an ego trip by persons within JACL and BCA."

At the November, 1970, JACL executive meeting convened to discuss the book only, JACP refused to comply with the JACL decision to withdraw the book from the state adoption procedures. Mrs. Yoshiwara explained, "We questioned the motives of the critics who stated that even with the revisions, the book would be unacceptable."

Several days later, the State Curriculum Commission rejected "The Untold Story" after listening to arguments by JACL and BCA spokesmen.

During the months that followed, JACP sought to revise the book further with JACL and BCA committees. Riverside JACL, through its civil rights committee chairman Dr. Junji Kumamoto, interceded in March, requesting a copy of the completely revised manuscript. JACP complied, believing the revisions had answered the criticisms leveled by JACL and BCA.

However, four months later in July, the National JACL Board rendered its hands-off decision.

Buddhist Protests

The BCA, while commending the efforts of the authors, found overtones to be "racist, consistently anti-Buddhist and pro-Christian biased and a gross misrepresentation of the true picture of the lives of Japanese-Americans." (See Oct. 23, 1970, PC).

In the section on Chinese and Japanese, the inference seems to be that of superiority of Japanese over Chinese, the BCA pointed out. Another paragraph was cited as implying everyone hated the Japanese when many Americans were sympathetic and helpful.

The first contacts Japanese had with Christianity, as delved into by the JACP text, was called "oversimplification of facts (that) can be dangerous and lead to gross misunderstanding."

It also appeared to the BCA that "one must reject Buddhism and become a Christian in order to become an acceptable American" in reviewing the personal profiles of the seven Japanese Americans.

JACL Criticism

Dr. Bob Suzuki, National JACL education committee chairman, said he was left with the feeling after reading the historical sections of the books, the authors unwitting-

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TESTIMONIAL DINNER

SET FOR VICTOR CARTER

LOS ANGELES—Six Japanese American community organizations will co-sponsor a dinner in honor of Victor M. Carter, 60, on Thursday, Nov. 18, at the Biltmore Hotel.

Longtime president of the Japan America Society and Japanese Philharmonic Society, he has also been active in many Jewish philanthropies and the United Crusade. His associations in Little Tokyo go back 50 years when he worked for his father at First and Los Angeles St. (He is also a Venice-Culver JACL 1000 Club life member.)



NAKAMURA SCHOLARSHIP—Mrs. Hisaye Nakamura adds \$3,000 to the Gongo Nakamura Memorial Scholarship, boosting the National JACL administered award for recipient to \$400 from 1972. In the picture are (from left), Dr. Robert Nakamura, son of

the late Southern California Issei community leader; Mrs. Nakamura, the widow; Ron Wakabayashi, National JACL youth coordinator; and Al Hatate, National JACL treasurer. —Toyo Miyatake Photo

'Pride & Shame' set for Olympia

HONOLULU—A plot containing the remains of 16 Japanese naval officers and men who died in 1894 following illnesses they contracted while on a voyage from Japan was restored as the Japan Navy Cemetery in Makiki this past week (Oct. 21).

The plot is part of the larger Japanese cemetery in Makiki, believed to be the oldest Japanese cemetery in Hawaii.

A stone monument and a Japanese stone lantern from Kure, with a combined weight of over 15 tons, will also be erected soon to honor the Japanese immigrants who came to Hawaii in 1868.

Curriculum—

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The proposal attempts to meet some of the serious local educational needs, including a program to increase self-identity of minority students, increase understanding and respect between persons of different backgrounds to reduce cross-cultural conflict and to provide a multi-ethnic educational approach for all students.

As for structure, the proposal calls for an advisory committee to assist planning teams, determine consultants and report to various communities.

The planning team, comprised of consultants, teachers and district planners, will develop and coordinate programs and material and coordinate student-teacher involvement. Parents, citizens, administrators, teachers and students will comprise sub-area planning and training

Japan navy cemetery restored in Makiki

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teams as well to refine and evaluate the programs.

New textbook designed for secondary level

SEATTLE—Tamako Niwa, co-author of the widely used "Basic Japanese for College Students," has developed a new text designed specifically to introduce the Japanese language to students at the high school or junior college level. Miss Niwa is associate professor in the Department of Asian Languages and Literature at the Univ. of Washington.

Just published by the Univ. of Washington Press, "First Course in Japanese" is a romanized text adaptable to various methods of teaching the spoken language.

The aim of "First Course in Japanese" is to teach the student about Japan and the Japanese people at the same time that he is learning the language. By following the suggestions given in the text, a discerning teacher will be able to conduct many enlightening and enjoyable conversations with the students, in Japanese, on various aspects of Japanese life.

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Orchestra to mark 10th anniversary

LOS ANGELES—The Japanese Philharmonic Orchestra will observe its tenth anniversary with a special concert Jan. 2 at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Music Center, music director Akira Kikugawa announced last week.

Organized in 1961 as the only one outside of Japan whose members are mainly of Japanese ancestry, it began with 31 musicians and now consists of 50.

During the decade, the orchestra has presented 55 concerts and premiered a number of Japanese compositions to U.S. audiences.

Kikugawa has extended invitations to other Japanese musicians now performing with distinguished orchestras in the U.S. to participate in the anniversary concert, which will include Bach's Sinfonia Concertante, Brahms' Fourth Symphony and Yashiro's Piano Concerto.

Governors Conference

ST. LOUIS—The 10th U.S.-13 American governors here this past week. Nagano Gov. Gonichiro Nishikawa led the Japanese group.

Nakamura award raised to \$400 in JACL Scholarship

LOS ANGELES—Mrs. Hisaye Nakamura, widow of long time Japanese community leader, Gongo Nakamura, has contributed an additional \$3,000 to the National Japanese American Citizens League to add to the principal of the Scholarship account created in her late husband's memory.

With the additional contribution, the Gongo Nakamura Scholarship for 1972 will total \$400 for the recipient, JACL said.

Gongo Nakamura was a native of Okinawa who came to America in 1906. While his port of entry was San Francisco, in 1915 he made Los Angeles his home and graduated from the University of Southern California with a Bachelor of Law degree.

Being an alien, he was unable to practice law, but worked as a legal interpreter. In 1923 he was chairman of the Japanese Association. His long time service to the Japanese community included participation in the Chuo Nikkai, Nihonjin Kai and Okinawa Club.

