

By HENRY T. TANAKA
National JACL President

Following is the text of Henry Tanaka's address to the Cleveland JACL at its installation dinner Dec. 2 at the Astor-Hurst Restaurant as published in the Cleveland JACL Bulletin.

You are among the more than 27,000 JACL members of 94 chapters in the United States. You are a member of a National organization whose primary and continuing con-

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cern is the welfare of more than 500,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry. In fact, JACL, being the only National organization of Asian Americans, has been frequently called upon for assistance by other Asians, including Chinese, Koreans and Filipinos.

JACL's achievements during its 40 year history, particularly in the area of corrective and remedial legislation, has gained the high respect of many ethnic, civic, and governmental bodies. During the past four years, JACL led an effective grassroots campaign to repeal Title II of the Emergency Detention Act of 1950, thereby removing the threat and possibility of any American to be summarily, without due process of law, detained in American concentration camps simply because of suspicious activities. Today, the six camps, many of which were originally used to house more than 110,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry during WW2, no longer exist.

This past summer, the State of California approved Manzanar Center as a State historical landmark, for which a suitable plaque will be placed to inform visitors that "From hysteria, racism, and economic greed 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry were incarcerated in America's concentration camps by presidential order on Feb. 19, 1942. Manzanar, bounded by barbed wire and guard towers, was the first camp built during WW2, confining 10,000 persons, the majority being American citizens. May these conditions never emerge again for anybody, at any time."

(Above text was submitted by the Manzanar Project Committee, Los Angeles. This Committee and JACL are currently seeking support from individuals to have the Calif. State Dept. of Parks and Recreation adopt this text for the plaque. Controversy over use of "racism" and "concentration camps" in the text has caused delay in the approval of the plaque.—Ed.)

A few months ago, the president signed into law a bill which authorizes Japanese nationals interned or paroled during WWII to file for the recovery of their yen certificates of deposit in the former Yokohama Specie Bank. As you may recall, these Issei internees were erroneously identified as highly suspected saboteurs and immediately sent to Pinedale internment camp shortly after Pearl Harbor.

A few weeks ago, through the efforts of JACL, an amendment to the Social Security Law, now permits certain WW2 evacuees to receive wage credit for the period of confinement in camps.

JACL will continue to seek correction and remedial legislation. Now, for the first time in its history, JACL has employed a full time Washington representative, Barry Matsumoto, a 26-year-old Sansei attorney from Seattle, assumed this post on Nov. 1 of this (past) year. Mike Masaoka's retirement, after more than 20 years of unstinting work for JACL, signals the beginning of a new direction in JACL's activities in Washington, D.C.

We will witness an increasing emphasis on new, rather than remedial and correction, legislation to support programs which directly benefit the lives of contemporary Asian Americans.

Efforts will be renewed to propose to the President, the creation of a Cabinet Committee on Asian American Affairs. The committee will have power to investigate and follow up on cases of discrimination; staff to conduct extensive surveys and studies on the needs of Asian Americans, and regional personnel to enforce and carry out the Committee's activities.

Federal grants and National foundation funds will be tapped to support National projects in such areas as aging, drug abuse, education, small businesses, and ethnic heritage studies.

As you can imagine, Barry Matsumoto will have a busy year. We know he will call upon for advice National JACL officers who recently moved into top management positions with the Federal government.

Pat Okura, administrative assistant to the director of the National Institute of Mental Health, Mike Suzuki, director of children/family services for the U.S. Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare; and president-elect Shig Sugiyama, special consultant, U.S. Civil Service Commission.

And there are others: Mo Marumoto, special assistant to the President; John Yoshino, Dept. of Transportation; and Harry Takagi, attorney, Veterans Affairs.

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HARMONY REIGNS—In a general mood of "forgive and forget", CRA administrator Richard G. Mitchell (center) has his arms around David Hyun (to his right) and Frank Chuman, principals in Asiameica, Inc., which expressed dissatisfaction with the selection of another firm to develop the hotel project in Little Tokyo. Also shown are Stan Murakawa (left), new president of the Oriental Builders Assn., and Kango Kunitzugu (right), Little Tokyo project manager, who was main speaker at the OBA dinner held Jan. 20 at the Music Center El Dorado Room.

—Kashu Mainichi Photo.

Mitchell and Chuman make up in public

LOS ANGELES — The second annual Oriental Builders Association installation dinner was held Jan. 20 in the El Dorado Room of the Music Center Pavilion.

Some 125 persons, members and guests of the OBA, attended the occasion at which adversaries in a recent controversy over the selection of the Kajima International group for the Little Tokyo hotel-commercial complex came together and shook hands in a general mood of "forgive and forget."

Frank Chuman, president of Asiameica, Inc., one of the unsuccessful bidders for the project, had written open letters to Richard G. Mitchell, Community Redevelopment Agency administrator, suggesting rehearings for the hotel bid, inferring that self-interest motivated Mitchell to recommend the selection of Kajima.

