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U-NO Bar

By RAYMOND S. UNO
National JACL President

While waiting at the San Francisco International Airport for my flight to Fresno, I ran into Jim Murakami, vice president, Research and Services, National JACL, who was also waiting for a flight to Fresno for the 22nd annual Central California District Council Convention.

We were met at the Fresno airport by Fred Hirasuna,

UFOC Country

District governor, and Tokuo Yamamoto, past District governor, who whisked us off to the new Airport Marina Hotel where we met Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi, Convention banquet speaker, and later Bob Takasugi, National JACL legal counsel, and Ron Wakabayashi, director of Youth Services.

As we milled around the lobby and registration desk we ran into Roy Uyesaka, the convention chairman, Dr. Kanji Asami and George Tokunaga, chairmen of general arrangements, Tom Shimasaki, chairman, National Planning Commission, Dr. Izumi Taniguchi, moderator of the panel discussion, Tony Takikawa, past governor, and other active JACLers such as Ed Nagatani, Stanley Nagata, Jack Harada, Tom Toyama, Peter Hasegawa, Mike Miyamoto, Mas Tsuboi, Jeff Fukawa, Jim Uota, Bob Okamura, Ben Nakamura and many others.

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SMORGASBORD

After having a delicious smorgasborg dinner at the Swiss Bavarian House, we settled down to some serious business. I was curious as to why the national officers were being wined, dined and hosted so graciously. It did not take long after the business session got underway, that I soon realized we were going to be under rather heavy fire after the opening of the Planning Commission Report of Activities and Nisei Farmers League.

George Kitahara, secretary, Nisei Farmers League, provided the groundwork as he unraveled the hardships, frustrations, conflicts, and struggles of the farmers and laborers in this area. He raised some pointed questions regarding the less than enthusiastic support of National JACL for the Nisei farmers of central California. He questioned whether JACL critics had read the contract offered by UFOC, knew of the duress and tactics the farmers had been subjected to, or comprehended the nature of the labor help that is available to the farmers.

Bob Takasugi pointed out early that a shouting match would accomplish no good purpose and we should try to stick to facts and enlighten each other. Bob questioned the use of certain terms which may reflect value judgments not necessarily factual and tend more to cloud the issue than be conducive to trying to settle differences. This, I believe, set the tone for the evening.

Various Viewpoints

Between Jim Murakami, Bob and myself, we tried to express the different points of view of the National JACL on the farm labor problem.

As Fred Hirasuna pointed out, at the 1968 national convention, a similar matter was set aside because it was decided it was a labor v. management problem and not an issue for JACL, and this was done so at the insistence of CCDC. Now CCDC is asking JACL to take a stand on an issue after previously requesting JACL not to take a stand.

There is no question, if racism or discrimination against Japanese American farmers is an issue, JACL will not hesitate to fight the racism or discrimination, and we have stated this without reservation. When, however, it appears to be an economic issue pitting labor v. management, JACL is put in a precarious position if we are asked to take sides, particularly if the facts are in dispute and sympathies of the organization may be divided.

Farmers Ask

Where is JACL when it is needed? We have responded by allowing time at the National Board meeting, passed a resolution decrying any racism and supporting the honorable intentions of the disputants, and sent staff members to investigate and evaluate the critical situation and covered in the PC the various news releases, and had national officers listen to the views of the NFL and CCDC.

It appeared the controversy related to differences between rural and urban people. An attempt was made to point out to the audience the problems of the cities are as difficult and trying as those of the rural areas. Crime, delinquency, drugs, unemployment are scourges that plague the cities in an alarmingly increasing rate.

I would suspect bankruptcies and business failures are at an apex comparable to farmers going out of business for one reason or another. JACL is asked to respond to many requests, and JACL tries to accommodate these requests with the resources

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Nat'l JACL in yearend look at budget, program, staff

By HARRY K. HONDA

SALT LAKE CITY—The wintry mantle over the Wasatch Mountains just miles away apparently ordained the National JACL Executive Committee to take cold assessment of the financial status of the organization this past weekend (Nov. 26-27) here.

Offsetting that, however, was the warm hospitality of the Intermountain District Council convention and the host chapter Mt. Olympus members. The executive committee members attended the mixer, luncheon and banquet (where Bill Hosokawa was guest speaker) thus reserving their own deliberations during the daylight hours.

National JACL President Raymond Uno and President-Elect Henry Tanaka shared the chairmanship of the executive committee sessions, which ran for about 15 hours.

National Director Mas Satow reported the year-end membership was 25,286 as compared with the organization's all-time high of 25,349 enrolled last year.

National Treasurer Al Hatate categorized the JACL financial situation as "tight", projecting the 1971 year will probably end in the "red" by about $8,000 or the amount expected to be remitted to some chapters as "rebates" for topping their respective quotas this year.

$248,000 Budget

Each chapter has a quota based on the previous year's membership to meet the annual $248,000 quota. The JACL is again committed to raise the same sum to fund its operations next year.

Hatate also emphasized each budget item for the 1973-74 biennium will require background data and said funding of current programs should not be automatically continued each biennium. He acknowledged the increase in 1000 Club memberships this past year for reducing the deficit.

National 1000 Club chairman Tad Hirota, who had been invited to the executive committee session, assured efforts to push corporate ($250 per year) and Century Club ($100 per year) contributions this coming year when the 1000 Club celebrates its 25th anniversary.

Federated Plan

Tanaka's so-called "federated plan" whereby district councils would derive program funding was referred to the district councils and the JACL National Planning Commission for study.

The PNWDC-IDC request for a JACL regional director being based at Seattle and servicing the chapters in both areas was also referred to the Planning Commission.

Funded by the Japanese American Research Project this year, the Education Commission has requested JACL for another $15,000 to continue its operation in the coming year. Still in search of "outside" funding as had been expected this year, the Education Commission through its director Ron Hirano at Los Angeles has assisted in organizing the Asian American Education Commission in the L.A. city school district, testified at state board of education sessions for ethnic studies textbooks that meet legal specifications as well as promoting Asian studies throughout all school districts.

Program Deadlines

Several deadlines concerning projects which culminate at the 1972 national convention (last week of June in Washington, D.C.) were scheduled as follows:

JACLer of Biennium nominations—May 1.

Nisei of Biennium nominations—May 1.

Nomination of officers—Mar. 26.

Budget requests — Mar. 26. The proposed budget for the next biennium will be presented to the chapters a month later in compliance with the 60-day prior constitutional requirement.

Attending the executive session were:

Raymond Uno, Henry Tanaka, Kaz Horita, Mike Suzuki, James Murakami, Al Hatate, Bob Takasugi, Gary Kitagawa, Mas Satow, Tad Hirota, Harry Honda.

Shig Ushio heads Intermountain DC as governor

SALT LAKE CITY—Shigeki Ushio, board chairman of the National JACL Credit Union, was elected Intermountain District Governor, a post he held 25 years earlier in the 1946-47 biennium, during the 16th biennial IDC Convention hosted by Mt. Olympus JACL over the post-Thanksgiving Day weekend (Nov. 26-28) at the Ramada Inn here.

Ushio succeeds Ronnie Yokota of Boise Valley, who had served for two consecutive bienniums. Ushio's son David is the assistant Washington JACL representative.

George and Harriet Kimura were cited as the IDC Nisei of the Biennium. George, who was elected IDC first vice-governor, led his Salt Lake chapter during the 1969-70 biennium, while his wife assisted the district as its PC representative.

Chapter of Biennium

Salt Lake JACL, headed by Ben Aoyagi this year, won the Mike Masaoka IDC Chapter of the Biennium plaque for the second time in a row.

The JACL sapphire pin was presented to Frank Yoshimura of Mt. Olympus while his wife Sadie was conferred the JACL silver pin by Jack Ogami, National JACL recognitions chairman and also voted IDC second vice-governor.

Other district officers are Ken Nodzu, treasurer; and Chiyo Morita, secretary. National JACL president-elect Henry Tanaka was installing officer. Also installed were Salt Lake JACL president Yuji Okumura and Mt. Olympus president Saige Aramaki and their respective cabinet members.

Hosokawa Speaks

Associate editor Bill Hosokawa of the Denver Post, convention banquet speaker, explained that "change is not a new group experience for Japanese Americans" although he had some reservations about methods being employed today for change.

Discussion of views must be encouraged, the author of "Nisei: the Quiet Americans" said, for chances of coming up with workable answers are enhanced by a meeting of the minds. He reasoned that when rhetoric becomes loud and violent so that neither is listening to each other, communication ceases and without that, understanding is doomed.

Crediting the young people with the sensible suggestion for all Americans to become better acquainted with their particular ethnic histories and cultural heritage, Hosokawa held out the code of the Samura—Bushido—as a possible means to solving national problems today.

Samurai Code

The strict Samurai code called for patience and forebearance along with courage, loyalty, temperance, courtesy and gentleness. This inner quiet confidence, Hosokawa said, made it unnecessary for the Samura to stage a boisterous show of power.

The most striking example of this calm approach was the recent campaign to repeal Title II of the Internal Security Act of 1950, adding that the main push came from the younger JACL members, while he first thought the prospect of success was "a forlorn hope". It was "an encouraging demonstration of the power of reason over blind range," he declared.

Hosokawa also traced the development of his book, and recalled he first visited Salt Lake City in 1942 as a delegate from Heart Mountain Relocation Center when JACL called a conference to hammer out its wartime policies regarding Japanese Americans.

Convention Staff

Mrs. Kik Hoki, convention chairman, was assisted by:

Frank and Sadie Yoshimura, gen. arr.; Tosh Hoki, workshop; Lou T. Nakagawa, mixer; Barbara Aoki, Ken Nodzu, booklet; Irene Kuwahara, regis.; Helen Oniki, luncheon; Mieko Hashimoto, banquet; Min Matsumori,

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NC-WNDC election story corrected

Recent report that NC-WNDC "re-elected" Shig Sugiyama as district governor was in slight error. He is continuing in his second year of a two-year term.

SAYS STATE DEPT. OFFICIAL

U.S.-Japan ties in troubled state, because U.S. insensitive to Japanese

By DR. CLIFFORD UYEDA

SAN FRANCISCO — A State Dept. officer blamed the current state of U.S.-Japan relations on Washington because it has ignored and snubbed Prime Minister Sato and has been insensitive to Japanese feelings during the discussion on "U.S.-Japan Relations and the Implications for Japanese Americans" held Nov. 12 at the Pine Methodist Church here.

In a talk sponsored by the San Francisco Center for Japanese American Studies, Dr. Harrison Holland, who entered the State Dept. in 1954 as a political officer at the U.S. consulate general in Kobe, explained that troubled state of U.S.-Japan relations was due primarily to America not living up to the contract she made with Japan as allies and partners in the Western Pacific.

Alliance means cooperation and trust, he said, but U.S.'s recent decisions concerning China and the 10% surtax were done without prior consultations with Japan. Prime Minister Sato had consistently supported the U.S. lead in foreign affairs, he continued, and Japan as a nation consider obligation as a cardinal ethic in social responsibility. Yet Washington has ignored and snubbed Prime Minister Sato and has been insensitive to Japanese feelings.

Preparations Secret

Experts in the field of Far Eastern Affairs, in general, were unaware of the President's plans and decisions, Dr. Holland revealed. They had not been consulted because these decisions were made so secretly. He said many of these experts deplore the lack of judgment shown by Washington.

Dr. Holland briefly reviewed the history of Japanese protectionism. It was born as she watched the great Western nations carving up China for themselves. Japan then resolved that the same shall not happen to her. Government and industry began working together in a very close relationship to thwart any foreign takeover and control. He doubted that Japan would respond favorably to harsh words and ultimatums as shown recently by the U.S.

"We are financing the war in Vietnam on credit card," he stated. "We haven't paid for it yet. National economy cannot stand this sort of drain, and Japan is being conveniently used as a scapegoat to explain the resulting economic failure in this country."

Trade Policy

He expounded on Japan as an aggressive nation willing to go anywhere to sell anything, a practice he felt the U.S. will also have to follow if she is to keep her place in the competitive world market.

A nuclear weapon in any form should not be used, he

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SAN FRANCISCO REDEVELOPMENT

Construction starts on fifth building in Nihonmachi, five more due in 1972

SAN FRANCISCO — Construction began in mid-November on the two-story Morino Building (named Kokeshi) which will be the fifth new building in the Nihonmachi Redevelopment area.

Babe Morino indicated that the first floor of the new building will accommodate a greatly expanded operation of their establishment now known as "Babe's Evergreen Fountain." The expansion will not only be in terms of space but also services offered, Morino said.

The Morino family will be moving back into Nihonmachi and make their home on the second floor of their new building.

The general contractor for this building is West Bay Construction Co., builders of the adjacent Fujiya Building. The architect is Yoshiaki Tajima, who also designed the Fujiya and Izumi Buildings.

Adjacent Buildings

Occupancy of the Fujiya Building is scheduled this month. The adjacent Otafuku Building is also scheduled to be completed in December or January. Professional rental space of 1,500 square feet is available on the second floor of the Otafuku Building.

The Redevelopment Agency has announced the following anticipated construction projects in Nihonmachi for the next six months:

1—"Mihara Building" on the westerly side of Buchanan St. between the Benkyodo Building and the new Otafuku Building. The gift store now called "The Papertree" in the Japan Center will be reestablished in his new building.

2—The new Konko Kyo Church at the southwesterly corner of Bush and Laguna Sts. A portion of the church's development will include approximately 38 units of housing.

3—The "Lee Apartment Building" on the southeasterly corner of Webster and Sutter Sts. This market-rate housing project will contain approximately 42 units.

4—The Nihonmachi Parking Corporation's first phase parking facilities in the block bounded by Sutter, Buchanan, Post and Webster streets. This phase will provide approximately one third of the 125 commercial spaces required by the Planning Department.

Additional Projects

The following projects are expected to begin processing appropriate architectural plans through the various departments of the city during this six month period. Relocation and demolition of vacant structures will proceed on a continuing basis for these projects.

1—The "Tanaka Project" at the northeasterly corner of Post and Webster (formely the proposed Nippon Goldfish Site).

2—The "Nakamoto Project" at the northeasterly corner of Sutter and Buchanan. A portion of the site is being occupied by the JCYC's temporary minipark.

3—The Christ United project on the northwesterly corner of Laguna and Sutter Sts.

4—The "Chan, Hagins, Horio and Kinoshita Apartment Project" on Sutter between Buchanan and Laguna Sts.

5—The Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California on Sutter between Webster and Buchanan Sts.

Preliminary planning on all remaining projects within the Nihonmachi area are expected to take place during this period.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

Hirabayashi challenges Nisei to fight all inequities

By GENE KUHN
(Fresno Bee)

FRESNO — Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi, professor of sociology at the Univ. of Alberta, told members of the Japanese American Citizens League this past week (Nov. 20) they "would do well to attack the problems of inequities to any group."

Hirabayashi, the keynote speaker at the 22nd annual convention of the JACL's Central California District Council, also warned that "the fate of minorities cannot be solved by singularly selfcentered approaches.

"Because of our unique exposures to certain kinds of social inequities, we may be in a position to take leadership in actions toward the needed basic social measures.

'All Vulnerable'

"Even with attention to our self-centered interests, we would do well to attack the problems of inequities to any group, as the existence of any unfair inequity makes us all vulnerable to it."

Hirabayashi also described his challenge of the curfew and evacuation orders against those of Japanese descent in World War II days, when he was a student at the University of Seattle.

And he told the more than 315 persons attending the closing dinner session, "I still haven't forgiven our government for referring to citizens like us as 'non-aliens'."

Hirabayashi said that as a conscientious citizen and as an idealistic youth he felt the government was wrong, although "I was aware that the JACL had opted for another strategy to demonstrate their citizen loyalty, and in certain respects I would be jeopardizing the solid front which they wished to make."

