



Priorities

By HENRY T. TANAKA
National JACL President
The perennial question, "Why JACL?", might very well be asked, "Why JAY (Japanese American Youth)?"

Why JAYs?

JACL and JAY different? In my opinion, the purposes are essentially the same.

The recent program emphasis by both JACL and JAY on education, as viewed from the perspective of personal awareness of one's Asian American background, the need for inclusion of Asian American history in the educational system and the need for greater understanding of Asian American problems by the general public, reflects one area of common interest and goal.

This declining interest within JAYs may be temporary. It is my feeling, however, that it may portend a more serious trend; a lack of sensitive interest and proper support from counterpart JACL chapters; inactive chapters may not. This interest is demonstrated in many ways. Many JACL chapters offer assistance in very concrete ways by providing transportation, food and subsidize funds needed. Program consultation is also provided when needed and requested.

In other JACL chapters, JAYs (preferably two persons), serve as voting members of the board. This provides an essential communication linkage between the two groups, thereby minimizing misunderstandings and maximizing their efforts towards achieving common goals. Still other chapters, like Cleveland, have organized a parents' booster group which provides an essential communication linkage between youth and parents. Such booster groups are independent of JACL but work closely with the youth advisors.

The fact that a national youth director has yet to be hired has also hampered the functions of the National Youth Coordinating Council which represents the seven district youth councils. The youth director will provide an important communication linkage with the National JACL as well as provide technical assistance for the youth, on organizational matters and program planning and development. Meanwhile, until the National Youth Director is hired, other national staff recently hired are available to assist the JAYs with their activities and programs.

With the changes in national staff, the development of regional offices, seeking of outside funds to assist with the implementation of many new projects and the changing emphasis on issue-oriented goals, JACL and JAY are involved in a difficult transition period. New adjustments will need to be continually made if these changes and developments are to be effectively implemented.

Implementing change will take time, perseverance, commitment, and willingness to work together and modify our plans, if necessary. The future of JACL and JAY is in the hands of our memberships. We have the power to do something about it. Let's exercise our rights.

FBI employment

WASHINGTON—The Federal Bureau of Investigation announced that its employees included 73 Asian Americans as of Feb. 1. There are 19 agents in the field and 54 clerks (about half here, at FBI headquarters).

BANNAL FILES FOR STATE ASSEMBLY SPECIAL ELECTION SET FOR MAY 29

GARDENA, Calif. — City Councilman Paul T. Bannal last week filed papers to seek the State Assembly seat for the 67th District, vacant since the recent death of Assemblyman Larry Townsend.

If he is successful in his bid, JACLer Bannal will serve out the remaining term of Townsend's which lasts for another year and a half. In announcing his intention to run, Bannal said that he feels he has a good chance to represent the district because he is one of the few candidates who really lives and is active in the area.

Rare Opportunity

As for why he is running, the Nisei businessman said, "it's a rare opportunity to run for a state office and feel that the chances of winning are good."

Should Bannal win, he will be the first Japanese American to hold a state office. Two Asian legislators are already in Sacramento, Sen. Al Song of Monterey Park and Assemblywoman March Fong of Oakland.

Bannal, serving his first term as a Gardena Councilman, was born on July 4, 1920 in Delta, Colo. His wife, Hide, is a graduate student at California State University at Los Angeles and holds a California teacher's certificate. His daughter Kathy, an Ephebian graduate of Gardena High School, is now a graduate student.

CCYDC picture gloomy, only one JAY group active

FRESNO, Calif. — The Central California JAYs program is in a very weakened state with a report that Redkey and Tulare County JAYs chapters are no longer active and the co-ED chairman Ed Shiba and Norman Otani have resigned.

The future of the JAYs program in Central California lies in the continued existence of the Scions, the Fresno Jr. JACL unit, which is also hard-pressed to maintain an active program.

Otani, past Scion president writing in the recent Fresno JACL newsletter, believed the current stalemate in the JAYs program are caused by:

- 1-Lack of leadership development.
2-Lack of parental encouragement of JAY programs.
3-Age differences: college vs. high school.
4-Extracurricular activities on high school and college campuses.
5-Church-related activities.

Despite this instability, Otani was optimistic because through the JACL as the parent organization, much potential exists in having a JAYs program. "The key to the continued existence of a JAYs program is concern: if no one is concerned then the CCYDC programs will have been short-lived," Otani concluded.

UW Arboretum tea-house burns, arson suspected

SEATTLE, Wash.—When the Japanese tea-house was installed at the Univ. of Washington Arboretum in 1959, it was the largest of its kind outside of Japan. The five-room structure was destroyed in a fire April 9.

Witnesses told fire investigators they had seen two young persons climb over a fence from the Japanese tea garden.

The tea-house was first displayed at the Washington Trade Fair.

Thought for the Week

We must get rid of the extraordinary notion that manual work is degrading.—Jawahar Nehru, Indian leader (1889-1964).



MEET KIMI AND SHIG—It was a "Meet Kimi and Shig Sugiyama" cocktail reception for some 50 JACLers and friends at the Kaz Oshiki home in Washington, D.C. In front (from left) are Rep. Don Edwards (whose constituent is National JACL president-elect Shig Sugiyama) of San Jose, Calif.; Rep. Patsy Mink of Hawaii; Mrs. Kimi Sugiyama; Shig Sugiyama; and Rep. Phil Burton (in

442nd Veteran

Bannal himself was graduated as an Ephebian scholar from Roosevelt High School in Los Angeles, studied pre-law at Drake University and also studied at UCLA Extension and the American Institute of Banking.

He is a veteran of World War II service and saw active duty from May, 1942 until May, 1946, with the 442nd Infantry Central Postal Directory, and is currently serving as president of the 442nd Association of Southern California. He is also a past commander of the Nisei Veterans' Assn. of Southern California and a life member of Gardena VFW Post 1961.

The Assembly candidate is a realtor, president of Bannal Realty and Insurance Agency. He serves as officer or director of several corporations and acts as advisor of Summit Bank of California.

Bannal is a past president of the Gardena Board of Realtors and currently serves on the legislative committee of the California Real Estate Association.

He is active in the Lions Club of Gardena Valley, a member of the board of trustees of the North Gardena United Methodist Church, and Boy Scouts of America, serving as charter district chairman, an area council executive board member, and has received the district's Award of Merit.

He has been a member of the Gardena Planning Commission, and served as its chairman in 1971 before being elected to the City Council.

The special election primary will be held May 29. If no candidate garners the necessary majority vote, the runoff election will be held June 26.

'MAIL ORDER' DEGREES ISSUED BY COLORADO NISEI DRAWS COMPLAINT

By JOHN TOOHEY
Denver Post

GOLDEN, Colo. — The Colorado Department of Education has filed a complaint in District Court here seeking an injunction against an Evergreen church school which allegedly has been awarding illegals degrees by mail throughout the nation.

The complaint was filed recently by the state attorney general's office for the education department against the Colorado State Christian College of the Inner Power at Evergreen.

Also listed as defendants are Milton K. Ozaki and George and Melody Dreger of Evergreen.

Ozaki is identified as supreme moderator of the Church of the Inner Power, while the Dregeres are listed as school officials.

Mail Solicitation

A college publication also listed Ozaki as president of the college which has solicited by mail candidates for its honorary degrees through the country.

The complaint contends the college isn't a college or university, nor seminary or bible school as defined by state statute. It recently was denied a property tax exemption also according to the complaint.

The suit claimed Ozaki and the Dregeres were issuing degrees illegally and asked the court here to issue a temporary restraining order and permanent injunction. It also asked that the college and its officials make restitution to those who have made donations to receive their degrees.

The complaint said a brochure issued by the college has offered by mail honorary degrees bearing the words "bachelor," "master" and "doctor" to "numerous individuals."

Other Degrees

The brochure listed studies by mail leading also to degrees in business administration, science divinity, psychology, metaphysics and philosophy. The brochure also listed:

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Puyallup to host next PNW meel

TACOMA, Wash. — The Puyallup Valley JACL will host the next Pacific Northwest District Council meeting, July 14-15 at the Canterbury West Motel, Westport, Wash.

A salmon fishing charter trip on the 20-man "Starfire" is planned for Saturday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., followed by an ocean-side campfire outing 7 to 9 p.m., and a workshop 9:30 to 11 p.m.

The PNWDC meeting will convene at 10 a.m. Sunday, with a noon luncheon, and a 3:30 p.m. adjournment planned.

This summer fun, family meeting at this ocean salmon fishing resort (about 80 miles west of here) is open to any JACLer. Anyone interested in further information, should contact John M. Kanda, chairman, Facilities Committee, 1746 Academy St., Sumner, Washington 98390.

OSAKA MAYOR TO LEAD SAKURA MATSURI

SAN FRANCISCO — Mayor Yasushi Oshima of Osaka will participate in the Cherry Blossom Festival parade on Sunday, April 22, as Grand Marshal.

Mayor Oshima will arrive at San Francisco International airport at 8:50 a.m. Friday, April 20, via Japan Air Lines. He will be accompanied by his wife, Naoko.

Rotary Club rejects meeting site at Elks

WATSONVILLE, Calif. — The last remaining major Watsonville service club to hold its regular meetings at the Reseter banquet hall considered moving away last month (Mar. 7), then decided to stay. A spirited debate over whether to move to the Elks Club for buffet lunches on Wednesday or to stay with traditional service at a 75-cent price increase ended in a written ballot preference for staying, 61 to 17.

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Members Reminded

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COLLEGE TEACHER QUILTS ELKS, RAPS 'WHITE' POLICY

Instructor Target of Racist Sign Posted in Own Lodge

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — American River College instructor Frank Walter, who became the target of a racist sign posted in the Elks Lodge No. 6 in Sacramento, has resigned from the organization with a blast at its whites-only membership rule.

"To espouse patriotism and make it a part of the (Elks') ritual and yet deny membership to American citizens on the basis of pigment seems grossly hypocritical," the English instructor said (April 5) in a letter of resignation to Exalted Ruler Billy Skarles.

"I cannot teach American blacks, Orientals and Indians and profess — as the State Education Code requires — open-mindedness and freedom from prejudice and at the same time belong to an organization that denies membership purely on racial grounds."

11-Year Member

Walter, an 11-year member of Lodge No. 6, said his action was triggered by a racist sign anonymously posted in the athletic department of the lodge.

He said a notice requesting donations for the defense of Sacramento police Sgt. Sam Somers charged in the shooting of a black youth was posted by members.

But below the sign, he said, "someone posted another sign which read: 'Nigger Fund' and listed my name with a \$100 donation."

"Perhaps this sign was appropriate in singling me out for derision, for I have been steadfastly opposed to apartheid, whether it be in South Africa, America or the Elks Club."

Consensus Seen

"Apparently the warped mind that conceived so outrageous an indiscretion thought he would provide considerable humor for the (members). I'm not so naive as to assume this ignominious action represents a consensus in this club, but unfortunately the action of this individual reflects a far too vociferous minority which is not representative of the club as a whole."

"If the Elks Club sincerely wishes to change its image, it can start by changing its bylaws."

Skarles had no comment on the letter.

At the Elks' national convention in Atlantic City, N.J., last July a 16-member national committee of past exalted rulers supported a change in the whites-only rule. But the convention voted down the move, 1,798 to 921.

JACL Attitude

JACL, it may be recalled, has passed several resolutions with reference to the Elks Club, urging white-only clubs to abandon their exclusionary policy for the public peace, tranquility and good order in the U.S.

Meanwhile, it is JACL policy that its chapters and members refrain from using the Elks Club and all other exclusionary clubs for JACL functions.

Members have also been urged to decline awards, grants and scholarships sponsored by the Elks and all other exclusionary clubs as well as any invitations as guests of such organizations.

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ASIAN OCCASION—Theme of the recent Cleveland Home and Flower Show was enhanced by Nikkei participation. At the ribbon cutting ceremony opening the nine-day show were (from left) William Clark, president of the show; Japanese Senior Consul Kazuaki Arichi from Chicago; William Sadatoki, Cleveland JACL; Mayor Ralph Perk; and George Reese, v.p. of the show.

JACL STAFF OPENINGS

Youth coordinator, regional director posts in L.A., Chicago still vacant

SAN FRANCISCO — Applications are still being accepted for the position of Assistant National Director for Youth Coordination and Regional Directors for the Midwest and Pacific Southwest districts, it was announced by David Ushio, Nat'l Executive Director.

Deadline for applications will be Monday, April 30. Interested persons should send resumes to Ushio, National JACL Headquarters, 22 Peace Plaza, Suite 203, San Francisco, Calif. 94115.

Position of Asst. National Director for Youth Coordination will be based in San Francisco and carries with it responsibility to plan, coordinate and implement programs and activities directed toward, for, or involving Japanese American youth. He will further assist the JAY (Japanese American Youth) organization in all areas of planning and administration.

Persons selected for this position should have background of involvement with Japanese American young people as well as ability to originate and develop programs of activities for youth on a national scale. Salary is open and will be based on applicant's qualifications.