Reconciliation

Architect David Hyun, a member of the board of Asiameica as well as the OBA, paid tribute to Chuman as a man big enough to admit his mistakes and called on Mitchell and Chuman to shake hands.

Mitchell himself said he had known Chuman a long time and interpreted his actions as representing "the effort and vigor which go into a project."

"I have praise and respect for Frank Chuman," Mitchell said. "We can still talk to each other. Maybe," he added, "both of us should have had broken arms during the past few weeks so we wouldn't have written the letters that were written."

OBA Lauded

Kango Kunitzugu, Little Tokyo Redevelopment Project manager, who was the main speaker for the evening, praised the OBA and said that the group of Asian general and sub-contractors which organized two years ago to better their competitive stature in the building industry and make sure Asian professionals and laborers are in a position to find work in the Little Tokyo redevelopment project is all about.

Referring to the demonstration in Little Tokyo streets that Saturday afternoon a-

gainst the Vietnam war, drug overproduction and "big business takeover of Little Tokyo" by a group of some 200 persons, mainly of the younger generation, Kunitzugu acknowledged that the CRA is the whipping boy now "and problems are going to multiply."

He said urban renewal is not the complete answer to Little Tokyo's problems, "but it is the best we have."

"In Little Tokyo urban renewal, we are not interested in building malls. We are really interested in the human element, and we are very sincere in wanting to help," he declared.

First Action Area

He cited the First Action Area's developer, all local businessmen and former property owners in the area, as a prime example of the Little Tokyo for Little Tokyo people principle stressed in the redevelopment of the area.

He emphasized that local businessmen and tenants will have first crack in the stores, and local investors will have the first opportunity to invest in new developments.

He pointed to the senior citizen housing program (Little Tokyo Towers, Inc.) as the key issue in the renewal project and said total community support will be necessary to win approval of federal financing for the program in the light of the recently declared moratorium on subsidized housing.

Charter President

Standing ovation tribute was paid George Inouye, OBA charter president who headed the group during its crucial first two years. He was presented a plaque and a memento from the OBA by incoming president Stanley Murakawa as well as a glass dish with the mayor's crest by L.A. Building and Safety commissioner Tosh Terasawa, representing the mayor for Inouye's work on Asian participation in the American Federation of Minority Contractors.

Among out-of-town guests at the dinner were R.M. Takayama, Hawaii developer and general contractor who will work with and aid the Oriental General Contractors, Inc., in the First Action Area; Mr. and Mrs. Ron Sugita, also of Hawaii, personal friends of incoming president Stanley Murakawa; and Harry Seki of San Diego.

—Kashu Mainichi

Nixon 'freeze' on low-rent, federally subsidized housing affects Little Tokyo

LOS ANGELES — Little Tokyo Towers, Inc., developers of the proposed senior citizen housing project in the Little Tokyo Redevelopment Project last week sent a resolution to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, George Romney, protesting the announced 18-month moratorium on funding of Section 236 housing projects for the elderly.

According to Mac Sasaki, Little Tokyo Towers, Inc., president, the organization applied for funding under the Section 236 program in September of 1972 and expected to receive approval of the application sometime early this year.

"As of now, we do not know what the status of our application is, and are extremely concerned about any delay in funding of our project. Housing for the Issei is too crucial for us to sit back and wait for clarification from HUD, and this is why the board felt it was important to protest the moratorium. We

urge other community organizations to express their concern also," said Sasaki.

Morris Leenow, housing consultant for Little Tokyo Towers, Inc., reported that it is unclear as to whether the announced moratorium would affect housing projects located in urban renewal areas, and that the local HUD area office does not have the answer.

Leenow went on to state that although many other applications for funding have been rejected by HUD since the moratorium was announced, the Little Tokyo Towers application was not, and this, he felt, was a hopeful sign.

Sasaki stated that at the last board of directors meeting, the board voted to send the president of Little Tokyo Towers, Inc., to Washington, D.C., should a trip to Washington be necessary to ensure funding of the project. The board also urged the co-sponsoring organizations to do the same.

"We are certain that the community will support us in our efforts to see that funds are released for our project as soon as possible in order that the senior citizen housing project can be built in Little Tokyo without much more delay," said Sasaki.

Little Tokyo Towers, Inc., is a non-profit corporation, co-sponsored by the following Japanese community organizations: Japanese American Citizens League Pacific Southwest District Council, Southern California Christian Church Federation, Los Angeles Buddhist Church Federation and the Southern California Gardeners Federation.

FRESNO HILTON OWNER ASKS FOR JACL SETTLEMENT

Can't Understand Why Hotel Chain Allowed Situation to Lag

SAN FRANCISCO — National JACL is correct in expecting the Hilton Hotels Corp. to have by this time shown more concern and had taken adequate steps over the tragic incident which occurred in Chicago during its 1970 convention at the Palmer House.

