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New Nat'l JACL HQ proposed by NC-VN

SAN FRANCISCO — Reports on business and program items scheduled to be discussed at the National JACL convention in Washington, D.C. next month were made and discussed May 7 at the second quarterly Northern California-Western Nevada District Council meeting.

Some 100 delegates from the 27 chapters in the district met for an all-day session at the Kabuki Theatre with Shig Sugiyama of Fremont, district governor, presiding.

The proposed National JACL budget for 1973-74 was reported by Al Hatate of Los Angeles, National JACL treasurer. It calls for a basic annual spending of \$270,000 with requests from various committees, commissions, regional offices, youth and other groups for several hundred thousand dollars more.

Hatate indicated that his report to the national council will include a recommendation for a \$150 boost in national dues of from \$8.50 annually to \$10.

Major Discussions
The two items on the day's agenda on which the council spent the most time were a Bay Area Community JACL resolution calling for the formation of an Asian legal aid unit by the National JACL as a pilot project in the San Francisco Bay Area and relocation issue of National Headquarters.

A number of Nisei lawyers among delegates spoke on the legal aid issue which was advocated by Joseph Morozumi, Ken Kawaichi and Dale Mima, all of Oakland, and Eugene Moriguchi of Redwood City.

CCDC to discuss confab agenda
FRESNO, Calif. — National JACL president Raymond Uno and national treasurer Al Hatate will attend the special Central California District Council meeting May 20, 7:30 p.m., at the Bank of Tokyo West Fresno Branch, it was announced by District Gov. Fred Hirasuna.

The CCDC chapters are to discuss issues which will appear on the National Council agenda, such as the CCDC-proposed amendment for initiative-referendum, limiting of proxy votes, budget request for a CCDC part-time secretary and direct election of national officers.

IDAHO FALLS TO HOST MAY 20 IDC MEET
IDAHO FALLS, Idaho — The Idaho Falls JACL will host the second quarterly Inter-mountain District Council session at the Stardust Motel starting at 2 p.m., May 20.

District Gov. Shake Ushio, district board members and delegates from the Snake River, Boise Valley, Pocatello, Mt. Olympus and Salt Lake chapters are expected.

JACL joins ACLU campaign against initiative reinstating death penalty
LOS ANGELES — In the face of the mounting drive to reinstate the death penalty in California, the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California launched a campaign May 9 against the proposed initiative measure that would restore capital punishment in this state.

Representatives of Urban League, the Community Relations Conference, JACL, YWCA, the Community Services Organization, the American Jewish Congress, and numerous other groups joined with Marvin Schachter, ACLU president, who stated that the initiative drive sponsored by Attorney General Evelle J. Younger is "an irresponsible attempt to distort facts, to play on people's fears, and to create public hysteria on an issue that really poses as its ultimate concern our society's concept of decency and human dignity."

MILWAUKEE JACL TO BE LISTED IN PHONE BOOK
MILWAUKEE, Wis. — The local JACL will be listed in the next edition of the Milwaukee telephone directory though the chapter has no office as yet.

Frank Kusama of Fremont and George Yamasaki, Jr., of San Francisco opposed the formation of the unit by the National JACL as a duplication of services currently available.

JACL--PLANNING Make or Break Point

The Pacific Citizen presents highlights of the May 24-28 Planning Commission sessions covering the main areas of interest: National Priorities, Education, Visual Communication, Community Involvement Program, Regional Offices, Membership Services, Finance, Young Adults and National Staff. Recommendations concerning these and other topics are being prepared by the Planning Commission for the National Council.

Federated Plan
TANAKA — To summarize the Federated Plan, which I suggested as a possible way of resetting priorities based on our current operating budget, at the last executive committee meeting, some felt it was a drastic change. The plan is really for making the districts a more viable organization rather than a hand-maiden of the National program. The plan was an attempt to boost the district program, thereby strengthening local chapters. The allocation of money to the chapters would be at the discretion of the districts. The real hang-up of the plan, of course, was: "Is it really possible to deploy current staff?" Some felt it might dilute current staff in their present roles.