Regional Directors

Two regional directors will be based in Chicago and Los Angeles and their duties include providing assistance and guidance to JACL district councils and member chapters in the development and implementation of programs to meet community needs. In addition, the regional directors will be working with community governmental, educational and business groups as well as other Asian American organizations.

The regional directors will also work with the Executive Director on National and inter-regional JACL programs. Salary range for the position is between \$9,000-12,000 per year.

FIRST WOMAN INSTALLED HEAD OF YMCA BOARD IN SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO — A woman has been named to head the Buchanan YMCA, the first time a woman was elected to president of any of the "Y" board of management in this city.

She is Mrs. Shizuko Yoshimura, formerly of 73 Alpine Terrace, who has been a Y board member for over a dozen years. Only one other woman in the state has ever elected a woman president, it was reported, in Southern California.

The selection of Mrs. Fagerhaugh returns a Japanese American to the top board post at the center which was started in the 1880's as the Japanese YMCA — the name retained until the 1942 Evacuation.

USO Center

The building at 1530 Buchanan St. was USO center during the war and reopened as the Buchanan St. YMCA branch around 1950 with Fred Hoshiyama as executive secretary. Hoshiyama is now deputy general secretary for the YMCA's six-state Pacific Southwest District.

JACLER HARRY TESHIMA

Presented first 'Good Egg' Award

PARK FOREST, Ill. — The Park Forest Commission on Human Relations recognized Chicago JACLer and longtime village resident Harry Teshima for his many efforts toward improving human relations, especially in the area of housing, with the "Good Egg" award on April 1.

The award was designed "Good Egg" after the oval-shaped symbol recently adopted by the commission.

Teshima, a structural engineer with Bert Exelrod Co., Chicago, was one of the drafters of the village building code, a pioneer in Park Forest's successful integration and prime mover of recent FHA-HUD action to improve conditions in one neighborhood.

Although his professional work deals primarily with heavy construction and mining, Teshima has long been interested in housing construction. During 1971 he researched federally funded 235 housing programs, interviewed FHA officials, visited houses and attended meetings, then wrote a report on the Beacon Forest Heights situation which he presented to the commission on human relations in January 1972.

This report, detailing both physical and social problems

CL-ER ADVOCATES USE OF 'JPN' IN LIBRARY WORK

Protest Epithet in Material Issued by Federal Agency

(Special to The Pacific Citizen) SEATTLE, Wash. — Despite complete agreement that use of "Jap" should be eliminated, the UCLA Brain Information Service is required by the codes used in the computerized data file to tolerate the abbreviation, Dr. Minoru Masuda, professor in psychiatry at the Univ. of Washington, was recently informed.

However, the UCLA biomedical library staff has been instructed by Mrs. Pat L. Walter, assistant director for information services, to use "Jpn" as the language code wherever possible as was suggested by the former Seattle JACL chapter president.

The National JACL planning Commission last year had recommended use of "Jpn", which has been adopted by the United Nations, when referring to "Japan" or "Japanese". The JACL recommendation is presently under study of the Public Relations Committee for program implementation.

Federal Usage

The National Library of Medicine at Bethesda, Md., was also urged (Mar. 28) to make "this small change" in its codification — "a small change which may have subtle implications for its thousands of users, but which has very great meaning for over half a million Japanese Americans," Dr. Masuda pointed out.

The lead to write the National Library of Medicine's chief of bibliographic services was made by Mrs. Walter, after explaining UCLA's data must be compatible with material coming from the National Library of Medicine since merging these two sources of data.

The National Library of Medicine uses a three-letter abbreviation code for all languages and until a general change is made by the federal agency, Mrs. Walter was afraid "all our computerized data will have to continue carrying that code."

JACL's Rationale

JACL's reason for protesting the use of "Jap" as an abbreviation is based historically when that term was visited upon Japanese and Japanese Americans for close to a 100 years.

The term of derogation and inferiority was thrown at the Issei when they first arrived and it symbolized the economic, social and political persecutions they endured.

The epithet persisted through the succeeding generations of Japanese Americans and helped put some 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry behind barbed wire of concentration camps in 1942. It is prevalent today as witness its renewal as economic and political pressures escalate.

"No other abbreviation carries that kind of connotation," Dr. Masuda declared. "This transgression, as innocent as its intent may be, is especially vile when given exposure and an implied sanction by a scientific public institution."

(Some business and shipping writers in the trade are lately using "Ja" for identification purposes.—Ed)

Ohio withholding offensive auto plates

COLUMBUS, Ohio — JACL's concern over appearance of personalized automobile license plates containing derogatory words was acknowledged by State Rep. James P. Calabrese of Cleveland in a recent (Mar. 29) reply to Henry T. Tanaka, national JACL president.

Celebrezze, chairman of the transportation committee in the Ohio House of Representatives, was assured by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles that no word combination with the prefix "JAP" has been or will be issued although as initials of licensees are allowed.

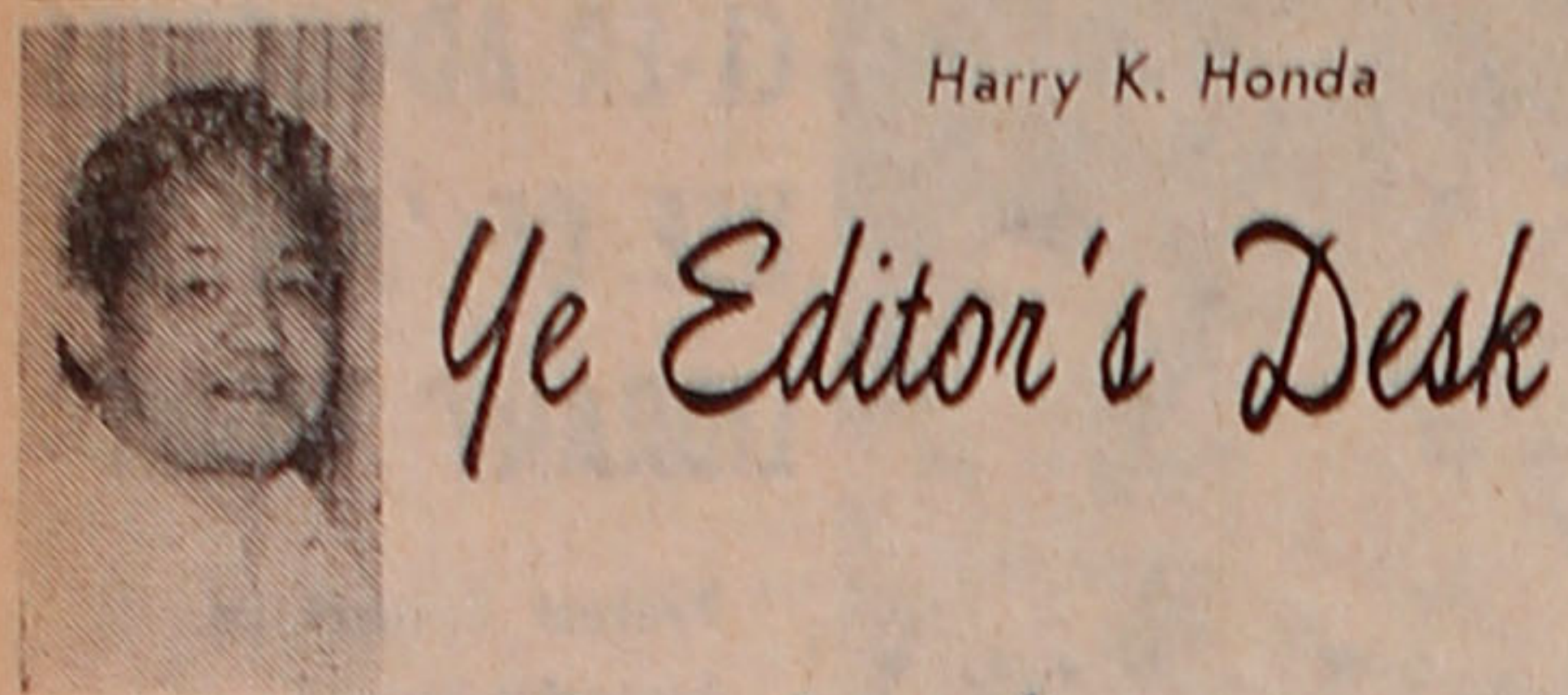
Ohio also has a reserve license plate board of review which is charged with the responsibility of preventing issuance of license plate containing derogatory words.

(JACL in California, through national vice president Frank Iwama of Sacramento, and various chapters including the Bay Area Community, are seeking recall of several personalized auto license plates which are offensive to persons of Japanese ancestry.)

Japanese American Service Committee, Apr. 11, to discuss plans. The round trip fare will be about \$35.

Rohwer is the site of camp-made monuments to Nisei WW2 war dead.

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Harry K. Honda

## Ye Editor's Desk

### FRATERNAL DISCRIMINATION

It is common knowledge that fraternal groups bearing the "white male" restrictive requirement for membership have been subjected to pressures within and without to eliminate the exclusion. Were it not for their reliance of such clubs for a license to sell and serve alcoholic beverages to operate or be exempt from paying taxes because of their philanthropic or charitable enterprises, the hubbub would have never bobbed.

Some of the states have stripped away the tax-exempt status because of their by-laws show racial bias and in California are two bills to take away on the same account their liquor licenses—AB 173 introduced by Assemblyman Miller of Oakland and AB 386 authored by Assemblyman Alatorre of Los Angeles.

National VP Frank Iwama of Sacramento informs us the hearing on these bills has been rescheduled for April 25, 3:45 p.m., Room 2117 in the State Capitol. JACL has asked for permission to testify on behalf of these bills, which would give the Alcoholic Beverage Control board authority to suspend or revoke licenses of clubs which discriminate on the basis of race, religion or national origin (AB 173) or of race, religion, sex or national origin (AB 386).

The state business and professions code relating to alcoholic beverages is explicit in describing what a "club" means.

The Alatorre bill adds: "No corporation or association shall be deemed a 'club' if it in any way restricts membership or the use of any of its facilities on the basis of race, religion, sex or national origin." Then follows conditions which would suspend or revoke licenses:

- 1—If continuance of a license becomes contrary to public welfare or morals.
- 2—Selling alcoholic beverage that is adulterated, diluted, misbranded or mislabeled.
- 3—Misrepresentation of a material fact by the applicant at time of filing.
- 4—Failure to rectify objectionable conditions that would constitute a nuisance.
- 5—Discrimination on basis of race, religion, sex or national origin in the conduct of the business at any place for which a license has been granted.

People at the State Capitol are frankly pessimistic over these bills being recommended out of committee. A ray of optimism, however, can be shed if all minority groups zero in on the bills, especially AB 386 which has added clout by including the women.

Realistically, most legislators are likely to stand still (there are more pressing matters of state to tend to) unless they are convinced that the principle of good government is being slowly undermined. Public agencies such as Alcoholic Beverage Control have no business engaging that which is against stated public policy. The ABC shouldn't be placed in a predicament to license clubs that racially discriminate.

There are also some who question the public welfare aspect in the matter of what the ABC is doing—but this is a moral question that government found extremely difficult to enforce through the 18th Amendment. It was the women, come to think of it, who led the nation to ratify that now-repealed amendment. It may just be the women again to lead the action to eliminate the lily-white male bastions.

Other bills regarding sex discrimination have come to our attention. State Senator Ushijima in Hawaii has noted that civilization has reached the point where male government employees should receive "paternity leave" with full pay for a period of seven working days and perhaps be extended over the years to match provisions for maternity leave. Female government employees are entitled to as much as a year of maternity leave, though no pay is involved. Ushijima's bill provides the paternity leave may start on or after the date of birth but no later than 21 days after that. We don't know how many children Ushijima has but as most fathers know, tending to house chores is no vacation!

Rep. Patricia Saiki in Hawaii has introduced a bill allowing women to keep their maiden names after marriage. One woman in favor of the bill noted the Japanese custom of "yo-shi" where the husband of the eldest daughter in a family with no sons can take her name. The Spanish custom of having children carrying surnames of both the father and mother is a variation on the same theme. But the day has come, it seems, where surnames won't matter—just the Social Security number.