JACL President

After World War II, he was elected as president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce in 1952 and in 1959 was President of the Downtown Los Angeles JACL, the first naturalized Issei chapter president in JACL. In 1960 he was decorated by the Japanese Government with the Order of the Sacred Treasure, 4th Class.

Receiving the generous contribution from Mrs. Nakamura were Al Hatate, National JACL Treasurer, and Ron Wakabayashi, National JACL Youth Coordinator. During the presentation in Little Tokyo, Los Angeles, Mrs. Nakamura was escorted by her son, Dr. Robert Nakamura.

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One was "Sesame Street," the TV show for preschoolers. Another was the child development bill (an amendment to the Economic Opportunity Act) passed by both houses of Congress and now before a Senate-House conference committee. She called the bill "the single most important piece of legislation . . . since . . . the Elementary and Secondary Education Act."

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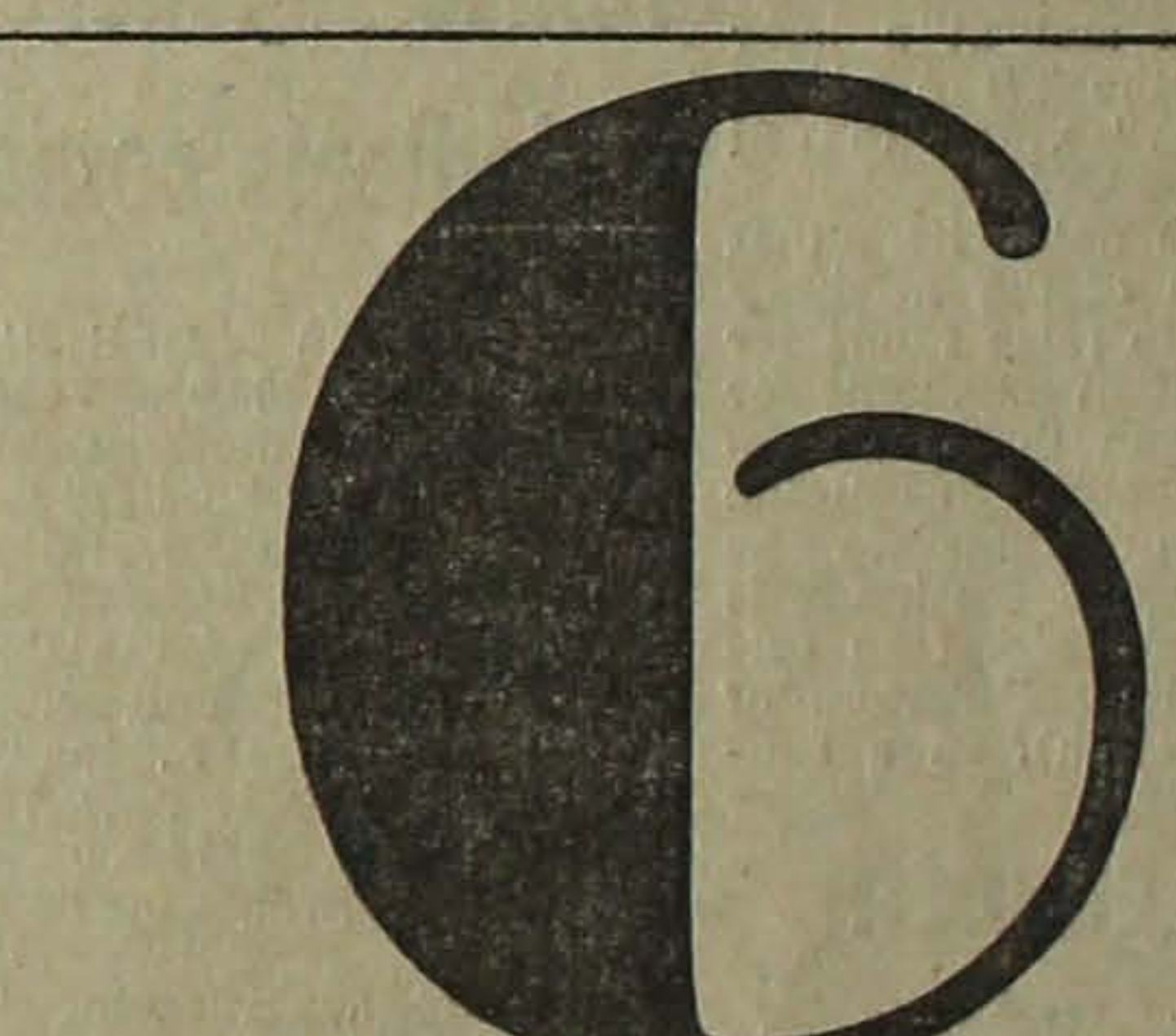