Jail Reviewing Case

The result was a Supreme Court test of his case — at least on the violation of curfew part. He said the JACL's legal subcommittee is exploring the possibility of reviewing the case, which he admitted is unlikely after 25 years.

"I fully endorse this effort and hope the opportunity can be had to correct the records as a continuing precedent and national embarrassment," he said.

Hirabayashi also pointed out that an all-white committee raised money to carry the case to the Supreme Court and to finance an educational campaign on the plight of the Japanese.

"I feel we should not overlook this aspect even when we are most uptight about the white racists and the racist-type social system under which we all live," he said.

Caucasian Support

"We would not only be guilty of gross neglect of the facts and of the appreciation we owe the many who are white, we would be guilty of the very same accusation of racism on our part."

Hirabayashi suggested the JACL serve as "an early warning signal" for minority groups in general. It also can serve as a special reference group for positive identification to Americans of Japanese ancestry — a point he made earlier during an afternoon panel discussion.

John N. Tinker, an assistant professor of sociology at Fresno State College, obviously surprised many of the Nisei attending the discussion session with details of a study of intermarriages made in Fresno County.

Intermarriage Study

Tinker said that in 1958-59, the start of the study, 20 per cent of the marriages of persons of Japanese ancestry were intermarriages, "nearly all with Anglos."

In 1964, he continued, the percentage "changed dramatically" to about 50 per cent and has continued at about that rate. But since some of the marriages have been outside the county, the figure probably is higher, he said.

Tinker said the result of the intermarriages "is the dissolution of group boundaries."

"Proximity is the greatest Cupid," observed attorney Raymond Uno of Salt Lake City, the JACL's national president and one of the panelists. Uno also said the percentage of intermarriages is probably higher in the East.

"People don't fall in love with a race," Hirabayashi commented.

CCDC installs 1972 chapter officers at confab

FRESNO—Meeting at the new Airport Marina Hotel instead of Fresno Hacienda Motel as previously announced, the Central California JACL District Council this past week (Nov. 20-21) recommended that the National JACL Constitution be amended to include an initiative and referendum procedure.

Reedley JACL was named winner of the CCDC chapter of the year award.

The JACL silver pins were presented during the evening banquet at the Hacienda to Alan Masumoto (Selma), Tony Takikawa (Fresno), Bill Yamada (Reedley), Dr. James Ikemiya (Reedley), Ed Nagatani (Delano) and to Kengo Osumi (Parlier). The JACL sapphire pin was conferred upon Tokuo Yamamoto of Clovis, onetime CCDC governor.

The past president pins were also presented to:

Shiro Minabe (Clovis), Jeff Fukawa (Delano), Masao Tsuboi (Fowler), Izumi Taniguchi (Fresno), Harry Kubo (Parlier), Dr. Kanji Asami (Reedley), Peter Hasegawa (Sanger), George Tokunaga (Selma) and Jim Uota (Tulare County).

Entertaining during the banquet were violinist Susan Nakayama, a member of the Fresno Junior Philharmonic and County Honor Orchestra, accompanied by Helen Tsuboi. Both reside in Fowler.

Mike Iwatsubo of Fresno was banquet toastmaster. The Sierra Nisei VFW Commander Harry Hirashima led with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by invocation from Fowler Buddhist Church minister, the Rev. Yoshiaki Takemura. Guests of the chapter and district were also introduced.

Fresno Mayor Ted Wills, after greeting the convention, gave the key of the city to CCDC Gov. Fred Hirasuna and Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi.

Saturday Session

At the Saturday evening dinner meeting at the Swiss Bavarian Restaurant, reports were given by Tom Shimasaki on National JACL planning and by George Kitahara of Parlier on the farm labor issue.

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PNWDC-IDC BID FOR FULLTIME JACL STAFF MAN

$20,000 Budget Item for '72-'73 Being Proposed

SEATTLE — A full-time profesional JACL worker based here to service the Pacific Northwest and Intermountain District Councils will be sought at the 1972 National JACL Convention.

A budget item of $20,000 per year to cover salary ($9,000 per annum), secretarial help, office, supplies, travel, etc. has been submitted to the National JACL Board with hopes that the position could be open from July following the 1972 convention.

The JACL worker would also be expected to seek funding from private and government sources for other specific projects under partial responsibility of JACL, according to the job specifications cited by the requesting committee here chaired by Dr. James K. Tsujimura of Portland, PNWDC planning commissioner.

15 Chapters in Area

The area to be encompassed includes seven JACL chapters in the Intermountain (Utah-Idaho) district and eight in the Pacific Northwest (Washington-Oregon), where some 34,000 persons of Japanese ancestry reside as of the 1970 Census.

Prospect of the JACL professional worker organizing or reactivating chapters was also cited in such potential areas as Bellevue-Kirkland, Olympia, Yakima-Wapato in the state of Washington; and in such communities as Rexburg in eastern Idaho.

Such a staff person would add stability of the present membership roster and increase membership as well to the benefit of the National JACL treasury, it was pointed out.

Urgency of a fulltime professional JACL worker for the two district council areas was emphasized by Dr. Tsujimura by revealing that many chapters, already involved in worthwhile projects, are finding it more difficult or inadequate with its volunteers to administer, coordinate and supervise these projects.

PARENTS TROUBLED BY DRUG ABUSE, DELINQUENCY MEET FOR SELF-HELP

LOS ANGELES — Parents whose children have drug and juvenile delinquency troubles have banded together to discuss common problems in unique group sessions here.

They've learned that lack of communication is a key issue in most families. But they've made another important realization: Knowing about the problem is one thing; finding a solution is quite another.

The 30 or so parents, young people and community workers who attend weekly meetings at Senshin Buddhist Church under auspices of Japanese American Community Services, have found a place to openly admit their personal hang-ups and share their feelings.

Common Viewpoints

In the three months the meetings have been conducted, the participants are repeatedly confronted with the following:

—We cannot afford to be strangers in a family held together by guilt and material dependency.

—We cannot afford to be strangers in a community held together by carnivals and Nisei Weeks.

—Our task is too urgent to play the game of "I'm right" and "You're wrong."

In their observations of the parent-youth meetings, JACS workers Kathy Nishimoto, Larry Iba and Chris Kono noticed that the parents — most of them Nisei — began discovering the binding force which held the Japanese family together and learned that each family member should share in contributing to the survival of the family unit.

Camp Days Recalled

The parents talked of their camp experiences and laughed about their good times. They spoke softly about their hurt and determination to be strong. Perhaps they were too busy being parents to pause and share their past experiences with their children.

"Maybe we are all searching in this parents group for the soul and strength which helped us survive in this country as a people (before and during World War II),"

"Most youths O.D. are frus- said one participant. "We must uncover it soon by discarding our quietness and our shame, before we lose our children and our community."

Another participant stated, "As a responsible parent, do you know what the term 'O.D.' means?"

He pointed out that in the past several months there have been increasing numbers of drug overdoses in the Japanese American community. trated with the pressures that lead them to drugs and then are unable to stop using drugs.

"We of the parents group thought we could hide the problem but now realize we have to 'save face' by facing the growing problem and by coming together with other parents and community workers," he said.

He urged that parents of drug users and those who know of other disheartened parents "come and help us and help the victims fight the drug abuse problem."

Future meetings will be held at the Yellow Brotherhood House.

United Crusade adds Asian unit

SACRAMENTO — Asian Community Services, Inc., has been approved as a participating agency by the Sacramento Community United Crusade. The local JACL supported the ACS appeal.

Negotiations are currently underway to determine what financial allocations will be made to the ACS by the Sacramento Crusade.

The ACS, whose members staged a protest march against the SCUC to demand recognition, is being headed by John Lee, a counselor for handicapped children. ACS board members are:

Paul Ono, high school teacher; George Matsuoka, real estate agent; Hach Yasumura, Sacramento County social worker; Richard Makimoto, Sacramento City College instructor; Carnegie Ouye, McClellan Air Base traffic manager; and Sandy Tomine, Sacramento City College student.

Reagan to report on trip to Japan

SAN FRANCISCO—Governor Reagan will discuss California-Japan relations at a luncheon Dec. 10 at the Hotel St. Francis in an event co-sponsored by four local Japanese community groups in cooperation with the California Council for International Trade and the World Affairs Council.

The governor recently completed a trip to Japan and other Asian nations. His speech will be entitled, "California and Japan: Partners in Progress."

Tables of eight may be reserved at $6.50 per person by calling any of the co-sponsoring organizations:

Yukio Kumamoto, Japanese Chamber of Commerce (986-6140); George Yamasaki Jr., San Francisco JACL (567-5400); Yoshiaki Tajima, Japanese Speaking Society (567-1760); Susan Brossy, Japan Society of San Francisco (922-5600).

Racist clubs may lose liquor permit

OLYMPIA — Gov. Dan Evans of Washington says he will submit legislation to deny issuance of liquor licenses to organizations that discriminate. His decision came about, he said, because of an incident last month involving the Lacey, Wash., Moose Lodge.

The lodge told a black librarian that she could not attend a dinner of the Women to the Moose to receive a check for the purchase of a library book. The librarian later received an apology from the lodge.

Stockton JACL backs local school bonds

STOCKTON — The Stockton JACL board of directors unanimously endorsed the $33 million Stockton Unified School Bond on the Dec. 7 election ballot.

Passage of bonds will meet three critical needs: (1) replace all unsafe schools, (2) relieve overcrowded high schools, (3) expand the regional occupational center.

Japan Diet passes Ryukyu Reversion treaty 285-73

TOKYO — The Japanese Diet approved the Okinawa reversion treaty on Nov. 24 by a 285-73 vote, despite a boycott by two opposition parties, labor union rallies and street protests.

All 90 members of the Socialist Party and 14 members of the Communist Party were absent.

The approval means that the treaty will receive automatic approval of the upper House of Councillors after a 30-day period as the Diet is scheduled to adjourn Dec. 24.

The treaty has been ratified by the U.S. Senate, 84-6, and sent to President Nixon, who withheld final signature pending ratification by the Japanese government. Final ratification can now be expected by the end of December or early January. Actual return of the Ryukyus is scheduled sometime between April and July of next year.

Time bears all away, even memory. —*Vergil.*

1971 HOLIDAY ISSUE BOXSCORE

(This Boxscore serves as acknowledgement of advertising or reserved space in the 1971 Holiday Issue. One-liners of name & address greeting to be placed under bulk-rate are not tallied separately in the Boxscore.)

Display Ads
1970 Total: 4,756"
Nov. 29 Total: 4,253"

Alameda	*160	Salinas	*320
Berkeley	*240	Salt Lake	*160
Chicago	*160	S Diego	*160
Clovis	4	S Fern V.	* 80
Contra Csta.	15	S Fran	*320
Detroit	* 80	San Jose	*160
Downtown	*120	San Mateo	5
East L.A.	*160	Seabrook	*160
Edn Twnsp	* 80	Seattle	*210
Fresno	*160	Selanoco	2
Fowler	2	Stockton	*120
Gardena	*320	Tulare	31
Gr Pas.	4	Wash. D.C.	*160
Idaho Falls.	5	Watsnvl	*160
Monterey	* 80	West L.A.	*160
Oakland	20	EDC	4
Portland	* 80	CCDC	6
Puyalip Val.	35	NC-WNDC	29
Reedley	35	PNWDC	5
Reno	6	PSWDC	20
Riverside	2	PC Ads	20
Sac'to	*160	PC Office	32

* Bulk-rate space

One Liners
1970 Total: 559 names
Nov. 28 Total: 167

Cortez	13	Placer Cy	29
Delano	20	Puyalp Val	42
Gr-Trout	35	Riverside	7
		Twin Cities	21

FERTILITY STUDY OF WOMEN IN U.S. AND JAPAN PART OF CANCER SURVEY

HONOLULU — A study of fertility differences in Japanese women in Hawaii, California, Hiroshima and Miyagi, shows that the Japanese women in the U.S. have fewer children than those interviewed in Japan despite the fact that their childbearing period is longer.

Why this is so the study does not attempt to answer, but indications point to early marriage as an explanation.

More than 1,000 local Japanese women cooperated with the School of Public Health at the University of Hawaii, to contribute the kind of data population planners need.

"These women were good enough to answer questions concerning their reproductive life," said Dr. Y. Scott Matsumoto.

4,000 Interviewed

They represent one fourth of the women interviewed, which totaled 4,000 in the four areas.

Dr. Matsumoto and Dr. Chai Bin Park, professors of public health and research associates with the East-West Center Population Institute, were the principal investigators in the study which was recently published by the institute. Research assistant Belle Z. Bell is a co-author.

These women answered such questions as: How old were you when you first began to menstruate? At what age did you marry? When did you have your first child? And how old were you at menopause?

"The unusual thing about this study is that we now have documentation of women with the same genetic background.

Comparisons

Their answers contribute to some interesting comparisons.

For example, the childbearing years are longer for California and Hawaii women than for women in Japan because menstruation begins earlier and menopause later. But, although the reproductive life of the U.S. women is longer they have fewer children.

Matsumoto said the most interesting aspect of the study is the way this finding shows up in "A very neat pattern" on a graph showing the four areas and the ages of the women, at puberty, first marriage, first child and menopause.

Neat Pattern

How many children?

• In rural Miyagi and the rural parts of Hawaii the women have had four and five children but in the cities of San Francisco and Hiroshima they averaged just under three children each.

• A woman born in Japan has an average of one child more than a woman born of Japanese immigrant parents in California.

He noted that more than three-quarters of the women who had no children were over 25 years of age when they married.

So, is it geographical location that makes the difference, or is it age?

• In all four areas the Japanese women who were over 55 years of age at the time of the interviews had one more child than those in the 45-to-54 age group.

Abortion Factor?

So, is age a factor, or is this increase due to the fact that Japan legalized abortion in 1948 — too late for the older women to take advantage of it in their earlier child-bearing years? Or is it because modern contraceptives were readily available to the women in the 45-to-54-age group?

• The Japanese women in California and Hawaii were younger at puberty than those in Hiroshima and Miyagi, but were older when they had their first child and older at menopause.

"The age at first menstruation seems to be of minimal influence on how many children these women have," Matsumoto said.

He said a major factor in reducing the number of children born seems to be the later age at first marriage."

"Japanese women, no matter where they live, seem to begin their productive life only after their first marriage," he said.

Only eight of the 4,000 women questioned have had illegitimate or premarital pregnancies.

Early Marriage

The finding that the earlier a woman marries the more children she is likely to have "may be used to see if early marriage is responsible for the higher birth rates of certain groups," he said.

For example, the groups having the largest numbers of children were the women of Miyagi, the Issei, the Okinawans, women with only an elementary school education, and agricultural workers.

He said that age at first marriage "is indeed the basic factor contributing to the large number of children these women have."

For example: about half of the Miyagi women married before age 20. Forty per cent of the Issei were married by age 20 compared with only 18 per cent of the Nisei.

Fifty-two per cent of the Okinawa-born women in Hawaii were married before age 20 as opposed to 32 per cent of those born elsewhere in Japan.

Definite Pattern

The investigators found "a definite pattern in all four samples" regarding first marriage in relationship to education and occupation: the higher the education the older the women at first marriage, and women in agriculture marry earlier than those with city jobs.

In Hawaii only a small number of women reported that they had never been employed.

"This is in keeping with the fact that Hawaii has the highest percentage of working wives in the entire U.S.," Matsumoto said.

Other findings of interest are:

• One fourth of all women in Hiroshima and Miyagi were widows at the time of the interviews, whereas only 10 percent of the women in Hawaii and California reported deceased husbands.

• Although the Hiroshima women rated second in fertility the Hiroshima sample revealed the highest percentage of childless women.

Radiation Issue

"This raises the question of possible effects, both biological or atomic bomb radiation upon fertility performance," Matsumoto noted.

"Unfortunately these women were not asked whether they had been exposed to the A bomb of not."

• Five times as many U.S. women stated that they had been sterilized compared with the women in Japan.