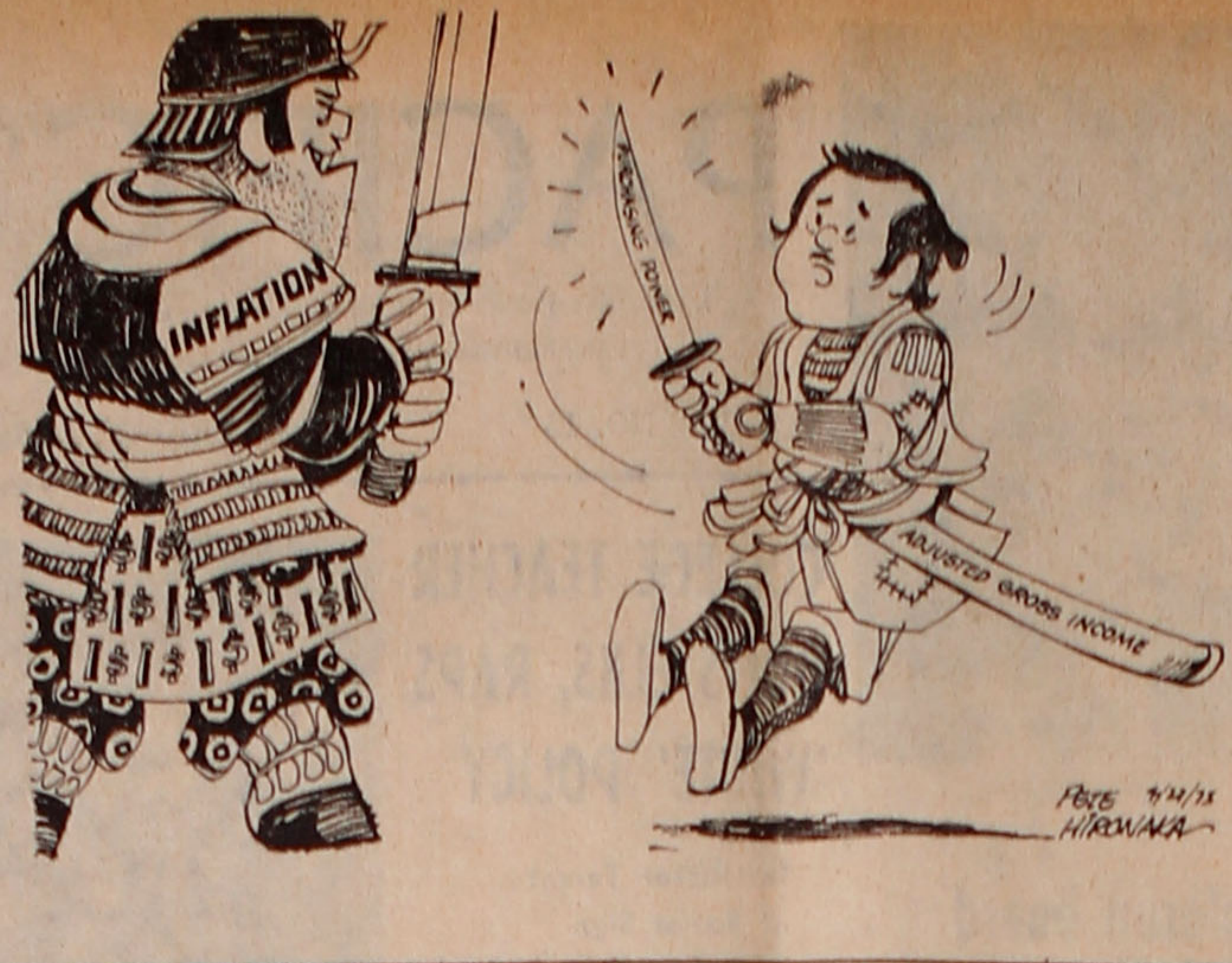
And finally, Rep. Leopold in Hawaii wants such activities as "stag nights" banished from any place of business or public accommodation. The women's lib is backing this one, naturally. Their spokeswoman was quick to add they had no intention of trying to integrate restrooms. "Most of us still accept the notion that certain activities require privacy."

Of course, that isn't the ultimate for women's lib. Though the situation in Japan is changing, some public restrooms there were integrated. The sign in Kanji reads "Kyodo." The Asian American woman who suffers double jeopardy as objects of racism and sexism in the U.S. will realize how "Yankee Puritan" she is in a kyodo-style gofujō in Japan.

### NATIONAL JACL COMMITTEES

This week's issue lists, as best our records have it, the people who head the various national JACL committees. There are too many vacancies, which doesn't make it seem advisable to even put this out, but that is the situation and one which the National JACL Board will deal at its forthcoming interim meeting in San Francisco.

There are too many committees, to begin with, and some new committees which are listed in reality replace others which should not have been listed. With adequate JACL professional staff on hand, perhaps the stability of national committees to get out the work, the directions they will assume, will be best orchestrated through a solid-standing structure with national officers each assuming a share of the supervisory role.



FROM HAPPY VALLEY: Sachi Seko

## Between Me and Thee

Salt Lake City  
It was a March day, dazzling with deceptive spring overtures when our mother died. As the brisk wind swept and scoured the valley clean, she was released from the prison of unrelenting, excruciating pain. She died much as she lived, not only accepting, but unafraid.

The end of one's life is least significant, for it terminates time and privilege. The quantity of time is unknown, but the gift of life is given with the condition of eventual physical death. The quality of one's existence, despite external impediments, is a matter of personal commitment and considerable courage.

In a time when there is much repetitive rhetoric as to identity and cultural heritage, our mother did not suffer these burdens. One's identity exists in being, not what he was or what he might have been. Our mother was secure in that sense, for she was her own person.

She was an exceptionally self-motivated individual. She was not a stranger at the mortuary where her body was taken. As we made the final arrangements, we reminisced with the management on how we first met. It was a quarter century ago, when our mother had gone to them, determined that no Japanese pauper would have a welfare funeral. She arranged that they accept all remains and that she would somehow manage the financial obligations.

She gave and did without seeking either appreciation or public acknowledgment. When we were children and sometimes balked at performing chores, she would say, "If an act is performed halfheartedly, it is better not done. Even more to be pitied was the one who did, seeking praise and thanks."

Appreciation was to be extended, not sought. To one's best ability, kindness and charity were gifts of life. There were to be no blit-

ters of guilt or regret after death. Toward the end, her responses were monosyllabic. It was typical that her last complete sentence was, "Thank you very much."

Good breeding and courtesy were inherent in her. It was to her credit that the fact that she was that rarity, a formally educated Issei woman, was not revealed until her simple obituary was read. She had always disdained an obsession with one's appearance, possessions or credentials. Too often, she said, they were barriers to one's humanness.

She knew no generation gap. During her seven weeks of hospitalization and convalescence this fact was evident. Fragile Issei, themselves ailing, often made the trip by cab. Nisei came after work or between visiting hours. In addition, there were Samsel, mini-skirted and full-fledged. If she slept, they touched her hand and left. Flowers and other gifts continuously appeared in extravagant profusion.

### Condolences Continuous

People were her life. After she was gone, the callers at the family home were continuous and many. To our embarrassment, there were some whose names we did not know. With each she had enjoyed a personal relationship. Our mother had suffered with rheumatoid arthritis for the last seven years, without relief or respite. During these condolence visitations, it was often mentioned that whenever an inquiry was made regarding her health, she somehow managed to divert the conversation to their problems, their health, their families.

She was a good listener. Much of what she heard was of a confidential nature. She felt a special empathy for those brides from Japan, rootless and friendless. For twenty-four years, people were her major concern. The family business was secondary. She never violated their trust.

In the few good moments she enjoyed of late, we listened for her laughter. Our collective memories of childhood include sunny days and the seashore and they ring with the peal of childish laughter. She taught us early to laugh at ourselves. Her own blun-

ders were a source of amusement to her. She felt sorry for those who approached themselves or life too seriously. She said they missed all the fun.

She was a complex person with a diversity of interests. One which we shared in particular was literature. As a child I discovered she had an English name, "Martha," which was inscribed on her books.

Reading and writing were her private source of strength. When the duties of wife and mother were done for the day, she went into her room and closed the door. In this solitude she replenished her interior being.

### Manner of Speaking

Incredible as it seems, she had crossed that barrier between "me" and "thee." She did not need a mirror to see herself. In another's face, she saw herself reflected. When we marveled at the disparity between another's coarse tongue and her graceful, eloquent language, she said that when we reached a new level of wisdom, we would see no superficial differences but sustaining similarities. Her happiness was abundant for she sought and discovered fine qualities in each individual.

Once when she hovered between life and death, I mentioned that we were concerned. She answered, "There is nothing to worry about." We had no worry barrier.

At that time, friends equally concerned, suggested that perhaps her children could implore her to live, even promise hope for recovery. All her life we had respected and accepted her decisions. She had not taught us how to lie.

It was then that each of us held private counsel. As we differ in life styles, each of us enjoyed a separate and unique relationship with our mother. Yet not one of us felt he had the right to inflict his selfish desires on her. In that delicate moment of decision, we found that we, too, could cross the bar between "me" and "thee."

### 'She Went Alone'

We watched her die, the once beautiful face ravaged with pain. The limbs which had climbed trees and stroked the sea were withered and deformed. Not once did she moan. No tears spilled from her eyes. Between the spasms of pain, she smiled at us. Clear-eyed and calm of mind, we found that in this final understanding, we could smile back.

She took us with her to the brink of death. And then she went alone, as each of us went alone. It reminded me of the time when as a child I feared electrical storms. She led me outside where the slashing rain and wind whipped against my face and the skies were brilliant with jagged lightning. There was truly nothing to fear. The storms always passed.

She has taught me many things and some I have learned for myself. I can no longer distinguish one part from the other. There is no conflict. Perhaps it becomes too simple, but these two parts are met in me and explain the matter of my identity and cultural heritage. It will be complete only when I too freely transcend that barrier between "me" and "thee."

## 25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, Apr. 17, 1948

Father Flanagan, famed founder and director of Boys Town, will make his first public appearance in Salt Lake City Sept. 7 at Kingsbury hall in a program sponsored by the 10th biennial national convention of the JACL.

Declaring that residents of Japanese ancestry "have for over half a century made important contributions to the agricultural development and cultural richness of Los Angeles County," the Board of Supervisors Apr. 13 unanimously passed a resolution memorializing Congress to strike out all racial restrictions upon naturalization through passage of HR 5004. George Yamaoka, New York, Salt Lake City, has been the chief of the American defense for Japan's Class A war criminals, returned to the United States Apr. 9 after completing a trial which has

taken two years... The U.S. government Apr 12 backed up the JACL in challenging the validity of the Calif. statute which prohibits resident Japanese aliens from engaging in commercial fishing in coastal waters... For the first time in recent U.S. political history, two Japanese Americans participated as voting delegates in a national political conference of major importance (Wallace for President) in Chicago...

A third Japanese war bride is now at Fitzsimmons hospital at Denver, in the person of Taeko Okawa, who is presently stationed with U.S. occupation forces in Japan... Salt Lake City will soon have a half-acre Japanese garden in the International Peace Gardens at Jordan park, according to plans filed by the JACL with the superintendent of city parks.

## Chapter potluck sheds new light on Cincinnatians

By DAVID BOWES (Cincinnati Post)

Sakura! Sakura!  
Yayoi no sora wa,  
Miwatatsu kagiri,  
Kasumi ka? Kumoka...  
The Japanese folk song being sung by kimono-clad women tells how "cherry trees, cherry trees, bloom so bright in April breeze."  
Never mind that I'm sitting in the Evendale Community Center on a rainy evening in

### GUEST COLUMN

March, "Fragrance fills the air around, shadows flit along the ground."

The occasion is the annual potluck dinner of the Queen City's Japanese American community.

(Front page of the Cincinnati Post food section the same week featured recipes gleaned from the Cincinnati JACL potluck dinner through courtesy of Mrs. Satoshi Sugita, wife of the Post's business editor. Over 300 turned out, despite the thunderstorm.)

Victimized by wartime hysteria and political pressure, they lost \$400 million in homes, farms and businesses, not to mention their rights to due process of law. Together with 20,000 others—mostly their elder, alien parents—these citizens spent several years behind barbed wire guarded by armed troops.

Students and U.S. Army volunteers left the camps first, followed by remaining evacuees as circumstances permitted. About 500 of them, seeking new life in a new city, decided to try this area. When the war ended and hostility waned, 150 remained to become exceptionally solid, if largely accidental, Cincinnatians.

Middle-aged Benny Okura of Hyde Park reflects upon the upheaval in a calm, almost detached way. (He senses, I suspect, that I'm finding it unexpectedly difficult to refer to the detention centers as concentration camps, which is what they were.)

Okura was a high school student when his family was taken away from the vineyard country near Lodi, Calif., and transported to Camp Rohwer in the cotton belt of rural Arkansas.

"People made the best of it," he says. "We were treated decently, but it was up to us to turn the thing around. We started vegetable gardens and craft projects and were paid small wages."

"It was hardest on the old folks. They were pretty darn strong. My own generation philosophized. It could have been worse. Our lives had been focused entirely on California and the Pacific. The experience taught us that there were 48 states at the time."

Eventually the Nisei were granted short-term leaves so they could decide where they might try to pick up the pieces.

One of Okura's brothers became a foundry worker in Illinois. A sister entered college in Maryland. Another sister went to work in a defense plant in Iowa. Okura, his parents and another sister came to Cincinnati.

"Some other people in the camp had seen Cincinnati and reported back to us," he recalls. "They said it appeared to be a friendly town where it would be easier for our parents to assimilate."

His father went into maintenance work. His mother took a job at Holmes Hospital. Having completed high school in Arkansas, Okura himself earned a degree in accounting at Chase College. He's been an accountant with General Electric for more than 20 years.

Okura's wife, Joanne, learned to sing in this program of music, fashions and dances. Her mother, Mrs. Mary Berst of Hyde Park, is playing the piano accompaniment. Shelly Okura, 3 years old, is in a nursery set up for children of the several hundred diners here tonight.