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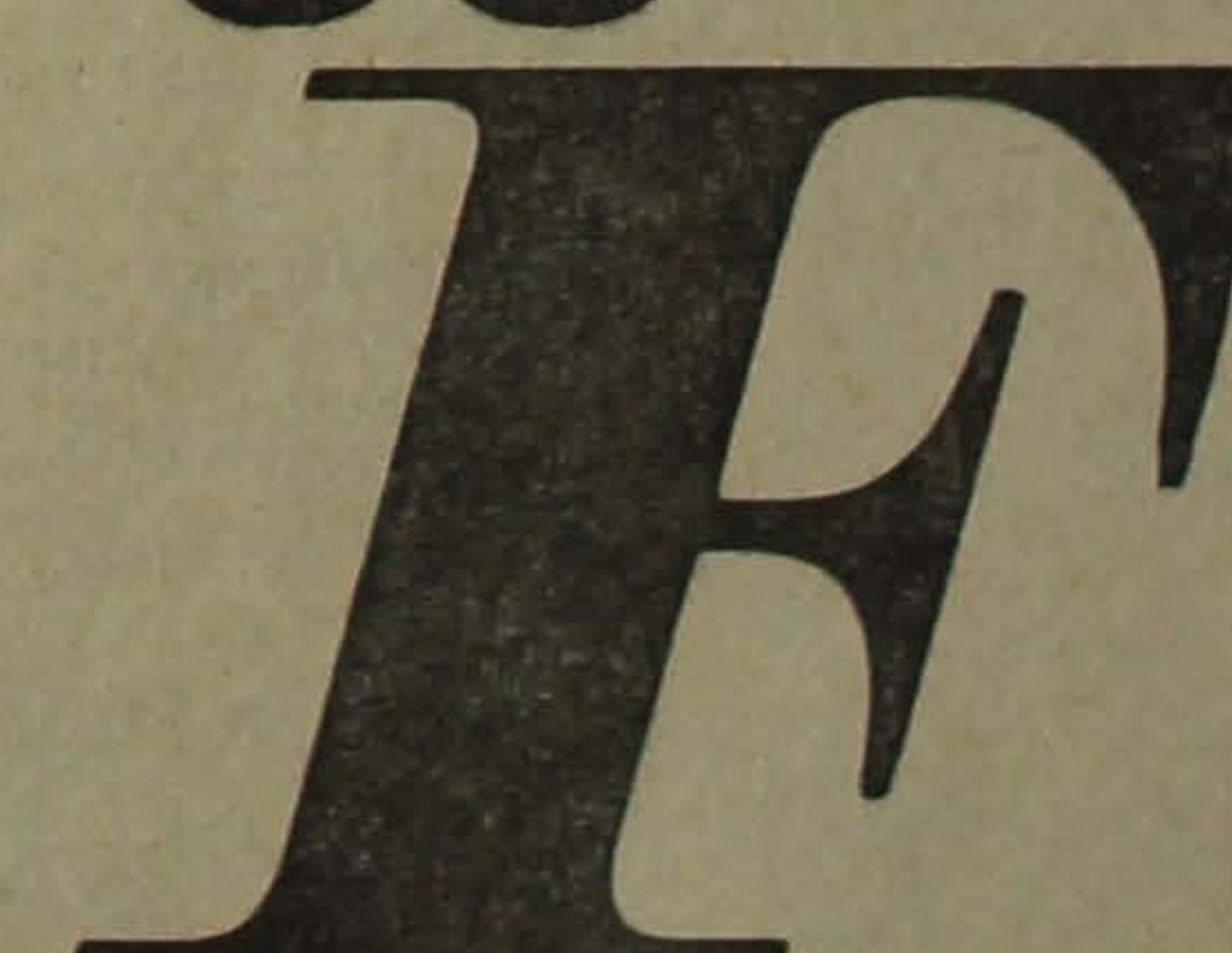
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Priorities Defined

It's been two months since my last report (Sept. 3 PC) and I have a lot to say. If you remember my last report, I related that I was confused and frustrated. Looking back and analyzing my feelings, I find myself to be very subjective. That is, in my frustrations, I was looking for the easy way out, hence partially shifting the blame on the apathy of the community.

Looking at my experiences more objectively, I find my frustrations were a combination of many things. Only two years ago I graduated from college and only 10 months ago I was regional office manager, then when the New Year started I became Field Director - Special Projects; CIP. I guess my most difficult task was to define my function as Field Director. Let me clarify. When I took the position of Field Director it was up to me to define my work, given that what I did would benefit the Asian community.

Furthermore, in my past experiences in school, as office manager and in other jobs, my role was clearly defined; therefore, I couldn't express myself as having motivation, initiative and being creative, hence I had a difficult time adjusting to my work.

I also find that this lack of motivation, initiative, and creativity is indicative of the public education and society we live, where maximizing profit comes before human dignity. And although Warren Furutani as national coordinator could have structured my work, I am glad he didn't because I feel my personal growth and direction can be attributed to the CIP ideals.

By taking a look at what I've been doing for the past 10 months, it can be broken into 3 phases. In Phase I (approximately 6 months) I took a supportive role in many programs, trying to broaden my perspective of the Asian community. Phase II (3 months) consisted of pulling out of a whole lot of things I was into and trying to define my priorities. In Phase III (now) I have defined what my priorities are going to be.

My priority for Phase III will be to take the responsibility of coordinating and administering the Yellow Brotherhood Center. I have tried to explain in other reports (not in PC) what the YB was doing and the dynamics of the organization almost up to the tragic death of Tony Yano, whom I have known for the past 15 years. After his death, the house closed down and at a later meeting of the YB Advisory Board, "they" voted to sell the house.

It may be noted here that the function of the Advisory Board was to raise funds for and to maintain payments for the house, and that final decision on whether to sell the house or programs to be scheduled out of the house is up to the YB Inc. (the original Board of Directors of the organization). In a sub-

sequent meeting with the YB Inc. Board, it was agreed that we would open the center again.

Since the closing of the YB Center, I've been trying to set up a new program that would be run out of the house. The program would be a cooperative drug abuse program with different groups such as the YB, Asian Sisters, Youth and Drugs of JACS, and Asian Drug Offensive running their programs out of the house. The program is still in its incubation stage and much work has to be done and questions about policy have to be clarified.

Hopefully after three years of experience both good and bad, we can learn from them and create a drug program that will curb the drug problem in our community. I know this is a brief summary of what's going on; however, I hope to give a more comprehensive report in the future.

Other areas of involvement include JACS Asian Involvement. I have a very limited relationship with JACS at this time. I still support their programs, however, my new priority will alter my relationship with them and will be limited to a communicative one with JACS.

Although we took the Neighborhood Youth Corps program on with such a short notice last August, and frustrations during the program was intense, we are now seeing the results - i.e., the NYC workers are becoming more involved on their own.

I gave a presentation at Union Church along with the JACS Asian Involvement during Nisei Week on youth and drug abuse.

We also discussed the current issues of the Asian community over KUSC, FM station operated by Univ. of Southern California.

At the Tri-District Council at Riverside, Jerry Sakata and I gave a talk on community involvement. We also helped with the other program. The conference was very encouraging.

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CALENDAR Nov. 5 (Friday) West Los Angeles-Earth Sci mtg. Westside YMCA, 7:30 p.m.; Elch Robin, spkr., "Fossil Fuels"

Nov. 6 (Saturday) West Valley-Chicken teriyaki dnr Grace Methodist Church, 12:4 p.m.

Nov. 7 (Sunday) Contra Costa-Chicken derby, weigh-in Oishi Nursery by 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 8 (Tuesday) Pasadena-Bldg Mtg. Bud Teubof's res, 8 p.m.

Nov. 9 (Wednesday) San Diego-Businessmen's seminar, Ambassador Ushida, spkr.

Nov. 10 (Thursday) Orange County-Bd Mtg. Bank of Tokyo, Santa Ana, 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 11 (Friday) Chicago-Inst Dnr-Dance, McCormick Place, 7 p.m.; Rep. Abner Mikva, spkr.