Steve Pilibos, owner of the Hilton Hotel in Fresno, made this statement to the Nichi Bei Times in a telephone conversation Jan. 18. He became aware of JACL's recent action against the international hotel chain after reading the story carried in the Jan. 11 Nichi Bei Times.

Pilibos said a photostatic copy of the article was forwarded to the Hilton Hotels headquarters in Chicago.

(In Los Angeles, a Hilton Hotels Corp. western division official in charge of agency and tour sales learned of the JACL action during a call at a Little Tokyo travel agency. He was not aware of the 1970 tragedy.)

Pilibos said JACL officials had every right to feel that move was forthcoming over the incident. "After all, the tragedy occurred 2½ years ago and I can't understand why the Hilton headquarters has permitted this situation to continue this long," he said.

JACL in late December announced a boycott against the hotel chain for its "insensitive and unresponsive attitude" in wake of the tragedy at the Palmer House where Evelyn Okubo, 18, was brutally slain in her hotel room and her roommate, Carol Ranko Yamada who went to the room later, was assaulted, sustaining grave injuries.

Pilibos said both he and the resident manager, George Bettosini, of Fresno Hilton at 1055 Van Ness in downtown Fresno are concerned over the report because of their past good relations with the Japanese Americans in the Central Valley area.

"We can understand why the JACL is actively pursuing its request for the extension of sympathy and understanding in this matter," Pilibos said.

United Bay Area Crusade doles UJC 3-mo. allocation

SAN FRANCISCO — United Japanese Community Services board of directors last month accepted an initial three-month allocation of \$7,500 from the United Bay Area Crusade.

The sum was far less than what had been originally requested. Sandy Ouye, UJCS chairman, said their first request of \$120,000 had been scaled down to \$96,000 before final submission. "When UJAC allocates small amounts and when Crusade officials won't tell us what monies will be available for the full year, it will doubly difficult for us to start our program," Miss Ouye declared.

Because the board felt the first amount should be accepted, use of the allocation has been cut to three areas: (1) Service projects, (2) rent and utilities for office space, and (3) salary for one half-time program coordinator, temporary.

A major project being planned is the community-wide health day. Also contemplated are inter-generational educational forums and discussions on community problems.

On-going program priorities include coordination with the Westside Community Mental Health Center on programs for children's services, youth drug prevention and geriatrics, a day care nursery in Nihonmachi and a Japanese language school in the Richmond district.

The UJCS is comprised of Kimochi, Inc., Japanese Community Youth Council and Japanese Community Services, organized last year to coordinate existing programs and to seek help from UBAC.

PSW delegates reminded to reserve rooms early

PISMO BEACH, Calif.—PSW delegates are urged to make their motel or campground reservations for the last quarterly meeting to be held in Pismo Beach, Feb. 17 and 18, as soon as possible in order to insure their accommodations.

Because it is a 3-day holiday weekend and a minus tide ideal for clamming, there will be a shortage of rooms and campsites. Rooms are

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JACL law unit seeks outside funding

(Special to The Pacific Citizen)
CLEVELAND, Ohio — Outside funding sources are being investigated to establish a JACL-affiliated legal unit for the Asian community, it was announced this past week by National JACL President Henry T. Tanaka.

The Bay Area Community JACL and Asian Law Caucus had proposed a legal unit to serve the growing needs of the Asian community. The JACL national council authorized "up to \$5,000 to be appropriated for a one-year period."

Aware of the budget difficulties, Bay Area Community chapter co-chairman Edison Uno had urged JACL borrow from its Endowment Fund to fund the project, originally pegged at \$30,000 suggesting the Endowment Fund be reimbursed through further additions to the same fund or from Evacuation reparations, if and when the U.S. government consents.

But Tanaka explained, "As long as JACL continues to rely upon membership dues (\$9 of current membership dues supports National JACL) as the primary and only source of support, we cannot expect

to do more than token services for our community."

Outside Sources

"For that very reason, we (are) determined to seek outside sources in order that nationally sponsored, community-based projects are meaningful and effective. The proposed legal unit may well be an appropriate project for outside funding. We are in the process of investigating possibilities."

For instance, JACL Headquarters announced (PC, Jan. 26) receipt of a federal grant of \$65,554 to recruit graduate Asian American students in gerontology as a part of its commitment to serve the Asian American elderly. Tanaka pointed out "This is the first federal grant which National JACL Headquarters has received to administer, though in the past JACL was instrumental in securing government and private funding for such projects, as education and Issei history, which were administered by other organizations."

While the Asian Law Caucus and Bay Area Community JACL anticipated funds to

initiate the legal unit as a pilot project this year, their proposal was not incorporated in the \$359,000 budget that is unbalanced with a \$32,000 deficit.

Not In Budget

During the course of debate on the 1973-74 budget, however, creation of a legal unit under supervision of the National JACL legal committee had been proposed but was not approved. The price tag for that package was \$60,000. Whether this proposal also covered the Bay Area Community JACL request was not made clear to delegates as no member of the legal committee was present at the time.