Okura acknowledges that Nisei everywhere have strived for achievement and acceptance perhaps more consistently than any other minority. Newsweek magazine once said that Japanese Americans are "outwhiting the whites."

"We had to prove our patriotism," he explains, "so we went pretty far in one direction. This was a vindication for our parents, the Issei. Our children, the Samsel of the third generation, are free to recapture their ancient heritage. Nowadays, if you don't have an ethnic identity something's wrong!"

Okura's brother and sisters have married persons from Polish, English, French and Austrian backgrounds. His successor as president of the local JACL is Leo Smith, a black Cincinnati who works with the U.S. Postal Service. Smith's wife, Shizuko, is one of 40 Japanese "war brides" here tonight.

JACL at the national level is moving toward a pan-Asian concept, the idea being that Japanese culture is but a single part of the larger Asian experience. Young people are insisting upon this new emphasis.

Okura's widowed mother, Mrs. Yaeko Okura, is happy just to be Japanese, thank

## To the Point

Shig Sugiyama  
Nat'l JACL President-Elect



Loveliest of trees, the cherry now  
Is hung with bloom along the bough,  
And stands about the woodland ride  
Wearing white for Easter tide.

Now, of my threescore years and ten,  
Twenty will not come again,  
And take from seventy springs a score,  
It only leaves me fifty more.

And since to look at things in bloom  
Fifty springs are little room,  
About the woodlands I will go,  
To see the cherry hung with snow.  
A. E. Housman, "A Shropshire Lad", 1896.

These lines return to me from days in Ann Arbor when we, the young "radicals" and "liberals" on campus in the midst of returning World War II veterans, nursed our port wine and hoarded beer as we contemplated the "real" meaning of Housman's words—as if there must be a secret meaning which we in our youth could not comprehend. We still had most of our "threescore years and ten" to look forward to, then.

What brought these lines to mind, obviously, were the cherry blossoms here in the Nation's capital, all but gone already for this spring. Kimi and I followed the lines of Sunday traffic around the tidal basin trying to catch a glimpse of the white clouds already turned pink, through the turning windshield wipers—while (we learned later) a tornado was devastating the countryside only a few miles to the south.

But see the sakura in full glory, despite the rain, we did with quiet contentment and pleasure. It was the first Hanami for us since Japan 15 years ago. And as we returned to Springfield knowing full well that the blossoms would not last through Cherry Blossom Week, son John's comment in a recent letter about Kurosawa's screen version of "Chushingura" was brought to mind—"I believe the cherry blossoms scene is absolutely memorable... to capture the beauty and transience of life."

Can we relate and give meaning to Housman's English cherry blossoms, Kurosawa's Edo sakura, and our transplanted sakura around the tidal basin? Housman relates his bloom to Easter tide, and I associate sakura with Hanamatsuri. But East or West does not seem to make much difference.

The coming of the cherry sakura, fleeting as they may be wherever their appearance, seems to symbolize the transience of life and being, and more so the beauty and good which can be found, if we will only take the time to seek it out.

It was refreshing to have had this brief reminder this past week here in Washington. When one is charged with finding what is wrong in a system, the faults are easy to find, particularly when one is prone to be critical of the conventional wisdom anyway. But looking only for what is wrong easily leads to reading evil intent into what is found wrong. When one is also charged with finding remedies for what is wrong, he cannot be looking for only the good. But it's well to be reminded that there are times when we ought to be looking around for what's right too. Otherwise we're likely to miss it.



William Marutani

## East Wind

Philadelphia

'SEPPUKU' = 'HARRY CAREY'?

It is said that there is a phrase, pronounced identically in English and Japanese, which means the same in both languages. The phrase: "Ah, so..." Or at least that's what I read in a magazine article once upon a time, long ago.

Some years later while looking up a word in Webster's, I stumbled across the distinctly Japanese-flavored word of "tsunami" which, loosely defined, means a "tidal wave." I then wondered what other words had found their way into our language from the Japanese. What follows are words that occurred to me. (I omit those vernacular tid-bits such as "mama-san" or "Hey, chotto-chotto" as not being worthy of this column's "high-kurasu.")

Gastronomical contributions start with "suki-yaki," "tempura" (generally heard as "ten-poo-rah" in our American scene) a delectable dish purportedly introduced by the Portuguese into the Japanese culinary staple, and of course "sake" (rice wine, steaming hot) which Americanized seems to come out as "sah-key"—and that's before even the first "tokkuri" has been drained. Lip-smackin' "sashimi" apparently hasn't yet found enough devotees to qualify for a birth in Webster's listing. After dinner there is the "gee-sha giri" ("geisha" of course), a highly-trained, cultured entertainer who, in the Westerners' eyes, particularly the male brand, is misconstrued as a professional you-know-what. She's clothed in an elaborate "kimono" (and the "oi-ran", oy-vey!) and may strut that Chinese instrument imported to Japan, that tri-stringed banjo called the "samisen", accompanied by a high-pitched, wavering, nasal intonation.

On the grim side, there are some uniquely fatalistic concepts which have found their way into our lexicon: "Hara-kiri" (seppuku), the ritualistic disembowling practiced generally by the upperclass in Japan's past consistently gets butchered beyond recognition as "Harry Carey" in American jargon. (Say, wasn't he a silent movie star or something?) Then there's that suicidal, aeronautical assault of WW2 vintage called "kami-kaze" or "Divine Wind", not unlike the one that also fortuitously (at least for Britons) visited the English Channel as the Spanish Armada was on its way bent upon crushing Ye Merrie Olde England. Speaking of battles, the felicitous or roar of "banzai" (literally "ten thousand lives" or years) is generally regarded as a jingoistic battle-cry in the Western world. The Japanese imported the term lock-stock-n-barrel from Chinese where it was pronounced as "wan-sui" but by the time it reached Japan it deteriorated to "ban-zai".

Speaking of deterioration, I'll heed my admonishment about "high-kurasu" and quit here. Before I get in deeper.

you. After decades of eating tuna and squid that are frozen, seaweed that is dehydrated and bamboo shoots that are canned, she's going to Japan this summer and have something cooked up fresh. It'll be her first visit in 37 years.

Everyone is singing by this time. Benny Okura and I join in for the second stanza of America, America! God mend thine every flaw, Confirm thy soul in self control Thy liberty in law.



Bill Hosokawa

## From the Frying Pan

San Francisco

**SPEAKING IN SAN FRANCISCO**—One of my reasons for visiting San Francisco this time was to take advantage of an invitation to speak to the Japan Society. The Society, as almost everyone knows, is an Establishment type organization made up of persons interested for one reason or another in bettering U.S.-Japanese relations. The topic suggested by the Society's executive director, Susan Brossy Crosier, was "The Japanese American vis-a-vis Japan: A Look at Some Subtle Problems." It was a formidable assignment, but the title was broad enough to permit a wide-ranging approach. Thus I was able to touch on a number of subjects, but not in any great depth on any of them as was demonstrated by the almost immediate reaction. Since this reaction, which is largely in the an imperfect knowledge of Japanese language, customs, traditions, etiquette, history and culture and were thus unequipped to interpret Japan to the United States, much less to ourselves.

One of my points was that the Nisei grew up with an imperfect knowledge of Japanese language, customs, traditions, etiquette, history and culture and were thus unequipped to interpret Japan to the United States, much less to ourselves.

Masao Satow, who was in the audience, hastened to add a very pertinent footnote. He pointed out that the Nisei, as well as the offspring of other immigrant groups, were urged by their teachers, the newspapers and civic leaders of that time to reject their cultural heritage and to concentrate entirely on becoming "Americans," whatever that may mean. But that same society refused to accept the Nisei as full-fledged Americans, leaving them in an uncomfortable limbo. Fortunately, little by little, that's changing.

I also noted that for many years Japanese businesses hiring Nisei in their American offices generally treated them like glorified errand boys and penalized them for failing to recognize the niceties of Japanese office etiquette. But I hastened to add that many firms, particularly the Japanese banks in California, were rapidly promoting Nisei into top managerial positions.

Tad Fujita, who I hadn't seen since before the war, proudly came up to point out the truth of the observation. He was promoted recently to vice president of the prestigious Mitsui & Co. (U.S.A.) Inc., the first Nisei to be so recognized.

One part of the speech stated that thoughtful Americans are aware that Japanese industry and business are successful in large part because they practice the virtues we were once so proud of but which we often ignore—hard work, pride, loyalty to one's craft and one's employer. Many American industrialists are aware of this and are trying to do something about it. Industry Week Magazine's editor, Stan Modic, is taking a group of American managers to Japan this month to seek ideas for restoring the will to work in this country. For two weeks the Americans are visiting Japanese factories, talking with top men in Japanese industry. Hopefully, the Americans will return "with a better understanding of what makes Japanese industry tick and be able to do a better job make their companies more effective competitors."

Finally, with reference to comments about the role Nisei and Sansei are destined to play in American-Japanese relations, Mrs. Tess Koch of Berkeley, Calif., wrote to me in part:

"Your remarks strengthen my contention that it is of paramount importance to Japanese Americans that they make overt efforts to become even more American than the average American by assuming a public role in the problem solving of our nation—that they become involved in civic affairs, in civic organizations and in education policy . . . Berkeley's sister city program with Sakai is one of the finest in the United States (due to the brilliant leadership of Mrs. Fern Harger) yet it is baffling to be unable to arouse the interest or participation of the Sansei in Berkeley . . ."

## Over 500 California Nikkei awarded Calif. state scholarship; 44,000 apply

**SACRAMENTO** — The California State Scholarship and Loan Commission announced the names of 11,193 State Scholars for the academic year 1973-74.

A total of 529 winners (4.7% among awarders) from Nisei families were among the field of approximately 44,000 applicants from throughout the state.

The total number of Japanese American winners was named from the record 574 down among 9,526 awarders last year, but topped the 508 among 9,348 winners in 1971-72.

### Financial Need

Scholarships are awarded by the state to academically able students who are in need of financial assistance at the college they will attend.

Students who will be attending community colleges first have been awarded reserve scholarships which will be held until they attend a four-year institution.

In the state tuition scho-

larship program, the maximum award this year is \$2,200, up from last year's top limit of \$1,800.

### Renewable Award

In no event the scholarship will be in excess of tuition and fees at the college or university selected by the award winner.

Each State Scholar is entitled to apply for annual renewal of his award if he maintains academic and financial eligibility under commission regulations.

According to commission officials, a list of alternate qualified candidates just below the initial award winners is being maintained and additional winners will be named if vacancies develop in the program.

—Nichi Bei Times

## Idaho Elk Clubs lose tax status

**BOISE, Idaho**—Idaho's Elk Clubs were stripped of their property tax exemptions Apr. 5 because of racial discrimination in their membership policy.

Idaho tax commission chairman Don C. Loveland ordered the action based on a state attorney general's decision declaring it illegal for the state to exempt fraternal organizations with racial discrimination membership policies from paying taxes.

Loveland also ordered investigation into the membership policies of other fraternal, and benevolent or charitable organizations.

### Elks—

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increase from \$2.25 to \$3 for a Reseter lunch compared with a charge of \$2.50 for an Elks buffet.

But the tide turned decisively in the debate when Rotarians were reminded that Elks national (vigorously opposed by the Watsonville Elks lodge) include a "whites only" policy for members and were told that some of its own members and guests, while able to be paying customers at a luncheon at the Elks clubhouse, are ineligible for lodge membership.

The Rotary roster lists four Americans of Japanese ancestry, and Rotarians who are black are sometimes visitors at club meetings here.

### Mail order—

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ed the cost for obtaining degrees in each subject, according to the complaint.

It noted that the college had granted a doctor of philosophy degree to a woman in another state after receiving a \$100 donation from her.

Investigation into the college began, according to Jane E. Kardokus, special assistant attorney general who filed the complaint here, after a letter was received from a New York City woman complaining of mail she had gotten from the Evergreen address.

She also notified the Bureau of Deceptive Practices of the Federal Trade Commission and the U.S. Postal Service, according to the complaint information.

### 'Honorary Degree'

The form letter received by the New York City woman from the college said "a mutual friend has suggested that we recognize your achievements by awarding you an honorary degree."

"We have reviewed all the factors concerned in your case and feel our board of trustees would react favorably to your application for an honorary degree of doctor of philosophy," the letter from the college said.

She was urged to file her application "as soon as possible." An accompanying application form noted the minimum contribution for an honorary doctor degree is \$100.

A copy of a letter from Ozaki to Otto G. Ruff, supervisor of the Colorado Department of Education on Feb. 21, 1972, also contained in the complaint file, claimed his school didn't have have to be accredited with the state.

### Educational Division

"I can only advise you that we are the educational division of the Church of the Inner Power and that we offer extension courses exclusively," Ozaki's letter said.

"Since we are a graduate school offering courses of an off-trail nature with strong psychic and religious overtones, there should be no question of accreditation," he wrote Ruff.

Ozaki also told Ruff that "all courses are prepared under my direction as head of the church."