Nov. 12 (Saturday) Cortez-Benefit striped bass derby, Frank's Tract; weight-in at Delta Sportsman.

Nov. 13 (Sunday) NC-WNDC-4th Qtrly Mtg. Airport Marina, Burlingame, 11 a.m.; Warren Furutani, panel moderator, 3:30 p.m.; Dr. Stanford Lyman, dnr spkr, 6:30 p.m. (San Mateo JACL hosts).

Nov. 14 (Monday) PSWDC-Chapter clinic, 8:30 a.m. Culver City Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 4117 Overland. (Venice-Culver JACL hosts).

Nov. 15 (Monday) Bay Area Community-Gen mtg. Nominations for 1972 officers. Bank of Tokyo, San Francisco, 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 20 (Saturday) San Gabriel Valley-Inst dnr. Great Walls Restaurant, West Covina, 7 p.m.; Dr. William Shinto, spkr.

CCDC TO HEAR HIRABAYASHI OF EVACUATION CASE

Central Cal Parley Set Nov. 20-21 at Fresno Hacienda

FRESNO — Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi, Univ. of Alberta (Canada) sociology professor, will speak at the concluding dinner session of the 22nd annual Japanese American Citizens League's Central California District Council convention, Nov. 20-21.

Hirabayashi, a native of Seattle, spent a cumulative period of nearly two years in jails and prisons between 1942 and 1945 as a conscientious objector and in resisting the

World War II and evacuation orders against persons of Japanese ancestry.

He received his bachelor's and master's degrees and doctorate from the University of Washington. Hirabayashi has served as chairman of the sociology department of the University of Beirut (Lebanon) and as assistant director of the Ford Foundation-supported Social Research Center of the American University in Cairo. He also headed the University of Alberta's sociology department for seven years.

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Others expected to attend the convention are: Attorney Raymond Uno of Salt Lake City, national president; Robert Takasugi, Los Angeles, nat'l legal counsel; and national director Mas Satow of San Francisco.

Officers of the CCDC chapters will be installed at the dinner. The council is made up of chapters in Fresno, Clovis, Parlier, Delano, Fowler, Reedley, Sanger, Selma and Tulare County.

A get-acquainted dinner will be held Nov. 20, and business sessions are scheduled the following day.

Philadelphia to honor Issei at luncheon

A superb Chinese dinner and a program of Japanese movies in honor of Issei will be held by the Philadelphia JACL on Saturday, Nov. 13, noon to 3:30 p.m., at the House of Bamboo.

George Higuchi of Cherry Hill, N.J. (607-3008) and Junji Ikeda of Philadelphia (265-5898) are accepting reservations.

Local Scene

Los Angeles

The Asian American Education Commission holds its monthly business meeting Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m., at the Board of Education, Room H-163, 450 N. Grand Ave., it was announced by Harry E. Nishisaka, executive secretary. Agenda will cover reports from various committees, Educational Needs, Professional Staff, Budget, Community Relations and Intramural Relations. Meeting is open to the public.

The Japanese Language School Unified System will observe Nov. 14 as its Japanese Cultural Day Festival at 1218 Menlo Ave., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. with slide lecture demonstrations in tea ceremony, flower arrangement, Japanese history and conversation. A display of Japanese products and a food bazaar also highlight the event.

The L.A. Aiki Kai, 8929 Ellis Ave. (838-7557) is continuing to accept new students for aikido. Inquiries should be made during the evenings except Monday.

The newly formed Japanese Community Services, Inc., a referral body for social services to assist the Nihonmachi population, has acquired an office at 1824 Sutter St.

The San Francisco Redevelopment Agency has opened a field office in Nihonmachi at 1624 Post St., on the second floor, over the Konkokyo Church, with Dick Kono, project director, manning the office (922-9100, ext 244).

San Francisco

Mayors Conference KYOTO — The next (13th) U.S.-Japan conference of mayors and presidents of chambers of commerce will be held in San Francisco in 1973.

Hagiwara Fund Report No. 3 (Oct. 25) \$50-Automotive Convention, L.A. \$25-Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Iwata, Hon. Spark Matsunaga, Mary Obama, Hito Okada, Miwako Yamamoto, Col. (ret.) and Mrs. Paul J. Sakai. \$15-Sumi Shimizu. Prev. Total (Oct. 22 PC), \$1,967.50. Report No. 3, 215.00. Current Total, 2,182.50.

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L.A. CITY FIRE DEPT. Positive efforts to recruit applicants from minority sectors look impressive

LOS ANGELES — Latest total of 1,860 minority applicants for positions as firemen with the city fire department was hailed recently (Oct. 12) by Councilman Billy Mills, chairman of the council personnel committee.

Special recruitment efforts were conducted this past summer in newspapers, posters and flying a banner from a helicopter over minority communities. (Ads have appeared in the Pacific Citizen.) A total of 5,880 have applied with 26 of them being Oriental, a sharp increase over the five who took the examination in 1969.

The increase in applications from Orientals and other minorities was credited to the efforts of City Personnel Department general manager Muriel M. Morse, who last June committed her department to "positive measures" toward improving minority recruitment.

Her commitment came after the state Department of Human Resources Development (HRD) reported in March that out of 2,435 firemen hired during the last 20 years only 12 have been black. Out of some 3,100 firemen, only 94 are Mexican-Americans.

The Issei will be guests of the chapters. The luncheon tickets are \$6.50 for others.

Benefit Cortez JACL bass derby slated

Cortez JACL's annual benefit striped bass derby will be held on Sunday, Nov. 14, at Frank's Tract. Weigh-in station will be at the Delta Sportsman.

The event has attracted participants from both Northern and Southern California in the past.

October Events

Fowler JACL entry in Fall Festival parade

Fowler JACL again entered a decorated automobile in the 29th annual Fowler Lions Fall Festival parade on Oct. 23.

Tom Shirakawa was parade co-chairman while Harley Nakamura was in charge of awards. Kenny Hirose is Lions Club president this year.

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(as he did with the astronauts who visited just previously) with the cooperation of the Governor's able staff.

Mrs. Rae Fujimoto, longtime JACL 1000 clubber, graciously consented to chair the

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influence you as adults have in correcting our country's problems. Will you exercise the powers within your reach to bring America home from boasts of a silent majority to the higher ground of conscience and responsibility?

