

Statewide, regional and local groups rally to oppose Prop. 20 on ballot

SAN FRANCISCO—Twenty-two California statewide organizations and 62 local and regional groups, representing hundreds of thousands of persons, have rallied to stop Prop. 20, the so-called Coastal

Initiative on the Nov. 7 ballot. A host of statewide executives, administrators, legislators of both parties, and labor leaders have joined the fight to keep the dangerous measure from creating economic disaster and seizing control of local government along the coast and possibly far inland too.

Travel

Calif. Assemblywoman March K. Fong of Oakland was sued for \$100,000 Oct. 25 by nine Chinese Americans who said they were stranded in Hong Kong when a trip to mainland China she arranged fell through. Other defendants included travel service personnel.

Ethnic art calendar

NEW YORK—Foreign-born artists are featured in the 1973 Ethnic Art Calendar (\$2) of the American Council for Nationalities Service, 20 W. 40th St. Among them is Li Lin-Chia of New York. The calendar also lists 200 dates of ethnic significance plus traditional American holidays. Calendars are available at the local International Institute.

Twenty-four mayors of coastal cities—those most concerned with loss of autonomy and local control of local destinies—have also enlisted in the battle. The mayors represent cities with populations under 1,000 and more than 1 million.

Announcement of the growing opposition to Prop. 20 was made by the three co-chairmen of the Citizens Committee Against the Coastal Initiative—A. L. Hamilton, Los Angeles attorney to environmental groups; Mayor Edwin W. Wade of Long Beach, and John F. Crowley, secretary-treasurer of the San Francisco Labor Council (AFL-CIO). "The proposed new super-agencies called for by Prop. 20 will remove the citizen even more from the governmental decision-making process," the co-chairmen said.

"Under the measure, home rule is wiped out and local control of local destinies is handed over to the bureaucrats."

Endorsers

A sampling of prominent Californians shows that the following have voiced opposition to Prop. 20: Governor Ronald Reagan, Lt. Governor Ed Beinecke, Longshore leader Harry Bridges, capitalist-developer T. Jack Foster, Secretary-Treasurer John F. Henning (State Federation of Labor), legislators Robert Badham (R-Orange), Pauline Davis (D-Portola), Dennis Carpenter (R-Orange), Frank Murphy (R-Santa Cruz), George Deukmejian (R-Los Angeles), Carley Porter (D-Downey), Lawrence Walsh (D-Huntington Park) and John Stull (R-San Diego).

Labor leaders, who fear threatened loss of jobs, have also opposed the initiative. They include:

James Lee, president of the State Building and Construction Trades Council; Sigmund Arywitz, executive-secretary, Los Angeles County Federation of Labor (AFL-CIO); Manuel Lopez, executive-secretary, Fresno-Madera-Kings and Tulare Counties B&CTC; and Mary L. Yunt, Women's Director, COPE.

The statewide organizations against No. 20 include: California League of Cities; California County Supervisors Association; California Farm Bureau Federation; California Taxpayers Association; California Chamber of Commerce; California Association of Port Authorities; Building Industry Association; Association of General Contractors; Builders Council; California Coastline Committee; Gas Producers Association; Industrial Redevelopment Executives Association; Marine Affairs

and Navigation Conference; Mortgage Bankers Association; Municipal Utilities Association; Marine Parks and Harbors Association; California Real Estate Association; Republican Assembly; Seafood Institute; Federal Employees Rod and Reel Club; California Labor Federation (AFL-CIO), and State Building and Construction Trades Council.

Some of the local and regional organizations include: Baptist Ministers Alliance of San Francisco; Citizens Against the Coastal Initiative, San Luis Obispo County; Citizens Coastal Committee, Long Beach; Contra Costa County Development Association; Downtown Association of San Francisco; Inter-Racial Council of Business Opportunities, Los Angeles; Italian Federation of San Francisco; Lumber Association of Southern California; North Bay Dairymen's Cooperative; Page-Laguna Neighborhood Association; San Francisco Bay Area Council; San Francisco Black Leadership Forum; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Locals 413 and 1245; North Coast Counties District Council of Carpenters and San Francisco Redevelopment Agency.