Part One
OSHIKI — JACL is really at a crossroad today. The JACL which was born before the war, the JACL which grew up during the war years, the JACL which is now seeing many of its leaders retire and a whole new generation of newcomers or even children of the early JACL leaders come in. So JACL has to make some basic decisions.

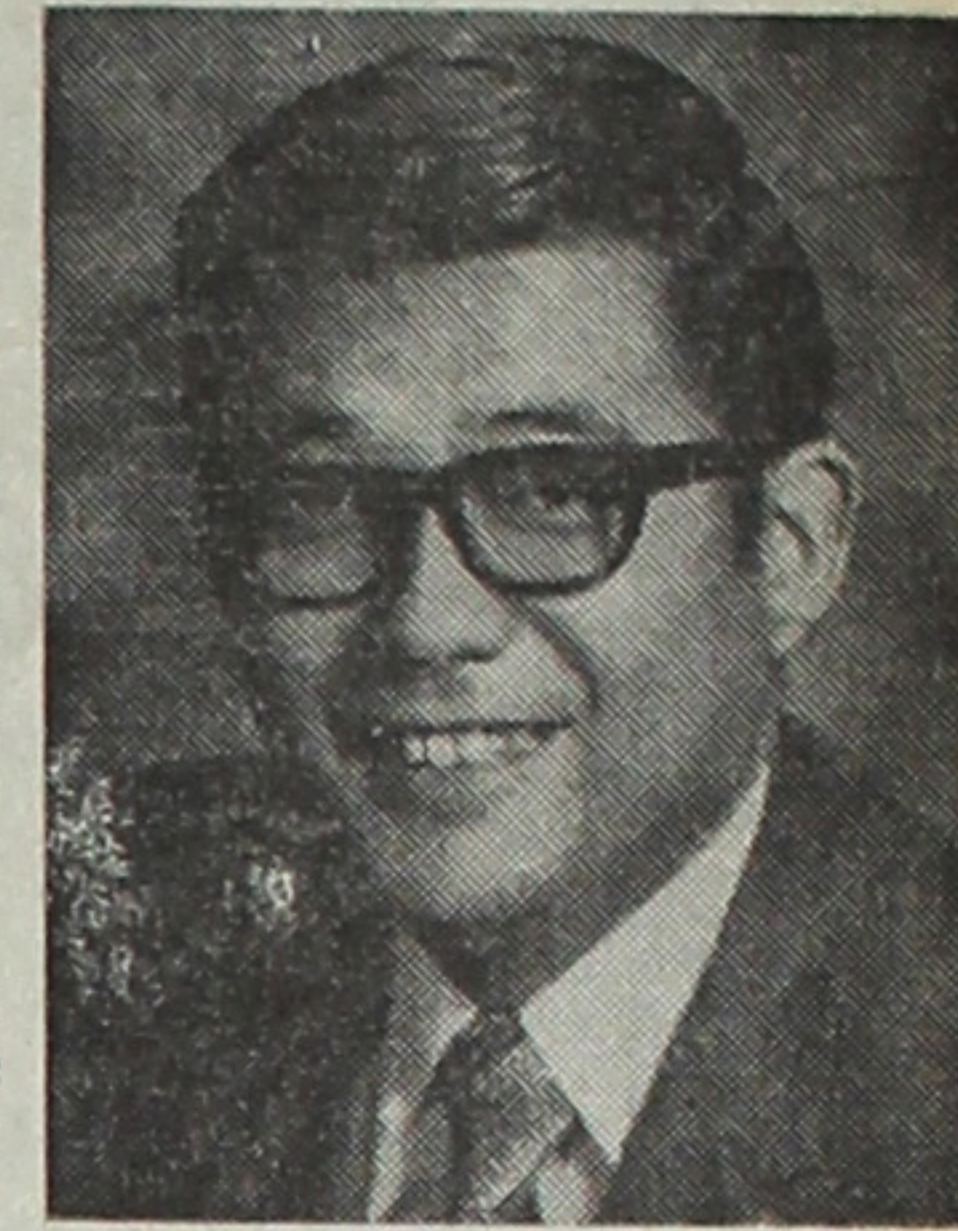
Planning Commission
These are some of the basic decisions we face. The Planning Commission is the logical body to think about them. I know the problems of local chapters are real. It's evident even in my chapter. The interest is not there. People talk about grassroots reactions. Not meaning to insult anyone but my answer to that is "B... S...". The grassroots of JACL don't really exist. If you have a chapter meeting you don't get 75% of the membership turning out. We get 5 or 10% instead.