• It may be that with induced abortion legally available in Japan the women of Japan have less reason to turn to sterilization as a means of controlling family size.

Matsumoto said the way of life "does seem to influence the reproductive life span of these Japanese women, but whether this is due to dietetic, climatic, or other factors resulting in hormonal differences needs further investigation."

The fertility question was part of a cancer survey which shows that women in Japan have the lowest death rate from breast cancer in the world.

The fertility study, which helps throw light on the population problem, may also serve to help answer such questions as why breast cancer is increasing among Japanese women in Hawaii and California.

—Honolulu Advertiser

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Third report (Nov. 26) issued for the Christmas Cheer campaign indicated a sum of $528 acknowledged from sixty-four individuals or organizations as follows:

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Total this report (64)	$ 528.00
Previous Total (90)	$1,103.00
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Contributions to Christmas Cheer are accepted at the JACL Office, 125 Weller St., Los Angeles 90012.

YOICHI HIRAOKA SLATES XYLOPHONE PROGRAM

LOS ANGELES — Under sponsorship of the Japan America Society, xylophonist Yoichi Hiraoka will conduct a solo recital on Friday, Dec. 10 at the Union Oil Bldg. auditorium, 426 S. Bixel St. Admission to the concert is free.

Mrs. Nobuko Fujimoto will accompany him at the piano. The three-part program will include Japanese numbers as well as renowned classics by Handel, Bach-Gounod, Haydn and Von Weber.

Enola Gay log over Hiroshima auctioned off

NEW YORK—The manuscript log kept by Capt. Robert A. Lewis, co-pilot aboard the Enola Gay when it dropped the atomic bomb over Hiroshima in 1945 was auctioned off Nov. 23 for $37,000 to a Manhattan book dealer.

The log was a last-minute request of William Laurence, New York Times science editor, who arrived too late at Tinian to accompany the bombing mission.

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Pueblans elect Sansei dentist to city council

PUEBLO, Colo. — Dr. Melvin H. Takaki, 33, a local dentist, won a seat on the Pueblo City Council last month (Nov. 2) by defeating the incumbent.

Dr. Takaki received 7,977 votes to 7,185 for his opponent, Councilman Roy F. Harper.

The councilman-elect and two others elected to the council will take their offices in January for a four-year term.

Another Japanese American candidate, Vern Namba, 34, cable TV marketing manager, ran "at large" but was unsuccessful in his bid. He gained 1,944 votes.

Three-Part Platform

Dr. Takaki campaigned on three broad-based platforms. They were: (1) a concern for greater citizen involvement in the affairs of the municipal government; (2) planned sensible growth for Pueblo and better housing for all groups; and (3) a proposal for broader recreational facilities for all groups.

He is on the executive board of Rocky Mountain Council, Boy Scouts of America, a member of the Pueblo Development Foundation, chamber of commerce and several dental organizations.

Intermountain—

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luncheon emcee; Shigeki Ushio, banquet emcee; Byron Watanabe, treas.; Frank Nakashima, fin.; Shig and Mardi Motoki, pub.

City Commissioner William Dunn extended greetings on behalf of Salt Lake at the luncheon. Raymond Uno, national president, spoke on the convention theme, "Involvement, Dedication and Compassion", noting that these were ingredients for "commitment". Steve Mori rendered an accordion solo at the luncheon.

Wayne Horiuchi moderated the afternoon panel discussion on community involvement with Warren Furutani, Carl Inoway and Bunny Matsumiya as panelists.

Sam Sakaguchi, IDC recognition chairman, presented district council biennium awards during the banquet. Oscar Misaka opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Bob Morishita entertained with a piano solo. Jooanne Ushio and Judy Bond closed the dinner with the singing of the JACL Hymn.

Other specials guests were National JACL executive committee members present for their third session of the year, Utah Gov. and Mrs. Calvin Rampton, popular Salt Lake Tribune columnist Dan Valentine, staff writer Sally Sunada of the Deseret News, and Harry Honda, PC editor.

CCDC--

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George Tokunaga of Selma introduced the new 1972 chapter presidents who were installed by National JACL President Raymond Uno the following evening at the banquet. They are:

Yoshio Takahashi (Clovis), Dr. James Nagatani (Delano), Roy Kato (Fowler), Akira Nishioka (Fresno), James Kozuki (Parlier), Sammy Nakagawa (Reedley), Peter Hasegawa (Sanger), Tak Tsutsui (Selma) and Jim Uota (Tulare County).

Other National JACL officers and staff present included:

James Murakami, nat'l v.p., research and service; Robert Takasugi, nat'l legal counsel; Shig Sugiyama, NC-WNDC gov.; John Yasumoto, JACL Blue Shield Committee chmn.; and Masao Satow, nat'l director; Ron Wakabayashi, youth services director.

Convention Committee

Roy Uyesaka, Clovis, convention chairman, was assisted by:

Dr. Kanji Asami, Harry Kubo, George Tokunaga, gen. arr.; Peter Hasegawa, regis.; Mike Miyamoto, banq.; Mas Tsuboi, banq. program; Izumi Taniguchi, invitations and printing; Jeff Fukawa, reception; Ed Nagatani, fin.; Tom Moriyama, pub.; Dr. James Nagatani, scholarships; Tom Shimasaki, recog.; Judge Mikio Uchiyama, resolutions; Jim Uota, chapter of the year.

The CCDC board, headed by Hirasuna, remains for another year. They are:

Roy Uyesaka (Clovis), 1st v.g.; Ed Nagatani (Delano), 2nd v.c.; Stanley Nagata (Tulare County), sec.; Jack Harada (Fresno), treas.; Tom Moriyama (Fowler), pub.; Tony Takikawa (Fresno), imm. past gov.; Judge Mikio Uchiyama (Fowler), 1000 Club; Izumi Taniguchi (Fresno), hist.; Bill Tsuji (Fresno), youth.

Youth Officers

New Jr. JACL chapter and district officers were also installed Edwin Shiba of Tulare County is DYC chairman. The presidents of the three youth chapters are:

Norman Otani, Fresno; Steve Okino, Reedley; and Glenn Hamaoka, Tulare County.

NEWS CAPSULES

Government

On Oct. 1, **Yoshiro Yasui** succeeded Japanese Consul General **Shigemi Hayashida** at Seattle, who was recalled to the Foreign Ministry in Tokyo. Yasui was previously minister-counselor at the Japanese Embassy in Stockholm . . . **Mrs. Yuri Sata** and **Martin Matsudaira** of Seattle were appointed to the citizen participation section of the Governor's Human Affairs Council.

San Francisco Human Rights Commission has added **Stanley K. Abe** to its staff as Japanese American community liaison. A Lowell High School graduate, he attended UC Berkeley and has worked with its Asian Studies Division. As community liaison, his work will be with the newly incorporated Japanese Community Services, other community groups in the Western Addition Tract (Nihonmachi) and with students at Washington High . . . L.A. County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn reappointed **Mas Fukai** to the county narcotics and dangerous drugs commission for another four year term.

Science

Asst. Prof. **Matsuo Tsukada** of botany at the Univ. of Washington is project director of the two-year $72,000 study of the ecological system of 20 lakes in Burma, Thailand and Malaysia. The grant was issued by the National Science Foundation.

Katsuo Nishikawa, director of the Institute of Oceanology at Ensenada, Baja California, and five other scientists surveying the Gulf of California charged American and Mexican farmers are flushing salt and pesticides from the soil in the Colorado River delta into the river and turning the gulf into an environmental disaster area. Early findings show that some varieties of fish are dying so fast they are in danger of becoming extinct. Shrimps, totuave, corbina and lisa were among the endangered fish.

Crime

Redwood City police chief John McDonald said the body of an Oriental man trussed with a rope and with a plastic bag over the head, found Nov. 20 in a slough near San Francisco Bay, was similar in technique to the body found Nov. 5 at the San Francisco Presidio and hinted Chinatown gang warfare may be responsible.

Larry Sakamoto of Gardena was assaulted Nov. 18 while approaching his parked car in a shopping center at Compton and Crenshaw, then forced at knife-point to drive a man and two female companions to a nearby housing development, where he was ejected, stabbed several times and robbed of about $50 by four or five other men. His car was not stolen.

Churches

Centenary United Methodist Church in southwest Los Angeles with a membership of 900, celebrated its 75th anniversary Nov. 14. Started in 1896 near Ninth and Broadway by 15 members under the Revs. Tokutaro Nakamura and Morizo Yoshida, the church finally was situated in 1926 at its present site at Normandie and W. 35th St. with a complex of three buildings and expanded parking facility. Its current ministers are the Revs. Peter Chen, Jonathan Fujita and James Conn, who serve the Issei, Nisei and Sansei respectively. **N. Kawazoye**, 95, oldest member, cut the anniversary cake.

Courtroom

Actor Brian Kelly, star of the Flipper television series and slated for the lead in the movie, "Love Machine", before he was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident on Thanksgiving Day last year, filed a $2.5 million lawsuit Nov. 19 against **American Honda Motor Co.** The suit said Kelly suffered head injuries from which he has not yet recovered after the motorcycle malfunctioned.

Welfare

Active with the Oakland Chinese Community Council, **Gerald Leo**, 29, was appointed program development director by the United Bay Area Crusade for its priority project, Neighborhood Services. He will also assist in the development of UBAC's other priority project, Concentrated Services, dealing with day care, drug abuse and comprehensive health. Leo is a gradaute in social sciences from San Francisco State and with a master's degree in planning from UC Berkeley and was previously project coordinator with Richmond's Model Cities Program.

Flower-Garden

Dr. Hideo Sasaki, former department chairman of landscape architecture at Harvard, was awarded the American Society of Landscape Architect gold medal for "distinguished work in the field" at the ASLA's annual meeting at Portland, Ore. The Reedley-born Nisei is now a principal member of the Sasaki, Dawson and Demay Associates in Watertown, Mass., which recently saw its 6,360 sq. ft. "vestpocket" park in New York City dedicated. Sasaki is a member of the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts.

Business

Sawtelle Business Assn., organized this past summer for merchants and professionals in the so-called Japanese town of West Los Angeles along Sawtelle Blvd. between Olympic and Santa Monica Blvds., elected **John Toshiyuki** of Tensho Drugs as its president last month. The group is open to all businessmen . . . **Ty Toki** was re-elected president of the San Francisco Bay Area Dry Cleaners Assn. Other Nisei officers and directors include **Wes Doi**, treas.; **Hiro Okada, Steve Doi, Calvert Kitazumi** and **Wil Tsukamoto**, board members.

Masataka Aramaki, 45, manager of the Kojimachi branch in Tokyo, was named executive v.p. of Sumitomo Bank of California and will be living in San Francisco. He served on the EXPO 70 executive committee from 1966-70.

The Sumitomo Bank of California has declared a semi-annual dividend of $.35 per share, it is announced by Kunio Kabuto, president. The dividend is payable on Jan. 14, 1972 to stockholders of record Nov. 30, 1971.

Imperial Mobile Estates, headed by **Sei Dyo**, president, Los Angeles, announced its 183-space mobile home park in Oxnard at 4010 Saviers Rd. is nearing completion. Occupying 25 acres and costing $1 million, it is a half-mile from the ocean and walking distance from two modern shopping centers. It is the seventh in the network of Imperial Mobile Estates in California.

Sumitomo Bank of California president **Kunio Kabuto** announced the recent promotions of: Sacramento Office—**Robert K. Fukushima**, loan officer; **Jerry M. Sasaki**, operations officer; and Contra Costa office—**Wayne Tokiwa**, operations officer.

Bank of Tokyo of Calif. declared a 35-cent per share semi-annual cash dividend for its shareholders as of Nov. 30, bringing the total payment to 70 cents, a five-per cent increase over payments made in 1970.

Appointment of **Kazuaki Kay Kuwada** as president of Japan Food Corp. was announced Nov. 16 by **Hiroshi Ishikawa** of the parent Kikkoman Shoyu Ltd. of Japan. Kuwada succeeds **George Nakatsuka** of Los Angeles as head of the San Francisco-based food importing firm, acquired two years ago by Kikkoman Shoyu.

Beauties

Susie Katayama was chosen queen of the College of the Sequoias' homecoming celebration. She reigned over a parade in Visalia, a football game with Fresno City College, a barbecue and a dance.

Radio-TV

For the first time in Olympic Game history, a woman will be live-coverage reporter. The Japan Broadcasting Corp. has assigned **Takeko Takashima**, 10 years with NHK, to cover the figure skating events at the Sapporo Winter Olympics Feb. 3-13. Plans are to televise the games in color worldwide via satellite relay.

Health

The Univ. of Washington Experimental College initiated a no-credit course in Chinese acupuncture with **Prof. Mifoo Hsu** as instructor. He is a graduate of acupuncture schools in Hong Kong and Tokyo. Course will delve into the 4,000-year history and method of the art of inserting needles into a patient to alleviate pain rather than attempt to prepare practitioners of the art.

Music

Seiji Ozawa is expected to stay another three years as musical director of the San Francisco Symphony, quieting rumors he was considering a similar position at another major American city. The Philadelphia Orchestra was prominently mentioned.

Press Row

John M. Uyeno, 44, is the new publisher of the Garden Island, Kauai's semi-weekly newspaper. He began as a 14-year-old janitor with the original company. Uyeno had been advertising director of the paper for nearly three years. He has appointed David Noda of Elele, a member of the advertising staff for two years, as the newspaper's new advertising director. The Garden Island is one of the Hagadone chain of newspapers.

Deaths

Torataro Nabeta, 79, of Richmond died Nov. 21 after a long illness. He was owner of Nabeta Nursery, decorated by the Japanese government last month with the Order of the Sacred Treasure, 5th Class.

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Chicago 'CL board opposes Rehnquist court nomination

CHICAGO — The JACL executive board officially went on record last week in opposition to the nomination of Assistant Attorney General William H. Rehnquist to the Supreme Court of the United States.

"We do this not for partisan political reasons," said the Chapter Chairman Hiroshi Kanno, "but rather because of the mounting evidence which clearly indicates his insensitivity to minority groups and opinions.

"The specific allegation that is inferred with Blacks attempting to vote in 1964 and other allegations that he was a member of two right-wing groups must be clarified. But, even more frightening to the Japanese Americans is the characterization of Mr. Rehnquist by the Republican organization, the Ripon Society, that he was 'a major strategist in the preparation of controversial no-knock and preventive detention provisions of the District of Columbia Crime Bill.'

"Those of us who fought so hard and successfully to repeal the infamous concentration camp bill, Title II of the Internal Security Act of 1950, must not sit idly on the sidelines watching this most recent and most dangerous attack on our civil liberties.

"Those who sit on our courts must be men of honor and integrity beyond reproach. Their decisions affect our lives and those of our children and set the boundaries upon which our country will direct its future course. A Supreme Court Justice insensitive to the legitimate grievances of minorty groups can set this country on a dangerous course. Because of the many questions which have been raised to the nomination of Mr. Rehnquist, we urge the Senate of the United States to reject his nomination. We further urge our national organization and members of the Japanese American Citizens League throughout this country to voice their opposition to this nomination."

Tax incentives sought to attract new enterprises to rural counties

WASHINGTON — Rep. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) joined more than 100 other members of the House in introducing legislation designed to stimulate job development in rural areas.

Matsunaga, a member of the House Agriculture Committee, said the so-called "Rural Job Development Act of 1971" provides tax incentives to attract new enterprises to rural areas.

The bill includes:

1—A seven percent tax credit on machinery and real property;

2—An accelerated depreciation allowance; and

3—A tax deduction equal to 50 percent of the wages paid to workers who are being trained.

Local Work Force

In order to qualify for the tax incentives provided under the bill's provisions, a firm would have to agree to hire at least 50 percent of its work force from residents of the area where it locates.