If so, we as tomorrow's adults, can concentrate on the advancement of mankind. We could work toward compassion for one another regardless of wealth or poverty and regardless of political standing.

You attempted to make the world safe for democracy. Now let us all-you, we and generations to come-work to make this nation and this world safe for humanity.

Marla declares, "I wrote that speech, but Mr. McGowan and (a teacher) Mrs. (Eunice) King might as well have, because those are their words."

She said that since the speech differed so greatly from the one she wished to give, she asked McGowan to allow her to add a preamble disclaiming credit for it, but was denied the opportunity.

In the proposed preamble, she said: Before I begin my speech, I'd like to ask you, the community, what is the purpose of a graduation speech? Is it to give ideas the community already knows and agrees with, or is it to express new ideas that question the set beliefs?

Perhaps in the future it would be easier for the speakers if there was a policy which defined the limits they should work within. Because such a policy has not yet come about, the following is not my original speech.

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our nation's relation with Japan. It is my belief that we should do our best to establish, solidly, our position as Japanese Americans to help promote peace, prosperity and understanding among all peoples, especially between Japan and this country.

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BOOK REVIEW: Allan Beekman

Study in Ainu Culture

TOGETHER WITH THE AINU: A Vanishing People, by
M. Inez Hilger, assisted by Chiye Sano and Midori Yamaha,
Univ. of Oklahoma Press, 222 pp., \$9.95.

On the Island of Hokkaido in northern Japan, on Sakhalin
and on the Kurile Islands north of Japan, reside a people of
Caucasoid type known as Ainu. Short of stature, brunette,
with hairier bodies than any other human group, they may be
descended from a Caucasoid people once widely spread over
Northern Asia.

Most scholars believe that
the Ainu tongue, with its
widely differing dialects, is
unrelated to any other known
language, though it has been
suggested that the language of
the Gilyaks, a people of Eastern
Siberia, forms part of a
larger linguistic family to-
gether with that of the Ainu.

In ancient times, before the
coming of the Mongoloids and
others, the Ainu may have oc-
cupied all of what is now Ja-
pan, as far south as the Ryukyu-
Islands. The invading Mongo-
loids fought the resident Ainu,
bit by bit forcing them from
the more desirable areas. But
though there was warfare be-
tween the two groups for cen-
turies, there was also inter-
mingling.

From the 8th century, the
Ainu traded with the Mongo-
loids. The Ainu introduced
some arctic traits into what
would become Japanese cul-
ture. Through intermarriage,
or intermixture, they modified
the physical type of the domi-
nant group; the hairiness ob-
served among many Japanese
is a deviation from the Mongo-
loid prototype.

This point, however, is des-
tined to become purely acade-
mic. As the authoress points
out, the Ainu are vanishing;
their assimilation into the do-
minant group will soon be
complete.

Despite precedent for the
practice, it is misleading to
use the terms Ainu and Ja-
panese, as the authoress does,
as if they are antithetical,
to indicate the Navajos are
Japanese is as irrational as
to indicate the Navajos are
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1940-1970 COMPARISONS
Census: Japanese in U.S.

Census totals for the Japanese in the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii, for the years 1940, 1950, 1960, and 1970 are as follows: (The 1970 state total for Florida has been corrected)

	1970	1960	1950	1940
Alabama	1,079	500	88	21
Alaska	916	818	n.a.	263
Arizona	2,394	1,501	780	632
Arkansas	587	237	113	3
California	213,280	157,317	84,956	93,717
Colorado	7,311	6,846	5,412	2,734
Connecticut	1,621	653	254	164
Delaware	359	152	14	22
Dist. of Columbia	651	900	353	68
Florida	4,090	1,315	238	154
Georgia	1,836	885	128	31
Hawaii	217,307	203,455	184,611	157,905
Idaho	2,255	2,254	1,980	1,191
Illinois	17,299	14,074	11,646	462
Indiana	2,279	1,093	318	29
Iowa	1,009	599	310	29
Kansas	1,584	519	127	46
Kentucky	1,095	1,362	116	19
Louisiana	1,123	774	74	9
Maine	348	243	30	5
Maryland	3,733	1,842	239	36
Massachusetts	4,393	1,924	384	158
Michigan	5,221	3,211	1,517	139
Minnesota	2,603	1,726	1,049	51
Mississippi	461	178	62	1
Missouri	2,382	1,473	527	74
Montana	574	589	524	508
Nebraska	1,314	905	619	480
Nevada	1,087	544	382	470
New Hampshire	360	343	30	5
New Jersey	5,681	3,514	1,784	298
New Mexico	940	930	251	186
New York	20,351	8,702	3,893	2,538
North Carolina	3,348	1,265	98	21
North Dakota	239	127	61	33
Ohio	5,555	3,135	1,986	163
Oklahoma	1,408	749	137	57
Oregon	6,843	5,016	3,660	4,071
Pennsylvania	5,461	2,348	1,029	224
Rhode Island	629	192	25	6
South Carolina	826	460	34	33
South Dakota	221	188	56	19
Tennessee	1,160	507	104	12
Texas	6,537	4,053	957	458
Utah	4,713	4,371	4,452	2,210
Vermont	134	79	14	3
Virginia	3,500	1,733	193	74
Washington	20,335	16,652	9,694	14,565
West Virginia	368	1,425	529	23
Wisconsin	2,648	176	46	643
Wyoming	566	514	450	
Japanese (Total)	591,290	464,466	353,384	285,116

EDITORIAL: San Francisco Examiner

Emperor Hirohito and Nisei

Oct. 12 ferences in national attitudes, all reflecting favorably on the American temperament and a national inability to nurse old hatreds.

But the basic reason may be more practical. Americans have close at hand the example of industrious and loyal citizenship set by thousands of Japanese Americans.

No troops in our army fought better than the Nisei in World War II.

Furthermore, hundreds of thousands of American involved in the occupation saw the Japanese in a different light from their wartime roles.

In any case, it is well to be reminded how bitter wartime memories can linger on to poison international relations. Emotion often is a stronger factor in foreign affairs than the most compelling economic and political considerations.



Quiet, Action George Takei

'If Tomorrow Comes'

A small but not insignificant victory has been won. ABC television has decided to again change the title of its Movie of the Week dealing with the evacuation of Japanese Americans from the West Coast at the outbreak of World War II. Originally titled "The Glass Hammer," then changed to "My Husband . . . the Enemy," it has now and finally been retitled "If Tomorrow Comes." This change was brought about primarily because of the enormous and immediate letter writing response by so many people and by the network being genuinely impressed by the quality of those letters they received. It was no small feat and an exemplary demonstration of what concerted effort by the JACL can accomplish. And therein lies a lesson.