CREDIT UNION LOWERS NEW AUTO LOAN RATE
SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — To better serve its Credit Union members, the Board of Directors of the National JACL Credit Union has lowered the interest rate to be charged for loans on new automobiles, trucks, and campers, from 1% to 8/10 of 1% a month on the outstanding balance; annual percentage rate 9.75% with liberal loan policies.

Far East Broadcasting
WHITTIER, Calif. — Far East Broadcasting Co., which operates three non-commercial missionary radio stations on Okinawa, said here it is turning over controls after May 15 to a group of Japanese Christians to continue the operation.

MAYOR MINETA TO BE SPEAKER FOR NAT'L CONVENTION BANQUET

WASHINGTON — Norman Y. Mineta, mayor of San Jose and recipient of the 1968 Nobel Peace Prize, will be the keynote speaker for the 22nd Biennial National JACL Convention to be held in Washington, D.C. June 27 through July 1. The banquet is scheduled for the last evening of the week's convalescence.



A native of San Jose, Mineta made national headlines when he was elected as the first Nisei mayor of a major American city. This was a climax to a decade of varied and intense involvement in community and civic activities.

Mineta showed promise of a political career in high school when he was elected student body president at San Jose High School in 1949. From there the University of California business administration major began accumulating a sequence of experiences demonstrating an obvious versatility both to environments and to skills.

Matchmaking Fund Basis
OSHIKI — So I think if the National is putting up personnel money, then the districts and local chapters ought to come up with program money. It should be a cooperative-type venture like in community-involvement for that's a key to making a local chapter a viable organization.

Seattle University marks ethnic week
SEATTLE, Wash. — Warren Furuta, JACL community involvement project coordinator, opens the eight-day (May 16-24) Ethnic Cultural Week, sponsored by the minority students at Seattle University, with an address on the "Emergence of the Asian American". He spoke Tuesday noon at the Bannan auditorium on campus.

Listing of all Nisei war dead sought
SAN FRANCISCO — Sponsors of the annual Memorial Day rites at Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, have requested names of the Nisei war dead from Northern California in addition to those interred at the cemetery.

DEADLINES
May 8—Proposals for Constitutional amendments filed by District Council or National Board with National Director.
May 28 (30 days prior)—Notification to chapters of any proposed Constitutional amendments as filed with National Director.
May 26—Convention hopper closes for consideration of items by the National Council; matters may be submitted to appropriate National Committee, National JACL Board or Staff.
May 28—Proposals for funding require concise statement, supporting data and documentation for the 1972 National JACL Council sessions in Washington, D.C., June 28-July 1.

BASIC BUDGET

Al Hatate, National Treasurer, laid bare the projections for the 1972-74 Biennial budget. Our basic expenses will come to approximately \$270,000. Our income may exceed \$300,000. In spite of that, we will have very little to "play with" in terms of programming, particularly when we have over \$351,000 requested for major programs not within the basic budget.

Anatomy of JACL—Part II
As mentioned before, delegates are going to have to make some hard and hard decisions. If a program, however, is really worthwhile, it will not stand or fall because of JACL funding. It will continue in spite of it. Thus, the real test will come for the weak or precarious programs.

