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By RAYMOND S. UNO
National JA President

What is a Japanese American (JA)? What relationship does a JA have to Japanese Nationals, to Japan, to Issei residents of the United States, to other Asian Americans, to other Asians, to other minorities, to the majority White population and finally, to other JAs?

Except for my tour of duty at Heart Mountain, Wyoming,

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during the duration of the war and my occupation duties in Japan during the latter forties and early fifties, my experience has been one of living and associating with a heterogeneous and polyglot community. Meeting and socializing with people from Africa, the Middle East, the Far East, South and Central America, Europe, and etc., has been an eye opening experience. So also, has been the experience of meeting and socializing with people from all parts of America and people from all walks of life and all colors, religions and creeds.

We, in America, share many common experiences either directly or vicariously. Through the process of the mass media, the unconscious regimentation of the mind has enlightened some minds, corroded some, eroded others and painfully paralyzed many. The masses of the people, unfortunately, are led, and at this point, I am not sure in which direction. The reason they are led is because they don't want to take time to THINK. Very few people also come up with original ideas. Usually, like plagiarists, it is swiped from someone else and possibly embellished.

In the past, people were ignorant because they were denied a good education which generally was reserved for the rich and the clergy. Illiteracy was rampant because people were not taught to read and write. Today, countries like Japan and Russia claim almost 100% literacy and the United States about 98% literacy. Today, people are ignorant because the sheer mass of knowledge makes it impossible for one person to know everything there is or needs to be known, in spite of the high literacy rate. To compound the problem, the mass of the people are not very eclectic about their reading; thus they may read more, but know less of what is happening about them.

The universal problem, in a sense, and as it seems to me is that we are plagued with a problem of supporting leadership with a majority of the people behind any one leader. The age of revolutions, again in my opinion, started when the nation-state started and has been going on ever since. We lived in and are living in a divided world. We are not divided for any one thing, but for many things. In addition, the divided factions are more often than not, divided among themselves.

It is difficult to even achieve consensus on minor issues let alone major ones. At the present time we are being led by a president who did not receive the majority vote, but won on a plurality of less than 50%. Many other countries have no elections, and those that do, many are rigged. Governments taken over by coup d'etat and led by military juntas are commonplace. Because of the complexities of administering a government, it is difficult to make a wise choice of leadership, even where a democracy exists. With so many divisions and so much difficulty in making a wise decision, there is no wonder it is impossible to have a consensus on anything.

An expert in public administration once made the statement that he could find for each principle of public administration an opposite and equally justifiable principle. That was over fifteen years ago when I was taking a class in public administration and I still find his statement true. No one wonders there are divisions and each side thinks their side is right. They are right; it just depends on which side you are looking at from.

Like George Orwell's Animal Farm, everyone is equal, except some people are more equal than others; and some people are more right than others. But who is to decide? If we are to represent either the interests or conscience of the community, regardless of which community, who is omniscient enough, or who claims to be omniscient enough, to make the right decisions for all the people, or even the majority?

To answer the questions posed in the first paragraph, I must make a public confession: I neither am nor claim to be omniscient. Therefore, I can give you my opinion of what I think, but there will be many, many people who are more enlightened who will disagree with my observations and rightfully so and for equally, if not more, valid reasons. I can only make one statement with some assurance of being right; that is, there will not be one person or group who will be able to represent the majority.

Invitation to foreign minister protested

SAN FRANCISCO—The Bay Area Community JACh chapter last week protested the invitation of Japan Foreign Minister Fukuda as principal speaker for the Congressional Dinner at the National JACh convention in Washington, D.C.

In a letter circulated April 5 to the National JACh Executive Committee, chapter co-chairmen Edison Uno and Ron Lai characterized the selection of the foreign minister as "inappropriate and incongruous" and "may actually do harm to the future of Japanese Americans."

The National JACh Executive Committee was asked to consider the protest at their regularly scheduled meeting this weekend (April 21-23) in Los Angeles.

"The Congressional Dinner should provide a podium to express the concerns of Japanese Americans—not those of a foreign government," said Uno and Lai. They observed that the foreign minister will not be interested in the welfare of American citizens of Japanese ancestry, but instead will attempt to influence U.S. congressmen on Japan's economic, political, and military interests.

Felt Wrong Way

Noting that the Bay Area Community JACh recently presented a symposium on U.S.-Japan relations, the co-chairmen said, "We are acutely aware that United States-Japan relations affect Japanese Americans, but this is the wrong way to improve relations. The JACh should not be used as a vehicle to further the goals of a foreign power."

At that symposium, Yuji Ichioke discussed the "great debate" which took place within the Japanese community in the 1930s. Many Issei felt that a Nisei should provide a "bridge for understanding" and "explain Japan's position to Americans." At that time, there was a close identity between the Japanese Foreign Minister and the Issei community, which proved a disadvantage for all Japanese Americans in 1941.

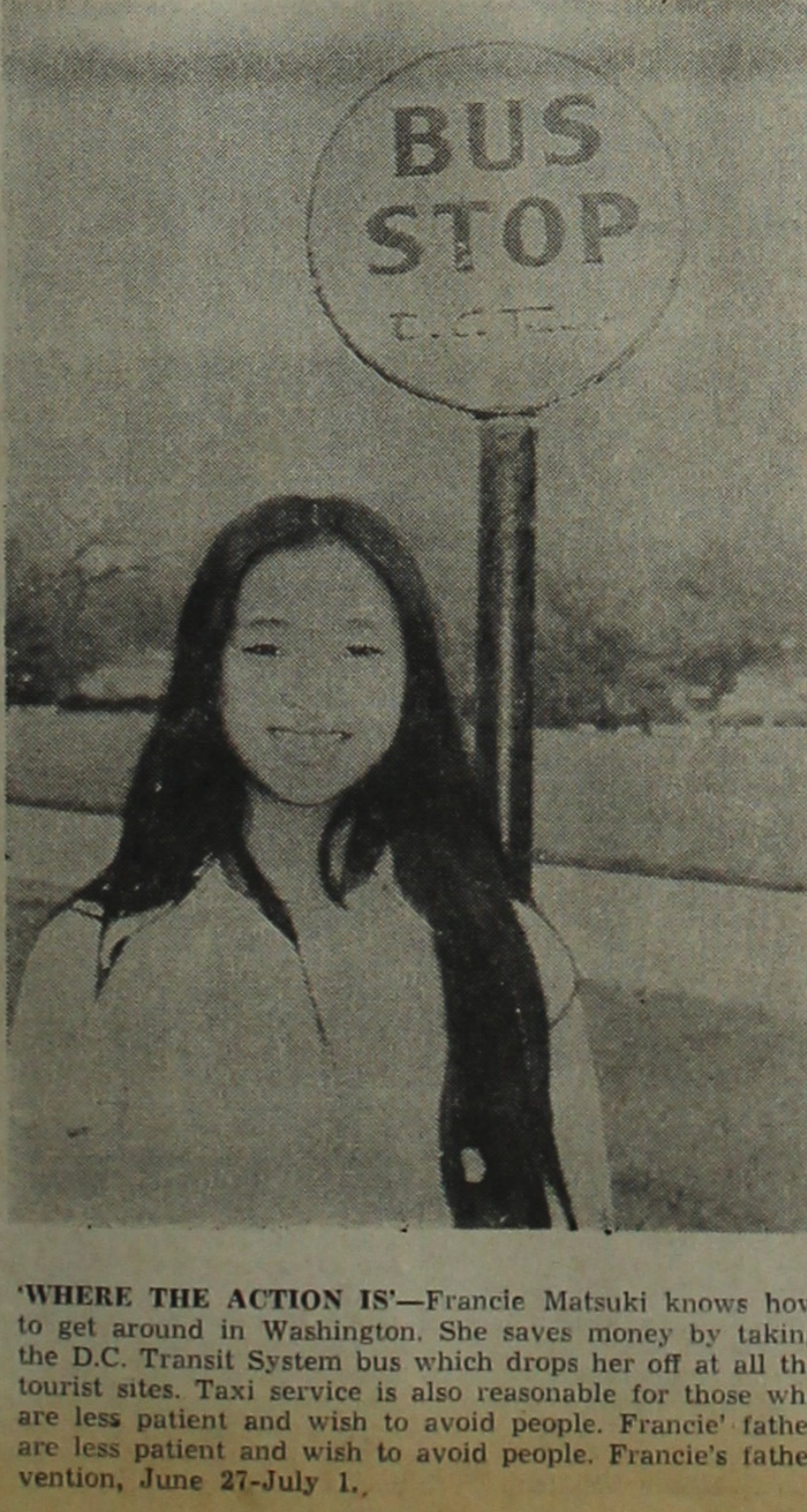
"With historic hindsight, we now realize that the Nisei, even if they wanted to do so, were ill-equipped to fulfill such an ambitious role in international affairs," said Uno and Lai adding, "Besides, Japan has always looked down on emigrants and their descendants and only want to use 'overseas' Japanese for their own gain."

Cabinet Shake-up Seen

"Not only are U.S.-Japan relations strained, but internally in Japan, the Sato government is presently under heavy attack, and there may be a cabinet shake-up, with a change in foreign ministers by June," reported the co-chairmen. Irregularities during the ratification of the Okinawa Reversion treaty, plus recently revealed secret documents on Okinawan claims, have left the Sato cabinet vulnerable to change. Foreign Minister Fukuda plays a central role in the controversy. "Due to poor news coverage, most Japanese Americans are unaware of this controversy, and the alarming changes taking place in Japan today. We should not be so closely identified with Japan,

ty of JAs. As a matter of fact, if my intuition is correct, the small vocal minority that dissents, will generally be speaking for that small vocal minority. The majority of people and in this case, the JAs, could care less. Furthermore, who is to say the minority is right (or wrong)? And, vice versa, who is to say the majority, if there is such a thing is right (or wrong)?

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'WHERE THE ACTION IS'—Francie Matsuki knows how to get around in Washington. She saves money by taking the D.C. Transit System bus which drops her off at all the tourist sites. Taxi service is also reasonable for those who are less patient and wish to avoid people. Francie's father is less patient and wish to avoid people. Francie's father's convention, June 27-July 1.

HODDING CARTER, JR., 65 Mississippi editor won Pulitzer Prize in 1946 in defense of Nisei loyalty

GREENVILLE, Miss.—Hodding Carter Jr., crusading Mississippi publisher-editor who won the Pulitzer Prize in 1946 for his editorial in defense of Nisei loyalty, died April 4 at his home here. He was 65. A Louisianan who ran the Delta Democrat-Times as publisher-editor until a few years ago when he turned over the post of editor to son, Hodding Carter 3d, his editorials against racial segregation in the South were well known but it was his editorial of Aug. 27, 1945 which won him American journalism's premier award for editorial writing.

Specifically the award noted an editorial titled, "Go for Broke," asking for fairness for returning Nisei soldiers, which said in part: "The loyal Nisei have shot the works. From the beginning of the war they have been on trial, in and out of uniform, in army camps and relocation centers, as combat troops in Europe and as front-line interrogators."