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every day, all day." He said that he had attempted every day to call Cesar Chavez, head of the union, had sent telegrams, but had been unable to contact him.

Farm workers are increasingly criticizing the Union openly and defying Union pickets to work at farms of their choice. Even union farm workers are expressing their dissatisfaction with the dictatorial, assignments of picket-

ing chores and arbitrary assignments of work.

The only reason that more criticism is not heard from unionized employers is because of a clause in their contract which states: "Neither Company (a grape shipper) nor its representative will take any action to disparage, denigrate or subvert Union, nor will they promote or finance any competing labor organization." It is ironic that one of the complaints made by a boycott committee is that Proposition 22 restricts the right of free speech.

Prop. 22 is fair and equitable to farm workers as well as to farm employers. Indeed, so much so that it is publicly opposed by the Californians for Right to Work Committee because they believe that it will authorize and perpetuate compulsory unionism.

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(The Central California farm labor situation will be discussed at the CCDC JACL convention in Fresno on Saturday, Nov. 18, with Harry Kubo, immediate past Parlier JACL president, and president of the Nisei Farmers League among the participants).

Local Scene

Los Angeles

The Japanese Community Pioneer Center, 125 Weller St., will continue to host the annual Thanksgiving dinner for persons of all ages at the Center on Wednesday, Nov. 22, from noon-3 p.m. Persons wishing to help in the way of food, serving or entertainment are expected to call Charles Kamayatsu (680-1656).

Asian American Voluntary Action Center, 621 S. Virgil Ave., (389-1221) announced the appointment of George Abe as director and Cathy Higashioka as its part-time secretary. The center recruits prospective volunteers, referring them to Asian American agencies, groups or clubs that have need for their available time, skills or manpower. Specific requests received include: a person with book-keeping experience to help in a sheltered workshop operation; people with bilingual skills to help tutor in English as a Second Language programs; and volunteers in manpower, clerical back-up and resource gathering for a number of agencies involved in youth programs.

Orange County

Expecting only 100 people, the Orange County Pioneer Project talent show Sept. 30 at the Buddhist Church attracted 250 persons who thoroughly enjoyed the three-hour performance, which was emceed by Mack Miyazaki of Huntington Beach.

Sacramento

Crocker Art Gallery will exhibit from Nov. 4-Dec. 3 valuable Japanese scrolls and screens on loan from the Univ. of Oregon Art Museum. Many reflect the Zen tradition from the 14th through the 19th centuries. A preview reception Nov. 3 is being co-chaired by Ray Taketa and Sally Taketa.

Nearly 670 flu shots were administered at the Sacramento JACL clinic on Sept. 11 and Oct. 15 at the local Buddhist Temple, according to Hach Yasumura, clinic chairman.

Seattle

The University Students Club will host a reception for 1972-73 recipients under its scholarship program Nov. 11, 8 p.m., at the Nisei Veterans Hall, 1212 S. King St. The function will also mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Japanese Students Club, its predecessor.

The Senke School of Japanese Flower Arrangement commemorated its 50th anniversary at its annual exhibit Oct. 21-22 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church parish hall. The late Mrs. Kane Shoji came to Seattle in 1922 to establish the Senke School in America. In 1939, when she was appointed headmaster, the school headquarters were transferred to Seattle and has remained here since. Branch schools are now established in other parts of the U.S. and in Mexico.

NVC Carnival-Bazaar featuring a rib steak dinner, other Japanese and American dishes, bakery goods, gift bar and games will be held Nov. 5 at the NVC Clubhouse, 1212

Cleveland

Chow mein dinners will be served at the Cleveland Buddhist Temple bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 12, noon to 6 p.m., at its temple, 214th and Euclid. Reservations are being accepted by telephone, 692-1509.