The Hawaii lawmaker pointed out that job development in rural areas would relieve the pressure on the nation's large cities where many unskilled and unemployed rural residents have come to find jobs.

"One answer to the problem of overcrowded cities is the development of equal job opportunities in underdeveloped rural areas," he said.

U.S.-Japan--

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stated. To a Japanese the idea of rearmament is still taboo, he said. There are some who deplore the lack of stronger military force, but the citizens as a whole are not behind them. They have learned the bitter lessons of war and do not want to repeat them ever again. This anti-military and anti-war sentiment is strong and very real in Japan.

Peace in the Western Pacific, Dr. Holland said, will not come without the U.S.-Japan relationship that is both appealing and satisfactory to both parties. He felt that America must do some repair work in her strained relations with Japan.

To a question from the floor Dr. Holland said that to assume America of 1971 is the same as America of 1941 was incorrect. He felt that Americans have learned and matured a great deal since Pearl Harbor days, and he doubted that America will ever again go on a rampage of vengeance, inflicting indignities and injustices to its citizens as she did exactly thirty years ago.

Candid Comments

There was warmth and sincerity in Dr. Holland's presentation. His outspoken comments were as he saw them. He was not playing politics.

The audience could not help wonder why with experts of Dr. Holland's and similar calibers available the U.S. continues to miscalculate, misjudge and mismanage her affairs with Japan. It was noted that Dr. Edwin O. Reischauer's advices have not received much serious attention in Washington either.

One wonders if there is possibly a place for Japanese Americans in this puzzle. Can Japanese Americans be used to put forth Japan's views more eloquently in this country?

Japan has, like her individual citizens, been self-effacing and has tended to behave condescendingly in the international political arena—a manner hardly convincing nor to her own benefit. Nor does it seem that Japan has listened too well or has been very ware of the views of the American public which has such influence in Washington — at least she has made no attempt to answer these views even when they were called for. Can Japanese Americans become useful here?

Role for Nikkei

An immediate criticism from some Japanese Americans will be that to tie their fortune with that of Japan is a mistake, and point to the events following Pearl Harbor. A more appropriate question might be — Is there a choice?

As a visible minority the Japanese Americans will be affected by U.S.-Japan relations whether they wish it or not. Any attempt to improve the communications between these two nations is in their own self-interest.

At the American Consulate in 1960, Dr. Holland attended the American Embassy Language School in Tokyo, and upon graduation was assigned as principal negotiator of the U.S.-Japan Consular Treaty. He was then assigned, as consular and first secretary to the political section of the Embassy to observe political and military developments in Japan.

H left Japan in 1965 and for two years was assigned to the Far Eastern section of the International Security Affairs in the State Department. He is currently "diplomat in residence" at San Francisco State College.

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From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.

THE CANADIAN STORY—In our near-total preoccupation with ourselves, the Nisei are inclined to forget that they have their counterparts in Canada and that the Japanese Canadians had an evacuation experience not unlike that of the Japanese Americans. What brings this to mind is a story titled "No Anger, Not Anymore" in the Nov. 27 issue of Canadian Magazine, distributed as a Sunday supplement by 13 Canadian newspapers as well as being sold on the newsstands.

The story is a report by Douglas Sagi (of Hungarian descent) who went to New Denver in British Columbia's West Kootenay Mountains. New Denver was one of a number of old mining towns to which the Japanese Canadians were evacuated. About 100 of them still live there—by choice. In fact, some of them returned there after leaving New Denver at war's end, and plan to spend the rest of their lives in the town because they like the quiet, slow-paced way of life.

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President Roosevelt signed Executive Order No. 9066, which authorized the evacuation, on Feb. 19, 1942. Five days later the Canadian government, using the authority of the War Measures Act, authorized the defense minister power "to control individuals of Japanese origin with respect to certain protected areas," which was even more mealy-mouthed than the American evacuation order.

A prohibited zone 100 miles wide was established along the British Columbia coast, and in all some 21,000 Japanese Canadians were evacuated from it. As in the United States, no distinction was made between citizens and aliens. In Canada's case, however, more than three-fourths of those involved were born in Canada. And because Canada unlike the United States permitted Issei to become naturalized, 80 per cent of the remainder were British subjects and only 1,500 were Japanese nationals.

But that made no difference. Nearly 10,000 were scattered about among the interior provinces, and about 11,600 were relocated into inland areas of British Columbia. The old mining camps had no place for this sudden influx, and so the evacuees were put to work building standard, government-designed "internment houses" that were 25 feet long and 14 feet wide. Other evacuees were assigned to jobs cutting timber and processing it into lumber in sawmills. One evacuee recalled for reporter Sagi that only green lumber was available for the houses, the lumber shrank and let in the cold, and some mornings it was necessary to use a blowtorch to melt the ice that came through the cracks into the house. For their labor the evacuees were paid 25 cents an hour, and the government deducted 2½ cents for board and room.

Canadian-born Shoichi Matsushita, 57, told Sagi he couldn't afford to leave New Denver after the war. "Where are you supposed to go after you've worked four years at 25 cents an hour?" he asked. "I had a 23½-foot salmon gill netter that the government sold on me for $950. It was worth at least $1,500. And after the war the guys who bought it wanted $4,000 for it."

Nonetheless, Sagi found that those who remained were at peace with themselves, their government and society. Many of their children have intermarried with Caucasians. Senya Mori, who came to Canada with his family when he was 12, is now a naturalized citizen and has been a member of the New Denver city council for the last 14 years. He works in a sawmill but several of his children are college graduates.

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The wartime and postwar experiences of Japanese Canadians are similar to and still so very different from the story of the Japanese Americans. A comprehensive report on these similarities and differences—and the reasons for them—would make a fascinating study.

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RE: ASIAN DEMANDS ON SCHOOL

On the scene report published

A reader of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, commenting on Asian demands upon the school district, wondered what was happening to the so-called American "melting pot" (see Nov. 26 PC). Now comes an "inside" report of the series of meetings between school officials and the Asian students, parents and community, as published last month in the Seattle JACL Reporter. The writer is an English tutor at Franklin High School.—Ed.

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By BETSY BOYLE
(Seattle JACL Reporter)

Attention is now being focused on Asian needs and problems at Franklin High School, following developments triggered by a series of confrontations between black and Asian students at Franklin on Friday, Oct. 22.

The Oct. 22 confrontations, reported as fist-fights between Asians and blacks and cool-it attempts by the Franklin school administration, were the first black/Asian confrontations at the school. They were apparently in part an outgrowth of an incident occurring between blacks and Chinese at a Franklin skate-in at the Highland Ice Arena on Aurora Avenue the preceding Tuesday night (Oct. 19). The skate-in incident was reported by a student eyewitness to have occurred between 3 or 4 blacks and 3 or 4 Cantonese-speaking Chinese. Apparently some blacks tripped some Chinese in the rink, some Chinese waylaid the blacks outside, the blacks hit the Chinese with skates. The fight continued at Franklin the following Friday.

Coincidental

Co-incidental with the flare-up between blacks and Asians at Franklin on Friday, Oct. 22, a meeting was held that afternoon between Franklin administration and Asian community leaders on the subject of how to meet Asian needs in the school. No agreement was reached, and an appointment was sought and set for the Asian leaders to deliver their message to Superintendent of Schools Dr. Forbes Bottomly the following Tuesday, Oct. 26. Over the weekend a meeting was held at the Atlantic Street Center, and the Asian leaders drew up demands to present to the Superintendent.

Tuesday morning, Oct. 26, more than 100 Asians—parents, students, and community leaders — met with Bottomly and presented the demands for Franklin School. The demands and action taken on them are as follows:

1) One or two Asian administrators must be hired, including a vice-principal. Action: They have agreed to hire an Asian vice-principal. Frank Fujii, art teacher and coach at Franklin, was offered the job, but he declined it, saying he felt he was more effective as a teacher than he would be as an administrator. The search continues for an Asian vice-principal. The question of whether or not there will be other Asian administrators has been left hanging.

Counselor Hired

2) Additional Asian counselors and community liaison workers must be hired. Action: Ed Loo, Boren Jr. High School science teacher and activity coordinator, American-born of Chinese ancestry, whose home language is Cantonese, has been hired as counselor at Franklin, beginning Nov. 8. No action has been taken on getting community liaison workers.

3) Bi-lingual or bi-cultural faculty must be hired. Action: Dr. Dochin Yih has been hired as a bi-lingual, bi-cultural teacher, beginning Monday, Nov. 8. Dr. Yih is reported to have operated his own language school in Hong Kong, to have a Harvard Ph.D. degree, to speak several major Chinese dialects. His duties at Franklin have not been worked out yet.

4) Faculty ratio of Asians at Franklin must be brought up to 20-25%, to reflect the percentage of Asians in the student body.

And this need must not be

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JAPAN DIVORCE RATE IN MEIJI ERA FOUND HIGHER THAN AT PRESENT

TOKYO — Contrary to what most people believe the divorce rate in Japan back in the Meiji Era (1867-1912) was by far higher than in the recent years.

One would naturally tend to think that in the Meiji Period, when this country had barely emerged from feudalism and the feudalistic society was still strongly entrenched in Japanese society, divorce was out of the question because wives were almost slaves to the family she married into and practically had no rights protecting her status.

In those days a divorce, as we know it today, would have stibfatized the family. A woman separated from her husband, or rather detached from the family, was not divorced but simply gotten rid of by the family, so to speak.

Feudalism a Factor

Strangely enough, feudalism itself was a big factor contributing to the high rate of divorce (or separation), legally or otherwise, in the old days. The father — the wife's father-in-law — was all-powerful ruler of the family with the married son taking a back seat.

If the father did not like his daughter-in-law or considered her incompatible with the family, all he had to do was to tell the woman so or order her to go back to her original family.

In those days divorce was more common among the lower class people than among those in the upper social status.

In the upper class or well-to-do families, the husband could afford to keep a concubine or concubines and this had accounted to a large extent for the fact that divorces were comparatively few among the people of these classes. Concubines were even a status symbol in those times.

Early Marriages

The poorer people and those on the lower social ladder, on the other hand, either had to put up with their wives without finding solace in a substitute wife or chase the wives out of the home.

This was particularly true among farmers in northern Japan where the custom of early marriage prevailed. The average age of women married to farmers in these regions at that time was as low as 16.

Being so young and immature, the average wife obeyed unquestioningly whatever she was told to do by her husband or kindred members of the family. When she was told to leave the family, she did so with no questions asked.

Oriental Concepts

Thus, it was not unusual for a woman to remarry more than five times. He seems that virginity was not so important then as it was to become later.

The Oriental concept of treating the female as inferior to the male is amply illustrated by the word *"yome"* (bride or young wife) which has a connotation not very far removed from what the word "maid" conveys. *"Yome"* is a combination of the kanji "woman" and "house."

When a woman marries she sort of becomes "attached" to the house of the family she had married into. The significance of this attachment is quite different from the concept of marriage in the Western world.

When a girl married — in most cases she was forced to marry a man not of her own choice but by her parents and sometimes even with relatives having a hand in the arrangement — she was given away just as one would give away his pet.

Arranged Weddings

Most often the marriage was arranged by her parents or relatives and in many cases in the rural areas the girl met her future husband for the first time at the wedding ceermony.

This old concept of marriage is still strongly prevalent in Japan, particularly in the country.

It was not until around 1879 that authorities had begun to compile figures on the divorce rate. The statistics taken between 1879 and 1897 showed that one in every three marriages ended in divorce. Recent corresponding figures indicate that about one in every 10 marriages goes on the rocks.

Rate Drops

It was in the late Meiji Period that laws governing families were made and restricted the freedom of separation. As a result, the divorce rate had begun to drop and it continued to go down steadily and slowly until World War II.

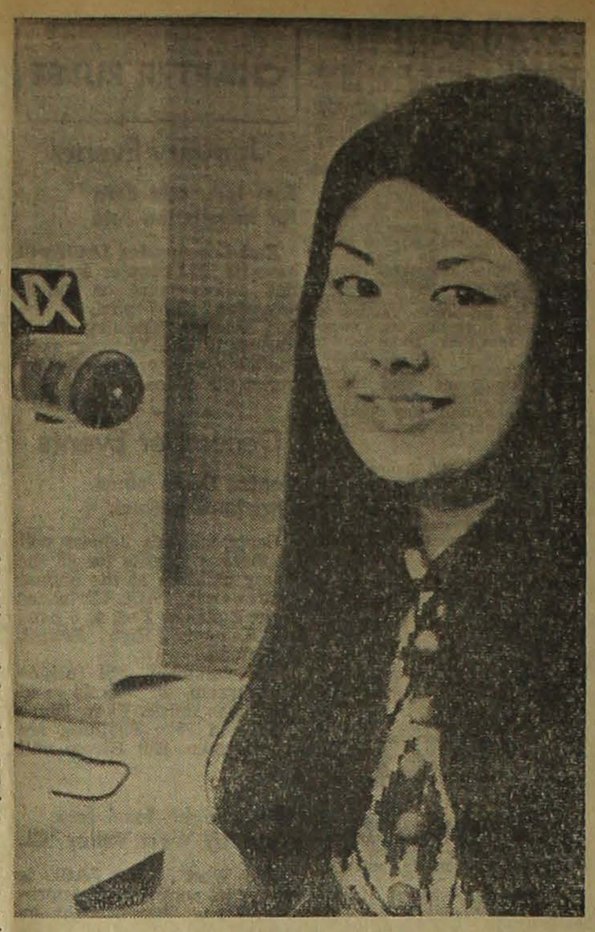
After World War II Japanese women came to possess more authority, received more education and became progressive-minded.

But strangely the annual divorce rate remained low for many years after the war. It was only less than 10 years ago that the rate began to pick up, but recent figures show that it is about the same as that registered toward the end of the Taisho Era (1911-1926).

Postwar Reforms

With the emancipation of women resulting from reforms carried out by the Allied Occupation Forces in Japan and Westernization of many aspects of the Japanese life, the younger Japanese generation had come to regard marriages in a different light from the older generation.

To the contemporary Japanese woman marriage no longer means becoming a "servant" to another family but, as in Western countries, a wedlock based on mutual love and affection. She would rather choose divorce than go through a life of misery by living with a man she does not like or cannot get along with.



'ACTION REPORTER'—Tritia Toyota conducts the KNX news radio public service feature, "Action Reporter", daily. The Portland Sansei reigned as Miss National JACL at the 1966 convention at San Diego. She is the daughter of the Tom Toyotas, active Portland JACLers.

Miss '66 Nat'l JACL on KNX newsradio as 'action reporter', ombudswoman

LOS ANGELES — Tritia Rae Toyota, a native of Portland, Ore., is the researcher and broadcaster of the public service feature, "Action Reporter" on KNX Newsradio.

She was named to her new post last August. She was hired at the CBS radio station in September 1970 as a senior clerk in the KNX News Room.

The help of the "Action Reporter" is available to listeners who have questions relating to city, county, state or federal governments or private agencies but do not know whom to contact or where to go.

Listeners are invited to write a brief letter stating their names, addresses, telephone numbers and their particular problems, complaints or inquiries. Because of the time element only some of the cases are used on the air. However, the remainder are answered by mail.

Miss Toyota obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics and Communications from Orgeon State University in 1969, and a Master's in Broadcast Journalism in 1970.

While at OSU, she was on the Home Economics Dean's List, the OSU Honor Roll and was an OSU Woman of Achievement candidate. She also served on the Board of Directors for OSU-TV, Channel 11, was producer- hostess on the station's "Contemporary Women" program, and was Associate Society Editor of the OSU Daily Barometer.

She was Miss National JACL in 1966. She belongs to the JACL and the Theta Sigma Phi, national honorary society for women in journalism.

Dec. 7 program

LOS ANGELES—Radio KNX is preparing a half-hour documentary on Japanese American Evacuation and wartime experiences to be aired Dec. 9, 6:30 p.m.