The tax exemption application from Ozaki was denied March 19 by Raymond E. Carper, administrator of the State Property Tax Division.

It listed two lots and a structure in the Glen Eyrle Subdivision at Evergreen worth \$15,000.

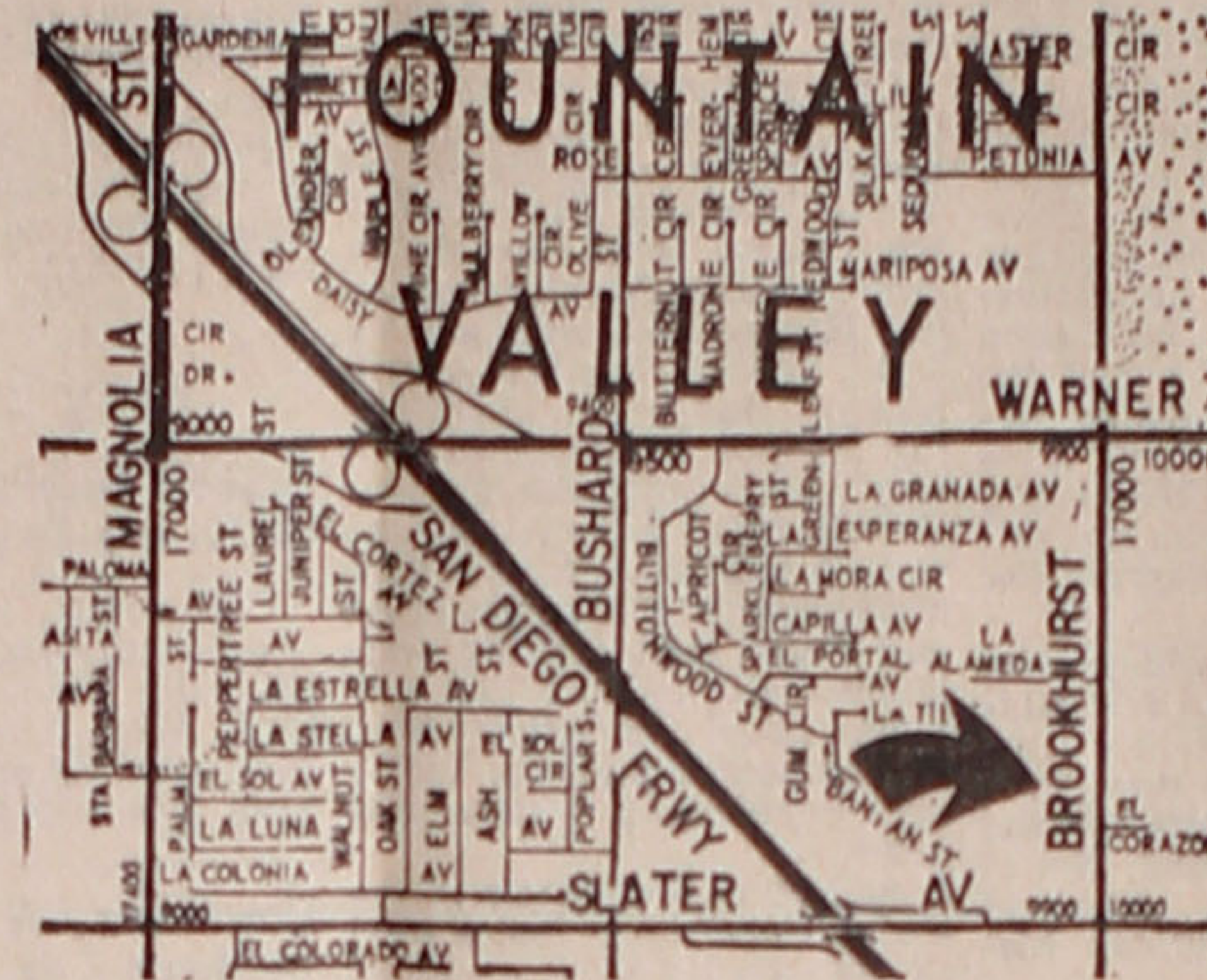
The complaint was assigned to Dist. Judge George Priest who is expected to set a date this month for a hearing on a temporary restraining order against the college.

Join the JACL

## Points of Interest in Southern California



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Fountain Valley. 2 blocks north of San Diego Freeway. 17400 Brookhurst St.



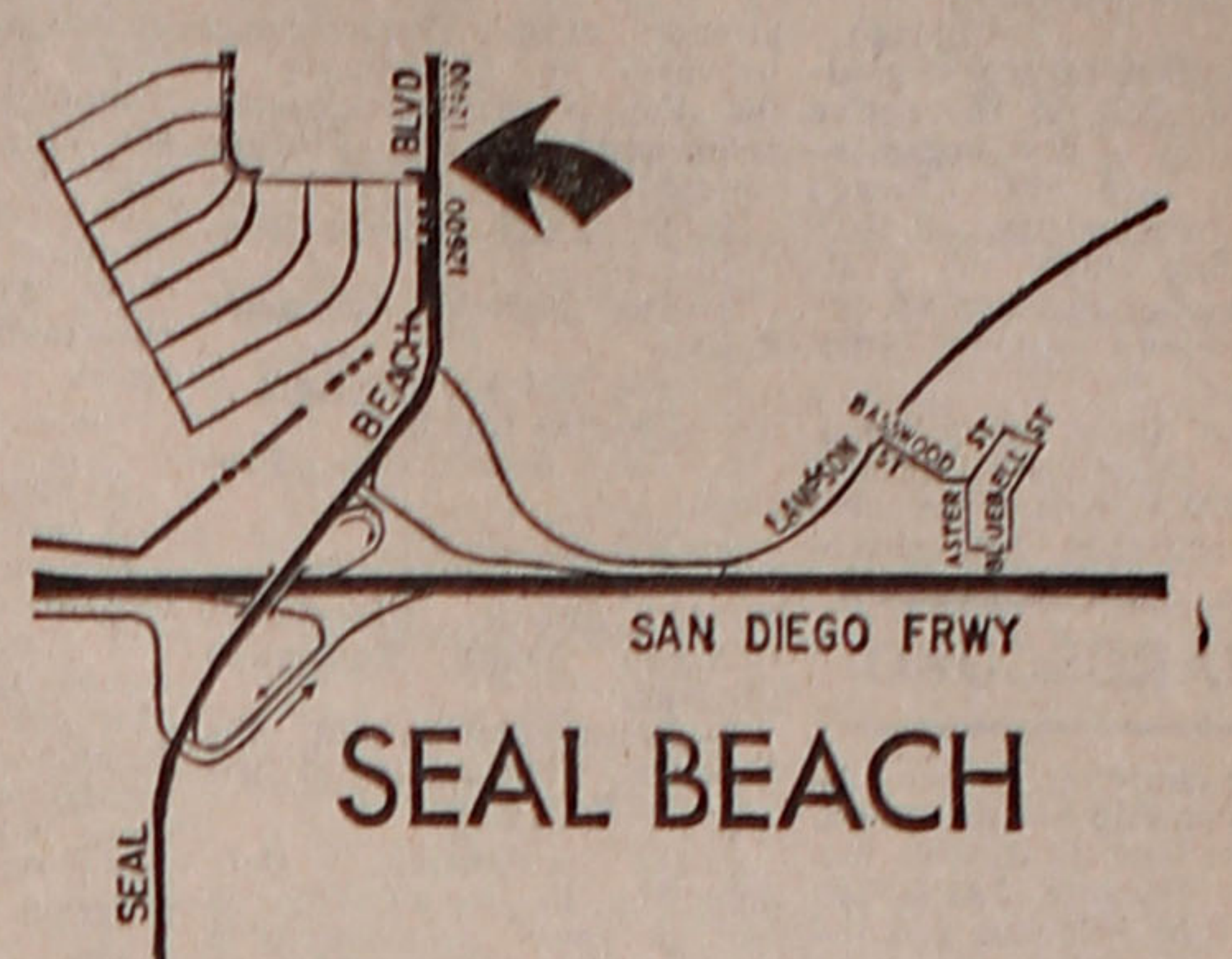
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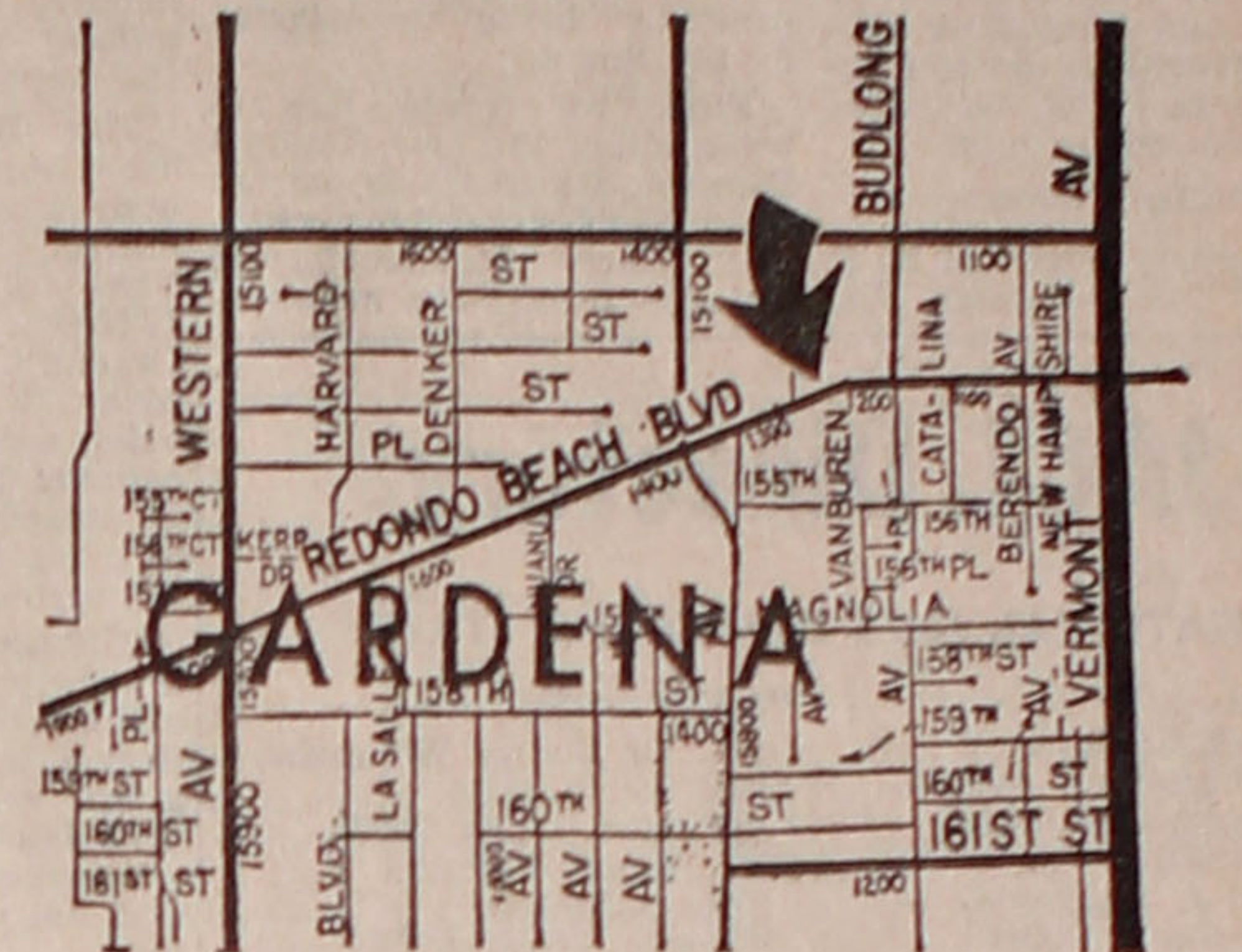
Newbury Park. In the shopping center across from Newbury Park High School. 115 N. Reino Road.



San Bernardino. Across from National Orange Show grounds. 590 South E Street.