The Bay Area Community JACL resolution approving the concept of a JACL-affiliated legal unit was adopted in midst of the flurry of other resolutions espousing various stands and commanding individuals and organizations. The chapter proposal was previously endorsed by the No. Calif.-W. Nev. District Council.

Tanaka's statement was made in the wake of charges that JACL had broken its promise to establish a legal

unit. The National Board is committed firmly to carry out the mandates of the convention, he declared. "It is also incumbent upon our organization to develop and support worthy projects which are focused on the contemporary needs of Asian Americans," he added.

San Mateo's Concern

Concern for the legal unit was also expressed by San Mateo JACL president Eugene T. Moriguchi, an attorney, fearing the project to protect and promote justice to Asian Americans had a "low priority."

He perceived the Asian legal unit as a "needed spark to revitalize the JACL in the eyes of the younger Nisei and Sansei who are not becoming members or dropping out," preferring other groups which they feel are more relevant to their needs and beliefs.

New nat'l chairman

named for student aid

CLEVELAND, Ohio — National JACL President Henry Tanaka announced the appointment of Gordon Yoshikawa of Cincinnati as national chairman of the JACL Student Aid Committee for the 1973-74 biennium.

Founded in 1969, the student aid program began as a pilot project in the Pacific Southwest District Council and chaired by past national president Dr. Roy Nishikawa of Wilshire JACL. It became a national program in 1971, reviewing student aid applications from all eight district councils.

Chairmanship of this committee is expected to rotate among the districts as is currently practiced in administering the National JACL scholarship program.

HAWAII GOVERNOR

Ariyoshi eyes top post

HONOLULU — Lt. Gov. George R. Ariyoshi, rapping with Univ. of Hawaii students Jan. 10 at a seminar on local politics, said he may run for governor in 1974. At the same time, Big Island Mayor Shunichi Kimura, often mentioned as a possible contender for the top office, just about ruled himself out, explaining a Neighbor Islander can't possibly win such a statewide race.

If Gov. John A. Burns retires after his current term, Ariyoshi is expected to be in the thick of things to become heir-apparent. "My name is going to be around in '74... I should not be counted out of that race (for governor)," he explained.

Suggesting students themselves ask the Governor if he plans to step down next year.

EX-PC COLUMNIST

HEADS D.C. CHAPTER

WASHINGTON—Onetime PC columnist Lawrence Nakatsuka heads the Washington, D.C., JACL chapter as its 1973 chairman. He and his board members were installed Jan. 27 at the conclusion of the quarterly Eastern District Council meeting at Sheraton Silver Spring Motor Inn.

Legislative assistant to Sen. Hiram Fong (R-Hawaii) for the past decade, Nakatsuka worked with the Honolulu Star Bulletin during the 1940s and 1950s, covering the labor beat. He also contributed to the Honolulu Newsletter column in the Pacific Citizen.

Freak mishap at home proves fatal

LIVINGSTON, Calif. — The wife of a prominent businessman and JACL 100 Club life member was killed in a freak accident at her home Jan. 16.

Authorities said Mary Iwata, 52, whose husband Buddy Iwata is manager of the Livingston Farmers Cooperative and a member of the Merced College board of trustees, apparently died of injuries she received when she fell through a pane of glass on the previous day.

The coroner's office said Mrs. Iwata had been ill with the flu and may have fainted or suffered a heart attack prior to falling through the glass.

Funeral service was held on Thursday, Jan. 18, in Turlock at Norton Mortuary. Officiating was the Rev. Wendell Hansen.

The deceased is survived by the widower, Buddy; children, Richard of Palo Alto, Adrienne of Los Angeles, Mrs. Donald Kathleen Orida of Fresno; two sisters, Bessie Watanabe and Lillian Shibata of Westminster; and a brother, Larry Orida of Culver City.

at the end of his third four-year term, Ariyoshi added, "But I can tell you that 12 years as governor is a real rough-going for one person."

Addressed JACL

Ariyoshi was a Burns' running mate in 1970 and a long-time Democratic state legislator. Ariyoshi, who is remembered by JACLers as main speaker last year at the Orange County chapter installation, is the ranking political leader among the Nisei in the U.S. at the state level.

(Ariyoshi also addressed the Monterey Peninsula JACL installation this year.—Ed.)

Kimura, pressed further, conceded he would be lying if he said he wasn't interested in statewide problems and couldn't say "no" if a wholehearted draft as a compromise candidate arose "... except that those circumstances are not going to arise."

Nakaoka's doctor quells rumor Ken suffered 'stroke'

GARDENA, Calif. — Rumors that Mayor Ken Nakaoka suffered a stroke were quelled Jan. 22 by his physician, who said the city official was hospitalized just before Christmas for a condition brought on by extreme fatigue but has recovered and is gradually resuming his full round of duties.