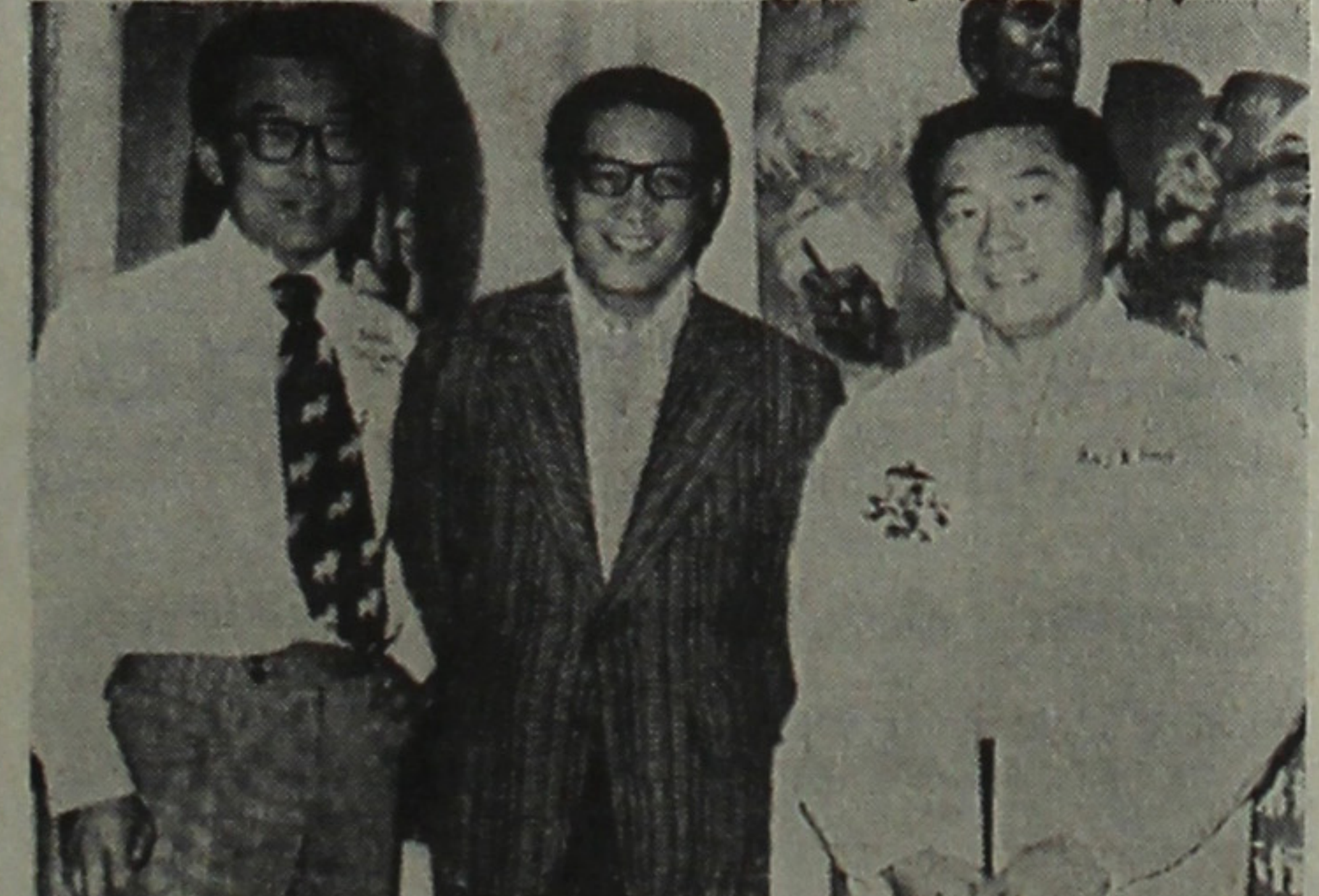
Election Date
It is appropriate that on the exact anniversary of his election as mayor of San Jose, Norman Mineta will be addressing the JACL Convention Banquet, projecting as he sees it, the challenge for this largest of Asian American organizations in the critical coming years.

Staff
When a youngster, I recall visiting the Mount Palomar Observatory. If my memory serves me correctly, there was a large pendulum inside the observatory. It was not the telescope, which was the largest or next to the largest in the world, that struck me, but the pendulum which swung back and forth ever so steadily but looming long and mightily from the high ceiling from which it moved with the rotation of the earth.

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'JOURNEY TO PEKING'—Standing in front of posters from mainland China are Gardena Valley JACL president Tom Shigekuni, National JACL president-elect Henry Tanaka of Cleveland and National JACL president Raymond Uno of Salt Lake City to hear Wes Brown, communications aide during President Nixon's historic visit of China, about his Journey to Peking with slides at a recent chapter meeting. Over 350 attended.

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