The story of the Japanese American experience in this country or that of any Asian American people will, in all likelihood, be more frequently told on television as well as other media from here on.

But with non-Asian interpreters of that story, there always lies the seed of problems.

Indications are that the newly retitled ABC-TV film has been well researched and sympathetically told. Yet, even before its airing, we had title problems because the people at the helm, however well-intentioned they may be, could not see beyond the ratings race. In this particular case, with a little persuasion, they were responsive to our objections and corrected themselves.

On Dec. 7, when "If Tomorrow Comes" is aired, we should all be watching it carefully. Our viewing may be a bit colored by our experience with the title but it must be seen with open minded discernment; and it is incumbent on us who have benefited from it who are so affected by the telling of that story to comment on it and share those observations.

Too frequently, it has been necessary for us to be reactionary — to protest an insensitivity perpetrated upon us. But an equal responsibility is to be able to respond affirmatively.

If the show should prove to be a good one — a television entertainment of some compassion, humanity and integrity — then we should be able to congratulate its makers on their achievement. When there is something to

be encouraged, we should do so; if there are observations to be made, they should be communicated and when praise is due, it should be given.

We must be activists in promoting the positive as well as preventing the ills. An affirmative letter is a much more effective preventative than a protest letter after the fact.

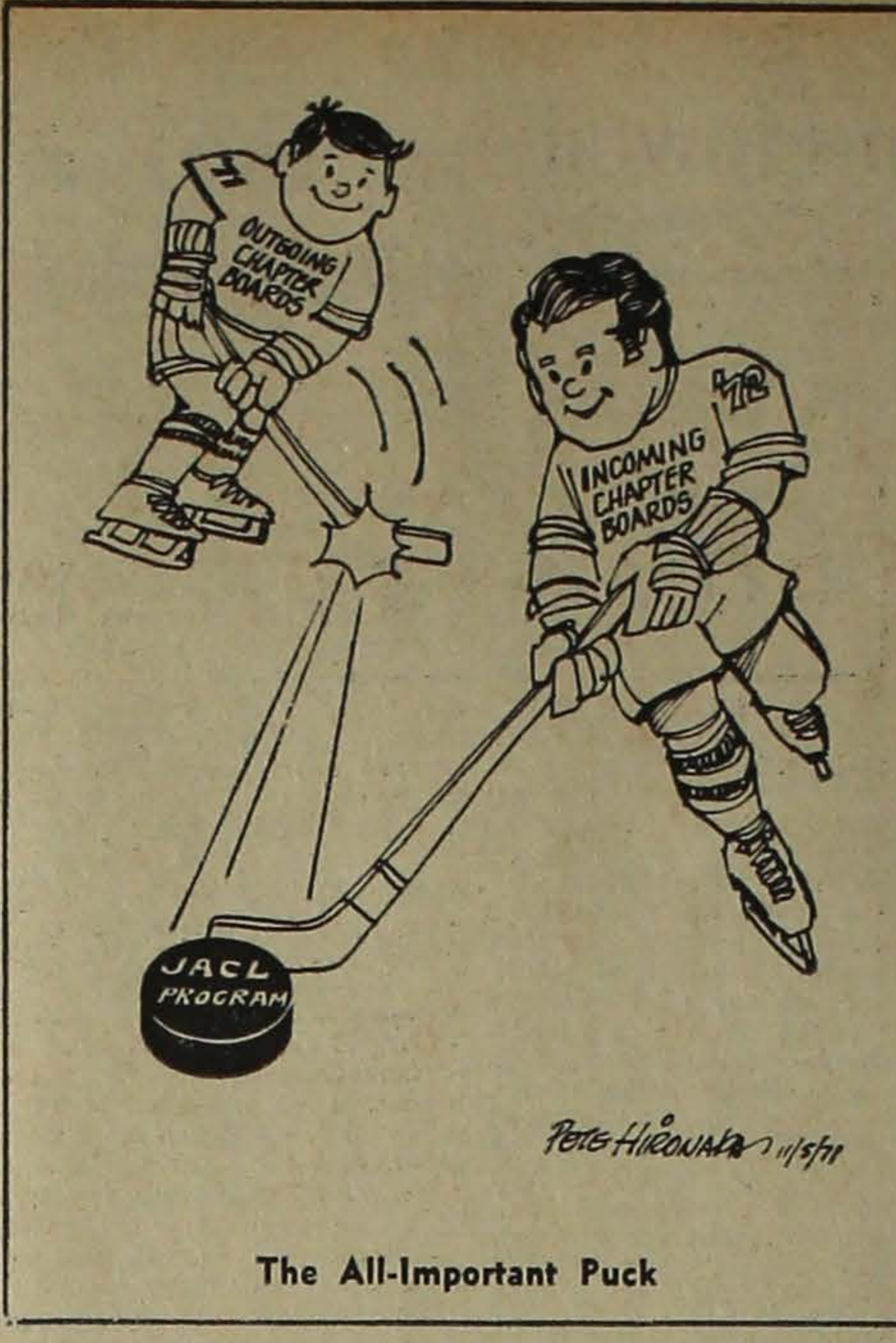
Extending this sense of the positive from television to other cultural arenas, we can play a significant role in contributing to the dimensions of American culture.

The stage and movies are most affected by the box office. The predominance of Jewish themes in Broadway theaters is explained by the strong support given it by Jewish theater-goers. The popular music world is heavily influenced by the Black sound is obvious whenever one hears something from the hit parade. We see the record of that influence in the record shops that seem to exist in the shabbiest of Black ghettos.

The exalted sphere of literature is based on the business world of publishing which keeps a keen eye on the best-seller list.

Even museums, as we have recently learned from our experience with the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, are very sensitive to strong and visible group support.

Thus, we can play a part in adding to the size and content of American culture as discerning audience, discriminating buyers of books and records, supporters of museums and generally by active and visible participation in the various arenas of culture. And this base will nurture the possibility of the most meaningful contribution we can make — the development of our own Asian-American artists, writers, composers and poets. Then perhaps, we just may see the day when we can



LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Letters to the Editor are subject to condensation. Each must be signed and addressed, though withheld from print upon request.