"We've advised Mayor Nakaoka that he'll have to take it easy for awhile but he is completely recovered," says Jack I. Kiyonaga, M.D.

The mayor spent two weeks in Gardena Memorial Hospital for testing after he suffered dizziness and a loss of some feeling in one arm. Results of tests showed that Mayor Nakaoka's condition was not caused by a stroke, according to Dr. Kiyonaga.

'Am Feeling Fine'

"Now that I have returned home, except for the loss of a few pounds, I am feeling fine," says Nakaoka. "My family and I certainly appreciate all the expressions of interest and concern we received during my hospitalization. It was very heartwarming."

Nakaoka is the first official to have been elected to the post of mayor in Gardena. He had been elected to two terms as city councilman and held the mayor's office when the city changes its election procedures to provide for the direct election of a mayor.

JAPAN TO SETTLE

POSTWAR U.S. AID

TOKYO — Japan will settle her contracted debt to the United States for postwar economic aid with a lump payment of \$155 million to the U.S. government in May, the Tanaka cabinet decided Jan. 19.

Government sources said the United States sought the early repayment because of the adverse balance of payments and Japan's present large cash reserves.

Much of the aid consisted of supplies of food, fuel and other items made available by the U.S. government to keep Japan from starvation in the early post war era.

Kimura also admitted that Ariyoshi's ethnic background — both of his parents are of Japanese ancestry — will play a part in the campaign. "George will face the problem of being the first Buddhist head governor," he said. "But like Kennedy's Catholicism, once that was over it didn't become a real problem."

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Lyndon B. Johnson

By MIKE MASAOKA

Washington, D.C. — Next to the late Harry S. Truman, who passed away less than a month ago, probably no Chief Executive was more understanding of, and cooperative with, the programs of Americans of Japanese ancestry, and of JACL, than was Lyndon Baines Johnson, 36th President of the United States of America, who passed away on Monday, Jan. 22, 1973.

NISEI LOBBY

Indeed, his humanitarianism extended far beyond those of Japanese ancestry, for no Chief Executive in history attempted, and achieved more, for the poor, the disadvantaged and the deprived than did Lyndon Johnson, whose personal credo seems to have been summed up in his statement that "The promise of America is a simple promise: Every person shall share in the blessings of this land."

While it is unfortunate that his concept of what America's role had to be in Southeast Asia divided an America that he tried to bring together, it may be that history will vindicate his judgment. Be that as it may, there are few who question his selfless effort to unify the nation with his decision to withdraw his candidacy in 1968 as the Democratic candidate to succeed himself in the presidency.

Only those who knew the ambition of the tall Texan can begin to understand how much that decision cost him, for he truly wanted vindication from the people for the unprecedented landslide victory they had given him in 1964 and he and most political scientists believed that the advantages of incumbency gave him a tremendous lead over any candidate.

And in addition to being the President who achieved more in the way of human rights than any other, one can hardly ignore his legendary stature as perhaps "the greatest Senate Majority Leader of all time."

His Years in Congress . . .

His was a boyhood in the historic tradition of American Presidents. But he was a Southerner, and no Southerner who had lived his life within the boundaries of the Old Confederacy had been elected President since before the Civil War more than a 100 years earlier.

Woodrow Wilson, though born in Virginia, was elected from the presidency of Princeton University. Dwight Eisenhower went to West Point and attained national prominence in the Army. Indeed, no Southern member of Congress could in those 100 years espouse the cause of dignity, opportunity and equality for non-whites except at his peril.

But, during his first full-time job, as a public speaking and English teacher at Sam Houston High School in Houston, young Johnson began to observe the racial discrimination directed against Mexican Americans and he soon became their champion as he urged them to learn to speak English and to go to school.

After working to help elect Richard M. Kleberg to a special seat in the Congress in 1931, the 22-year-old Johnson went to Washington as his Administrative Assistant. He was so energetic, so persistent and so persuasive that he quickly won a reputation in the nation's capital with then President Franklin D. Roosevelt and soon-to-be Speaker Sam Rayburn, both of whom saw in the raw but tireless Texan from the hill country a matchless politician.

He was elected to the Congress in his own right in a special election in May 14, 1937, on a liberal pro-New Deal ticket, which was not particularly popular in conservative Texas. He then served six consecutive terms in the House, including an unsuccessful effort to win in a Senate seat in 1941, which he lost to conservative Gov. Lee O'Daniel by 1,131 votes in a special election which did not cost him his own seat in the House.

In 1948, Johnson finally won election to the Senate by only 85 votes in a closely-contested and controversial victory over popular, conservative Gov. Coke Stevenson.

And by this time, he was becoming more and more conservative in his actions and his votes. Indeed, he voted against Harry Truman's early civil rights proposal, as well as other Fair Deal bills.