'Go For Broke'

"The loyal Nisei have shot the works. From the beginning of the war they have been on trial, in and out of uniform, in army camps and relocation centers, as combat troops in Europe and as front-line interrogators. . . . A lot of people will begin saying, as soon as these boys take off their uniforms, that 'a Jap is a Jap,' and that the Nisei deserve no consideration. A majority won't say or believe this, but an active minority can have its way against an apathetic majority. "It seems to us that the Nisei slogan of 'Go for Broke' could be adopted by all Americans of goodwill in the days ahead. We've got to shoot the works in a fight for tolerance." Over the years, his name became a synonym for the battle to improve race relations in the deep South. He and his wife, who survives him, started their paper here in 1936 as the Delta Star, then bought the Democrat-Times two years later which they merged. During WW2, Mrs. Carter served the Office of War Information while he joined the Army, assigned to the Middle East with "Yank" and the "Stars & Stripes". A prolific writer, he turned out a dozen books in all and many magazine articles and book reviews.

PC's Comment

The Pacific Citizen, commenting on the Pulitzer recognition in its May 11, 1946, editorial, added: "The American press, with only a few exceptions, contributed greatly to the government program of relocation of evacuated Japanese Americans . . . doing much to inform the people of the wartime activity of Japanese. Such activity was important, not alone in that it carried out the basic work of the press which is the communication of news, but because it also fulfilled the function of a free press as an agent of democracy." Among newspapers favorable to the relocation program mentioned in the PC editorial were the Des Moines Register-Tribune, Washington Post, Chicago Sun, Milwaukee Journal and the New York press. Also according favorable acceptance of returning evacuees to the west coast were the editors of San Francisco Chronicle, San Francisco News, Los Angeles Daily News, Seattle Times, Portland Oregonian, Portland Journal, Santa Ana Register and Selma Enterprise.

DR. JIN KINOSHITA Nisei heads National Eye Institute vision research laboratory as chief

BETHESDA, Maryland—The appointment of Dr. Jin N. Kinoshita as Chief of the Laboratory of Vision Research, National Eye Institute (NEI) has been announced by Institute Director Dr. Carl Kupfer. In this newly created position, Dr. Kinoshita will direct the Institute's laboratory research program to develop basic knowledge required for solving a variety of important problems related to eye disease and blindness. A distinguished scientist and an internationally recognized authority on the biochemistry of the eye, Dr. Kinoshita was formerly Professor of Biochemical Ophthalmology at Harvard Medical School.

In 1968, he was honored by JACh as Nisei of the Biennium. San Francisco-Born Dr. Kinoshita was born in San Francisco, graduated from Bard College, Columbia University and received his Ph.D. from Harvard in 1952. He also holds an honorary Sc. D. from Bard College.

In 1952, Dr. Kinoshita became an instructor in biological chemistry at the Howe Laboratory and the Dept. of Biological Chemistry at Harvard Medical School. In 1956, he was given a simultaneous appointment as associate in biological chemistry at Harvard and biochemist with the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. Dr. Kinoshita became assistant professor in biological chemistry at Harvard in 1957 and in 1964 was named associate professor in biochemistry and ophthalmology. A full professorship was conferred earlier this year.

Merit S&L hits record savings of \$14 million

LOS ANGELES—Merit Savings and Loan Assn. announced quarterly earnings ending March 31, of \$28,169 or 70 cents per share on 40,000 shares outstanding. Total savings increased to an all-time high of \$14,002,958.



LOCAL ELECTION VICTORS—Dr. Tsujiko Kato (left), first Japanese American to be elected to the Oxnard (Calif.) city council, meets with Mayor Ken Nakaoka who won Gardena's first popular election for this post. —Kashu Mainichi Photo.

FIVE NISEI WIN IN SO. CALIF. CITY ELECTIONS

Ken Nakaoka First Popularly-Elected Mayor of Gardena

Los Angeles Voters of the nearby City of Gardena elected its first mayor in Ken K. Nakaoka, 52, last week (April 11), an incumbent who had been named to the post by his colleagues in the city council two years ago. A community of 41,000 where some 8,000 are Japanese, Nakaoka is the Southland's first popularly-elected Nisei mayor, who polled 4,492 votes. Councilman Edmund J. Russ, his closest opponent, got 3,933 votes. Both are incidentally Gardena Valley JACh 1000 Club members.

Nakaoka paced in 30 of the 41 precincts in the mayoralty race.

In the seven-man race for the single Gardena city council seat, Paul T. Bannai, nosed out the last time, was successful with 3,134 votes. Twenty-one year old William R. Morishita ran sixth in this race with 240 votes.

Other Municipal Elections

In the adjacent city of Carson where a bitterly contested race was waged by 16 for three city council seats, Sak Yamamoto with 2,689 obtained incumbent mayor John H. Leahy by a bare 37 votes to show as a winner. Two years ago Leahy edged the Nisei councilman by 97 votes.

Nisei councilmen were also elected for the first time in Oxnard and Hemet. Dr. Tsujiko Kato with 3,648 votes in a 26-man race for two seats at Oxnard won. He outpolled the incumbent mayor who had 2,589. William Soo Hoo, first Asian elected to the city council several years ago, finished in sixth place with 1,065.

Ken J. Nishio was second with 2,065 in the 7-man race for three city council seats in Hemet, Riverside County.

In northern San Diego County Thomas F. Yamaguchi placed tenth with 104 votes in the 14-man San Marcos race for three city council seats.

In Santa Barbara County, incumbent mayor You Ung Wong of Guadalupe was re-elected to the city council with 249 votes.

Union City, Pleasanton elect Nisei to councils

OAKLAND, Calif.—Two communities in Alameda County here have elected Nisei to the city council this past week (April 11): Tom Kitayama of Union City and S. Floyd Mori of Pleasanton.

Kitayama was returned to office with a total of 1,990 votes to top a field of eight in a race for three council seats. He had served the city council continuously for 11 years since the city was incorporated in 1959 and two years ago was edged by a slim margin of 10 votes. This time he had a comfortable 200-plus vote margin.

Running for public office the first time, Mori, a professor of economics at Chabot College in Hayward, led a field of 11 candidates vying for three seats with 3,673 votes. He is the son of the Shigenobu Mori, who still lives in Midvale, Utah. He is the seventh child of eight in the family, married to the former Irene Mano of Sandy, Utah, and they have four children.

Tax deadline unmov'd

SACRAMENTO—Assemblyman Eugene Chappie (R), a Placer County JACh'er, was unable to push his bill through to extend the filing deadline for state income taxes to April 30. The deadline stays—April 15.

DEADLINES

Apr. 15—Inagaki Chapter of Biennium Award applications by chapters to respective District Governance Committees.
Apr. 15—Chapter nominations of one candidate for National JACh college freshman scholarship. (Applicants should inquire with local chapter for details.)
Apr. 28 (60 days prior)—Basic JACh Budget to Chapters.
May 1—Nominations by chapters for Nisei of Biennium to George Kimura, 2061 E. 3220 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84109.
May 1—District nominations for JACh'er of Biennium to Jack Ogami, 376 E. Commercial St., Weiser, Idaho 83672.
May 8—Proposals for Constitutional amendments filed by District Council or National Board with National Director.
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Proposals, recommendations, requests for funding require concise statement, supporting data and documents. Oral presentation to National Council may be requested. Request must have been approved.

MELTING-POT THEORY SUBTLE FORM OF BIAS, METHODIST BISHOPS TOLD

ATLANTA, Ga.—"Racism still exists in our churches," stated the Rev. Peter Chen, chairman of the Asian American Caucus and pastor of the Centenary United Methodist Church in Los Angeles, when he addressed the Consultation between the Council of Bishops and Representatives from the Commission on Religion and Race and Minority groups of the United Methodist Church here on April 8.

"The melting pot theory is a subtle type of racism of dehumanization. Church executives tend to be the tools enforcing the conformity of the institution," continued Rev. Chen as he spoke on an "Overview of Minority Concerns" in behalf of the four major ethnic caucuses of the United Methodist Church.

A representative from each ethnic caucus—Indian, Hispanic, Black, and Asian—then presented their own story. The Rev. George Nishikawa, executive director for Research and Development for the Asian American Caucus in Oakland, Calif., made an illustrated color slide report that made a great impression on the Bishops and members of the Commission on Religion and Race.

To Acquaint Bishops

The afternoon session was spent in small group discussions with each Bishop getting an opportunity to question and to be informed on any subject peculiar to each ethnic caucus. The Rev. Paul Hagiya, pastor of the Simpson

Seattle to host BCA convention for women groups

SEATTLE, Wash.—On April 29 and 30 some 1,000 women affiliated with the Buddhist Churches of America will assemble here for their 15th national convention. Many of these delegates will represent the dwindling Issei—the mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers who brought Buddhism here and nurtured their American children in the venerable traditions of an ancient land in a new undeveloped land.

According to Bishop Kenryu Tsuji of the Buddhist Churches of America, who will be the keynote speaker, the role and pre-eminence of "fujin" in the Buddhist movement have been long-established and highly regarded. Since 500 years before the Christian era began, the Buddhist goal of "enlightenment" has been the prerogative of every individual; and in spite of the social structure of any country, women have continuously functioned as full members of the Sangha.

The Olympic Hotel will serve as home-base with the Seattle Buddhist Church at 1427 Main St. providing additional facilities.

PSW facing Nat'l council agenda

GARDENA, Calif.—Issues expected to develop at the National JACh Council meetings the last week of June in Washington will be discussed at the Pacific Southwest District Council second quarterly session this Sunday, April 23, at the Gardena Valley Gardener's Assn. Bldg., 15000 S. Western Ave.

Hosted by the Gardena Valley JACh, the sessions will be called to order at 9 a.m. by Gov. Helen Kawagoe. The \$4 fee covers a continental breakfast before 9 a.m. and noon luncheon. Emphasis on the educational and visual communication projects in JACh is expected as Harry Kawahara and Bob Nakamura, national chairman of the respective committees, will discuss their proposals for the 1973-74 biennium.