TV columnist calls ABC-TV film title change due to 'burst of corniness'

LOS ANGELES — Respected Los Angeles Times television columnist Cecil Smith has termed "a burst of corniness" the ABC-TV decision to change its Dec. 7 Movie of the Week title from "The Glass Hammer" to "My Husband. the Enemy.'

In his column Oct. 28, Smith discussed four dramatic entrees, starring Emmy-winning actress Patty Duke, which will be aired within the next five weeks. Fourth of the films is Lew Hunter's "The Glass Hammer," later retitled "My Husband, the Enemy," and finally changed to "If Tomorow Comes."

ABC-TV Movie of the Week executives announced Oct. 21 that they were bowing to the logic in arguments by Japanese American Citizens League representatives against the "Enemy" title, since the film deals with a love affair shortly before the Evacuation.

Although Smith was unaware of the latest title change at the time he wrote his column, his comments and those of Miss Duke are worth repeating. Here is what he said:

She (Miss Duke) plays Juliet, circa 1941, in the film, a farm girl who falls in love and secretly marries a Japanese boy (Frank Liu) just as Pearl Harbor explodes. His family is interned.

Lew Hunter's play, produced by Aaron Spelling, is the first work of television—or any sort of drama to my knowledge—to deal dramatically with America's wartime concentration camps. The play was originally called "The Glass Hammer," but someone at ABC in a burst of corniness has retitled it "My Husband, the Enemy." To compound the corniness, the film will be shown Dec. 7.

"Which," said Patty, "may be the ickiest idea of this or any year!"

Three firms protest illegal alien law

LOS ANGELES—Three firms are seeking an injunction against the new state law against knowingly hiring illegal aliens. In a complaint filed Nov. 24 in superior court, they charge requiring an employer to ask the immigration status of job applicants was in violation of federal fair employment practices act.

Plaintiffs are Dolores Canning Co., Moreno Plumbing & Heating and Bringas Bros. Music Co.

Traders ambushed

MANILA — Sumitomo Shoji Kaisha executive Iwao Osada, 43, was killed in an ambush Nov. 21. Two other passengers were in the car, one sustaining bullet wounds in the stomach and leg. It was the second attack on foreigners in the Manila suburbs last month.

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29-volume on survey of Japanese art in English planned at $8 per volume

TOKYO—Heibonsha, Ltd., one of Japan's leading publishers of encyclopedias, announced it will publish 29 volumes on Japanese art (in English) over a three-year period starting this fall.

It will publish the series jointly with John Weatherhill, Inc., an American publisher of many books on Japan and Asia.

The Heibonsha Survey of Japanese Art series, already completed in Japanese, was written by a total of 33 noted Japanese experts under the supervision of:

Seiichiro Takahashi, chairman of the Japan Art academy; Ichimatsu Tanaka, chairman of the cultural agency's cultural properties protection commission, and the late Katsuichiro Kamei, celebrated writer and author on Japanese art.

It covers all of the periods in Japanese history, ranging from the primeval to the contemporary age, thus enabling foreign students of Japanese art to understand what consistently flows through each period.

An average of 40 to 50 color and 150 black-and-white pictures are used in a volume.

The joint venture by the two firms is based on a contract signed May 17.

Publication of the series will start this fall and end in 1974, during which period an average of eight volumes a year are expected to be put on the market at prices of ¥2,300 (in Japan) and $7.95 (overseas) a volume.

'Executive 9066' photo exhibit opens in San Francisco, Berkeley Jan. 6

SAN FRANCISCO — A California Historical Society exhibit of 65 photographs from the thousands taken for the War Relocation Authority between 1942-45, depicting a powerful study of the evacuation of Japanese Americans, will open to the public simultaneously on Jan. 6 at both the de Young Museum here and University Art Museum, Berkeley, it was announced by CHS executive director J. S. Holiday.

"To have identical exhibits on both sides of the Bay offers a remarkable opportunity for the public, and provides dramatic evidence of the conviction of both museum directors that this show deserves to be seen by the widest possible audience," Holliday added.

Both the exhibit and its accompanying book are the work of Maisie and Richard Conrat, designers of exhibits which have been held at the New York Museum of Modern Art, Oakland Museum and the San Francisco Museum of Art.

National Archives

The Conrats were supported by a Guggenheim Foundation grant. The National Archives, which houses the WRA collections, agreed to lend the original negatives of pictures taken by Dorothea Lange, Ansel Adams, Russell Lee and others, for creating the display panels, ranging in size from 20x20 to 40x70 inches.

The Book, "Executive Order 9066", contains an introduction by the Conrats, a foreward by Edison T. Uno, a section by Donald Pike reviewing the historical background of the relocation and an epilogue by former Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark, who witnessed the early evacuation as a Justice Dept. coordinator for enemy alien control.

When the local exhibits close in Feb. 20, one show will tour the major cities of the East beginning wth New York while the other will be scheduled for cities throughout California, Holliday added.

The West Coast show will then go to Portland, Seattle, Phoenix, Salt Lake City and probably Honolulu.

JACL Supports

The Washington, D.C., opening will be timed to coincide with the opening of the National JACL Convention the last week of June. The JACL has been supportive of both the exhibit and book.

In the past year of planning, the California Historical Society has been in counsel with several JACL representatives.

The California Historical Society also announced its September Quarterly — an issue devoted entirely to race and racism in California history—will appear as a paperback, "Neither Separate nor Equal."

CBS '60 Minutes' on contemporary Nikkei slated to air

NEW YORK — The Columbia Broadcasting System television documentary "60 Minutes" with Mike Wallace as hot and commentator will devote a segment of their Dec. 12 program on contemporary views of Japanese Americans.

"Any attempt to give a comprehensive overview of an ethnic minority in the limited time span we have on 60 Minutes is almost impossible; however, we will attempt to give our national viewers some impressions about Americans of Japanese ancestry," said CBS producer Paul Lowenwater of New York.

The short segment will include scenes of San Francisco's community picnic last month which hosted over 200 Self-Defense maritime officers and men visiting from Japan. A church service will reflect the cultural life of Berkeley Nisei Buddhists. In Southern California, a visit to the JACL office and homes in Gardena and Orange County attempts to describe the life style of second generation Japanese Americans. Among the personalities interviewed for the program are Dr. Harry Kitano of UCLA, Warren Furutani of the JACL, Los Angeles business executive Harry Nakamura, attorney Min Inadomi, and Orange County community leader Henry Kanagae.

The program was originally scheduled for network release on Nov. 28; however, due to conflicts it has been rescheduled for Sunday, Dec. 12.

Illegal fishing fine

ANCHORAGE—Japan Whaling Co., Ltd., and skipper Masazo Kitada of the Ryushō Maru No. 5 were fined a total of $115,000 last week (Nov. 11) for illegally fishing within the 12-mile U.S. limit off Baranof Island near Sitka. It was the largest fine levied in Alaska against a fishing violator in the U.S. district court here.

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ST. LOUIS JACL: Dr. Otto Furuta

JACL Is on the Move!

(It was Dr. Furuta who first proposed space be reserved in the PC for chapter presidents and the name, "Chiaroscuro", was tagged onto these columns—an attempt to picture what's happening in a given chapter. —Editor.)

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St. Louis

As each president's term comes to a close, he can reflect back on the year with either disappointment or contentment or maybe even both. Let me share with you some of my thoughts about JACL,

CHIAROSCURO

about the St. Louis Chapter.

Although I had not been actively involved in JACL until two years ago, I have followed the direction and accomplishments of JACL over the past seven or eight years.

I have seen it awaken from its dormancy and continue its concern for the welfare of Japanese Americans; the Noguchi case being a prime example. More recently the plight of the Nisei farmers in Central California and their struggle against labor unons has come to light.

During this time period, strong community service such as Warren Furutani's FOX program, care for the aged Issei, various efforts in combating drug abuse, and continuing support of the youth programs.

Now, we have succeeded in promoting the repeal of Title II. We have not restricted our efforts to Japanese Americans but have also expressed concern for the Indians, the Mexican Americans, the Chinese.

In short, JACL IS ON THE MOVE! None of us who are actively involved with the organization would contribute our time or our money if the goals were not worthwhile.

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Locally, our chapter is capable of serving the needs of the St. Louis area. There are individuals who are new to our city and desire or need help in acclimating themselves to the new environment.

For example, I received a letter recently from a member of a California JACL chapter requesting that her son, who has just moved to St. Louis be familiarized with the local chapter and be informed of our events.

There are students from Japan, who find it extremely difficult to adjust to a land which is so distant from their homeland.

Then there are those who are interested in Japanese culture per se.

We can be instrumental in promoting Asian Studies in the secondary schools and can aid community organizations when called upon.

As Bill Marutani, prominent Philadelphia attorney, has so articulately stated on various occasions, the people should be the prime concern.

The need is present. But an organization or a chapter does not run itself. Success or failure must depend on member participation. Yes, it takes a few moments of the members' time but, if they feel that it's worth while to maintain a chapter and reap its rewards, is this too much to ask?

1000 CLUB NOTES: Eira Nagaoka

Too Much Beauty, Scenic & Otherwise

(Eira Nagaoka has been editing the Seattle JACL Reporter for the past several years. Elsewhere in the same issue it was noted a Seattle JACL floral wreath was placed at the Hiroshima memorial for A-bomb victims.—Ed.)

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Seattle

We watched the TV Japan World Series aboard steamship Kurenai Maru on the Beppu-Osaka run as Yomiuri Giant clinched their 7th straight Japan Series champ. We had the most gracious tour guide in Mr. Taku Watabe of the Japan Travel Bureau, who was a hit especially with the girls. About three of the tour evenings were programmed into parties with toban yaki dinner and where geisha girls were hired for entertainment with their singing, dancing, serving of sake, and posing for the camera bugs. This was a mixed group and shows the progress Japan has made in the way of women's lib. The evening continued with singing and dancing to the likes of Tanko Bushi.

A writer who went to Tahiti wrote about viewing the green waters, the black volcanic mountains, the luxuriant tropical trees and flowers, and the inspiring beauty of native women which became the source of unimagined splendor to the eyes day after day. But after a while the eyes get drugged, the sensitivity to beauty becomes somewhat jaded. And this is what happened to me in Japan.

The landscape gardening is everywhere in every nook and corner all tastefully placed. Each can become a potential subject for photographic study. Every open ditch and stream is lined with concrete in various patterns as is the retaining wall which is every where.

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I would say that the trademarks of Japan are its neon signs, its transportation system, its elevated pedestrian walkway, the covered shopping arcades lined with shops and restaurants extending for blocks, the underground shopping complex in the subways, the multi-level theatres with choices up to four different cinemas at the push of elevator buttons, and every hill and mountainside covered with the greenest trees and shrubs.

Memorable scenes in Japan were the five-block long and colorful narrow streets lined with shops and crowded with people leading up the hill to the Kiyomizu Temple in Kyoto, the Ebisubashi in Osaka, impressive and startling at night as the solid mass of neon lights reflected in the waters, the Jidai Matsuri (Festival of Ages) in Kyoto with its parade of history held Oct. 22, the touch of old Japan as seen in Nara, the precision dancers of the all-girls revue of the Kokusai Theatre and the plushiness of Ginza so large and with so many variations and with so much specialization that one can only begin to scratch the surface.

Live volcanic Mount Aso and Mt. Takasaki inhabited by the wild monkeys, both near Beppu, left quite an impact.

The tourist industry is big business and still growing. Every major city has their chain of ultra modern hotels. Any tourist attractions of significance will have hundreds of students in uniform being shuffled from one place to another. The Japanese school curriculum calls for students to visit all the major attractions of the country. We observed as many as fifty buses parked at any given time and majority of them school busses.

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Police is inconspicuous in Japan. One feels safe walking in downtown streets after midnight, giving one a profound sense of freedom. In a homogeneous society such as Japan we saw no outward signs of polarization as we know it here. However, we're aware of some unrest in the campus where one begins to realize that climbing an economic ladder can be most difficult.

My biggest impression is that youth have taken over the country but not in an economic sense. Young girls are utilized in every area where they can be displayed with the greatest advantage. The Japanese are living in a period of unprecedented prosperity, full employment, and availability of luxuries unknown in the past. My feeling is that the young people we have seen in Japan are headed for exciting times ahead.

CALENDAR

Dec. 4 (Saturday)
Twin Cities—Inst Dnr, David Fong's Restaurant, Bloomington, 8 p.m.; Jeffrey Matsui, spkr.
Contra Costa—Christmas potluck supper, Kennedy High School, Richmond, 5 p.m.
Puyallup Valley—Inst dnr, Poodle Dog Restaurant, 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 5 (Sunday)
PNWDC—Dist convention, (Seattle JACL hosts).
Oakland—Inst dnr.
Dec. 7 (Tusday)
Gardena Valley—Mtg, North Gda Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 8 (Wednesday)
Orange County—Bd Mtg, Bank of Tokyo, Santa Ana, 8 p.m.
Dec. 11 (Saturday)
Gardena Valley—Inst Dnr, Mishima's Restaurant, 7:30 p.m. 'Mo' Marumoto, spkr.
East Los Angeles—Bd dnr mtg.
Watsonville—Inst Dnr-dance, Riverside (Santa Cruz) 6 p.m.; Jerry Enomoto, spkr.
Cincinnati—25th Anny Inst Dnr, Avis Inn, West Chester; Raymond Uno, spkr.
Dec. 12 (Sunday)
West Valley—Issei Appreciation potluck supper, Saratoga Youth Center.
Berkeley—Issei Appreciation and Inst dnr, Berkeley United Methodist Social Hall, 1710 Carleton, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Venice-Culver—Comm Ctr dedication, 12448 Braddock Dr., 2 p.m.
D.C.—Christmas party.
Dec. 17 (Friday)
San Fernando Valley—Inst Dnr.
Seattle—Mtg, Christmas social; JACL Office, 8 p.m.
Dec. 18 (Saturday)
Santa Maria—Inst dnr, Mas Satow, spkr.
Dec. 19 (Sunday)
Bay Area Community—Gnl Mtg, S.F. Federal Savings, Berkeley, 1:30 p.m.
Detroit—Christmas party, Brightmoor Comm Ctr. 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Dayton—Christmas party.
Milwaukee—Christmas party, International Institute.
Dec. 27 (Monday)
Berkeley—Bd Mtg, American Savings & Loan, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 31 (Friday)
Detroit—New Year's Eve dnr-dance
Stockton—New Year's Eve party, Stockton Buddhist Church.

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East Bay Issei project to expand

BERKELEY — The United Methodist Church commission on race and religion last month has granted $15,000 to the East Bay Japanese For Action, Inc., 2439 Grove St., for its project meeting the social-recreational needs of the Issei.

The grant will enable project expansion into social service fields for Issei and new immigrants from Japan.

EBJA is now looking for a social worker-community organizer, with bilingual capabilities. Candidate should have a bachelor's degree in social welfare or related fields and have some knowledge of the Issei and immigrant. Further information is available by calling:

Steve Hirabayashi (839-2843), Reiko True (465-3414) or Dennis Yotsuya (848-1172).

Chicago JACL slates July '72 charter flight

CHICAGO — Because of the overwhelming number of 1000 Club members that signed up for the 1971 charter flight to Japan who were not able to go with the group, the Chicago JACL chapter is going to have a flight from July 5-29, 1972 to accommodate those members.

The reservations are coming in fast, so those members contemplating such a trip should keep their dues up-to-date and send in deposits of $100 per person to:

JACL 1000 Club Charter Flight, Cosmopolitan Travel Service, 810 N. Clark Street, Chicago, Ill. 60610, (312) WH 4-2730.

Dayton-Cincinnati planning '73 flight

CINCINNATI — Reservations are now being accepted for the proposed Dayton-Cincinnati JACL charter flight to Tokyo scheduled for Aug. 4-25, 1973.

Fare from Cincinnati-Tokyo is estimated at $400, according to Gerald R. Hawkins, 410 Carlwood Dr., Miamisburg, Ohio 45342, who has further information.