Among the 20 ethnic groups participating in the 23rd annual Folk Festival at the Music Hall Oct. 8 were the Shoji Dancers, a group organized in 1950 to participate in the same festival, sponsored by the Cleveland Folk Arts Assn. and the Cleveland Press. Current instructors for the Japanese folk dancers are Mrs. Linda Omura, Mrs. Kiyoe Semonco, Mrs. Yoshiko Baker and Beverly Hashiguchi. The proceeds of the festival support the folk arts corner at the main public library.

NEWS CAPSULES

Government

Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn reappointed Gerald Kobayashi of Gardena to the Design Control Board and Mas Fukai of Gardena to the Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Commission.

Health

Formerly associated with the Univ. of Washington School of Public Health, Dr. Joe Okimoto of Seattle is now affiliated with the Center for Addiction Services, 1700 East Cherry St. (EA 9-7567), a program aimed at providing comprehensive, cohesive care to addicted and drug-dependent persons in the area. He has retained his clinical appointment with the school to teach community medicine and drugs.

Education

A WW2 Japanese language officer with the Marines, Dr. Laurence G. Thompson, was named chairman of the Dept. of Asian Studies at the Univ. of Southern California. Born in China of missionary parents, he graduated from UCLA in 1942, and Ph.D. degrees in Oriental studies from Claremont Graduate School in 1947 and 1954. He studied Japanese at the U.S. Navy Language School, Univ. of Colorado in 1943. He later served as cultural attaché with the U.S. Embassy in Taipei and foreign service staff officer in Tokyo, Singapore, Manila and Hong Kong. His teaching experience includes five years in California, Colorado and Taiwan before joining the USC faculty in 1965.

Flower-Garden

Longtime Hollywood JACL and 1000 Clubber Arthur Ho, president of Flower View Gardens, Inc., was elected president of the So. Calif. Floral Assn., a 1,100-member businessmen's group. A retail florist since 1935, except during the WW2 years when he served with Army intelligence in the Philippines and Okinawa, he is also a past president of the California State Florist Assn. and American Institute of Floral Designers. He serves on the FTD district board, active with a number of other professional groups.

The 65,000-member National American Businesswomen's Assn. named Helene H. Saeda (above) of Albuquerque, N.M., as one of its top ten businesswomen of the year at its convention held recently at Miami Beach, where more than 1,000 candidates from the 50 states were competing for the honors. She is vice president of Albuquerque Federal Savings and Loan Assn., first woman ever to hold that post in the 38-year history of the firm which has assets of \$161 million to rank as the leading savings institution in the state. She is residing with her mother at 1517 San Patricio, and has a brother, Thomas, vice-president with a Los Angeles architectural firm of Daniel, Mann, Johnson and Mendenhall; and two sisters, Mmes. Arthur Togami and Charles Matsubara of Albuquerque.

The California Land Title Co., Los Angeles, elected Terry M. Watanabe of Gardena vice-president of the firm he first joined in 1969 as chief accountant. Kazuo Wada heads the Yaohan USA, the American subsidiary of Yaohan Dept. Stores, a Japanese store chain based in Atami, as an import-export firm at Los Angeles. Its first overseas firm in Sao Paulo expanded threefold in less than a year's time and the Los Angeles branch may develop into a Yaohan supermarket.

Entertainment

"Manjiro's Journey" was staged by the Honolulu Theater for Youth Oct. 7-8 at Farrington High. The play by Jeffrey Fleece is a story of a Japanese boy's conflict between his native and Western ways. Manjiro was the first Japanese boy to study in America, having been picked up by an American whaling ship and educated in New England in the 1840s. In later life he taught seamanship and was interpreter for Japanese officials visiting U.S.

Book

Historical and sociological essays of Japanese immigration and assimilation are collected in "East Across the Pacific," edited by Hilary Conway and T. Scott Miyakawa (Santa Barbara: Clio Press, \$5.75 paper, \$15 cloth). In four sections, first deals with the Japanese in Hawaii, second with Japanese on the west coast including British Columbia from 1890 - 1945, third on Issei founders of U.S.-Japan trade and an essay on Inazo Nitobe, and fourth consisting of sociologies pieces on immigrants and their children.

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