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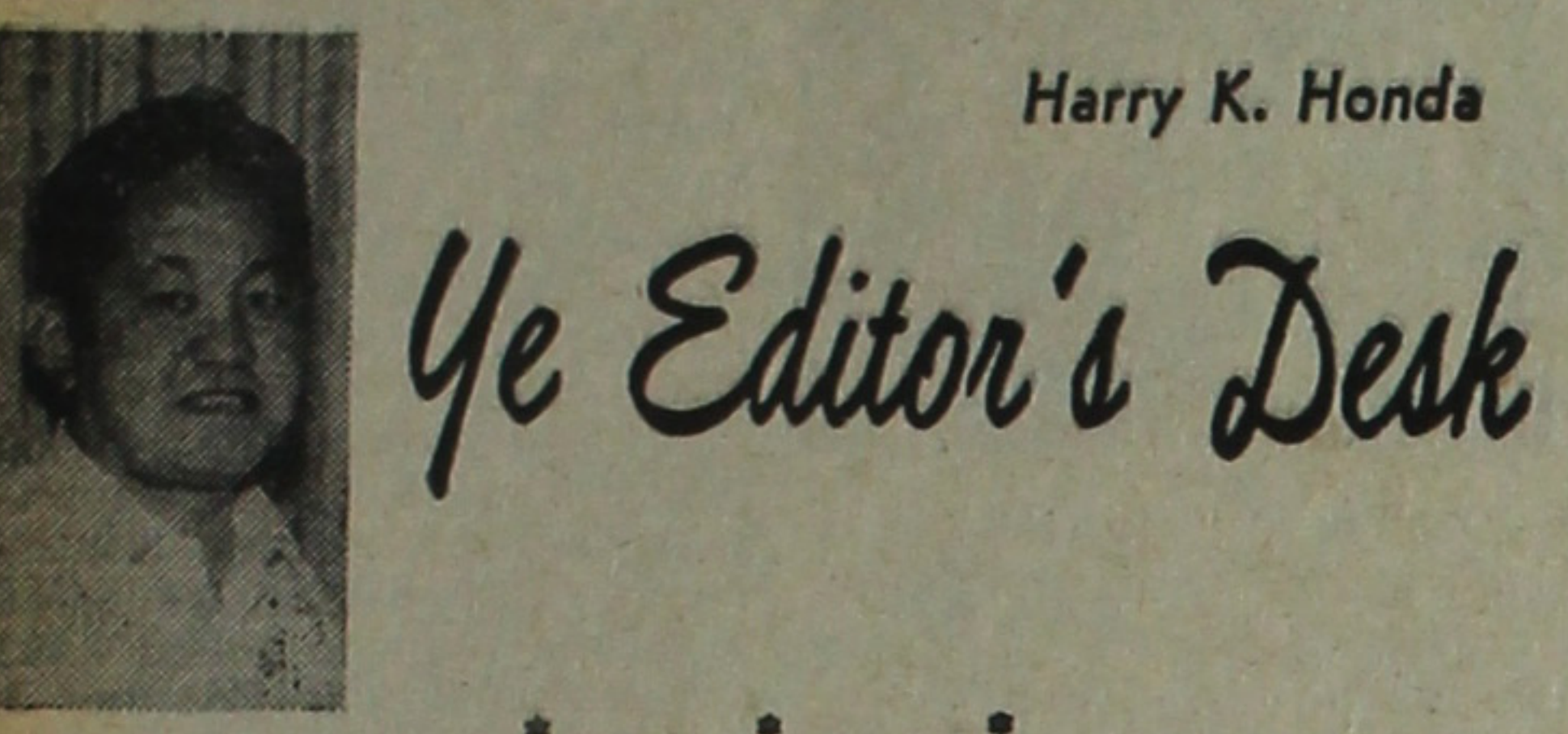
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- WHAT JACL IS DOING TODAY
- 1—Working on definitive history of Japanese in America.
 - 2—Developing educational material on Japanese Americans.
 - 3—Supporting projects which identify and demonstrate special needs and problems of Japanese Americans.
 - 4—Maintaining continuous contact with legislation and taking appropriate action on issues relevant to JACL.
 - 5—Administering scholarship and student aid programs.
 - 6—Developing services of interest to total membership.
 - 7—Cooperating with Asian American groups on problems of common concern.
 - 8—Seeking a federal level Cabinet Committee on Asian American Affairs.
 - 9—Participating to further U.S.-Japan relations harmoniously.
 - 10—Encouraging knowledge and understanding of Japanese culture.
 - 11—Sponsoring community projects and membership services, such as Issai appreciation and youth programs, picnics, civil rights, credit unions, bowling leagues and tournaments, and health plans.

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AN INVITATION TO THE GAIMUSHO-DAIJIN

Bristles are coarse and prickly as a noun and verbally mean to agitate. Such is the situation in wake of the Washington, D.C. Convention Board's invitation (PC, Mar. 31) to the Foreign Minister of Japan to address the convention's congressional banquet. This past week, Bay Area Community JACL protested the invitation, asking the National JACL executive committee meeting this weekend at Los Angeles to review the convention board's decision. The PC letterbox received at least four letters—one from the Chicago JACL board chairman and the others all from Bay Area Community members, and an essay from Yuji Ichioika, member of the National JACL international affairs committee who is also a Bay Area Community JACLer.

The subject was also discussed by the Ethnic Concerns Committee here this past week and it suggested someone who could espouse the Nisei cause might be more appropriate. The Bay Area Community chapter co-chairmen agreed that is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to publicly inform the men in Congress of the interests and problems of Asian Americans.

What may develop from this ferment is a transfer of such convention prerogatives as selecting principal speakers by the host chapter to the National organization through its National Board. It may even mean the next national executive director will have the added work responsibility of serving as producer of the official convention program as well as prepare the agenda for the National Council.

This is going back some—back to 1958, when JACL endured a similar spasm caused by the question of whether JACL's U.S.-Japan policy should be expanded or not.

One side contended JACL should stay clear, since they feared JACL could be used as a "tool" or be branded as a "front" organization. JACL's prestige to speak up for persons of Japanese ancestry in this country would also be sullied by becoming involved with international relations. The JACL should continue its public relations role to sell the Japanese Americans to other Americans. "We are still afraid that something may go wrong," they cautioned.

JACL should continue to work in the field it has been most effective—promoting the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in America, though the point was made that the role of Nisei and that of JACL are not necessarily the same. If JACL decided against becoming involved wouldn't mean Nisei are uninterested in promoting better U.S.-Japan relations. Conversely, if the Nisei showed greater interest in U.S.-Japan relations wouldn't mean JACL should become involved. Because JACL is the most influential organization of persons of Japanese ancestry does not necessarily follow it must participate in international relations as JACL cannot carry the burden on all matters. In fact, it was contended Japanese chambers of commerce or the Japan Societies in America rank as the more proper groups to engage in this field.

"Participation in international relations means running the risk of destroying the value of JACL" and "if JACL is destroyed, no organization among persons of Japanese ancestry can take its place". It is better to preserve JACL's position so that it can be of service in any emergency.

Some may recognize the thoughts expressed above. They were the personal observations of Saburo Kido, wartime National JACL president.

Motivated by the philosophy that we should help keep Japan in the family of friendly nations and friendly to the U.S., the other side of this question called for liberalizing the JACL attitude which then was strictly hands-off "unless the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in the U.S. was directly involved", a policy enunciated at the 1954 national convention.

The emotions aroused by this issue, this side asserted, were based on trying to appear as a "simon pure" American to the point "we are afraid to exercise our prerogative as Americans". JACL was "simon pure" before Pearl Harbor but that didn't prevent Evacuation, it was noted.

While it was deemed proper for JACL to work for repealing the Japanese exclusion law, stay of deportation and return of vested property since there were personal and immediate benefits, this side asked where the logic was if benefits were not quite direct by taking stand on other issues affecting U.S.-Japan relations, such as trade and politics.

If Japan remains friendly, there's little to worry but if she weren't, the Nisei could still suffer because of racial identification in spite of whatever stands JACL might have taken for the reason that John Q. Public won't even be aware of them. The only ones who will know will be some congressmen and government officials who would probably pat the JACL on the back and say, "Well, you tried to warn us."

As for some chapters withdrawing from JACL if the policy were revised, this advocate had great faith in the membership and their respect for the democratic process. After a full debate, all will accept the majority decision. This advocate was none other than the late Harold "Tokuzo" Gordon, then chairman of the national JACL legislative-legal committee.

Henry T. Tanaka

Priorities



Cleveland, Ohio

LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTES—It takes a lot of volunteers to help run an organization like JACL. In fact, without volunteers, it is doubtful that JACL could afford to engage in so many varied activities and projects. But like paid staff, volunteers need opportunities to improve their skills and knowledge in order to be of more effective service.

We have properly accorded recognition to our volunteer leaders, but I cannot recall JACL ever providing in-service and leadership training programs for its volunteers. Such programs can provide personal benefits that extend far beyond the commendations that often signify, more often than not, the completion of volunteer services.

The JACL volunteer is not a special person, endowed with unusual skills and knowledge. His occupation, education, or social status have no relation to his reasons for volunteering. What is common to all who volunteer for JACL is a personal commitment to its purposes. What motivates him to serve is the personal satisfaction of being able to make his contribution to a cause which he believes in. The stronger this commitment, the greater and more effective the involvement.

The JACL volunteer is not doing so out of a sense of obligation or duty, but rather because of the deep concern he has about the human inequities in our society and his conviction that JACL can play a significant role in helping to correct these inequities.

Today, JACL's programs are becoming more issue oriented. They are making greater demands upon volunteer leadership to plan, develop and help implement increasingly more complex and long range type projects. For JACL to continue in this direction, it will be necessary to provide leadership training programs.

Regularly planned training institutes should be established on a national and regional basis. Experts should be invited to teach techniques and methods of leadership. The ultimate benefits of these programs to both the volunteers and JACL will far outweigh the cost.

JACL cannot afford to depend upon the leadership of a few dedicated volunteers; it cannot expect volunteers to learn by trial and error. Volunteers deserve opportunities to improve their leadership skills and knowledge. JACL must provide these opportunities.

By the Board

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FOR OPENERS . . .

Norristown, Pa.
In a few months, the 22nd Biennial National JACL Convention will be taking place in Washington, D.C. Members and Chapters have been hearing from the Washington, D.C. Chapter about the programs, the format and the plans for this very special National Convention, the first and probably only one which will be held in the East.

There is one phase of National Conventions which has not elicited much comments, attention, or conversation. I am speaking specifically about the Opening Mixer.

In the normal Washington, D.C. Chapter manner, I believe that the Opening Mixer will also be a "first timer." For those of you that will be fortunate enough to make it and I can't see how anyone coming to the Convention would choose to miss it—the Opening Mixer is going to be a real "rootin'-tootin'", "greet and hug your friends—or anyone that you want to"—kind of an affair. In fact, if you happen to be within a few hours drive from the Convention site, you'll want to come on over.

What is the Washington, D.C. Chapter doing to set off such a starting firecracker? Well, they have twisted arms and with some elusive reasoning related to something called District cooperation, Washington has convinced the Philadelphia Chapter to take charge of the Opening Mixer.

Philadelphia has taken on the project with "gang buster" enthusiasm. With Dr. H. Tom Tamaki chairing the Committee in charge of the Opening Mixer, and with his charming Mrs. Marion, urging him on, Committee members have met to discuss the Opening Mixer until the wee hours on a number of occasions already.