Alaska tour bid

TOKYO — Alaska Gov. Egan and representatives of his state's tourist industry conferred here this past week to encourage more Japanese to visit the 49th State.

Mochitsuki

SAN JOSE — Wesley United Methodist Church will have a benefit mochitsuki Dec. 28-30 with proceeds for its building fund. Chairman Kenzo Ishimaru said orders are now being taken at the church and at Shuei-Do.

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CHAPTER PULSE

January Events

East L.A. sets date for installation fete

East Los Angeles JACL will have its 1972 chapter installation dinner-dance on Saturday, Jan. 22, 7 p.m., at the Los Amigos Country Club, 7295 Quill Dr., Downey, with the Melo-Macs orchestra playing at the dance.

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December Events

Contra Costa plans Christmas potluck

Santa and his helpers will be there with gifts for all the young children at the annual Contra Costa JACL Christmas potluck supper Dec. 4, 5 p.m., at Kennedy High School, Richmond.

Entertainment will include a program of carols and Christmas music. Flora Ninomiya and Eiko Sugihara are co-chairmen. Bill Hirose will emcee.

Talent night, Issei fete slated by West Valley 'CL

The West Valley JACL is having its annual Issei Appreciation and Talent Night on Dec. 12. at the Saratoga Youth Center. A potluck dinner will be furnished by chapter members.

Twin Cities to hear Jeffrey Matsui Dec. 4

Jeffrey Y. Matsui, associate national JACL director, will be main speaker at the annual Twin Cities JACL installation Dec. 4, 8 p.m., at David Fong's Restaurant in Bloomington. As is the tradition, local area Issei are special guests of the chapter.

Ross Harano of Chicago, MDC governor, will install the new officers. Dr. Gregory Stone, professor of sociology at the Univ. of Minnesota, will emcee. Other special guests include:

Mayor Charles Stenvig of Minneapolis; Mayor Charles P. McCarty of St. Paul; Vice Mayor Wilfred Vitala of Bloomington; and consul general to Japan Arnulf Ueland.

Stockton set for gala New Year's Eve

The "Foursome" will provide music for the gala Stockton JACL New Year's Eve dance Dec. 31 at the Stockton Buddhist Church. Event has traditionally attracted many former Stocktonians from out-of-town, according to Tom Okamoto, Tad Akabe and Bingo Kitagawa, co-chairmen.

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November Events

31-pounder wins Cortez JACL derby

Despite the cold, windy day, a 31-pounder landed by Mr. Gage of Oakley captured first prize (GE portable TV) in the recent Cortez JACL striped bass derby at Frank's Tract. George Yuge was second with a 29-lb. fish and Glenn Terry was third.

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October Events

Salt Lake JACL co-sponsor conference for Chicanos

Salt Lake JACL was one of the co-sponsors of the Chicano conference held Oct. 29-30 at Salt Palace. The chapter representative was Bunny Matsumiya, recently appointed state coordinator for the OEO emergency food and medical program. National JACL President Raymond Uno was invited to participate in a panel

Outgoing SLC Auxiliary officers host dinner

Salt Lake JACL Auxiliary held its election dinner meeting Oct. 27 at the Japanese Church of Christ with the outgoing officers preparing the dinner. Joyce Higashi was elected 1972 Auxiliary president.

Mae Watanabe of ZCMI and her assistant demonstrated tying of bows and decorating Christmas packages with free decorations handed out to those attending.

The Auxiliary voted to contribute $50 to the Issei Center. The outgoing officers are:

Koko Sutow, Aiko Morishita, Maizie Horiuchi, Mary Shiozaki and Amy Aoyagi.

Education

George Yasukochi is one of three Berkeley school merit commissioners attending California School Personnel Commissioners Assn. workshop this week at Monterey. The commission is the policy-making arm of the non-teaching personnel for the Berkeley school district.

Join the JACL

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available. There is no question, we are under-financed, under-staffed, but hopefully, not underestimated.

Although critics of all shades and descriptions are quick to jump on JACL for any and every pretext, when I ask them in what way can we change JACL with the resources we have available, very few, if any, will volunteer to put their neck out. When they do and are criticized or things don't work out the way they thought, they grumble, mumble and drop out saying it is a waste of time or it's hard to get people to cooperate or understand.

Now is the time to cinch the belt. Now is the time to do without. Now is the time to go the extra mile, for now is the time we can start to make changes that the crippling and agonizing conflicts in our society and JACL, have helped set the stage, for new directions and new adventures.

Time to Convert

Shortly after the meeting, a number of us had an informal get together in Tom Shimasaki's room. This atmosphere provided an opportunity to discuss matters in more detail and less heat. I believe we in JACL have a deeper and better understanding of the problems of the Nisei farmer. There are no cut and dried answers in spite of our visit to CCDC, but we know and feel the problems of CCDC.

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NISEI ROLE

The next day we were joined by Mas Satow, National Director, and Shig Sugiyama, NC-WNDC Governor. National reports were given, and there was discussion of other business. Then we moved into the panel discussion, "The Role of Japanese Americans in Today's American Society," chaired by Dr. Izumi Taniguchi who acted as moderator.

A series of questions which I sensed emanated from the feelings of many of our young people today relating to our identity, assimilation, subservience, intermarriage, cultural perpetuation, among others were discussed. The comments and opinions ran the spectrum of what each perceives to be our role from each one's own experience, education and background. It was interesting to note the intensity of concern or lack thereof by the degree of what I call perception of "whiteness" of the speaker.

It seems the more assimilated we become, the less compassion we have for the unassimilated whether it be white, black, brown, red or yellow. The attitude seems to be one of self protection from losing what one has gained such as acceptance, recognition, economic security and togetherness.

Middle Class

The people of Japanese ancestry that I have most come in contact with represent, by and large, the middle or upper middle class of today's society. Therefore, we represent that part of the society which oppresses the ne'er-do-well and poor.

However, it may be more accurate to say, the Japanese American represents the broad gamut of American philosophy with a majority representing the attitudes of the American middle class.

This fact, if it is such, may be considered by many as a fulfillment of the sacrifices, struggles and hopes of the Nisei. There is little question in my mind we have accomplished many of the goals which the Nisei had set out to secure. It would have been well and good had it not be for the fact that we thought was at the end of the rainbow and what in fact is at the end of the rainbow were two different things. Society did not remain static although our goals did. Thus, what we thought was the melting into the melting pot of American society turned out to be a brew of a different mixture.

At this point, I don't really think anyone, regardless of such person's expertise, knows what the mixture is although some may claim some mystical or supernatural power to know what it should be. I doubt any of us really knows what will eventually be the right thing for all of us.

In spite of what we feel, and do, nature will take its course and the assimilative process will continue for Japanese Americans. Our efforts to control our social ecology. In the end, what will be will be. Fatalistic, perhaps; realistic, no question.

At any rate, I learned much from the panel discussion from what was said and what was not said. I was excited by some things and grieved by others. Nonetheless, Japanese Americans have a lot going for them now, but we must always remain alert for the future because times change and sometimes drastically.

Panelists Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi, Dr. Frank Nishio, Mas Satow, Shig Sugiyama, Robert Takasugi, Ron Wakabayashi, and Norman Otani did a commendable job in articulating different points of view.

As we moved over to the Hacienda Motel for the banquet, the cocktail hour provided opportunity to meet old and new faces. Jim Kubota, Dr. Jim Nagatani, Joe Katano, George Segawa, Kiichi Tange, Ed Shiba, Karen Okada, Bill Tsuji, Judge Mikio Uchiyama, Assemblyman and Mrs. Earnest Mobley, State Santor and Mrs. George Zenovich, Assemblyman and Mrs. Kenneth Mattey, Supervisor and Mrs. LeRoy Jack-

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Local Scene

Los Angeles

The YWCA Magnolia Committee held a program-tea at the home of Mrs. Roy Nishikawa Nov. 28 for its second session on the program of Asian Sisters, a self-help group concerned with Sansei drug problem among young women, which outnumber the young men by a 2-1 ratio. Over 50 attended the initial session held in October at the home of Mrs. Gen Nakamura. The informational program-teas are being held to alert the community of various out-reach projects conducted to alleviate problems.

The third annual Los Angeles Pioneer Project sukiyaki benefit dinner will be held on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 4, at Union Church. Tickets are $1.50 with proceeds to be used for Pioneer Center excursions. More recently, some 100 Issei boarded two chartered buses to view the animals at Lion County Safari and 400 Issei went sightseeing on the Queen Mary now docked at Long Beach.

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San Francisco

Kimochi, Inc.'s Issei Lounge will be moved into the vacant room next door to its present location on the Webster St. Bridge of Japan Center. Kimochi acquired a lease on the new lounge, which went into effect Dec. 1. The old quarters has been leased to another party.

Asian demands—

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met by shifting Asians from other schools into jobs at Franklin. Action: Negative response. Dr. Bottomly said he could not hire any additional teachers now. (But one was subsequently hired, see No. 3 above.)

On Extortionists

5) Students responsible for extortion and beatings must be expelled. Action: The administration agreed, but left to Franklin School administrators the job of tracking down such students. Some people think that this will not be carried out.

6) Faculty and students must be educated to Asian problems and needs. Action: The administration agreed in principle, but has not committed any money or personnel to the job.

Meanwhile, at Franklin School in recent weeks the air has been cleared and tensions cooled off, at least for the time being. Asian kids had previously felt they had no advocate in the administration, felt that the administration leaned over backwards to give blacks a chance (or two chances, or five) but expected Asians to sit quietly and not make any trouble. Now with attention focused on Asians in the school, the excitement has raised expectations and a hopeful, though wait-and-see attitude prevails. What effect the two new people hired at Franklin will have on the situation everyone at Franklin is waiting to see.

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Aloha from Hawaii

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Hawaii Today

Honolulu

According to Seapower Magazine, **Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard** is obsolete. The magazine is published by the Navy League. But Capt. Kenneth E. Wilson, commander of the shipyard for the last two years, doesn't think so. The Sept. issue of the magazine quotes Rep. Charles Bennett of Florida as saying, "It is almost reaching the stage where there is a serious question whether the naval shipyards (including Pearl Harbor) would be able to meet their missions if there were a war." Said Capt. Wilson, "It's not true here. The article is overdramatizing. It's a declaration of doom I don't think exists."

Some **2,500 International Jaycees** gathered at the Hawaiian Village for a seven-day world congress. Delegates from 70 member nations attended. The Honolulu Chinese Jaycees, the host chapter, provided facilities for simultaneous translation into English, French and Spanish. It was the 26th annual Jaycee World Congress.

The Honolulu City Council has voted to maintain the present $19.21 **real property tax.** Councilmen Clesson Chikasuye, Mary George and Walter Heen voted to cut the rate to $18.50 per $1,000 assessed value, but were outvoted.

Hawaii's jobless rate during September jumped to its highest level since 1954 with 21,450 persons unemployed throughout the Islands. This was an increase of 1,900 from August. The state labor dept. put the blame for this on several factors — the West Coast dock strike, the Mainland recession and layoffs of seasonal workers in the pineapple industry. Bank of Hawaii pinned the longshore strike as the main reason for the 6 per cent unemployment rate.

Honolulu Scene

Work on the oft-delayed $1 million **Kuhio Beach** widening project got under way in earnest Oct. 26. The department of transportation says the project will increase the beach area by 25 per cent and enlarge and improve the two existing groins. At the same time, the city will finance construction of a landscaped promenade adjacent to Kalakaua Ave. It is expected that the project will be completed by April 3.

Military News

The 1973 **American Legion** convention, which had been planned tentatively for Los Angeles, will instead be held in Honolulu. The convention should bring in between 15,000 and 20,000 Legionnaires and their wives to Honolulu for meetings starting Aug. 17, 1973. It will be the biggest convention ever held here. The previous biggest conventions in the Islands were the Rotary International meetings that attracted 15,000 in 1969 and the American Bar Assn. with 14,000 in 1967.

Business Ticker

Don Masutani, Inc., a civil engineering contracting company, has filed a petition for voluntary bankruptcy in federal court. The company said it has $162,928 in debts and $87,895 in assets. It has been in business since May, 1967.

Names in the News

Lori Yamauchi, a ninth grade student at Hilo's Waiakea Intermediate School, won the annual Baldwin Junior Keyboard Competition. Lori, daughter of the Joe T. Yamauchis of Ainaola Drive, Hilo, will go to the Hawaii music teachers' convention in Honolulu in Jan. to compete for the division winner's place. The division winner will compete for the national title.

Clarence Maki, who works in the city's Office of Information and Complaints, has won the grand prize in the Kodak International Newspaper Snapshot Awards for his black and white photo of two young surfers. The award is a 30-day around the world trip for two plus expenses or $5,000 in cash. Maki, 47, said he probably will take the cash prize rather than the world trip. In 1957 Maki won another prize of $1,000 for a surfing picture.

York Hon Hu, 71, and **Mrs. Fong Hing**, 77, were honored as model Chinese father and mother of the year at the United Chinese Society's annual dinner Oct. 23 at King's Garden, Kaimuki.

Chen Yu-hai, former East-West Center student who was sentenced to seven years in prison on Taiwan for sedition, may be released. The Nationalist Chinese government has announced it will give complete or partial amnesties for 41 persons it said have been convicted to political crimes. Chen's arrest and conviction in 1968 brought protests from U.S. congressmen and the East-West Center.

Jack Lord, star of TV's Hawaii Five-O, is now an honorary commodore in the U.S. Coast Guard auxiliary. The honor was bestowed on Lord Oct. 24 in ceremonies on Kauai. Capt. Wallace Dahlgren, U.S. Coast Guard chief of staff, administered the oath of office.

U.S. Attorney **Robert Fukuda** says removing the state's marijuana laws would be hypocritical. Fukuda, speaking to a joint state legislative committee on the proposed model penal code, said there would still be federal laws on the books, no matter what the state did. And he said his office would enforce those laws. Fukuda said removing the laws would "result in exposing the whole population to the temptations of marijuana."

Shigeru Hotoke, Kailua High School choral director, has been named Teacher of the Year in a contest sponsored nationally by the Council of Chief State School Officers and Encyclopedia Britannica. Contest finalists included **Mrs. Mary Lavery** of Hilo Union School, **Takashi Kajihara** of Waimea High and Intermediate School, **Mrs. Masao Kubota** of Baldwin High School, **Mrs. Laura Fukumoto** of Aliamanu Elementary School and **Mrs. Chiyono Kurata** of the Hawaii School for the Deaf and Blind.

Political Scene

Gov. John A. Burns is considering nine names for appointment to a vacancy in the state house of representatives from the 20th District (Ewa-Pearl City). The vacancy came about when Democrat Joseph T. Kuroda was elected to fill a vacancy in the senate from the Leeward area. Those under consideration include:

Mrs. Patsy Young, Edward Uemori, Kenneth Kimura, Dr. Takeo Ogawa and Donald Miguel.

Kekoa David Kaapu has filed his nomination papers for next year's mayoralty race. Kaapu resigned as city urban renewal co-ordinator to oppose Mayor Frank F. Fasi in the 1972 Democratic primary. Kaapu said he had to have the nomination forms printed at his own expense, since with the elections a year away the city doesn't yet have any available.

Congressional Score

Rep. Patsy T. Mink has complained to the Winton M. Blount, the U.S. Postmaster General, about slow mail service between Hawaii and Washington. In a letter to Blount, Mrs. Mink said, in part, "And then last week the unbelievable happened! An airmail envelope from Hawaii took six days. I enclosed the envelope for your verification. This is an incredible demonstration that your administration has failed to improve services, let alone maintain them as they were in previous years."

Courtroom

The "no vacancy" sign is out in circuit judge Thomas S. Ogata's court, which is hearing the **Ross FitzJohn murder trial.** Many disappointed spectators are being turned away after the court room quickly fills out its quota of spectators. Only about 30 spectators are allowed to attend, three persons for each of the 10 wooden benches in the courtroom.