Farm labor issue

Editor:

In this country where truth is paramount to our democratic process, most continue to wallow in the realm of half-truth or continue to remain stanchly affixed to their own megalomaniac delusions.

What has become of this elusive concept, have most of us forgotten the biblical adage "and ye shall know the truth and the truth will set you free"? Perhaps as many will rightly concede, with today's vast magnitude of data and through the rapidity of today's current events, which incidentally affect all our lives, one is rendered helpless to the unseen forces that control our existence.

Many people today cry out for a revision back to the past or at least status quo, where knowledge was synthesized by a chosen few and neatly packaged and fed to the majority. However, it must also be remembered that through this obfuscating of the issues the will of the people has been bent by the select few who were able to incarcerate our people to get their hand, who were given a free hand in exploiting the resources of all Third World Peoples, and finally to chain our brothers and sisters to machines and plows for their own material benefit.

One asks, "where then does truth lie"? Let's briefly look at the farm labor crisis which has been in practically every recent issue of the P.C. Mr. Furutani eloquently found truth in the plight of the exploited farm worker and also in the cost-price squeeze of the small farmer. We also find two others in this cast who are diametrically opposed. Mr. Hirasuna whose "truth" lies with the growers and Mrs. MacPherson whose "truth" lies within UFWOC.

Hagiwara Fund

Editor:

A partial scholarship to Automation Institute of Los Angeles, headed by active San Gabriel Valley JACLer Edward Tokeshi, is available to needy students interested in computer programming under the Abe Hagiwara-JACL Student Aid Program — not as indicated in Dr. Nishikawa's front page story (Oct. 8 PC).

About the Abe Hagiwara Memorial Fund, the campaign only started this year. Only one interest in this fund will be used to supplement funding from National JACL. There is handy coupon (on page 4) for facilitating contributions.

KATHY KADOWAKI
JACL-Hagiwara Fund
Campaign Chairman

'Restricted Area'

Editor:

This is to supplement the comments of NC-WNDC Gov. Shig Sugiyama's "By the Board" (PC, Oct. 29).

The technical language of the signs as it refers to the Internal Security Act of 1950 is a moot question. Last week I made another personal inspection of the area and discovered that the signs were indeed removed by Alameda County officials.

When the officials of Japan Broadcasting Corporation contacted me to tape an interview on our efforts on behalf of the JACL's national campaign to repeal Title II, they suggested that we select a site that would dramatize the experience of Japanese Americans during World War II. I suggested Tanforan; however I told them the site had been converted into a shopping center. We agreed on the Santa Rita site and the Federal Building on Golden Gate Avenue in San Francisco because they wanted background that was appropriate for the subject matter of the interview.

You are well aware that most of Title I is inoperative or has been ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of the United States. Also that the Subversive Activities Control Act and the Board it establishes is one of the greatest political plums in Washington, D.C. It was recently revealed by their own members that they collect \$36,000 annually for doing nothing. SACB is a disgrace to the democratic process and a fraud on the taxpayers who have paid over a million dollars for their non-activity.

Everyone who was active in the JACL's repeal campaign is grateful for the wide support we received. The victory is a credit to their dedication and involvement. Personally, I hope that we can continue the fight against the oppressor, the injustices, and specifically undertake the abolition of the House Internal Security Committee, and the repeal of Title I and SACB.

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25 Years Ago

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California voters repudiate alien land law, defeat Prop. 13 by 250,000 votes; people's mandate upsets 50 years of anti-Orientalism in state, says JACL. 16 California Nisei ask reinstatement to state civil service posts, suspended because of ancestry and charge of "disloyalty" . . . 37 Nisei reinstated to civil service jobs at municipal level in Sacramento and Los Angeles.

Mayor Bowron of L.A. admits wartime prejudice against Japanese Americans at Nisei veteran testimonial dinner . . . Stranded Nisei persecuted by Japanese, say returnees (Clara Iwamoto of Ogden, George Tanbara of Sacramento) . . . Three Tule Lake renunciants charge coercion in citizenship test case, ruling may affect 4,000 more Nisei . . . Nisei (Mich Sekigawa, Kano Sekigawa) unhurt in collapse of Tremonton-Deweyville (Utah) bridge over Bear River.

PRIORITIES
Henry T. Tanaka

The \$250,000 Budget

Now that the repeal of Title II has been successfully achieved, the JACL membership and leaders can turn its attention to other national programs which are in various stages of development. The success of these programs will depend upon our collective abilities to mount a sensitive, imaginative, and aggressive campaign at the grass roots levels.

I speak mainly of the Community Involvement Program (CIP), a demonstration project headed by Warren Furutani; the Student Aid Program, chaired by Dr. Roy Nishikawa; the Education Committee headed by director Ron Hirano; the Visual Communications Committee chaired by Bob Nakamura, and the Ad Hoc Committee on Issei which is in the process of formation.

It is interesting to note that all these projects focus mainly on two age groups; youth and the elderly. Rightfully so, our JACL has focused its attention on those who need help the most, and whose needs are not being met by other services.

Within a very short period of less than one year, each of these projects has already progressed far beyond what was expected, given the limited funds and manpower. This is a credit to the capable, dedicated leadership. It is convincing evidence that JACL is moving in the right direction.

The continued growth of these projects next year to make them truly national in scope is a goal we can all achieve. To do so will obviously require a concerted effort by all of us. The time is now to mount an aggressive campaign of financial and manpower support at the grass roots level.

Many chapters have already started its membership drive. It's the occasion to let our JACL members know why we need their continued support and what JACL is doing with the sum \$250,000 it will spend this year.

A thorough review and determination of our financial needs for 1972 and the next biennium will be discussed at the forthcoming executive committee meeting in Salt Lake City on November 26-28. In order to mount a truly national program for the projects I mentioned, it may well require some \$100,000, or about 40% of our current annual budget. The name of the game is money and manpower.

SACRAMENTO JACL: Frank Iwama

A Long Journey

There is an old Asian proverb which says, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with one step." This quotation appropriately describes the long battle for admission into the State Bar undertaken by my law school classmate, Paolo Raffaelli.

Paolo, as an adult, came to this country as a high school dropout from Italy in order to tour our factories. He was then permitted to remain here to obtain an education.

After learning the English language at San Jose City College, Paolo attended San Jose State College where he graduated with an impressive record. In June 1969, after three long years of hard study, he received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Santa Clara School of Law.