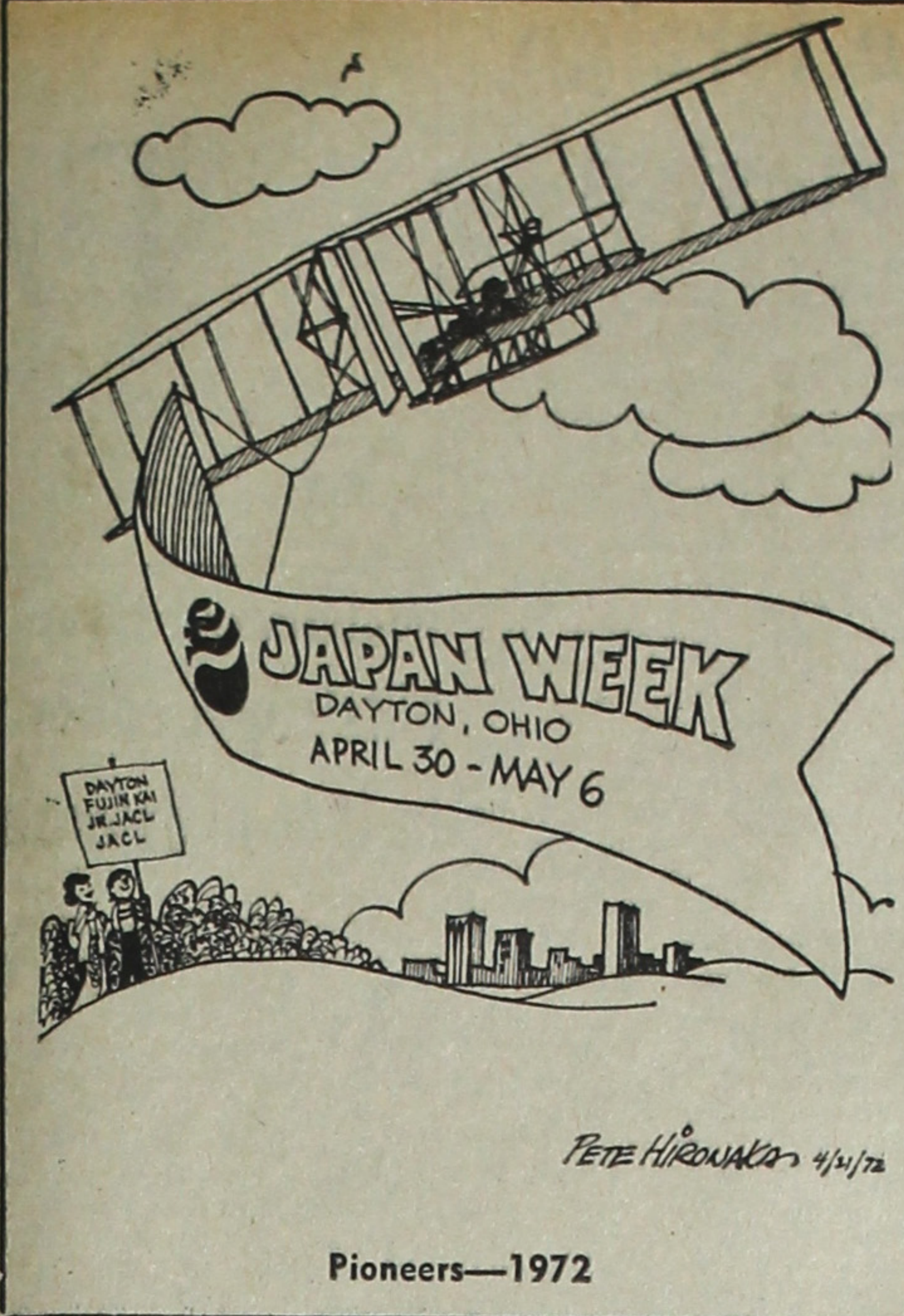
I'm sure many more planning man-hours will be expended on the planning for this Opening Mixer than for any previous Opening Mixer. Philadelphia already has plans to "case the joint" soon. Plans are for a special crew to be at the Convention site early to make preparations. There's plenty of planning on stream.

The theme and motif will be that of the gay and festive life in Japan. The theme after much discussion was settled to be "Ginza Cabaret." There will be plenty of lanterns, even a tea house and a torii at the entrance.

A songfest in both Japanese and English for those with a hearty voice and even the weak is planned. There will be on-stage acts and the participant will be you. As you enter, if someone doesn't greet you with an enthusiastic welcome—you can look up Dr. Tom and give him H. There will be souvenirs. There will be favors. There will be drawings for prizes. Really, you just can't miss this event.

The Opening Mixer will be in the Diplomat Room of the Shoreham Hotel. The date is Tuesday, June 27, and the time, 9 p.m.

Now in a more serious vein, this idea for a Chapter, other than the host Chapter, to take one particular affair of a Con-



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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Congressional banquet

Editor:
The invitation to the foreign minister of Japan to address the National JACL Convention congressional banquet (PC, Mar. 31) is most regrettable. For one thing it will leave an erroneous impression on the legislators and the general public on the purpose and direction of the JACL.

We are just now beginning to carve our path in America as Third World peoples. Certainly we are nurtured and strengthened by our history, but our future as Asian Americans must not be bound to the apron strings of the political and social culture which we are not a part of and one we do not really fully comprehend.

Secondly, I feel the foreign minister will use the forum we offer for his political advancement without any concern for our interests. My limited contacts with Japanese business firms and diplomats would tend to support this statement. Our repeated efforts to enlist their interests in the Japanese American community of Chicago has been met with indifference and condescension. One's pride can take just so much.

I hope the Convention committee will reconsider their stand and find a more relevant speaker for us at the National Convention.

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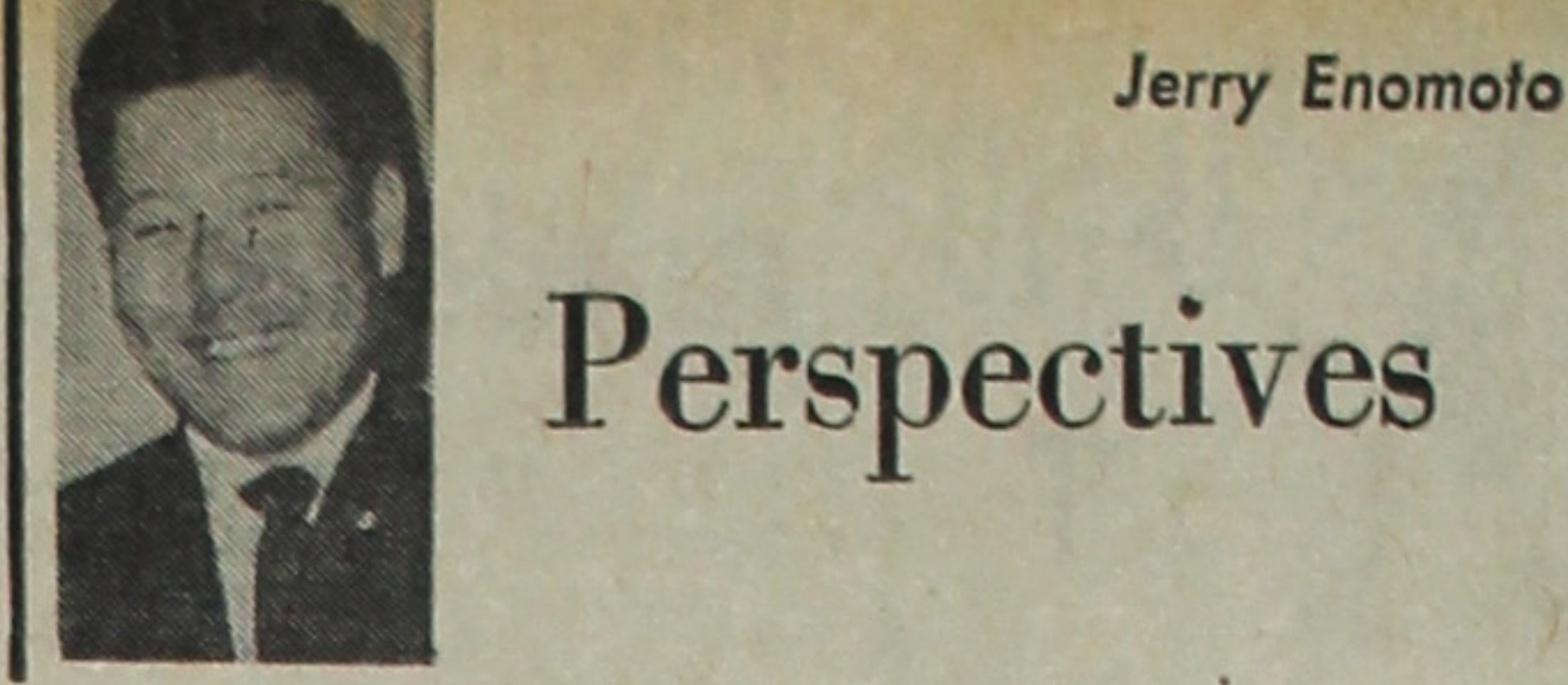
Editor:
The Foreign Minister of Japan is in no way concerned with or interested in Japanese Americans; and, in view of the Japanese Government's position in the recent "Nishiyama-Hasumi Affair" concerning the Okinawa reversion agreements, the Foreign Minister of Japan would be an extremely bad choice.

We hope that the National JACL Executive Committee will reconsider and choose a speaker that would be beneficial, not possibly detrimental, to the welfare of Japanese Americans.

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Editor:
I vehemently oppose this choice on two grounds:

(1) As part of Prime Minister Sato's ruling clique, the foreign minister represents the policy of economic and military co-operation between



Jerry Enomoto

Perspectives

RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS—The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people". This is the 9th amendment of our Constitution which, according to a local news columnist, is being ignored by our courts. Reference is made to "natural rights" which are being violated through inappropriate interpretations of the Constitution.

Is one of these "natural rights" the "God given" right for people to do what they want with their property?—a convenient rationale for housing discrimination, and an echo from the past rhetoric of the Proposition 14 battle back in 1964.

Is one of these rights the "constitutional right to bear arms" which, in my opinion, is often used as an argument by those opposing the obvious need for some form of gun control. Is another the right to retain segregated schools because one chooses to, sticking to the specious principle of "separate but equal" facilities in the face of a contrary Supreme Court decision almost two decades ago?

The author, in question, talks of "forced busing" undermining more freedoms than it ever upheld. If those elements that are screaming about busing, spent a fraction as much energy in involving themselves with solutions to historical social problems affecting quality education, we would not have the king-size problem today for which busing is only one alternative of many. But then isn't that the key problem with us as human beings—we are poor in foresight and rich in hindsight and recriminations.

The comment is made that court decisions upholding "Freedom of the press" has cost us much in loss of natural rights. As one who has dealt extensively with the media, I have experienced what I felt to be both fair and unfair reporting. The media has a basic obligation to be responsible, within the freedom they have. Like in many social issues, we should not generalize on the basis of occasional abuses. The cost of attempting to control the media through censorship, a harsh but appropriate word, is too high.

I believe that freedom is the key and unique cornerstone of our democracy. Either we believe in it, or we don't. The concept that the erosion of individual freedom will ultimately destroy that democracy is not an academic theory, it's reality. We believe in freedom for everybody or nobody—half freedom, is like half pregnancy. Incidentally, I'm still talking about freedom with responsibility, not anarchy.

The author in question speaks of "good intentions bring evil results". The problem is that there haven't been enough good intentions, just like there hasn't been enough brotherhood. I like to think that I'm an average American and a reasonable one. I'm not a "civil libertarian", but I believe that our system ought to be as good as it can get, and it isn't. Our problems are not going to be solved by reactionary backlash, dwelling upon the old admonition that the rights of the majority are being subjugated to the rights of the minority. We're not going to have real freedom until minority rights are everyone's rights

25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, April 19, 1947

Navy's ban against enlistment of Nisei at Pearl Harbor dropped, even though open since November, 1945 elsewhere . . . Nearly 500 evacuees housed at Hunter's Point navy yard dormitories (San Francisco) assured adequate housing by federal officials . . . Family heads of 900 evacuees housed in trailers in Burbank, Calif., faced with eviction, willing to purchase trailers but unable to find new location.
President Truman's Committee on Civil Rights considers problems of Nisei under California alien land law . . . Los Angeles AFL group combating job prejudice against Nisei . . . Separate schools for Mexican children in California ruled illegal by U.S. appellate court . . . Midwest JACL District Council to organize April 26 . . . U.S. Dept. of Justice unwilling to drop "enemy alien" classification against Issei who have demonstrated loyalty to U.S.

On Second Thought

Warren Furutani



The Foreign Minister

It must seem that I complain a lot or that there are certain people in the organization who aren't pleased with anything. It's debatable whether this is true or not but to be frank, people just don't seem to understand or aren't sensitive. If they were, we wouldn't have situations like that S. I. Hayakawa thing or now the Foreign Minister thing for the National Convention.

It's too bad that everyone got side-tracked onto the demonstration issue in San Francisco and that very little was said about S.I.'s trip to South Vietnam or his actual speech.

From what I could gather, his speech was insulting to the intelligence of JACLers because he did a PR pitch for President Thieu. Everyone should be able to see through the weak facade that Thieu calls democracy. If his last election didn't verify this contention, then I'm afraid your blinders are getting in the way.