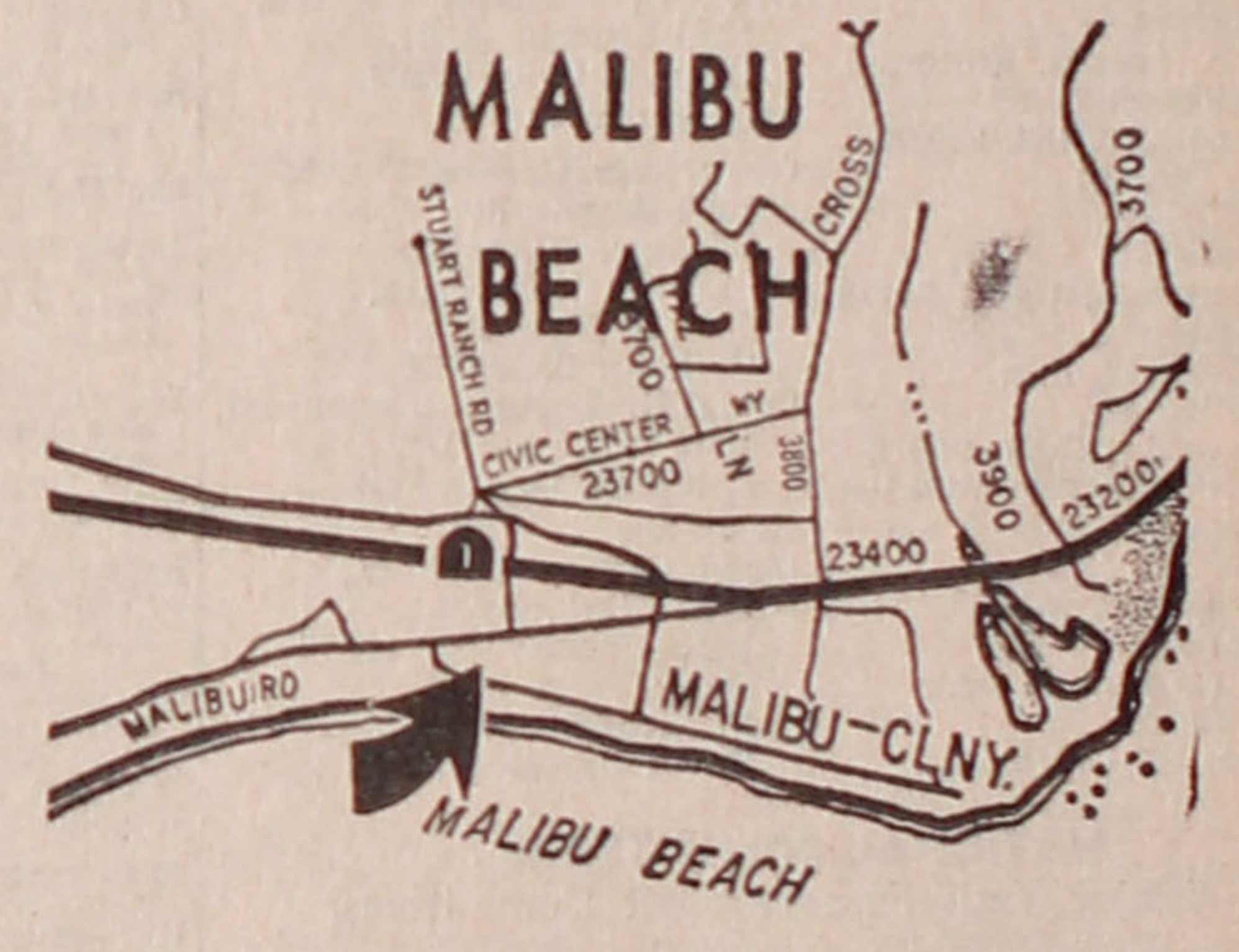
Seal Beach. In the Rossmore Shopping Center. 12501 Seal Beach Blvd.



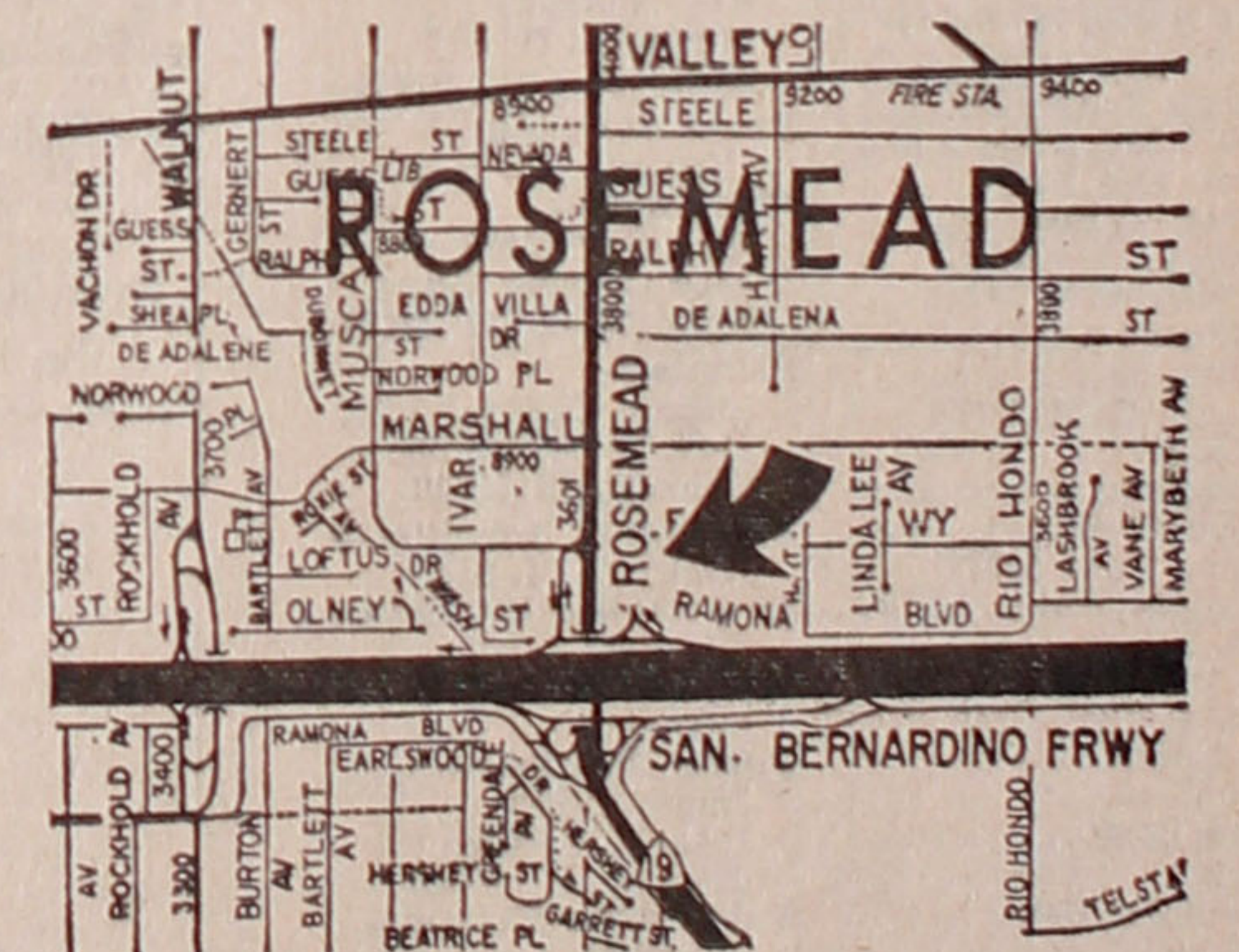
Gardena. 1 block west of the Memorial Hospital of Gardena. 1275 W. Redondo Beach Blvd.



Downtown L.A. Between 4th & 5th on Spring across from Title Insurance. 426 South Spring St.



Malibu. West of the entrance to the Colony. 23700 West Malibu Road.



Rosemead. Coming soon. Rosemead Blvd. at the San Bernardino Freeway.

## Grant renewed for 'Pride and Shame'

**SEATTLE Wash.** — Seattle JACL and State Capitol Museum's "Pride and Shame" travel exhibit has been funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, it was announced by Dr. Minoru Masuda, who was instrumental in organizing the first tour last year.

The requested \$5,000 grant will allow refurbishing the exhibit this summer and starting the tour in the fall. JACLers in the Pacific Northwest served as panelists whenever the exhibit of Japanese American history appeared.



**CANCER SOCIETY CANVASS**—Starting their 15th year as residential crusaders for the American Cancer Society are members of the West Los Angeles JACL Auxiliary. Shown here with a certificate of appreciation presented to them by the Society at a recent meeting are (from left) Mary Yanokawa, Auxiliary president; Yuki Sato, chairman of this year's drive; and Mrs. George Kaneko, co-chairman.

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## A Bid for More Participation

The success of any organization depends on the active membership of the organization. In 1972, the Chicago Chapter reached an all-time membership high of 1,121. However, the number of active members remains very low.

At one time many community activities centered around JACL. Now most community activities are centered

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ed in the churches. Active JACL membership has dwindled, and I believe that this has happened because JACL has not provided relevant and interesting programs and also because it has not publicized the programs that presently exist.

In 1973, the main goal of the Chapter will be to provide a viable and interesting program that will be directed towards more active participation by the community.

#### Existing Programs

A secondary goal will be to publicize the programs that

already exist. This column provides an opportunity to list the programs currently sponsored by the Chicago Chapter.

- 1-The JACL Federal Credit Union;
- 2-The Japanese Language School;
- 3-The Chicago JACLer;
- 4-Charter flights;
- 5-The Scholarship Program;
- 6-The Jr. JACL;
- 7-Support for the Chicago Nisei Athletic Association (CNAA) Youth Basketball Program;
- 8-Representation of the Japanese community at the Chicago Folk Fair.

Anyone interested in participating in or working on any of these programs can contact the JACL office at MO 4-4382 on weekdays between 1 and 5 p.m.

#### New Programs

Two new programs are presently being investigated by the Board.

First, we would like to bring either the new National Director, David Ushio, or the new Washington Representative, Barry Matsumoto, to Chicago to meet the member-

ship and the community. They could tell us of their plans and goals for JACL and we would have the opportunity to meet them and relate some of our ideas to them.

The second program being investigated is a Las Vegas Night or Casino Night. This would involve a night of gambling (craps, blackjack, roulette, keno, baccarat) with play money with prizes to be awarded at the end of the night. This could be a very entertaining and fun-filled night.

#### Social Basis

It has also been suggested that instead of "forcing" programs on the membership that the Chapter provide some social functions where people would have a chance to renew old friendships and acquaintances. Perhaps some constructive programs and more active participation could result from this social program.

The Chicago Chapter is planning on moving its office from 21 West Elm Street to somewhere on the north side. With an office more centrally located in the Japanese community, the office could be utilized more effectively by the community.

The Chicago Chapter has been working with the Japanese American Service Committee (JASC), the Chicago Nisei Athletic Association (CNAA), the Asian Liberation Organization (ALO), and the Asian Studies Group to develop a Sane Cultural-Educational Program. This group is presently considering setting up a pilot program for the spring.

The program would present a variety of cultural and educational programs for the Sane. Included in these programs would be the martial arts, Japanese cooking, flower arranging, sumie, Japanese and Japanese American history.

However, before this program is initiated, a survey is being taken to determine the interest of the Sane in such a program. Although it is felt that there is a need for such a program, it cannot be successful unless the young people are really interested in a program of this nature.

Here, again, perhaps a social program might be more relevant, and from the social program, the young people could develop a constructive program on their own.

### CALENDAR

April 26 (Thursday)  
Sacramento—Mtg. Nisei Hall, 7:30 p.m.

April 26—30  
Nat'l JACL—JARP Exec Comm Mtg. UCLL

April 27 (Friday)  
San Diego—Bd Mtg. Ocean View Church, 7:30 p.m.

April 27—28  
Seattle—Sukiyaki Dn. Baptist Church, 6-8 p.m.

April 28 (Saturday)  
Contra Costa—Issei Appreciation Night, J. F. Kennedy High School cafeteria, 5:30 p.m.; Richmond-Shimada Sister City Story.

April 28—29  
Cleveland—Jr JACL rummage sale.

April 29 (Sunday)  
Detroit—Gen Mtg. Brightmoor Comm. Ctr., 1-4 p.m.

May 5 (Saturday)  
San Mateo—Japanese movies. NCWDC—Qtrly Session, Reno JACL hosts: Mapes Hotel; Sat banq spkr., Sen. Howard Cannon.

May 5 (Saturday)  
Sequoia—Children's Day, Aldergate Methodist Church, 2-3:30 p.m.

May 6 (Sunday)  
Reno—Bonsai demonstration.

May 11 (Friday)  
Downtown L.A.—Mother's Day banquet, Man Jen Low, 6:30 p.m.

May 12 (Saturday)  
Alameda—Chapter bowling tournament, Mel's Bowl.

May 14 (Monday)  
West Los Angeles—Gen dnr mtg. Puyallup Valley—Gen Mtg.

May 15—20  
EDC—Qtrly session, New York JACL hosts.

May 15—20  
IDC—Qtrly session, Mt. Olympus JACL hosts.

May 20 (Sunday)  
West Los Angeles—Miss WLA queen's tea.

Detroit—JACL Bowling Lg dnr. Topinka's Country House, 5:30 p.m.

Bay Area Community—Mtg. Eastbay.

PSWDC—Qtrly session, Selanoco JACL hosts; Saddleback Inn, Norwalk.

June 9 (Saturday)  
Alameda—Sane bus excursion to Carmel, lv 8 a.m., ret 6 p.m.

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### CHAPTER PULSE

#### April Events

#### Dinner-dance bolsters Salt Lake JACL roster

By TOMOKO YANO

With one of the largest turnouts in many years including Sane, Salt Lake JACL members and friends enjoyed a successful dinner-dance at the Salt Lake Buddhist Church, April 7.