In the Senate, he won the respect of not only the Southerners but also the Westerners, as well as the grudging admiration of those from the Midwest and the East, for his adherence to Senate protocol and rules, his mastery of parliamentary procedures, and his "homework," as well as his personal persuasiveness. In 1951, he was elected Majority Whip (or Assistant Leader). When the Democrats lost control of the Senate in the 1952 election that brought General Eisenhower to the White House, Johnson was elected Minority Leader. At 44, he was the youngest ever elected to that leadership post. Two years later, when the Democrats regained control of the Senate, Lyndon Johnson became Majority Leader, the youngest ever to be so honored by his colleagues.

Of Concern to Nisei . . .

His mastery over the Senate, and his ability to secure passage of bills he wanted, made him a legend in his own time. And his devotion

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Perspectives

JACL BUILDING PROJECT

For two bienniums while serving as National President, I pushed on the issue of improving the appearance of our National Headquarters Office. Many hours were spent discussing alternatives and cost factors. A "property committee" worked on this matter. The National Board and its Executive Committee approved a modest budget for purchase of certain furnishings, so the present office would look better.

When I left office, although a few items had been purchased, no real improvement had occurred. The fact that the office is located in a residential flat, and is leased, creates limitations on what can be done. However, there is no doubt that more can be done. A conference table, and some comfortable chairs, are a bare minimum, so that meetings can be held under reasonably good conditions. This doesn't need to wait for long range buildings plans, fund raising questions, etc.

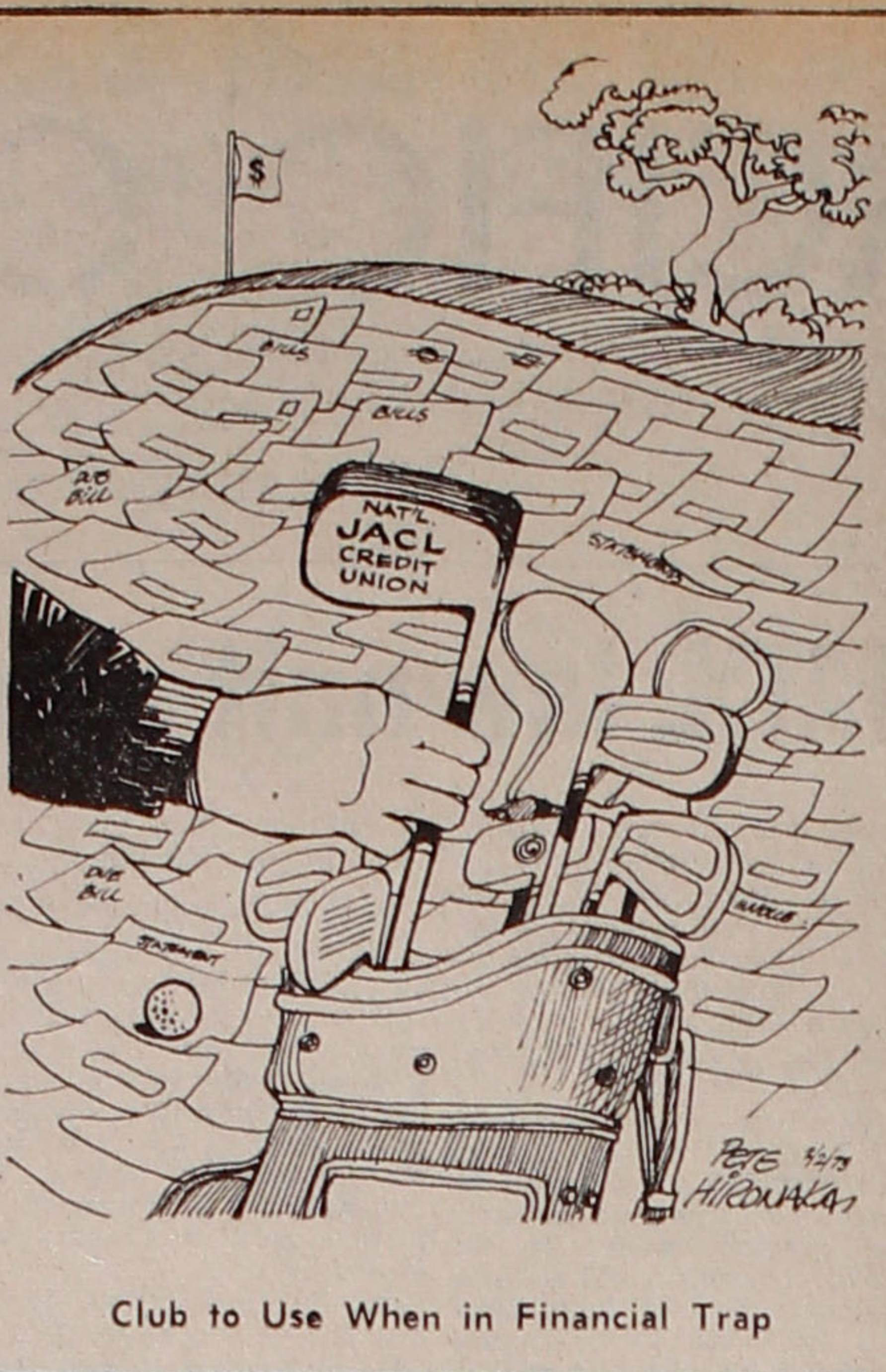
I now notice the discussions around the issue of whether property should be bought and a building erected, raising money, where the building should be, etc. When this was taken upon the floor of the National Council, considerable feelings were expressed by delegates. Obviously, this is not an issue that should be decided by feelings. We now have, as I see in the PC, an architectural design for a building, and a complete proposal from the NCWN-DC, for construction in San Francisco. Evidently there is still some difference of opinion among responsible JACL leaders about the merit of erecting a building, whether now is the time to do it, how it might be financed, etc.