As far as the Foreign Minister thing is concerned, there are two issues:

(1) The most obvious is the relation of Japanese Americans repeatedly tried to sever this connection because the international relationship between the U.S. and Japan has determined domestic attitudes toward Japanese Americans. (For example, WW2 and the recent economic crisis between the two countries). As a matter of fact, it seems that this issue has always been a plank in the JACL platform. Now, at a dinner where congressmen and women are the guests of JACLers, we have the Japanese Foreign Minister as the main speaker. This is where I question of logic of this happening because it just doesn't seem right. Also, in wondering, who is influential enough to get the Foreign Minister to speak at this dinner? I come up with just one name but this individual wouldn't let his monetary concern for Japanese business interfere with his civic concern for Japanese Americans.

(2) The other aspect of this Foreign Minister thing is that the Japanese government is definitely something we shouldn't support. Their domestic policies toward Koreans and other non-Japanese parallels the racist policies of the United States. Also the attitude of the Japanese government toward movement-oriented people is becoming very repressive, much like the U.S. Their increased level of involvement in the Vietnam war is making Japan an active participant in the war rather than an innocent bystander who has U.S. bases on their soil. This reflects the rising militarism that is once again becoming part of Japan's foreign and domestic policy.

In conclusion, I would strongly urge a change in the planned speaker for obvious reasons. Understand that it is not because I have anything against Japan. As a matter of fact I would urge a very strong connection between the people of Japan and the people in America. The thing I oppose is the Japanese government, just like I oppose the American government. To understand this you have to realize that the government and the people are not one and the same, although they should be. Power to the people? I come up with just one



Bill Hosokawa

From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.

HIS EXCELLENCY, THE AMBASSADOR—Photographs of Nobuhiko Ushiba, the ambassador of Japan to the United States, make him look like just another stern-faced Japanese bureaucrat. (For some reason Japanese officials seem to favor sour-puss portraits; Prime Minister Sato is one of the few who has been photographed smiling broadly.) In real life, however, particularly in the informal give-and-take around a luncheon table, Ambassador Ushida comes across as a warm, witty, keen-minded personality who speaks bluntly and with authority on a broad range of subjects.

Ambassador Ushiba was in this area for a couple of days this week. He made the keynote address at the Air Force Academy's 14th annual Assembly, attended by students from 75 colleges and universities. He also spoke before the Denver Committee on Foreign Relations, and to the Graduate School of International Studies at the University of Denver. It was in the question-and-answer sessions that he was at his best. Here are some sample comments:

On nuclear power to meet Japan's soaring energy demands: The Japanese public is more ready to accept atomic power plants than other types that pollute the air. But Japanese environmentalists are quick to hear about opposition to nuclear power by segments of the American public and every wave of protest here is followed by similar protest in Japan. He wishes the United States could solve its problems soon.

On sources of oil for Japanese industry: Virtually all of Japan's oil is imported, a very large percentage from the Middle East. This means Japan is very vulnerable and "must be friendly with everyone."

On the possible return of Sakhalin, taken by the Soviet in World War II, as a consequence more friendly Japanese-Russian relations: Not likely. Japan has found it is very difficult to get back any territory seized by the Soviet.

On Japanese investments in the United States: American laws are very complex and American lawyers are extremely expensive. Japan is moving slowly.

To a questioner who said he was planning to visit Japan in June: That's a very good time to see the worst side of Japan. It is likely that a political campaign will be under way and the papers will be filled with news of scandals.

On the possibility of Japan creating a powerful military force: Out of the question in the foreseeable future. The Japanese people have not recovered psychologically from defeat in World War II, and they are as opposed to war as the American people. All Asian nations would be against us if we rearm—"to be frank, our occupation was not a benevolent one"—and we would lose far more than we would gain.

On the influence of the United States on Japan: You Americans aren't fully aware of the enormous influence you have on countries all around the world. The present feeling of pessimism and dejection about the Vietnam war, the economy, and other matters are felt in Japan and have a serious effect on the Japanese mood.

On the Japanese understanding of the United States—The Japanese who visit American know New York, Washington, San Francisco and Los Angeles. (He lifted his hands in mock protest when Las Vegas was suggested.) They don't know anything about America outside of these huge urban centers. They need to go out into the wide open spaces to understand the real America.

On the current opposition among some Coloradans to the 1976 Winter Olympics: This attitude is difficult to understand, as is the opposition to population increase in the state. Growth is necessary to progress.

10 Weeks 'til Cherry Tsutsumida

The 22nd Biennial National JACL Convention will be held in Washington, D.C. on June 27 through July 1. Convention headquarters will be the Shoreham Hotel.



The New Breed

If a raven-haired, dark-eyed five-foot two damsel with olive skin were to walk down East First Street in Los Angeles, an observing tourist from the Midwest might comment, "My, what a pretty Japanese girl!" A native Californian might comment, "Now there is what I call a Nisei doll!" A person who is still holding on tightly to the concept of the American melting pot would say, "She's just another attractive American girl!"

The point is that depending on whom you ask, and even with the Nisei you ask, the identity of the Nisei is still a confusing and often conflicting image.

This creates some basic public relations problems in the promoting of a National Biennial Convention. This problem is particularly acute when the Convention is to be held in Washington, D.C., a city which is probably more familiar with Japan than it is with its Japanese American communities.

It is true that much of the stereotyping applied to Japan and postwar Japanese has been positive, and that this has had some spin-off benefits for all Nisei living in the United States. Everyone says that Japanese are conscientious, accurate, dependable, neat and artistic. Nisei fellows are assumed to be good engineers, architects, gardeners or farmers. Nisei girls are assumed to be well-organized, meticulous in their appearance and very efficient.

Whether these descriptions are accurate or not to the person they are applied to is besides the point. The point is that too often the Nisei feels they are borrowing stereotypes from a culture which is no longer really them. As Jewish Sammy Davis often sings, the Nisei of today is saying, "I've got to be me!"

Within the Nisei himself there is an ambivalence about Japan. On one hand he is proud of the tiny islands which wrote economic history in the 1960s. He takes pride in the rich cultural heritage as represented in the arts, including landscaping and flower arrangements. He delights in the succulence of oriental philosophers like Basho, and smiles to himself if he can master a good haiku.

Perhaps the Biennial Convention will be the time when as a people we have become so strong and acknowledged in our identity that no longer will we be as hyphenated Americans. Instead perhaps we will be meeting in our nation's capital as integrated Nisei, proud of both our heritages, but recognized and acknowledged for the new breed that we really are.

Re: CONGRESSIONAL BANQUET

The Irony of History

By YUJI ICHIOKA

Los Angeles
As recently announced in the Pacific Citizen, the JACL has selected the Foreign Minister of Japan as the principal speaker for the biennial national convention this summer. Reflecting back upon the history of the JACL, I cannot help but raise the historical irony and contemporary meaning of this unfortunate selection.

SPECIAL REPORT

When the JACL was formally established in 1930, it did not assume an anti-Japanese government position. Though unequivocally opposed to the persistence of Nisei dual nationality, it was not critical of the Japanese government. Even in the aftermath of the Manchurian Incident of September, 1931, an event signaling the unofficial beginning of the second Sino-Japanese War, the JACL leadership neither criticized the actions of the Japanese military which precipitated the incident nor the civilian government which rationalized it. Indeed certain national JACL leaders actively defended the Japanese government position on Manchuria. Nor did the JACL disassociate itself from the local Japanese Consuls, representatives of the Japanese government within the Japanese communities, or the Issei leaders of the Japanese Association, both of whom also defended the actions of the Japanese military. During the early 1930s the JACL, on the whole cooperated with them. No contradiction existed, at least in the minds of the leadership, between JACL's avowed philosophy of Americanism and its sympathy and support for the Japanese government's policies.

Shift After 1937

Subsequent to the Marco Polo Incident of 1937 and the outbreak of war between Japan and China, the JACL underwent a decisive shift. As U.S.-Japan relations gradually deteriorated because of the war, the organization started to consciously repudiate any and all association with the Japanese government, including the local Consuls, and Japan in general. Yet its repudiation was not based upon a political analysis of Japanese politics and the international situation. Rather it was rooted in the overwhelming fear that the Japanese in America would inevitably be identified with Japan by the

larger society. So the JACL leadership developed an exaggerated 200% super-Americanism to allay its own fears and to convince the larger society of its loyalty to America. Having already adopted a basic philosophy of Americanism at its inception, the JACL expanded it into what can only be described from today's perspective—a "flag-waving" type of super-patriotism. This super-patriotism was expressed in the innumerable articles written by James Sakamoto in the Japanese American Courier, and best embodied, perhaps, in the "Japanese American Creed" authored by Mike Masooka a few months prior to Pearl Harbor day. And the very fervor with which the leadership proclaimed it betrayed the deep fears and anxieties about the larger society which were fundamentally behind the total repudiation of the Japanese government and Japan.

JACL Disaffiliates

Once the ominous war clouds hovered over U.S.-Japan relations from 1940 the JACL also disaffiliated itself from Issei leaders, especially those connected with the Japanese Associations and the Chambers of Commerce. Since some of them continued to espouse the Japanese cause, the JACL leadership felt compelled to sever contacts with them. The JACL indeed started to pass judgment on Issei leaders, arrogating unto itself the right to say who among them was "disloyal." The super-patriotism by this time had gone so far that certain national and local leaders cooperated with American intelligence agencies which contacted them to investigate the activities of Issei leaders. In Southern California the relationship between the JACL and Naval Intelligence was so close that in April, 1941 the Southern District Council meeting was actually sponsored by the latter. The main point here is that the JACL repudiation of the Japanese government included a concomitant disavowal of Issei leaders, to the extent in fact of cooperating with intelligence agents in the name of super-patriotism. Faced with what it perceived as an either/or choice, the JACL leadership opted for a total identification with American society while rejecting any and all association with Japan and Issei leaders.

In the light of this historical background, I cannot but note the irony of having the Foreign Minister of Japan as the principal speaker. By in-

viting him the JACL has made a full 360-degree turn. Mr. Masooka no doubt has been insistent in extending the invitation, making it even more ironic for he was one of the leaders who zealously advocated the repudiation. But beyond this historical irony, there is an equally important contemporary meaning which also relates back to the same JACL past. Since the JACL repudiation of Japan was a primarily motivated by the overwhelming fear of the larger society, it lacked a political perspective by which to analyze both America and Japan.

Present Picture

What the JACL lacked in the past, it still lacks in the present as evidenced by the selection of the Foreign Minister of Japan. Today America is the greatest imperialist power in the world to which the successive postwar Japanese governments have been subservient. Now signs have appeared that Japan will break away from her subordination to America. At the same time, however, there are also foreboding omens of the possibility of the revival of prewar Japanese militarism which may well accompany Japan's move to become independent of America. The present Foreign Minister, Fukuda Takeo, is the most likely successor to Prime Minister Sato who will probably retire after the reversion of Okinawa in May, and he represents of course the conservative Liberal Democratic Party which has been subservient to American foreign policy. Yet the JACL has invited the Foreign Minister to address the biennial national convention. Though he will not be Fukuda himself in all likelihood, the Foreign Minister still will be a spokesman of the liberal Democratic Party which is in power.