Eleven persons are applying for the $25,000 a year state public defender's job:

Brook Hart, Paul J. Durbin, Arthur Ross, Donald Tsukiyama, James Leavitt, John Burgess, George St. Sure, Naomi Campbell, William J. Eggers III, Harrison Thurston and Charles Silva.

Phillip Hiraoka, 19, has been sentenced to 20 years in prison for his part in the series of Maui school fires in July, Aug. and Sept. Sentencing was by circuit judge S. George Fukuoka. Hiraoka and two others were charged with malicious burning after a fire was set in an old wooden building at Baldwin High School recently. Fukuoka pointed out that Hiraoka's case may be reviewed in 60 days and probation could be granted.

Deaths

Dr. Richard I. Miyahara, 46, a dentist, of 1474 Kinau St., died Oct. 25. Among survivors are two brothers—Edward J., also a dentist, and Allen, a physician.

Education

A federal mediator has confirmed that his role in Hawaii **teacher contract negotiations** has ended. Before returning to San Francisco, mediator Reyold Hagist had some criticism of the state's new collective bargaining law. Said Hagist, "Within the time limit imposed by state law, it was impossible to bring the two parties any closer to resolution at this time." The law limits arbitration to 15 days. Hagist entered the negotiations at the request of the Hawaii Public Employees Relations Board. The state's 9,600 teachers—represented by the Hawaii State Teachers Assn.—have so far been unable to reach accord with the state Dept. of Education.

Walter Kupau, president of the AFL-CIO State Federation of Labor, has accused state school superintenment **Shiro Amioka** of "sabotaging the collective bargaining law" before it is even put into effect. Kupau was provoked by a Dept. of Education ruling which bars representatives of Hawaii Federation of Teachers from getting in touch with public school personnel on campus during school hours. "We do not intend to have the collective bargaining law used as a weapon against any union," Kupau said.

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L.A. schools face Samoan identity of Asian students

LOS ANGELES — The Samoan community has asked the Asian American Education Commission for aid in helping to iddentify children of Samoan background now enrolled in the city schools and to assist in trying to alleviate educational problems confronting the group.

It was among the issues discussed by the commission at its Nov. 11 meeting at the Board of Education with the Rev. William Shinto presiding.

Cynthia Ong, who investigated the request from the American Civil Liberties Union to support an amius curiae petition, reported on the integration decision of Judge Gitelson now being appealed by the Los Angeles board of education. The Asian American Education Commission voted to support the ACLU request and urge the board to drop its appeal.

The commission will meet Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m., at Denker Ave. School, 1620 W. 162nd St., Gardena, to discuss educational needs and problems in the Gardena area. Further information and those interested in working on committees within the commission should call Harry Nishisaka, executive secretary, at 687-4353.

Morgan Chu is commission v.p., and Sue Embrey is secretary.

Japan whale meat seized on complaint

LOS ANGELES — Seizure of more than seven million pounds of frozen whale meat was ordered Nov. 4 when a Complaint for Forfeiture of the product was filed in U.S. District Court by U.S. Attorney Robert L. Meyer.

The packages of whale meat, in three lots, are products of Japan, and were destined to be used according to labelling for animal consumption, are alleged to contain mercury in sufficient quantity to be injurious to health, according to the complaint, Meyer noted.

Now in possession of Kal Kan Foods, Inc., of 3386 East 44th St. Vernon, the whale meat was shipped in interstate commerce from Japan on or about July 16 1970; December 27 and 30, 1969; and January 16, 1970.

Yokkaichi firm making biodegradable plastic

TOKYO — The Japan Synthetic Rubber Co. plant at Yokkaichi has been turning out tons of new plastic that will decompose over a desired, predetermined period of time upon exposure to the ultraviolet rays of sunlight.

The new plastic is a variation of polybutadiene, an intermediate normally used in making synthetic rubber and can be fabricated so that it can break up between periods of from one week to a year. A total of 54 patents covering the new material and processes is involved, the company added.

JACP offers book by Yoshiko Uchida

SAN MATEO — "Journey to Topaz", latest book for children written by Yoshiko Uchida, is being offered by the Japanese American Curriculum Project, P.O. Box 367, San Mateo, at $4.20 postpaid (plus 20 cents tax for Calif. residents).

The 17th book published by the Oakland Nisei author, JACP recommends it for children between the ages of 9 and 12. It recalls her own childhood when Japanese Americans were evacuated from their west coast homes and sent inland to concentration camps during World War II.

The first 100 copies ordered through JACP will be personally autographed by the author. A graduate of UC Berkeley with a master's degree in education from Smith College, Miss Uchida has traveled to Japan many times to research folk art and folk tales for her previous books, such as:

"The Dancing Kettle and Other Japanese Folk Tales", "The Magic Listening Cap", "The Promised Year", "Sumi's Prize", "Rokubei and the 1,000 Rice Bowls" and many others.

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BOOK REVIEW: Allan Beekman

Literature of Japanese Proletariat

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THE CANNERY BOAT, by Takiji Kobayashi, and Other Japanese Short Stories, AMS Pres, 27 pp.

In 1924, the Federation of Proletarian Artists of Japan began issuing a publication entitled "The United Front of Literature and Art" (Bungei Sensen), meanwhile weeding out the noncomformists from their ranks, and becoming frankly Communist. Operating in defiance of government repression, they produced a literature naive, crude, and propagandistic, but that, nevertheless, illuminates an aspect of Japanese life formerly neglected.

Among the most prominent of these Communist writers was Takiji Kobayashi (1903-1933). Son of a poor farmer who emigrated from Akita Prefecture to Hokkaido in search of greener pastures, Takiji was a rebel throughout life. In his school days, he joined a student group that opposed military training; at 25 he published "The Fifteenth of March, 1928," which relates the government oppression of the Communists on that day.

This story as well as "For the Sake of the Citizens," by Kobayashi, is included in this volume. The title story, "The Cannery Boat," has been compared to Upton Sinclair's, *The Jungle*, a novel exposing conditions in the Chicago stockyards which aroused public indignation at the quality of processed meat and so contributed to the passage of food inspection laws.

"The Cannery Boat," too, shows abuses growing from lack of government regulation. Being floated canneries rather than ships, in the usual sense of the term, the cannery boats were beyond the purview of the Navigation Act; being ships rather than factories, in the ordinary sense of the term, they were beyond reach of the Factory Act.

Life aboard the Hakko Maru which sailed for the Kamchatka coast to capitalize on the crab season, shows the worst features of capitalism outside the law. The unseaworthy ship is packed with workers who had failed elsewhere, living under unsanitary conditions, and driven beyond the limit of human endurance by a company agent using whip and brand.

When another cannery boat flounders and is sinking the agent forbids the captain to go to the rescue; time is more precious than lives — his ship must beat those of other nations to the fishing banks.

Since the venture is international in scope, the agent supplements whip and brand with appeals to patriotism. Because of the international competition, ships of the Japanese Imperial Navy escort the cannery vessels.

The workers learn to their sorrow that these Navy vessels are there not to give the protection of Japanese law to the workers, but to prevent them from rising against the exploitation of the capitalists.

"The Cannery Boat" is abridged. Kobayashi died in the hands of the police. The final article in the book is entitled, "Takiji Kobayashi Murdered by Police."

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A final story, by Fusao Hayashi, "Cocoons," is the most moving, partly because it makes effective use of symbolism — the cocoon. The protagonist, Yasuo Sakai, a middle school student, "always kept a single white silkworm cocoon" in his desk. It develops that his widowed mother is working in a silk mill to earn the money to pay for his education. The cocoon symbolizes the waste of her life.

"The humid air; the long hours from morning right on into the night; insufficient food — when I see those girls under such conditions wearing out their young bodies before my very eyes, I think of the kettles and of the cocoons which the girls reel.

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'ROOTS: THE ASIAN AMERICAN READER'

A solid piece of white glass, if it has three equal sides and is held to sunlight, will cast colors of the rainbow and be especially brilliant and striated if the rays project onto a flat colorless wall in the shade. The same can be said of the just published anthology, "Roots: an Asian American Reader" (UCLA Asian American Studies Center, $5.50 postpaid), for it effuses the diverse perspectives of human experience against the total nature of mankind.

While the particular human experiences are labeled "Asian American"—and therefore of immediate interest to Americans of Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Filipino, and Polynesian heritage (since the people being written about or the authors are that)—the stark-looking book examines such human foibles as racism, hunger, want, degradation and evil as well as the spiritual virtues of faith, hope and love.

The editors of this Asian American reader, Amy Tachiki, Eddie Wong, Franklin Odo and Buck Wong, must have been hard-pressed to determine which fifty stories, poems, and scholarly pieces would finally comprise their introductory examination of the Asian experience in America. "Roots" will not only help to meet the growing demand from Asian American communities for educational material at the high school and college levels but it can serve as collateral matter for classes in American literature, social studies or history. There is where the market is—not only for the book for a bigger prize—the ideas which can unify the nation and the world to live at peace through understanding.

There is a tremendous amount of humanity in the "Roots", relevance in the selection of pieces, and an injunction to the community (at least its readers) to be responsible. In the final piece—an interview with the National JACL coordinator Warren Furutani of community involvement programs, commenting on the "movement", says: "You come to the conclusion that the only way you can do it (community programs) is by having some sort of organization where you can have discipline and with principles. The reason you need these two things is because principles, for example, give you an overall guideline of what you're going to do."

Prof. Lawson Inada's decahedral ode to his grandmother, "Asian Brother, Asian Sister", is lyrical and tender; a more reverential sanctuary could not have been selected to close the section dealing with "Identity".

The other two sections comprising "Roots" cover "History" and "Community". The immigration and early settlement of Chinese, Japanese, Filipinos and Koreans to the United States are discussed in the section on history as well as the relationship of U.S. policy in the Far East. The social and political changes of the 1960s in the various ethnic communities are delineated in the final section through interviews with community workers, analyses of community problems and short articles on the now loosely-defined Asian American Movement.

The reader consists of 345 pages, interspersed with graphics and photos coordinated by Bob Nakamura of the JACL Visual Communication Committee. Many of them may be allegorical, but at least those illustrating articles in the History section deserve a caption in some cases as many are seeing them for the first time and may be rightly curious.

Our readers wishing a copy should send a $5.50 check payable to the Regents of the Univ. of California and forwarded to the Asian American Studies Center Publications, P. O. Box 24-A-43, Los Angeles 90024. Our readers may not share some of the emphatic beliefs expressed in some of the articles but realistically speaking it should be recognized that they loom as influences on the future of Asians in America.

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A POST-THANKSGIVING DAY GESTURE

Not counting the funds expended by the War Department in the costs of evacuation and construction of the WRA camps, that five-year program to operate the War Relocation Authority came to about $160 million. India is estimating it will cost them $700 million this fiscal year to keep the 9.5 million Pakistani refugees alive—an impact on the Indian economy that has meant a drastic cutback in their much-needed development plans.

Sometime ago, our Capital Scene columnist David Ushio was moved to discuss the plight of the Pakistanis. During the past half year, this tragic affair in the Indian subcontinent has only become worse. Not only are the Pakistanis who have fled terrified but the Indian people have become innocent victims of a problem born by the policy of repression in East Benal by the central government of Pakistan.

While the U.S. State Dept. has cancelled the export licenses for over $3 million worth of military equipment to Pakistan, the talk of war in South Asia becomes more strident. Yet the uncomplicated task remains of feeding the refugees (they stand in line for hours for barely adequate rations), clothing them (fleeing with clothes only their backs, those garments have long since been reduced to rags) and sheltering them (the WRA camp barracks look more stable by comparison).

As a post-Thanksgiving Day gesture, we list some of the major U.S. organizations for Pakistani relief: UNICEF Pakistani Refugee Relief, New York 10016; CARE (Emergency Relief Fund West Bengal), New York 10016; Catholic Relief Services, 350 Fifth Ave., New York 10010; and Church World Services, 457 Riverside Dr., New York 10025.

Understanding of Nisei and Sansei attitudes changing

By KAREN KAIZUKA

Santa Ana

When Warren Furutani first appeared on the local JACL scene as a 21-year-old Community Involvement Program director sparks flew off the hides of many older JACLers, with every other word he uttered. Now, a more understanding and mature young man of 23, he readily admits to his earlier shortcomings. He was the speaker at this session.

GUEST COLUMN

Warren Furutani, a Sansei, felt that the trouble with a lot of Sansei at the beginning of the Asian American movement including himself was that the Sansei held a very negative view of the Nisei.

The Sansei criticized the Nisei for letting themselves be placed in camps.

I've also heard Sansei say, "If that happened to me, I wouldn't go."

Warren said the reason the Sansei took such a romantic point of view is that they had a very limited understanding of what actually happened in 1942.

Human rights wasn't a big thing in the forties as it is today. To apply our present values and attitudes to another period in history demonstrates a lack of real understanding and inability to look at a situation from another point of view.

Nisei Attitudes

On the other hand, Warren went on, many Nisei use their 1940, their 1950 and 1960 point of view and try to apply it to 1971. You may have heard Nisei say, "What's the matter with the kids today, we were able to . . ."

Warren hoped that people would begin to look at things with a more questioning attitude, and not be so anxious to come upan answer. An answer that will be based on your own values, attitudes and experiences.

A more questioning attitude will permit you to look at it from the other side. You may not agree with the other side but by listening to another viewpoint and questioning that viewpoint, yours are also being questioned in the process, and you have a better understanding of an issue. You permit yourself to become sensitive.

Other Attitudes

The following points were also discussed.

The Nisei don't understand the Sansei's quest for racial identity and object to it. Do you agree or disagree? I agree.

The reason we need to develop this identity is because like other minorities we've gone through a period of self-hate. Do you agree or disagree? I agree.

It's human nature to step on other people. One must always watch out for themselves. Do you agree or disagree? I disagree.

If programs are set up just to help people, then we should junk all programs. Do you agree or disagree? I agree.

If we take the same positions on all points, I wonder if our reasons are the same? If we held differing viewpoints, don't you wonder why?

—Santana Wind

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son and many, many others, seemed to be enjoying this annual convention.

Mayor and Mrs. Ted Wills presented the key of the city to Dr. Hirabayashi and Fred Hirasuna. Since I had been presented the key to the city last year, I mentioned to the Mayor that, perhaps, I might get the key to the back door, that is where the real influence is.

Mike Iwatsubo, toastmaster, is a radio announcer and insurance salesman. He related many of his personal experiences to me; maybe some day he will put them down in writing. He is as good a story teller as they come.

Gordon Hirabayashi

The banquet speech was the unfolding of an intriguing plot which involved each of us personally. The feelings, thoughts and observations of Dr. Hirabayashi during the Evacuation period were enlightening, exciting and courageous.

The significance of one incident in a person's lifetime may not seem extraordinarily important to the participant in question, but very few Japanese Americans have had their cases heard by the Supreme Court of the United States involving a grave and crucial constitutional issue.

Dr. Hirabayashi, of course, is now a part of history in a unique way.

Having observed how some people can very easily be eliminated even in this great freedom loving country of ours, it took courage to do what Dr. Hirabayashi did, especially during the wartime. Very strange "accidents" can happen to prisoners, and they have; fortunately, none did in this case. Thus, Dr. Hirabayashi's contribution to social and political justice should never be underestimated.

After the banquet, we had a "rap" session at Dr. Frank Nishio's. Dr. Hirabayashi related some very interesting stories about his life. I only wished we had more time to delve into the sociological implications of the Japanese American culture with Dr. Hirabayashi because his experiences and training would have given us much food for thought. However, I did converse with Dr. Hirabayashi at the hotel for a while longer in spite of the lateness of the hour.

Dr. Hirabayashi's studied, unhurried, thoughtful way of expressing himself impressed me as much as what he had to say. The weaving of his stories, the careful explanations, and the insights created a sense of importance and a feeling of sincerity.