There is no doubt in my mind that a modern, well appointed and conveniently located building for JACL headquarters, hopefully with other tenants that will result in income, will be useful, and possible economically sound. Although it is well to consider the possible advantage of a headquarters in Washington, D.C., the reality that the bulk of JACLers are located on the west coast leads me to believe that San Francisco or Los Angeles are more logical sites.

One aspect of this issue however that does deserve very careful consideration is the question of priority. If some "angel" is going to bank roll JACL to the tune of whatever it will cost to float the building, fine let's go! If, on the other hand, the cold reality is that JACL, through its members, must raise the cash, then maybe that cash can better be spent otherwise. Those who say, let's tap the Endowment Fund, might consider whether this reason is better than other previously thought of for taking that step.

Long-range thinkers may say this is a good investment, but do we know that future generations of Japanese Americans are going to continue JACL? Is that investment better than an equal outlay devoted to some "program(s)" to help people now?

We in JACL have often tossed the word "program" around loosely. Presumably we believe that programs of different kinds are needed to serve the Japanese American community. Perhaps a good, thorough, indepth look at what is needed, and how JACL can use its resources best, is necessary before JACL commits itself to spending upwards of \$175,000 for a building. This may be a timely place to examine values in the same spirit that has prompted JACL to re-evaluate, at least, the necessity for expensive and ceremonial conventions. With a new director and revamped staff structure, it may be well to take stock, before embarking on an expensive and ambitious building project.



Club to Use When in Financial Trap

LETTERS

Hilton Hotel issue

Editor:

After reading and re-reading the story of the JACL boycott of Hilton Hotels (PC, Jan. 5-12), I was suddenly compelled to write.

Boycotting the Hilton is just one step (that can be) taken to let them know where we stand. No one denies this is a legal matter. But by saying, "It is strictly a legal matter," is in my opinion rather a callous and tasteless remark. I will not go into details but in all honesty I could say we are glad this Palmer House incident did not happen to anyone else and hope it never shall for as my daughter (Carol Ranko) said later, and I shall never forget those words, "The terrible fear and terror that I experienced that night shouldn't be allowed to be experienced by any living thing, human or animal."

And if time is the greatest healer, it seems to be failing this family rather miserably. For although time marches on, for us the consequences and the memory lingers on and on and on.

DORIS YAMADA
Stockton, Calif.

PRIORITIES

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erans Administration, Washington, D.C.

The new direction of JACL's Washington Office will affect the entire National program. It means that we must hire competent and professionally experienced staff who are personally committed to JACL's purpose. It means that we must develop a viable regionalization plan which will provide the means to identify and meet the different needs and problems of each region.

It means that the tremendous talents and skills of JACLers throughout the country must be tapped to help assure the implementation of a variety of services. It means that our organization and its resources must be fully exploited to permit a more understanding and cooperative relationship between adults and youth.

Finally, it means that we have to work harder than ever within the system and with the establishment to secure a just share. We cannot segregate and separate ourselves from the rest of America. We need to seek support of other Asian Americans as well.

Instead of a National organization which only reacts to crisis situation, we seek to develop a program of affirmative and positive action. Instead of a National staff which, by necessity, has dealt with local issues and problems.

Top Communist in Japan once posed as Nisei on West Coast in late 1930s

TOKYO—Sanzo Nosaka, one of Japan's top Communist leaders post-war, was in the United States posing as a Nisei resident in the late 1930s, an Asahi Shimbun feature article reported recently.

The Asahi newspaper has been running a long series of articles under the heading, "Japan and America."

The Asahi article dealt mostly about Japanese pioneers of the socialist movement who lived in America. The Asahi article said Nosaka attended the seventh (1935) congress of the Communist (Communist International), which adopted a unified popular-front strategy.

"Nosaka taxed his brains as to how to convey the policy to the Japanese communists—and hit upon a scheme.

Sneaked into U.S.

"In 1936, he sneaked into the United States from Moscow. On the Pacific Coast he obtained printing types in Japanese and a supply of cheap-quality paper and produced messages to the Japanese Communists.