During his schooling, Paolo financed all his expenses by working as a waiter in restaurants in San Jose. All this hard work finally culminated in Paolo passing the bar examination on his first try.

But, lo and behold, the State Bar informed Paolo that he was not eligible for membership, which is a prerequisite to the practice of law in this State.

In my personal opinion, I feel that the concept of "equal protection" should be interpreted to enable a hard-working man to finally seek the rewards of his long labor, regardless of the fact that he is presently an alien.

Paolo has the "fighting spirit" which helped our forefathers to succeed in this country. My friend's case is an example of why we must continue to fight for our rights, even though some of us may think that we have it "made".

Our long journey is not yet completed.

(Iwama, at present, is deputy attorney general specializing in criminal law in the State Attorney General's Office in Sacramento.—ED.)

On Second Thought
Warren Furutani

People's Republic of China

Things on the international scene are in quite a state of flux. Things are changing and one of the most significant changes is the admittance last week of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations. This event, coupled with the throwing off of Nationalist China, will definitely be in the news for days to come.

In relationship to this event, many noted Americans have been commenting on this and some have shown disgust in its outcome. Many of these people have suggested that the small countries in the U.N. were responsible for China's success and that these countries were not significant enough to determine world affairs. As a matter of fact, Nationalist China has a larger population than many of these countries in the U.N., so logically Nationalist China should be allowed a seat.

I must admit that this is quite logical, but the problem is that the U.S. has not shown this understanding in the past. People say today that Nationalist China should be allowed a seat in the U.N. because it has over 15 million people. We have to realize that for over 20 years the United States has been the key member in the U.N. that has denied the admission of the People's Republic of China to the world body. China has a population of over 700 million people, one quarter of the humanity, so this waters down the logic of the Nationalist China position.

A while ago, one of my office walls was graced by a calendar from China. After my decor was discovered by concerned JACLers, I was asked to remove it. Since the calendar was old, I reluctantly did.

Perhaps now with President Nixon going to China and with the international acceptance of China, I can once again bring out this calendar. I know the Bircher-oriented JACLers will protest, but I think it's time we understand the direction of the world. We will have to open up our eyes, brains and hearts to the fact that change is happening everywhere and to be left behind is nowhere. Power to the people.

On Second Thought
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JAPANESE IN U.S.—VIA THE CENSUS

Table 13 in Dr. Harry Kitano's book, "Japanese Americans: The Evolution of a Subculture" (Prentice-Hall), shows the distribution of the Japanese population in the continental U.S. by states since 1880. And movement of people from decade to decade is an interesting comparison to behold, when you line up the just-released 1970 figures.

Hawaii still commands the lead among the states as being the most populous Japanese-wise in 1970 by about 4,000 over runner-up California though in 1960 it was 46,000. Just before Evacuation in 1940, the difference was in favor of Hawaii by about 65,000.

The exodus of Japanese from the Islands to the Mainland was most pronounced during the 1960s. In the same decade, the whites assumed the majority on the Islands for the first time.

There is a movement to have the census taken every five years. Had one been taken in 1945, when the War Relocation Authority centers were still open, the Japanese population in some of the states would have been of historic proportions. Arizona would have jumped from 600 (1940) to 31,000 (1945); Wyoming from 600 (1940) to 10,000 (1945); Utah from 2,200 (1940) to 10,300 (1945); Colorado from 2,700 (1940) to 10,000 (1945); Arkansas from 3 (1940) to 17,000 (1945). California would have dropped from 93,000 (1940) to 29,000 (1945). Oregon's 4,000 and Washington's 14,000 would have been wiped clean for 1945.

The state of New York was No. 2 in terms of mainland Japanese population in the 1970 census—replacing the state of Washington for the first time since 1890. In the 1880 census, New York was No. 2 with 17 to California's 86.

The census first counted Japanese in 1870, though Dr. Kitano's table does not carry that historic tally. The JACL-UCLA Japanese American Research Project has reported there were 55 Japanese in the U.S. at that time: 33 in California (22 of them at El Dorado County's Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Farm).

Between 1900 and 1940, Oregon was No. 3 on the mainland but Illinois took over in 1950 and 1960. Illinois was 13th in 1940 with 462. In 1950, because of huge resettlement by evacuees into the Chicago area, there were nearly 12,000 Japanese and has continued to climb to about 17,000 in 1970.

The District of Columbia and Montana were the only areas to drop in Japanese population in 1970 when compared with 1960. The District dropped a third of its Jaaneese count from 900 to 650. Montana in 1900 was No. 5 with 2,400 (working on the railroads there) and each decade the count has been dropping till 1940 when it stabilized between 500 and 600 Japanese.

Presence of Japanese in the ten states comprising the so-called Deep South (from North Carolina, Tennessee, Arkansas, Texas to Florida) at nearly 20,000 in 1970 is double the nearly 10,000 there in 1960. In 1940, there was only 760—most of them (458) in Texas.

Mississippi had one Japanese and Arkansas had three in 1940. Undoubtedly, they were Nisei chick sexors.

Scanning the entire table, the Japanese were residing in all the states by the 1910 census. In the majority of the states, however, the Japanese population was infinitesimal—less than 100, but how many wonderful Issei stories are locked in these figures. What were most of the 70 in Connecticut doing? Houseboys and students? Perhaps the 50 in Florida comprised the short-lived Yamato Colony situated near Cape Canaveral—renamed Cape Kennedy. What were the 107 Japanese in Kansas doing there in 1910? We couldn't even guess here.

There were 590 in Nebraska then—most of the working in the Omaha meat-packing plants. Nevada had nearly 900, probably mining, and it was in 1970 that it topped that 1910 figure with 1,087. During the intervening sixty years, the tally dropped to as low as 382 in 1940.

Even more intriguing might be the yarns concerning the 148 Japanese tallied in the 1880 census. One of the 3 in Illinois might have been the Japanese valet ex-President Grant employed at his home in Galena. Hired in Japan while Grant was making a round-the-world tour, there is a picture of him when Grant visited the Comstock Lode in Nevada on the last leg of his journey.

Next summer, JACL hopes to amass enough data about the Issei to come up with a special presentation. In the meantime, the 1971 PC Holiday Issue will continue to feature local histories of the Issei. Any stories of interest about our Issei pioneers from our readers are most welcome.

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