No one contests the assertion that "good" U.S.-Japan relations are desirable. But before we hurriedly concur with this trite assertion, we need to ask ourselves a crucial, antecedent question: On whose and what terms should this desired "good" relations be? Throughout the postwar years America has dictated the terms to Japan (and still does as indicated by the Okinawa reversion agreement which I have already written

about in the Pacific Citizen.) Should JACLers herald the past and present Japanese cooperation with the American Vietnam War? Should we applaud the U.S. pressures on the Japanese government to take more of the military responsibility, assumed necessarily, in the Far East? Our government interprets both as essential for the maintenance of good relations between the two nations.

Basis of Question

If we earnestly raise this question, we must, I believe, first take a critical attitude toward our government and, hopefully without the inhibition of the JACL legacy of super-patriotism. We need no longer commence from the old premise that we must "prove" ourselves worthy of being accepted into American society. If white America cannot accept us as Americans, it is not our problem but that of the larger society. Likewise we should be critical of the Japanese government, but our criticisms should stem from a hard look at the political realities there, not sentimental images derived from a recent JAL tour. And our choice is not either/or. In criticizing America, we do not reject all of America; and in criticizing Japan, we do not repudiate all Japanese people. If we must identify with Japan, there are many progressive forces within Japanese society. The Foreign Minister of Japan does not represent any of these forces, and he certainly does not represent the best interest of we Japanese Americans. Isn't this the simple lesson which the history of the JACL teaches us?

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Health sciences

SAN FRANCISCO — The Health Professions Council is seeking applicants from the Asian American community for two positions: research-evaluation director (\$1,273-1,548) and educational specialist (\$1,155-1,405), which involve counseling and curriculum development for the health professions. Details may be obtained from UC San Francisco personnel office 3rd Ave., and Parnassus, attention Mrs. Margaret Hydes (666-1645).

'Computerized Buddhism' ambitious goal of N.Y. institute on religions

STONY BROOK, N.Y.—From ancient times Buddhists have sought guidance from spiritual masters. Soon they will be able to solicit wisdom from a computer.

Computerized Buddhism is just one goal of an ambitious program in religious research that is in its embryonic stages at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Eventually the study center may contain the world's largest collection of classified Buddhist material and become a major source of texts for Islam, Hindu, Judaism and Christianity.

Implementing the project is the Institute for Advance Studies of World Religions, a private non-profit foundation headed by a Chinese-born shipping executive in New York City. Under a recent agreement, the institute will lease the north wing of the fifth floor of Stony Brook Library and will provide funds for staff and research. In addition, the institute will contract for use of the university computer.

16,000 Books

The institute, with a current staff of 11 scholars and assistants, envisions a library of unparalleled scope. Already, through donations of Buddhist books and purchase of rare materials from the Orient, the collection is formidable, numbering 16,000 books, hundreds of periodicals and scores of microfilmed records of valuable texts that are inaccessible outside of Nepal, India, Taiwan and Tibet.

Because Buddhist writings

are so voluminous, the institute's staff director, Dr. Richard Gard, former State Department officer who furthered his knowledge of Eastern religions while on duty in Southeast Asia.—Newsday.

go back 1,800 years and have been produced in widely variant locations, centralizing and ordering the whole corpus has never been done. The institute, through the use of microfilm and the computer, hopes to index and cross-reference a large body of that material so that scholars can delve into specialized areas without digging through the amorphous mass of literature.

The inspiration for the center is also its chief benefactor, Chia Theng Shen, a practicing Buddhist who is the chief executive officer of American Steamship Lines, a cargo fleet based in the Great Lakes.

How It Works

Shen, a spry, outgoing, 58-year-old native of Hangchow, China, illustrated how the computer phase of the program might work. "You might say, 'I'd like to know about Tibetan Buddhism,'" Shen explained, "so you ask, the computer


"But the computer may reject you. It may demand that you nail down your question more precisely. So you ask for the subject of the meditation writings of Tibet. The computer will tell you not only what those materials are but where they can be found."

The research center is still a long way from the kind of sophistication. Right now the problems are much more elemental. The new facilities in the Stony Brook library are not yet finished. Within the concrete shell, veined with lighting fixtures, the small office looks like a first settlement on the moon. For the present, that office will serve as the headquarters for the institute's staff director, Dr. Richard Gard, former State Department officer who furthered his knowledge of Eastern religions while on duty in Southeast Asia.—Newsday.



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JAPANESE AND CHINESE CANADIAN PHOTO-ART SHOW DEPICTS HISTORY

VANCOUVER, B.C. — A historic public display of the Asian Canadian experience occurred during the week of Mar. 13-18 at the Univ. of British Columbia student union with a presentation of some 150 photographs dating from pre-1900 to the present.

The exhibit also attracted representatives from various parts of Canada and the United States, including Reimi Chiba of Toronto, co-editor of the Powell St. Review, an Asian Canadian publication, as well as Asian American jazz musicians from Seattle.

Asian Canadian poets, including Shigeru Uyema and Prof. Ronald Tanaka, UBC English Dept., and Sean Gunn also gathered for the final night to articulate on "what it is exactly to be an Asian Canadian." The audience, mainly Japanese and Chinese Canadian, responded enthusiastically.

Of the photographic exhibit, one Asian Canadian commented: "We know we've got some-

thing that is ours, and ours only. Now that we've had a taste, we'll have to make something of it that will last."

The Japanese Canadian photographs were set apart from those of the Chinese Canadian community but the parallels in the historical developments of both communities were obvious.

The contemporary pictures taken by the young Asian Canadians impressed one viewer as "not being the sugary variety that one is so accustomed to seeing these days but as real attempts at self-expression within a definite cultural context."

Prof. Tanaka also pointed out the exhibit was unique in that the Japanese and Chinese Canadians were looking to and addressing their own Asian communities for the first time.

It required several months of preparation and UBC Asianists and volunteer guides for those seeking further explanations about the photographs and art.

1972 National JACL Convention

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Package Deal: \$60 if preregistered by May 15; \$65 after May 15. Refunds made upon written request up to and including June 20, less \$5 convention registration costs. For youth 18 and under accompanying their parents who are registered, package deal rates are \$50 by May 15, \$55 after May 15. Checks must accompany registration.

Make checks payable to "1972 National JACL Convention". Send to: Alice Endo, Registration and Housing Chairman, Japanese American Citizens League, 2021 - L St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20036

Package Deal Admissions to Freer Art Gallery Reception and Opening Mixer (June 27), Congressional Dinner (June 28), White House VIP Tour* and Capitol Hill Visitation* (June 29), Testimonial Luncheon and Japanese Embassy Reception* (June 30), Arlington Cemetery Services and Convention Banquet (July 1). Transportation to and from included. Other events include Executive Order 9066 exhibit, State Dept. briefing, Congressional Tribute to the Issei, and "On to Portland" Hospitality Night. (*Preference will be given in order of receipt of registration form as number is limited.)

Booster Activities: Special tours to points of interest in the city, Mt. Vernon, Williamsburg, Gettysburg, etc., are available on a daily basis. Information available at Convention Registration Booth.

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VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS

PULSE ON THE CHAPTERS:

San Fernando Valley benefit concert to feature Hiraoka, Wings Over Jordan



The San Fernando Valley JACL under president Roy Yoshida is sponsoring a special benefit concert on April 29 which, the chapter believes, marks a "first" for the JACL nationally. The concert will star two headliners, the world-famous "Wings Over Jordan" choir and the unparalleled xylophone virtuoso, Yoichi Hiraoka, who is a member of the chapter.

As soon as the concert is over, Maestro Hiraoka will

CENTURY CLUBBER—At the Milwaukee JACL 1000 Club Japan flight reunion wing ding, Richard Yamada (left) of Chicago presents his \$100 membership in the JACL Century Club to Eddie Jonokuchi, Milwaukee 1000 Club chairman, and Dr. Frank Sakamoto, past national 1000 Club chairman.

1000 CLUB NOTES: Dr. Frank Sakamoto
1000 Club Winter Carnival

Chicago
Here in the Midwest, there is a very active Thousand Club chapter in Milwaukee headed by the very capable leader Eddie Jonokuchi. If you remember, you put on a skit about Japan and what may be seen in Japan. Well, you guessed it, they have now returned from Japan, and they put on a skit of what they saw in Japan at their annual 1000 Club Wing Ding on March 4 at the Country Garden where Thousand Clubbers took over the whole nightclub.

Most entertaining were the many hilarious scenes such as the community bath and night club scenes, Ken Andow ordering ice and women from room service. This is all done by Charlie Matsumoto who incidentally imitated many of the people who took the trip like Mas Satow, Charlie also played the part of the driver steering his bus on the tortuous, hairpin turns in Nikko. The maid and the waitress was played by Toshi Nakahira, and it was most superbly done. If you know Toshi, she's not the type to play this part, but being very much like a Japanese girl she certainly mimicked the part well.

Again, I would like to emphasize the acting was great right down to the mannerisms. If you were in the audience, you would immediately be able to identify the individual being copied. It certainly brought the house down, and I must give the cast a great compliment. I know it took a tremendous amount of preparation.

For example, the take-off on the Takarazuka show was done by Sat Nakahira, Dianne Aratani, Janet Toda, Yutaka Kuge, Shiro Shiraga and Ralph White (who wore his top-hat and tuxedo) who also did a scene where Thousand Clubbers invade a night club.

The whole show is put on, by J. Miyazaki, Ken Teramuro, Roy and Miki Mukai, Dr. W. Nakamoto, assisted by samisen artist and vocalist by the name of Mrs. Sodamitsu. There were dancing girls in Sally Jankowski, Helen Jonokuchi and Etsu Date, Henry Date emceed the whole evening. To top it off, he sang Haru ga kita, changed the lyric a bit and I don't know where he gets the words, but he certainly brought the house down.

Eddie purchased a portable tape recorder in Japan and recorded some of the moments in Tokyo when we didn't know it, and played it back to us. We were certainly surprised to hear our own voices, and I guess this was taken at the Keio Plaza and at one particular point we heard Dr. Tom Tamaki telling one of his medical jokes. The recording was so great. It again felt that we were in the hospital room at the Keio Plaza.

While we were in Japan, everyone asked me if they could ride in the same bus with the Milwaukee group, but No. 1 I stated that "if they didn't thank you out, and there was seating available, why not?" But there was standing room only and the bus drivers don't go for standing in the buses. You can see the Milwaukee group is really lively, so when the invitation came to Chicago, a few of us were able to accept to see the skits. Among them were Ken and Nori Andow, Dr. and Mrs. Victor Izui and Tak Ochiai. It was in the wee hours when we left Milwaukee.

If you note the picture, Eddie Jonokuchi, 1000 Club chairman, is extracting a Century Club membership from

April Events

leave for New York where he will appear as soloist with the New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra in Lincoln Center.

"Wings Over Jordan" is the celebrated black choir which sang over the Columbia network every Sunday for twelve years. The choir has been sent overseas several times by the U.S. State Department. Its most recent tour was in Japan where the choir and its members scored a sensation. Concert goers waited hours for tickets and mobbed the individual singers after their presentation at every stop.

Special Arrangements
For the April 29 concert, the choir is brushing up some of the songs it sang in Japan. Hiraoka will appear as soloist and will also combine with the choir in some special arrangements which he created for the occasion.

All proceeds from the concert will go to the chapter scholarship fund. The large number of outstanding Sansei and Yonsei students in the valley area who merit recognition has called for an enlargement of the scholarship program.