Hopefully, we can have him share his observations of the Japanese American scene from his vantage point as a scholar and researcher by having him contribute to the Pacific Citizen.

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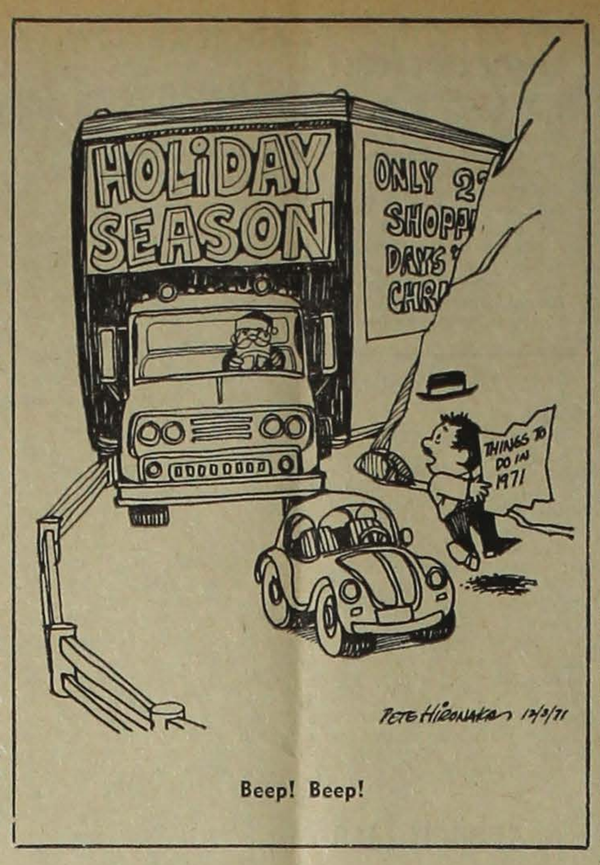

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EAST WIND: Bill Marutani

"Kogyan", Da' Kine

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Philadelphia

I've yet to meet a Nisei whose forebearers in Japan were not from the "samurai" class, the more expansive Nisei even laying claim to a "daimyo" or two along the line. If these consistent claims had even a kernel of truth to them, then about the turn of this century Nippon must surely have been stripped of its noblest warriors and sagest lords when our Issei parents left those shores. Hiroshima-ken in particular —from whence 99% of the Issei came, or at least they made it seem like it was that percentage—must have been severely depleted, particularly Asa-gun and Saiki-gun. And yet one of the military intelligence data that this writer was imbued with during World War II was that the Hiroshima Imperial Fifth Division ("Go-shi-dan") was one particularly to be reckoned with as a tough, stubborn, crack army unit.

Of course, it's completely incidental, you understand, that both of my Issei parents happen to have come from Hiroshima-ken. No "samurai's" to my knowledge, and if there was a "daimyo" they kept it a deep, family secret. As far as I know, my grandfather was a leisure-loving landowner and his primogeniture (my father) was just an unwilling farmer who was a buck private in the Imperial Army serving in Manchuria. And things have been going downhill ever since.

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Almost two years ago, after almost a quarter century hiatus, I revisited the old family burial plot in Yasumura (Asa-gun). There the headstones stood, the newest granite obelisk with the "Marutani" script freshly engraved thereon, and on down the row to a massive, moss-covered boulder whose script was almost indecipherable. It's a uniquely stirring and profound sensation for a Nisei to stand on the very ground where his ancestors' remains, going back hundreds of years, are committed to the earth. And here the Nisei stands, representing, for better or for worse, the lives of all these predecessors.

Unlike the Tokyo Station, the Hiroshima railway station felt like old home-coming week for this peasant's son: while waiting for the "shindai-sha" I overheard that all-too-familiar Hiroshima-ben of my boyhood days which vibrated like some old forgotten but sentimental love-song.

Where else does "etto" mean "plenty"? Or the opposite, "chibitto"? I remember some smart alecky student telling me that such words were not in the standard Japanese language. And I had known them from early boyhood! I couldn't believe it; no "Hiroshima-lineage" lad could. For how else does one describe a toothache except to say "ha ga hashiru"? Or a stomach aches as "hara ga niraru"? These other ken's have got some catching up to do, I'll tell you.

There is, however, one Hiroshima idiom that I somehow was never able to adopt as part of my home-style "Nihongo", and that's the abbreviated speech of "kogyan suke". About the closest definition I've been able to come up for that one is the pidgin English of the Hawaiian boys: "Da kine . . ."

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

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Hizzoner Hatate

Dear Harry:

You say there may be no takers for the unofficial office of "Mayor of Little Tokyo" (Nov. 19 PC).

Not that he needs it, but in lieu of one, I would like to toss Al Hatate's hat in the ring. I can't think of a more deserving person for this honor.

Al is a vice president of Merit Savings and Loan Assn., located right on East 1st St. He is an officer of the Little Tokyo Redevelopment Assn. and with the 1972 Nisei Week Festival, held in the heart of Little Tokyo. He is also treasurer for National JACL, a past president of the Downtown JACL chapter and past Governor of the PSWD JACL.

And for more icing on the cake, or more aptly (more ice in your scotch), Hizzoner would hold nightly court at Horikawa's.

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Budget analyst

SACRAMENTO — The Sacramento City Unified School District personnel office, P.O. Box 2271, announced an opening for a budget analyst ($14,471-15,900) through the Sacramento JACL. A bachelor's degree in accounting or business administration plus four-years experience in school financing or similar administrative function are required.

25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, Dec. 7, 1946

JACL establishes defense fund for civil rights cases . . . Privy Council in London upholds legality of Canadian program to deport Japanese-aliens and citizens; question of compulsory deportation before Canadian cabinet . . . Citizens of Colorado mining town (Durango) honor 442nd hero, Ralph Yamaguchi . . . Korean American veteran to challenge legality of restrictive housing covenants in Los Angeles.

Pacific Northwest JACL reactivates district council; west coast JACL chapters convene in San Francisco to prepare for national legislative campaign; Intermountain chapters to meet next week . . . Manzanar WRA Center dismantled, barracks go for $333 to house-hungry war veterans . . . Liquidation unit all that's left of War Relocation Authority, which officially closed operation June 30, 1946 . . . Students ask return of Nisei to Univ. of British Columbia; Japanese Canadians still barred from province . . . Nisei GIs in Japan disturbed at leniency shown to stranded group, New York paper reports . . . Hawaii Legion Post 27 named for Joseph S. Taketa, first Nisei killed in action in Italy while with 100th Infantry.

'Japanese time' uniquely observed as anti-time trait

By DON ESTES
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There are so many jokes around dealing with "Japanese Time" we thought we would look into it and determine if it was a recent development unique to Japanese in America, or if it had some longer roots. After some research here's the result.

Visitors to Japan are usually struck by the number of time pieces in use. In fact

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instruments designed to keep correct time are found almost everywhere. From modern offices to the poorest farm homes you can always find a clock. Not only that, but virtually everyone carries a watch.

Radio stations give the correct time at half-hour intervals, and even long distance train schedules are shown in not only minutes, but seconds.

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The ancestor of these ubiquitous time pieces appears to be a Chinese water clock that was given to the imperial court in AD 660. No sooner was this first clock introduced than the court began to rigidly adhere to an established schedule — since affairs of state had to be performed at the proper time.

About this time the day was divided into 100 equal parts with one part known as a TOKI. One TOKI equaled 14 minutes, 24 seconds.

The Japanese also developed a system which divided the day into 12 equal parts, with one part known as a KOKU. Each KOKU was then named after one of the animals in the 12 signs of the Oriental zodiac. Through the Tokugawa period the smallest unit of time in common use was the quarter KOKU.

In 1872 the Japanese lunar calendar was revised to bring it into accord with the West. At the same time the Japanese Government introduced the Western method of measuring time to their country. A remnant of the old system can be found in the use of the terms GO-ZEN and GO-GO. GO-ZEN used for "a.m." means "before the hour of the horse", while GO-GO used for "p.m." means after the hour of the horse."

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With all this emphasis on clocks and time the casual observer might be led to believe that the Japanese are unique in their observation of time; and in a way they are. However contrary to the above, the Japanese pay very little attention to time.

In fact in a sort of cultural rebellion against the strictures of the clock, the Japanese have institutionalized being late, or as it's known in this country — following "Japanese Time".

In Japan each district has its own standard of lateness which is followed. The starting times of weddings, funerals, and meetings are unpunctual by custom. There are areas in southwestern Japan by custom weddings and funerals start as much as half a day late. It is not uncommon for a businessman to be two or more hours late to an appointment, and not think anything about it.

We need not cite examples here of "Japanese Time" operating in the U.S. However, for those whose Western sensibilities are frustrated by "Japanese Time" we offer you this advice written in 1902 in a handbook for visitors to Japan written by Basil Chamberlin:

"Never show impatience. You only get stared at or laughed at behind your back, and matters will move no more quickly in this land where an hour or two is of no account. The word TADAIMA, which dictionaries render simply as "immediately" may mean any time between now and next Christmas. Storming will not mend matters . . . What does a Japanese do? He says "SHIKATA GA NAI" (It can't be helped), and there is the end of the matter. Imitate his example, if you wish to save yourself and other much waste of temper and energy. It is best to resign yourself at the beginning, once and for all."

All things considered, it appears "Japanese Time" is a well-established cultural trait which will be with us for sometime — maybe for the best.

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SPECIAL NOTICE FOR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMEN

Each year, the Pacific Citizen carries a "Renew Your JACL Membership" column, wherein the name, address of the chapter membership chairman and the amount of chapter dues, single and couple, are listed. This feature runs in every issue during the winter months to assist new members to join and current members to renew.

Information for this column should be forwarded now to the Pacific Citizen, 125 Weller St., Los Angeles 90012.

There are books of which the backs and covers are by far the best parts. —*Charles Dickens.*

Jerry Enomoto

Perspectives

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TIMELY MESSAGE—A colleague recently gave me one of those cards with a philosophical message that seemed to be both timely and uniquely appropriate, at least to me. Entitled "Tolerance", it read—"The most lovable quality that anyone can possess is tolerance. It is the vision that enables one to see things from another viewpoint. It is the generosity that concedes to others the right to their own opinion and their own peculiarities. It is the bigness that enables us to let people be happy in their own way instead of our way".

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VISIT—The other day Chuck Takizawa, Fresno JACLer and a supervisory parole agent in our Department, came to Tehachapi with several colleagues, including CCDC Governor, Fred Hirasuna. Fred had never been in a prison, and we gave him a "deluxe tour". Also had lunch together and cut up old times, reminding me that, despite our occasional differences, we can always communicate and respect one another as individuals.

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TRIPS—Am looking forward to a trip to Watsonville to speak at the chapter's installation on Dec. 11. As a semi-retired "statesman", it will be good to talk to a JACL group again.

By the time this is read, the Executive Committee meeting in Salt Lake City will have been over. When you no longer have responsibility for the agenda and steering the meeting, there is a noticeable effect upon your enthusiasm for it. I always look forward to sitting around a conference table with President Ray and our National Board colleagues. If our leader lets us up, we might even enjoy the fellowship that good company, and good food and drink, always provides. Needless to say, I hope the session will be fruitful. (Ed. note—Jerry couldn't attend at the last minute because his mother became ill. And President Ray did let up, allowing all to mix at the IDC Convention public functions and meet with the Intermountain JACLers and guests, including Gov. Rampton of Utah.)

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SOUR GRAPES—As a continuing commentary on the good old 49ers, I take back my prior "expert" observation that a championship calibre team cannot forever make mistakes. In the tenth game of a fourteen-game season, in a crucial contest, they are still playing like sandlotters. Now to compound the "most valuable player's" inept passing, we now have receivers that are playing giveway.

I read a recent article where John Brodie was rejecting the idea that emotions had a significant impact upon professional football. Maybe if they did, Brodie and the 49ers might be better off. They can't do worse. Or maybe they can, especially if the defensive squad disowns the "offense"?

YOMIURI-GALLUP POLL

'Trustworthiness' of Japan continues to drop in latest survey of Americans

TOKYO — An overwhelming majority of Americans believe that the U.S. should think of its own interests first rather than "equal partnership" with Japan, and also predict that trade problems between the two economic powers will increase in the future.

American adults, by a ratio of five-to-three, meanwhile, are of the opinion that a future Japanese defense buildup would be a "bad thing" rather than a "good thing" for the U.S.

Most Americans (78 per cent) also support President Nixon's new economic program, which imposed a 10 per cent surcharge on imports, and 71 per cent regard Japanese imports as a threat to American industry.

Started in 1968

These were the major results found by a poll conducted by the American Institute of Public Opinion (Gallup Poll) during October for The Yomiuri Shimbun.

Similar polls have been conducted annually in autumn since 1968 and this was the fourth time The Yomiuri Shimbun had Gallup survey U.S. public opinion, especially in relation to Japan.

The findings of the new survey, which interviewed 1,507 American adults representing a broad cross-section of the country, may be said to be most significant since relations between Japan and the U.S have come to a sort of turning point, reflecting the coming of the age of the "triangle of superpowers."

'Trustworthy' Rate

In terms of nations regarded as "most trustworthy," Japan fell to 16th place in the eyes of Americans this year, compared to the 14th position it held in the last two polls.

The percentage of those who mentioned Japan also dropped to eight per cent from the 10 per cent of the previous years.

This is in sharp contrast to the result of a domestic public opinion poll conducted recently by the Yomiuri Shimbun, in which 37 per cent of the Japanese polled listed the U.S. as the "most trustworthy foreign nation."

In spite of the propaganda of "equal partnership" there seems to be lying immediately below the surface of American sentiment a deep mistrust toward Japan, having its roots perhaps in the last world war.

Trade Frictions Cited

In terms of direct causes, the drop in trust perhaps owed most to the trade frictions that have risen between the two countries.

International caution against "revival of Japanese militarism" may also be a factor causing Americans to lose faith in the Japanese.

Although Canada's trustworthiness among Americans dropped the most, from 70 to 65 per cent — a five per cent loss — it still ranked second only to the U.S.

Support of Australia and Mexico respectively but their losses were only two per cent each.

So, the drop of four per cent shown by Japan must be said to show that the country's better image is slipping fast in the eyes of the American people.

Economic Image

In the meantime, Japan was ranked fifth again in terms of nations regarded by Americans as the "most economically prosperous" and, moreover, Japan has even closed the gap between the two nations further this year again in terms of percentage of support.

Americans are inclined to think that the Vietnam war (58 per cent) is the main factor that has got their economy into trouble and only 16 per cent of the persons polled listed Japanese economic expansion as the main reason for their plight.

But it is notable that an overwhelming majority (71 per cent) considered Japanese imports into the U.S. as a threat to American business.

Only 22 per cent saw no threat and seven per cent were unable to reply "yes" or "no" to the query.

Militarism Rated

The caution expressed by Americans toward "revival of Japanese militarism" in the survey indicated that the problem has come to a stage where Japan can no longer dispose of the matter by mere assurances that "we have a no-war constitution" or "we'll never become a major military power again."

Meantime, 28 per cent of the persons polled supported a further Nipponese defense buildup, but it would be very questionable for the nation to utilize this as a lever for full scale rearmament.

The findings of the poll, on the contrary, suggest that Japan should make a thorough review of its security arrangements with the U.S. and hammer out a more rational defense setup fitted to the realities of the coming age of the "triangle of superpowers."

Two Avenues

"Priority of national interests" was a tendency that had already appeared in last year's survey but this year it came out very candidly.

All in all, it might be said that the findings of the Gallup Poll suggest the following two roads that Japan should consider taking:

First, Japan perhaps should think of its own interests also to an extent not to impair friendly cooperation;

And secondly, Japan should work harder to dispel the misunderstanding and lack of knowledge among Americans toward Japan.

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