Chapter first vice-president and membership chairman Ted Nagata and committee kept the evening lively and entertaining from beginning to end with a few surprises thrown in between.

Festivities began at 7 p.m. with the cocktail hour and by 7:30, the hall was filled to begin the delicious buffet served by Ushio Catering, whose crew is composed of sister chapter Mt. Olympus members.

Door prizes were given away just prior to the dancing by the popular Renny Baker Orchestra which plays for many local Nisei gatherings.

Unexpected, unusual and impromptu entertainment added to the evening's enjoyment. Members were baffled when guest John Hart deftly removed Tats Misaka's stocking; George Doi's shirt and tie and Yelko Nagata's—well, let's say that dream about being in her Maidenform bra was just the opposite for her. It was quite unbelievable as wallets and handkerchiefs kept disappearing and reappearing and water kept pouring endlessly from a small jug. Another guest comedian from the audience kept the members doubled up with merriment.

Adding to the success of the social, Nagata reported a total of 28 new JACL members were added to the roster of some 380 members to date.

#### Social Security changes to be explained

A Salt Lake JACL workshop featuring speakers on Medicare, Social Security changes and the Food Stamp Program will be held April 27 at the Japanese Christian Church, 268 W. 1st South, Salt Lake City.

Program will be chaired by Bill Mizuno, board member and historian.

#### Stockton JACL troop 136 receives top honors

For the second straight year, the Stockton JACL-sponsored Boy Scout Troop 136, Tora Patrol, was awarded top honors at the Forty-Niner Council's annual Scout exposition staged April 1 at the San Joaquin Fair Grounds.

The patrol decorated their "Japanese Village" booth with giant-sized Kokeshi dolls, daruma, kabuto and Japanese painting and writing. The emphasis was on the Japanese writing... each spectator wrote his name in English and the patrol members, Gary Nagai, Jason Yada, Roy Ueda, Kevin Kitagawa, Assistant Scoutmaster Alan Yoshimura and Scoutmaster Ted Yoneda rewrote the names in Japanese characters.

Adviser for the troop is Mrs. Agnes Yoshimura.

#### Detroit CLers to practice ondo

To prepare for the Far East Festival this summer, Detroit JACL president Elaine Akagi will be ondo instructor after the spring general meeting on Sunday, April 29, 1-4 p.m., at Brightmoor Community Center.

The chapter is also preparing to host the biennial joint Eastern-Midwest district convention over the Labor Day weekend at Hotel Ponchartrain. However, the EDC-MDC youth convention will be held Aug. 23-26 at Ann Arbor.

#### Cleveland Juniors set for rummage sale

Cleveland Jr. JACL is preparing for its annual rummage sale April 28-29 at the



JACLer OF YEAR—Mary Kamidol holds Detroit JACLer of Year plaque as Minoru Togasaki makes presentation during recent chapter installation dinner. Seated at left is Dr. Otto Furuta of St. Louis, national JACL vice president for public affairs, guest speaker.—Photo by Tom Hashimoto

Flea Market. Pick-up service will be provided by calling the Ikedas, 232-7154, or the Nakas, 351-0913. Those who can drop-off items may store them with:

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#### May Events

#### Sequoia to observe Children's Day May 5

Under the able hand of Marie Onitsuka, Sequoia JACL will observe Children's Day May 5 at Aldergate Methodist Church, Palo Alto, from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

#### Downtown LA slates Mother's Day fete

Downtown L.A. JACL will host its annual Mother's Day banquet on Friday, May 11, 6:30 p.m. at Man Jen Low.

Takito Yamaguchi, dinner chairman, announced Mrs. Shige Nishizu, 85, of Orange County and mother of seven children, including longtime JACLer Clarence Nishizu, will be the chapter's Mother of the Year.

#### Dayton sets class on Conversational Nihongo

After taking a chapter survey, Dayton JACL board announced voted to sponsor a 10-week class in Conversational Japanese starting Monday, May 7. Program chairman Charles Pace (299-2501) is accepting class registrations at \$10 single, \$15 couple. The locale will be announced.

The chapter is also sponsoring a Japanese movie, "Ohana-Han", parts I and II, on Sunday, May 20, 2 p.m., at Antioch College Hall auditorium.

#### June Events

#### St. Louis to enter Forest Park fair

St. Louis JACL board unanimously voted to participate in the international-theme Forest Park Fair June 14-17, co-sponsored by the St. Louis Visitors Center and Falstaff Corp.

Over 250,000 people attended last year, and participating organizations have raised funds for their special projects by joining the fair.

The chapter is also helping to determine where the Japanese garden should be located in Shaw's Garden.

#### March Events

#### Iwama speaks on Issei project to West Valley

West Valley JACL, Santa Clara County, held a "Welcome New Members" potluck dinner on March 31. After the dinner, National JACL v.p. Frank Iwama spoke to the group about the Issei Project in Sacramento. The members also enjoyed the evening square dancing. General chairman was John Murphy.

#### Regional director

#### Hayashi visits Denver

DENVER—The Mile Hi JACL chapter's condition and prospects were among subjects discussed by its members with the newly appointed Pacific Northwest-Intermountain regional director Donald L. Hayashi.

The regional director conferred with local members and officials April 4, at the Cathay American Legion Post. Ft. Lupton chapter officers and members were also present at the meeting.

#### 1973 Officers

**DETROIT JACL.**  
Elaine Akagi, chmn.; Mary Kamidol, treas.; Tammi Sato, sec.; Sally Higashi, newsletter; Stan Hirozawa, bldg.; Dr. Kaz Mayeda, education; Art Morey, ways and means; George Otsuji, Satoko Foster, prog.; Min Togasaki, schol.; Harry Lee, youth adv.; Scott Yamazaki, mem.

**DETROIT JAYS.**  
Art Teshima, pres.; Debbie Horikawa, 1st v.p.; Faye Hirozawa, 2nd v.p.; Karen Yoshikawa, sec.; Danny Oda, treas.; Michael Mayeda, hist. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lee, adv.

At the JACL booth, donated by the Home and Flower Show, were made-in-Cleveland Japanese-type arts and craft items, senbei, origami and calligraphy demonstrations.

Woven ribbon fish and birds were made by many volunteers prior to the show. Above the JACL booth, maned by kimono-clad ladies, were colorful fish mobiles visible from afar attracting thousands of visitors. Prior favorable coverage in the daily newspapers enticed the curious and serious.

Mary Sadatoki reported this cooperative effort was a successful financial venture. Of greater importance was the unusual opportunity afforded the Japanese community to profit by the public relations potential in a program visited by thousands.

To all the workers who volunteered, the JACL chapter was most grateful. Thousands of manhours were involved in weaving the ribbon birds and fish as mobiles. The women studied hard to be able to answer the questions at the information booth. The entertainers, especially the Shojoi Dancers and their parents, calligraphers and origami demonstrators all performed during the nine-day stint.

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## Hawaii Today

**Honolulu**  
Kona coffee producers in recent years suffering from some real economic hardships are reaping the benefits of sky-high world coffee prices. This, however, is not expected to last. Kona coffee, which growers sold for 48 cents a pound last year, is going for 73.5 cents a pound now. But Takeshi Kudo, director of the Sunset Coffee Coop, says prices are already on the way back down and soon may level off.

**Hawaii lost 257 men in the Vietnam War** out of a national total of 45,941, the Star-Bulletin reports. At least 29 of the 257 were 20 years old when they died. Another 26 were either 29 or 31. Seven were 18. Most were in their 20's, but 54 were 30 or older. The oldest was 49. Seventy-five of those killed in action had hadle names, 41 Filipino, 46 Hawaiian and 41 Japanese names. One out of every three was married.

**Hawaii food products** which are shipped in interstate commerce are often contaminated by rodent or insect parts or wastes, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has charged. William Hill, an FDA official, says that food manufacturers and warehouses are "still not operating up to standards as far as we're concerned."

A study by the United Church of Christ shows that 71 per cent of the officials at Hawaii's four commercial TV stations are Caucasians. Nationwide, the study showed that 95 per cent of America's commercial TV executives are white. Figures were based on employment statements submitted by 609 TV stations to the Federal Communications Commission. In Hawaii, where non-white minorities make up 61 per cent of the population, there are nine non-white officers or managers—29 per cent of all executives. Of all Hawaii commercial TV has 195 full-time workers in 41 capacities. Of these, 79—or 41 per cent—are non-Caucasian. This is an increase of six per cent from the 1971 figures.

Two historic Hawaiian temples on Oahu—Keaia Heiau in Aiea and Ulu Po Heiau in Kaliua—have been entered in the National Register of Historic Places. The register lists properties in the U.S. which are considered "worthy of preservation for their historic value" and the listing will help qualify the sites for grants-in-aid under the National Historic Preservation Act.

Figures released by the state Dept. of Health show there were 123 deaths in Hawaii last year with Hawaiian blood. The figures list Caucasians as the most

**Sakura Script**

By JIM HENRY

A Tokyo restaurant proprietor with a specialty says, "Some people come here just for the taste of it. Some men want to charge up their vitality. Some women want to make their skin tender. And some people eat it to enhance their health."

The specialty is horsemeat. The Japanese are not big meat eaters. But the restaurateur in question said that

**Sakura, Sake, Horsemeat**

when he has pot-boiled horsemeat on the menu, customers line up outside before opening time.

The restaurant is one of the few in Tokyo specializing in horsemeat, called "cherry blossom meat" in Japan because of its rosy color. It has long been a favorite of some Japanese.

Sometimes it is cooked with vegetables or is eaten raw in sauce-dipped slices. "I wonder why more people don't eat it," the proprietor said. "The horsemeat has no special odor. It tastes good. It is nutritious and, since it comes from specially raised horses, the meat is tender."

"Horsemeat is high in protein and in Vitamin A," he added. "Since it is also juicy and has no fat, it is good for those with arteriosclerosis." Arteriosclerosis is thickening of the arteries. Some medics say beef and other fatty foods contribute to the condition, which impedes the blood flow and increases the danger of a heart attack.

Horsemeat in Japan is not a substitute for beef as it is in some other countries. It costs about \$2.30 per pound here compared to about \$2.10 per pound for ground beef.

The Japanese consumed 46,560 tons of horsemeat in 1972, but only 6,981 tons of it came from Japan. The rest was imported from Latin America.

**Cherry blossoms plus Sake** equal tons of trash. Fine weather brought out 700,000 Tokyo residents April 8 to view the cherry blossoms in Ueno Park, the city's biggest and to enjoy outdoor drinking parties.

Officials said parties held under the trees resulted in 80 tons of trash—or 33 truck loads—meaning a hard night for garbage collectors.

## Aloha from Hawaii

by Richard Gima

numerous ethnic group, with 331,196 persons in the state (31.4%). Next are the Japanese (139,000 (26.9%)), and Hawaiians or part-Hawaiians (135,152 (26.3%)). Other groups: Filipinos, 73,747 (14.2%); Chinese, 42,000 (8.1%); Samoans, 9,000 (1.7%); Koreans, 9,000 (1.7%); Negroes, 7,000 (1.3%).

Kauai's population has increased more in the last two years than in the previous 10 years, according to state figures. From 1960 to 1970 the population increased from 38,170 to 52,761—or 38 per cent. But as of July 1, 1972, the population stood at 51,820—representing an increase of 6.2 per cent.

### Names in the News

**Marjorie Abel**, chief of the State Dept. of Health's nutrition branch, retired Mar. 30 after 48 years of community service. The Rev. John Stankard, a Maryknoll missionary from Honolulu, died in Maui, Mass., has been assigned to the Hawaii Region, where he formerly was regional superior.

**Geminiano Arre**, 38, will become the state's deputy finance director according to Mayor Frank Fasi. Arre, a past president of the Honolulu Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce, is acting assistant controller at the UH at the University of Hawaii. He was included in the 1970 "Outstanding Young Men of America."

**Mrs. Charles Kikumano** has been appointed pastor of the Wailuku United Methodist Church. Kikumano is the first person of Hawaiian ancestry in the Islands to become a Catholic priest. He began his work as a priest on Maui 24 years ago. Henry Yamashita has retired from his position as a sports specialist with the U.S. Department of Recreation (formerly Dept. of Parks and Recreation). He started with the U.S. Dept. of Recreation 42 years ago.

**Ralph S. Aoki**, has been named chairman of the Honolulu Race Relations Council, replacing John Henry Felix. Aoki, head of the firm of Ralston Aoki & Associates, has been vice chairman of the commission since last July.

### Business Ticker

**Robert Fujimoto**, a Hilo businessman, will become the first person of Japanese ancestry to become a director of C. Brewer and Co. He is to be elected at the company's 147th annual meeting to be held April 24 in Honolulu.

**Brewer & Co.**, capitalizing on the Disney World boom at Orlando, Fla., announced purchase of its second Orlando site, a \$15 million, 600-unit recreational project. The 150-acre site will be developed by C. Brewer's Brewer, Inc., subsidiary. The project will be built around a 37-acre lake.