In line with the chapter's policy of keeping its cultural events well within the reach of all chapter members and guests, the ticket price has been set at \$2.50 for adults. As a special inducement to encourage younger JACLers to attend, students will be admitted for \$1 on a first come, first seated basis. Tickets

Other questions are how is the whiling ding shaping up in Paris, and has any one come up with a good idea for a whiling ding theme. Yes, I received one from Mas Nakagawa, our graphic artist, with "Oui Parée" as the theme. For those that have other good ideas, be sure to drop us a line. Hoping to see all of you in Washington and Paris!

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- April 22 (Saturday) Gardena Valley—Slide presentation on Pres. Nixon visit to Peking, Gardena Valley Baptist Church, 7:30 p.m.; Wes Brown, Spkr.
- San Jose—Scholarship Award potluck supper, Buddhist Church Annex, 6:30 p.m.
- April 23 (Sunday) PSWDC—2nd Qtrly Session, Gardena Valley JACL hosts: Gardena Valley Gardener's Assn. Hall, 1st and Western, 8 a.m.
- East Los Angeles—Jr JACL Dupress carwash, Tom's Shell, Riggins-Antonic, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- April 25 (Tuesday) West Los Angeles—Auxy Mtg, Felicia Mahood Ctr, 8 p.m.; Dr. Leslie Holve, spkr., "Cleft Palate"
- April 27 (Thursday) Sacramento—Reg 13th Nisei War Memorial Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- April 28 (Friday) San Diego—Bd Mtg, Nisei VFW Hall, National City, 7:30 p.m.
- April 29 (Saturday) San Fernando Valley—Scholarship benefit concert, JA Comm Ctr, 7:30 p.m.; Yoichi Hiraoka, xylophonist, and Wings Over Jordan choir.
- Contra Costa—Reno fun trip, 1v 9 a.m., Bank of America parking lot, 4800 MacDonal, Richmond.
- San Francisco—Night at the (Harness) Races, Bay Meadows, Washington, D.C.—Potluck supper, National Presbyterian Church, 4101 Nebraska NW
- Salinas Valley—Scholarship benefit movie.

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Contra Costa date for Reno trip set

Contra Costa JACLers will leave from Richmond for its Reno fun trip on Saturday, April 29, 9 a.m., and return by 1 a.m. Sunday. Proceeds from the \$15 per person package deal will go toward the chapter scholarship fund.

The chapter has also planned a "Day at the Races" at Golden Gate Field on Saturday, June 17, with proceeds to the same fund.

'Cleft Palate' talk due at Auxiliary session

Dr. Leslie Holve will lecture on "Cleft Palate" at the West Los Angeles JACL Women's Auxiliary meeting April 25, 3 p.m., at Felicia Mahood Center.

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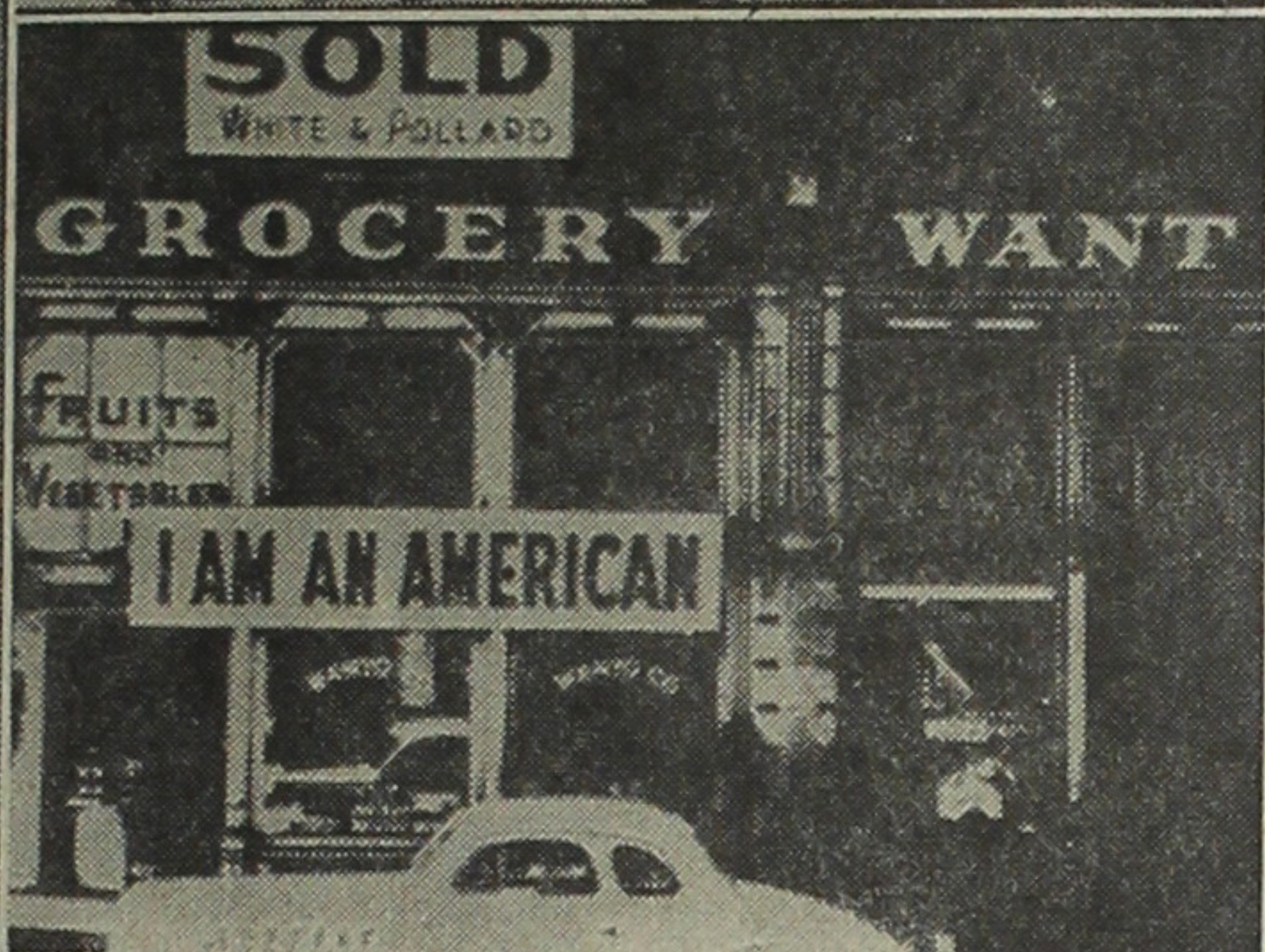
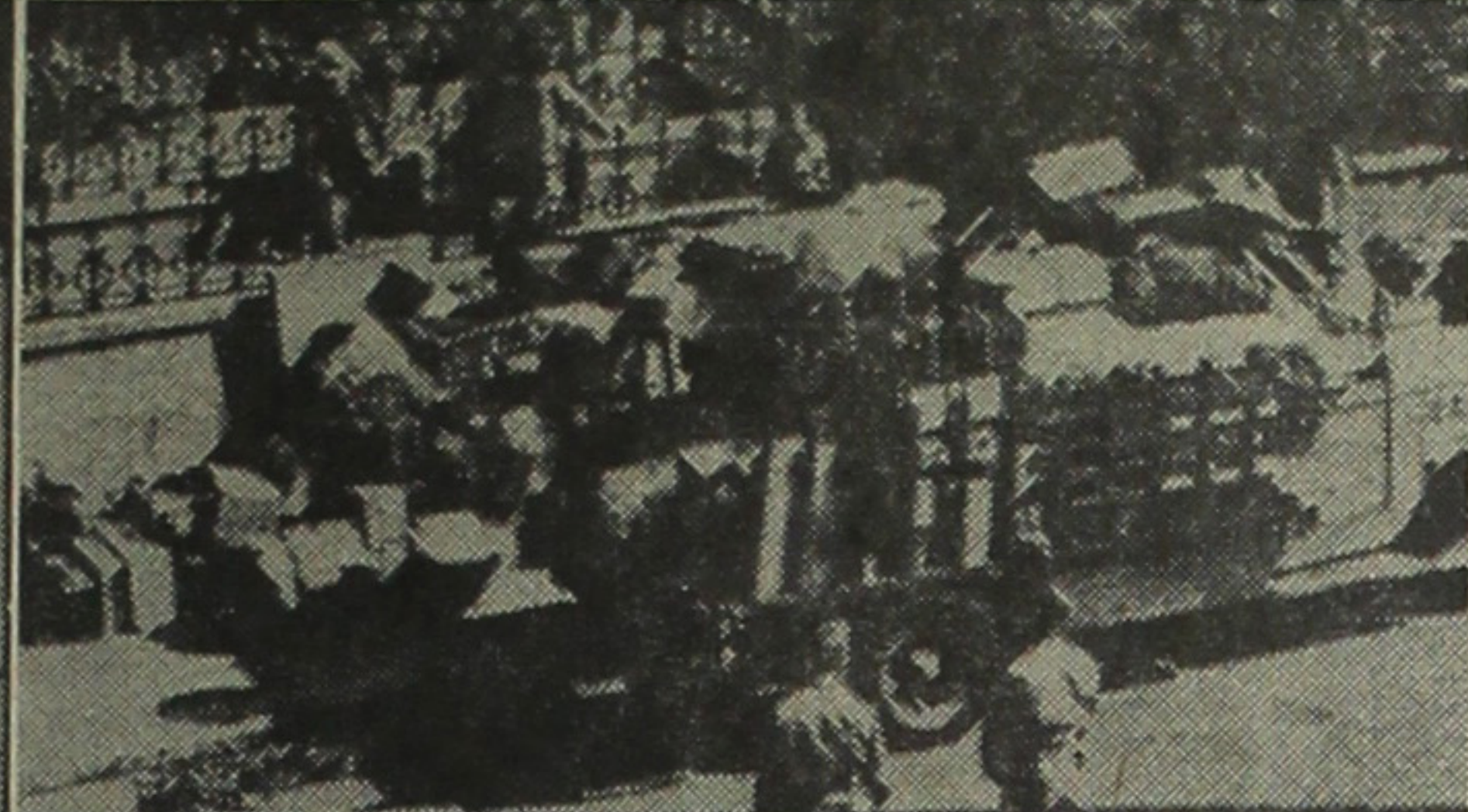
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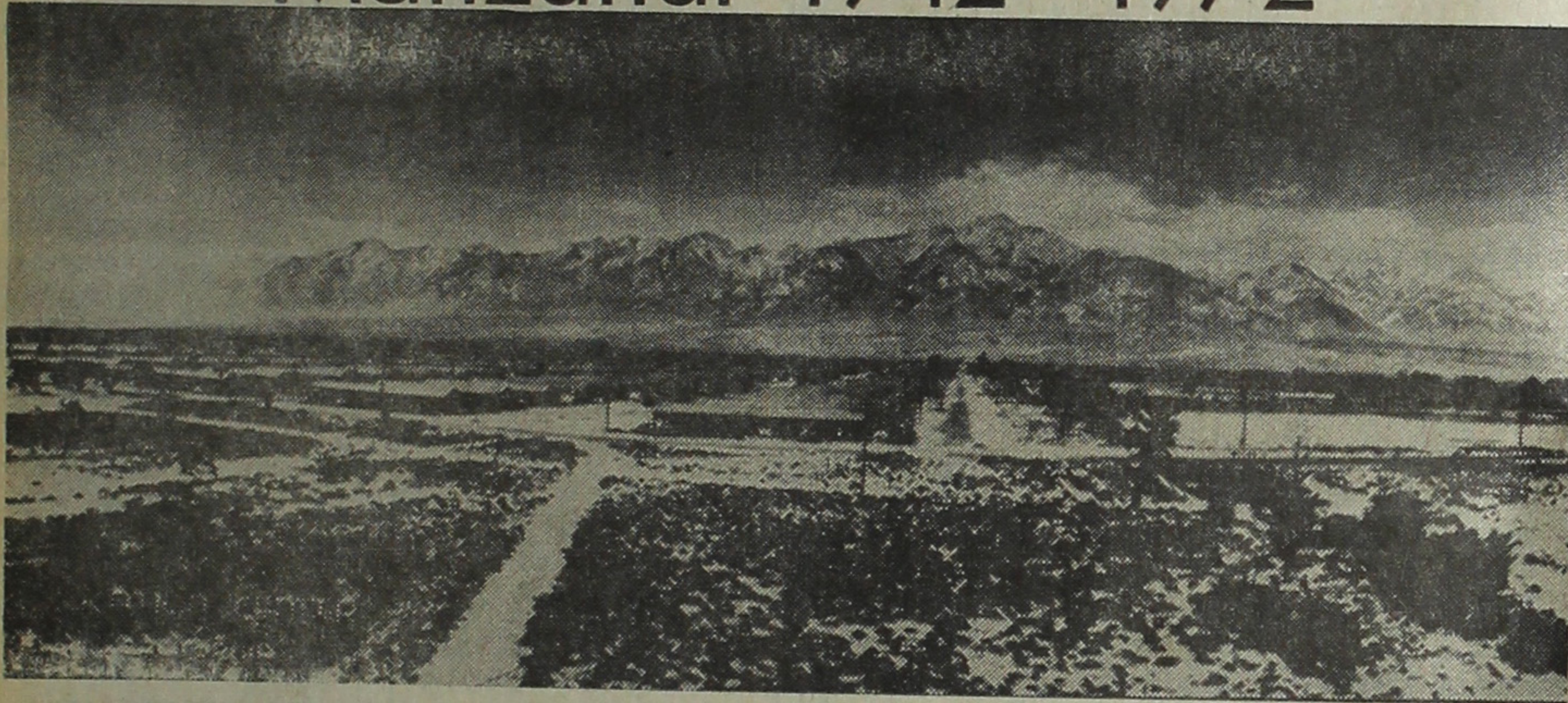
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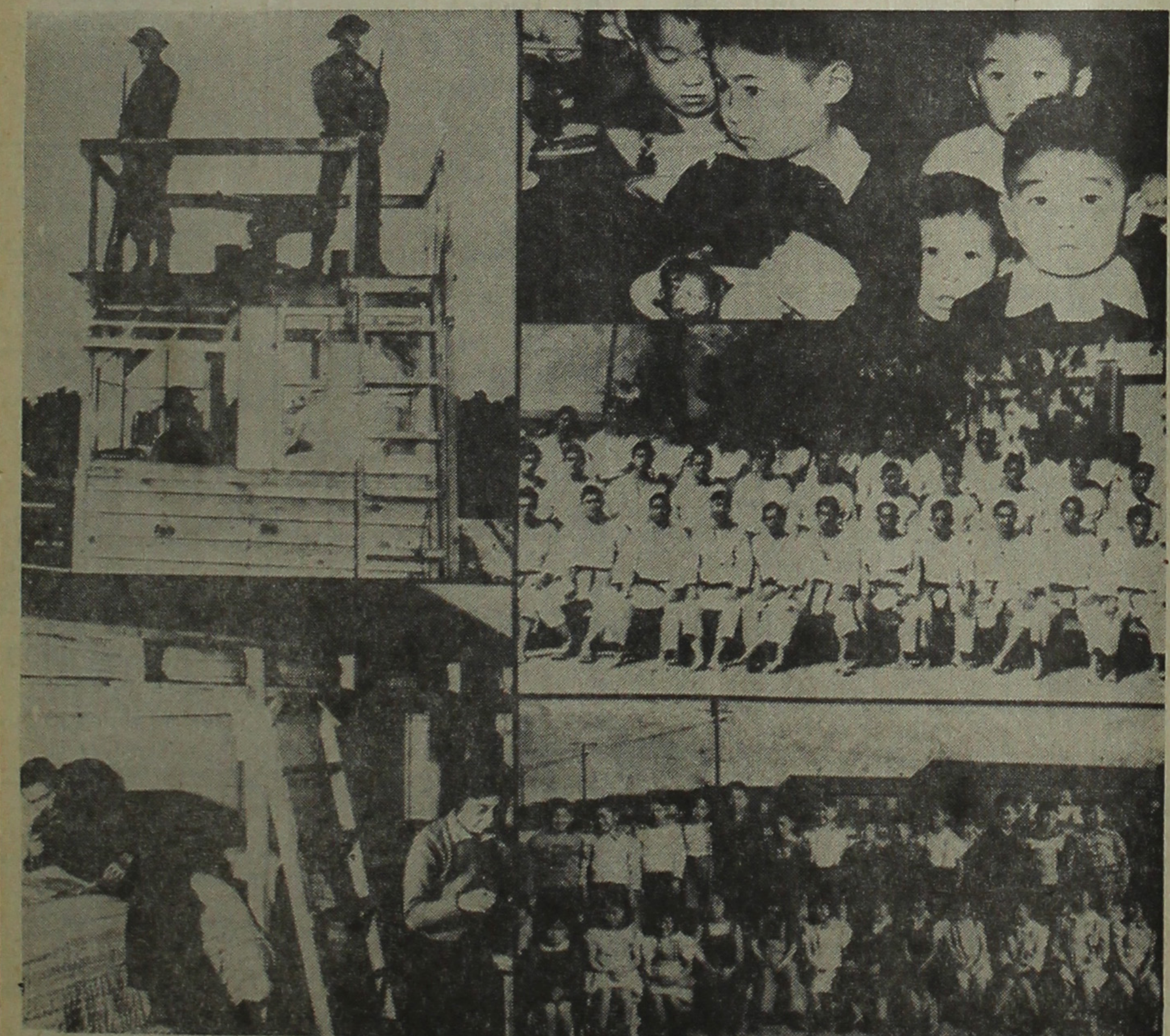
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Reported on Opening
of Evacuation Display

LOS ANGELES — The public reaction to the April 4 opening of the documentary photo exhibit, "Executive Order 9066", in Southern California may be an indication that latent and hostile feelings concerning Japanese Americans still exist. The California Historical Society's sponsored exhibit opened at the Pasadena Art Museum resulting in wide publicity on radio, television and in the major daily newspapers in Southern California.

Mrs. Saburo Kido, wife of the wartime president of the national JACL, reported that NBC News reporter Robert Abernethy gave the Evacuation photo exhibit a reviewing on his Tuesday evening news broadcast. The following evening Abernethy reported that the station received 55 nasty hate calls in ten minutes.

Consultant to the California Historical Society on this project, Edison Uno of San Francisco, speculated that such a reaction may be an organized effort by conservative right-wing racist elements to discredit the exhibit, the historical fact of the evacuation, and revive old hates and fears against loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry.

"We must recognize that our 'acceptance' by the dominant society is a very tenuous status. If there is strong sentiment against such an innocuous exhibit such as Executive Order 9066, we must begin to realize that the hate, fear and hysteria of 1942 can easily occur again," Uno remarked.

**Text of Abernethy's
'Viewpoint' on KNBC**

LOS ANGELES — This is the text of Robert Abernethy's "Viewpoint" telecast April 5 on KNBC-News after his previous day interview with Richard Conrat, who assembled the photographs for "Executive Order 9066":

Sometimes, even when you are forewarned, you can't help but gag at the cesspools of prejudice that bubble up from time to time into sickening view.

Yesterday (April 4), for instance, I did a live interview in our 5 p.m. Newservice with one of the people who helped assemble the revealing photographs of Japanese American relocation during World War 2. Those pictures are in a new book called Executive Order 9066, the order signed by President Roosevelt in February of 1942 giving Military Commanders the power to exclude anyone they chose from their districts. An exhibit of the pictures has just opened at the Pasadena Art Museum.

The photographs tell the story of how 110,000 Japanese-Americans on the West Coast — men, women and children — were rounded up and herded off to internment camps inland. In those hysterical days early in the War, many people here feared sabotage and defended relocation in the names of both national security and the safety of the Japanese Americans themselves.

As I said, I had been warned about the reaction we might get to this subject because a story Jack Perkins did recently on one of the internment camps (the Manzanar Pilgrimage aired on Mar. 26) had triggered angry protests.

But I was still shocked. In the first ten minutes after the interview we had 55 calls cursing us for implying that the roundup of the Japanese Americans had been a tragic mistake. Caller after caller saw no difference between Japanese soldiers in the Western Pacific and Japanese Americans here. Their general feeling was that internment was far better than

**NEWS
CAPSULES**

Organizations

The Japanese Mutual Aid Society of Chicago elected attorney Thomas Masuda as its chairman for 1972. One of the oldest Japanese American groups in the city, it has been helping the sick and elderly.

Military

Air Force S/Sgt. Dann L. Rasmussen, son of the Kai G. Rasmussens, 20411 Califa St., Woodland Hills, Calif., is a munitions technician at Luke AFB, Arizona. A 1961 Canoga Park (Calif.) High School graduate, his wife is the former Yoshiko Takamiyagi. His father was commandant of the U.S. Army Language School at Fort Snelling.

Press Row

Rafu Shimpō publisher Akira Komai was "replaced" by Linda Lau, 18, of Belmont High in the city-wide observance of Girls Day in governing and business. She is assistant editor on the campus newspaper and hopes to major in sociology with hopes of setting up a low-cost child care center in Chinatown. "Asian Family Affair", P.O. Box 22156, Seattle 98122 — covering the Asian American beat—is edited by Francisco

Deaths

Henry Kotani, 84, died April 8 of cerebral hemorrhage in Tokyo. He was the first Issei to be employed by a Hollywood studio in the 1930s as an extra, then becoming an actor, cameraman and director.

S. Choppy Umemoto, 63, of Salt Lake City, died April 12. A native of Wapato, Wash., he continuously served on the National JACL Advisory Board on Bowling, and the National JACL Credit Union. He is survived by w. Mary and s. Sonny.

Local Scene

Los Angeles

An Asian Awareness seminar co-sponsored by the South Bay Asian Involvement and City of Gardena's youth-community services was held April 17 at Gardena Community Center with emphasis on the need of Asian American studies in the schools. Dr. Bill Shinto moderated the panel comprised of: Sandy Wong, Rhoda Furutani, Mas Okui, Dr. Franklin Odo and Ron Hirano.

Crescent Bay Optimists will stage its seventh annual battle of the bands and folk-singing contest in cooperation with the Los Angeles City Dept. of Recreation and Parks at the West Los Angeles Civic Center bandshell on Saturday, May 13, 3-9 p.m. Interested groups should call Akira Ohno (390-3557) for application forms and details.

A perch derby for the youngsters, 16 and under, was held by the Westside Optimists April 16 at Santa Monica Blvd. parking lot with Henry Hanada as derby chairman.

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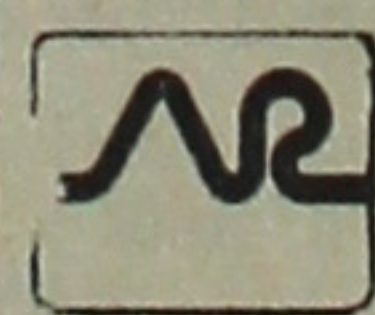
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