**Attorney Howard Miyake**, former state legislator, has been appointed president of the Japan-America Institute of Management Science. It is a nonprofit educational institution that will move in May to a new building in Hawaii Kai. Miyake has counseled JAIMS since it was incorporated here last year under sponsorship of Fujitsu, Ltd., Japan's largest home-based computer maker.

**Harold Otani** is the new president of the Wholesale Fruit and Produce Dealers Assn. of Honolulu. Sea Life Park, Inc., operator of Sea Life Park, lifted operations into the black in 1972, Ian Bund, Sea Life president, has announced. Sea Life Park is one of the top tourist attractions in the state. Attendance last year was up 5 per cent, and revenues were ahead by 16 per cent. A sea lion and turtle feeding exhibit has been added.

**Takao Sato**, executive v.p. of City Bank, will be promoted to president on Apr. 15. The bank has announced. James Morita, current president, will remain chairman and chief executive. Sato joined City Bank in 1969.

### Medical Notes

**Kahuku Hospital** has reached 40 per cent of its goal to raise \$500,000 from the community for its expansion program. Work on the hospital project is scheduled to begin July 1. The hope is to raise \$500,000 and the balance of \$500,000 over the next four years. The hospital was founded in 1928 by Kahuku Plantation Co. and employees and their families. In 1944, years later, the out-dated community hospital serves a population of 400 in the Koolaula-North Shore area.

**Dr. William Dang** has been installed as president of the Honolulu County Medical Society. Mrs. Adrian Brash has been elected president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Hawaii Dental Assn. Mrs. Brash is an auxiliary to the Honolulu County Medical Society, as has president Mrs. Robert Lee, Jr.

### Education

**Mrs. Nikky Uehara Mori**, an English teacher at Kapaa High School, has been selected as the Dept. of Education's 1972-73 teacher of the year. She will represent Hawaii at the National Teacher of the Year competition. Two other finalists in the state competition were Mrs. Priscilla A. Tam of Hawaii School for the Deaf and Blind and Mrs. Harriet Sueda, who teaches kindergarten and first grade at Ewa Elementary School.

**Honolulu Judge Masato Doi** held the Hawaii State Teachers Assn. in contempt for its eight-day statewide strike and last week (April 11) ordered that it be fined \$100,000 plus \$10,000 for each regular school day since the walkout began April 3. Doi said the union was in contempt of an Oct. 30 injunction. He ordered union board members to call off the strike by April 18 or face some sort of personal punishment.

**Dr. Joyce Tsunoda** has been named one of 40 American Council on Education administrative leaders for 1974-75. She is coordinator of community education services at Leward Community College. The program promotes the training of those who have shown potential for becoming effective academic administrators.

**McKinley High School's** class of 1972 will hold its 35th reunion May 25 at the Ala Moana Hotel. Those working on plans are Eddie Ching, Robert S. King, Kashiwaba, Elsie Mikami Kamekoma, Marion Taira Masuda, George Uchida, Reynolds Kajioka, Willie Costa and Eleanor Wong Siu.

### Courtroom

**District Judge Russell Kono** has dismissed charges of late campaign-expenditure against 14 losers in last Oct.'s primary election and criticized the election

law for not also requiring winners to declare finances after the primary. Kono dismissed charges against Gerald Intorato, Eugene Resencourt, Myron Park, Danny Kamalani, Elmer Tavares, Michael Govea, Emilio Alon, Eugene Tiwani, Norma Carr, Ted Mino, Richard Kageyama, Alex Suemaga, Don Miguel and David Awong.

**Antone Vidinha, Jr.**, 30, former Kauai mayor, has been sentenced to a month in jail and fined \$5,000 by federal judge Samuel King for willfully failing to file his 1969 and 1970 federal taxes.

**James K. Pokhi**, 35, leader of the May 3, 1972, Liberty House, Ala Moana, jewel robbery gang, has been sentenced to life in prison by District Judge Robert Chang. William Moore, 34, Pokhi's confederate, has been sentenced to 40 years. Still to be sentenced are three others: Steven M. Hayashida, 31, it is understood that only about half of the \$300,000 worth of loot has been recovered.

Federal Judge Martin Pence has reversed Maui Police Chief Abraham Alon's decision of former officer Joseph Abreu, Jr. for ordering Alon's 10-day suspension of Abreu after the incident, saying that Abreu had "had nothing to do with the robbery, possibly 'undermining morale' among the other officers."

### Univ. of Hawaii

Some 272 administrators and professors at the Univ. of Hawaii are receiving more than \$25,000 in annual salary, according to information released by State Sen. Duke Kawasaka. These salaries are for 11 months of work for most administrators, and nine months of work for most of the professors. Kawasaka released the report in support of his vote for a bill to suspend tenure at the university. It was prepared by UH statisticians at the request of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. The average top salary for full professors in 141 public universities and colleges on the mainland, according to Kawasaka, is \$21,076. The Univ. of Hawaii has 443 full professors.

### Political Scene

**State Sen. Nadao Yoshinaga** says he will quit next year. He will round out his 20th year as a legislator in Nov. 1974, at the age of 55, but his career in public life may be over. "I won't run for reelection next year; that's definite," Yoshinaga said Mar. 29.

### Congressional Score

**From Rep. Spark Matsunaga's** office: Matsunaga and Rep. Benjamin Rosenthal of New York have introduced legislation which would establish a special House committee to study food costs. Corrective legislation to allow recipients of the new Supplemental Security Income program to buy food stamps has been introduced by Matsunaga in cosponsorship with Rep. John Melcher of Montana. A Bill of Rights for the Mentally Retarded has been reintroduced by Matsunaga and a bipartisan group of congressmen.

### Deaths

**John De Mello**, 22 of Kihui, Maui, died Mar. 26. He was an outspoken champion of senior citizens in recent years, the founder of the Oahu Community Center in Honolulu and on Maui.

**George Nishikawa**, 50, of 933-A Kahala St., was found dead in a parked car on Auwahi Rd. St. Police said he apparently died of a self-inflicted bullet wound in his head.

**Mrs. Tome Nomura** of Honolulu, who observed her 100th birthday in Nov. 20, died Mar. 26. She had 86 descendants, including two sons, three daughters, 30 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

### Sports Scene

**Red Rocha**, the Univ. of Hawaii basketball coach, has been given a new job—that of coordinator of a statewide university athletic commission. This is a new position. Rocha had guided the UH cage team over the last 10 seasons during which he had a record of 110 wins and 135 losses.

### Filipino aliens most numerous in Hawaii

**HONOLULU**—The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service reports that 6,705 aliens moved to the Islands in 1972. Of this number, 3,764 were of Filipino ancestry. The immigration service in March put the total alien population of Hawaii at 63,034: Philippines... 32,183 Japan... 14,851 Korea... 2,906 China and Taiwan... 2,446 Great Britain... 2,395 Canada... 1,818. The aliens, says Robert Schmitt, state statistician, represent about 7.7 per cent of the total population of the Islands. In 1940, 21.6 per cent of the population were aliens. The percentage dropped to 8.1 per cent in 1960; 6.4 per cent in 1966; and rose in 1970 to 6.9 per cent.

### Kimono prices soar

**TOKYO**—The demand for luxury kimono is on the rise again, sending the price of raw silk sky-high, according to market sources. Takashimaya department store in Yokohama says the demand for kimono has been rising steadily in the last several years. A major kimono wholesaler in Tokyo points out the year 1970-71 and 1972-73 as the two peak sales periods.

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**1973 HANAMI**—Over 1,200 Southern California Issei were guests of the eight Pioneer Projects which chartered 35 buses March 31 to view wildflowers in Antelope Valley, north of Los Angeles. Though many flowers were not seen, the open land and fresh air were enough to make the trek worthwhile. Acknowledgement was made of the generous support from the Dames and UCLA sorority Thetas toward the fourth annual Hanami.

### AS AMERICAN AS EPISCOPALIANISM

## Mayor tells Buddhism must 'invite all'

**WAILUKU, Maui**—Big Island Mayor Shunichi Kimura told a Maui Buddha Day banquet audience Buddhism is as American as Episcopalianism, but if Buddhism is to survive as an American institution it must admit young people and women into its councils.

He said, "many of us are suspicious of young people" and think of women as "the nice ladies, in aprons and kitchens, as we men sit and smoke and drink our Primo and decide the policies of the church."

He said Buddhism helped to make Hawaii great and helps to make America great, but it will have to "invite all, young and old, men and women, into its policy-making bodies."

"It is simply not the way

## Curriculum group approves adoption of Japanese studies in S.F. schools

**SAN FRANCISCO**—A group of 70 parents and students of Japanese extraction won the approval of a committee of the Board of Education April 15 for a Japanese cultural and language program in the city's public schools.

"We have been known as a quiet people in America," said Yori Wada, a YMCA official and Japanese community leader.

"But in our haste to become Americanized, we may have ignored much of our native background," he said. The specifics of the program will be worked out between school officials and a committee of parents and the full board must approve the final arrangements.

Courses in the Japanese language, customs and history along with traditional arts such as brush painting and paper folding were suggested by parents to the members of the curriculum committee. The city's schools now have bilingual programs for Chinese, Filipino and Spanish-speaking students.

There are approximately 1,400 students of Japanese extraction in the school system, officials said.

### Request Nihongo test for college board exams

**BERKELEY**—The Berkeley High School Foreign Language Dept. and Berkeley Asian Task Force are calling for the inclusion of Chinese, Japanese and Swahili languages in College Board Examinations.

Many colleges require entering student to take Achievement Tests in English, math or science and history or foreign languages. At present only French, Spanish, Russian, German, Hebrew and Latin are offered in the tests.

It was held that: (1) The students presently enrolled in these courses are not receiving proper accreditation and recognition for college entrance and advancement; (2) High school foreign language departments are discouraged from initiating programs in these languages; (3) Students are discouraged from investing their time and effort.

### ORIENTAL CHILDREN

#### TOPS IN NEW TEST

**MILWAUKEE**—Attorney Bruno V. Bitker, active in human rights groups here, revealed a study prepared for the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare, disclosed that after testing achievements of some 650,000 students in 4,000 schools, the adjusted scores (using 50 as the national average) were: Puerto Ricans... 47 Mexican Americans... 47.5 American Indians... 48.6 Blacks... 49.3 Whites... 50.5 Orientals... 51.

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## BOOK REVIEW: Allan Beekman

## Exceptional WW2 Prisoner Novel

**THE FORTY DAYS**, by Oswald Wynd. New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 254 pp., \$6.95.

In September 1943, the Japanese freighter Oshima Maru sailed from Singapore, her two holds packed with 1,200 British and American prisoners of war. Highest ranking officer of one hold was Maj. Porter, a British professional. Ranking officer in the other hold was Maj. Hughes, formerly owner of a Singapore hotel.

The story of the 40 days voyage to Japan centers on Hughes and those under him. Between Hughes and the Japanese there is Lt. Michael Warren, British Intelligence, captured at Gemas, Malaya, Jan. 11, 1942.

Son of a professor of European history at Tokyo Imperial University Warren had been born in Tokyo and speaks fluent Japanese. Though he serves an important function as interpreter, Warren is distrusted by both Allies and Japanese.

Nominally in charge of the ship is Capt. Entoro Fusaiki, who had served on a passenger liner before the war. He is discomfited by having his prerogatives infringed by Maj. Elchi Hirado, the professional soldier in charge of the prisoners.

Of samurai origin, Hirado lives by the ascetic code of his tradition. Of peasant stock, Fusaiki is a pragmatist.

Fusaiki regards the prisoners as human. Hirado regards them with contempt as being who, by surrendering, had sacrificed any claim to human dignity.

Hirado has been assigned to the ship because a wounded leg unfit him for combat with contempt as being guardian of prisoners; he longs to be fighting at the front.

### Call of Duty

Nevertheless, the merciful God-Emperor Hirado serves had, through his underlings, ordered the prisoners delivered to Japan and had issued regulations concerning the treatment to be accorded them. Repugnant though the task was to him, Hirado was resolved to do his duty—a duty that he conceived of as requiring the imposition of iron discipline on guards and prisoners.

Browbeaten by guards, confined to the steaming hold, suffocating, debilitated by heat, illness, malnutrition, the prisoners tend to be listless and spirit-broken. Nevertheless, some of the more bold and vigorous behave in a way to invoke reprisal on them and their fellows.

The war is turning against Japan. The convoy, of which the Oshima Maru is a part, is stalked by American submarines. An American, Janus, plans to liberate the prisoners from the hold if the ship begins to sink from a torpedo hit.

During a submarine attack, he begins to execute the liberation plan. The ship survives the attack. Hirado interprets the action of Janus as mutiny.

Throughout, the author has portrayed Hirado as a martinet. Facing this crisis, the prisoners have reason to fear the worst.

### Striking Feature

The striking feature of this novel, setting it apart from almost all novels of the Pacific War written by Western writers, is that the Japanese are not stereotypes. Though in the beginning they appear cast in the usual mold of brutal jailers, as incident follows incident they emerge as understandable, human, even sympathetic. This character revelation is particularly fruitful in the development of the austere Hirado.

The author brings unusual qualifications to the narration. Born in Tokyo, he spent the first 18 years of his life in

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