"They were smuggled into Japan by Japanese seamen

lems, we propose a competent regional staff to free National personnel to deal with National issues and problems.

Local chapters and district councils and their leaders, both adults and JAYS, will be able to seek technical assistance from regional directors who will also conduct workshops on such relevant topics as leadership training, cultural education, health care for older persons, drug abuse education, career planning, political education/action, and ways of working with other Asian American groups.

What are we doing to develop these programs?

First: We are already engaged in writing proposals which will be submitted shortly for support from the federal government and national foundations. A \$1.4 million National research, planning and training project for aging and aged Japanese Americans has an excellent chance of being funded by federal funds (this year). Proposals on drug abuse education, curriculum development, and Retired Senior Volunteer Programs are in the works.

Recently, the visual communications committee was awarded \$5,000 from the National Endowment for Humanities.

With the exception of the \$400,000 received from the Carnegie Foundation and the National Institute of Mental Health to support the special Japanese American Research Project, this will be the first time that Nat'l JACL is actively seeking outside funds to support its programs.

Second: We are recruiting regional directors for offices which will be established in Seattle, L.A. and Chicago. Later, a regional director will be located in San Francisco.

Third: A national youth director who will work with the National Youth Coordinating Council and its district youth chairmen, will also be sought. He will assume a key role in developing a cooperative relationship between the adults and youth.

For too long, JACL has relied upon volunteers and low salaried, dedicated staff. We can no longer afford this luxury if JACL is to develop a positive action program instead of continuing as a reactive body. We can no longer bask in the glory of our past achievements.

The retirement of Mas Sato, National Director, heralds the beginning of a new, exciting, and difficult era. I have complete faith and confidence in the experienced and competent Saneji who will assume majority responsibilities as members of our national staff.

But as Mike Masaoka stated in Washington, D.C., "We who have put so much of our lives into JACL and what it stands for, with just cause and results, cannot afford to surrender JACL by default, silence, and inaction at this time simply because we are too tired, too complacent, or too preoccupied with other activities and interests to give a damn."

We owe it to ourselves and our posterity, he said, to those who helped found JACL to make certain that our organization will continue to carry out its purpose, to be as helpful and cooperative with other Asian American organizations, and to advance the cause of dignity and decency for all citizens.

Today's Movement

"What may be termed an 'affinity' is discernible even between today's mass movement, anti-establishment struggle, etc., and American ideals.

"In substance, these struggles are based on the ideals of liberty, equality, peace and democracy—and call the existing situation into question as being contrary to these ideals."

Some Issei recall pre-war reports from Japan about communist literature printed in Japanese in San Francisco being found on ships returning to Japan. But none recalled ever hearing that Nosaka was ever in this city.

Masaoka—

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to country, which dominated his public life, came through when he gave unstinted support to the then Republican President Eisenhower on those key issues when he felt that the nation's survival and national interests were involved.

As far as Americans of Japanese ancestry are concerned, his three major accomplishments as Senate Majority Leader were statehood for Hawaii, ratification of the Treaty of Mutual Security and Cooperation with Japan, and the last amendments to the 1948 Japanese American Evacuation Claims Act which authorized appeals to the courts and compromise settlement of any claim without limitation.

Even after Japanese Americans who comprised about a third of the total population proved their loyalty to the U.S. during and after World War II and Korean conflict, there were too many in both the House and Senate who were unwilling to extend Hawaii statehood because there were too many of Japanese origin resident there.

Even the urgings of Presidents Truman and Eisenhower were of no avail.

But Majority Leader Johnson solved that problem by arranging a package "deal" whereby Alaska would become the 49th State and Hawaii the 50th, Johnson, the Texan, remembered that the 442nd Regimental Central Postal Directory Battalion had rescued the Lost Texas Battalion at great loss

in the Vosges Mountains during WW2 and he did not object to having "a Jap senator sitting next to him in the United States Congress".

As for the Security Treaty, he believed that Japan could remain viable and independent without its own Army, Navy and Air Force and true to its constitutional prohibition against war as a national policy only if the U.S. provided a nuclear umbrella and guaranteed its security against all possible threats.

As for the Evacuation Claims amendment, again because the veterans of the 442 were "honorary Texans" and deserved his support, Johnson maneuvered to have the Senate give the legislation unanimous approval in spite of an overly crowded, session-end legislative calendar.

'The Great Society' . . .

As the 36th President, Lyndon Johnson persuaded Congress to pass some 60 so-called Great Society bills, including the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964, the first meaningful human rights statute since Reconstruction days almost a century earlier, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the education bills, the housing bills, Medicare, etc.

On the basis of his legislative leadership in domestic issues, he could be one of the great American presidents.

And he named the first black to the Cabinet—George Weaver as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and the first black to the Supreme Court of the United States—Thurgood Marshall.

On domestic problems, he

was innovative, courageous, and statesmanlike. And no other President cared more for the poverty stricken, the racially discriminated and the educationally deprived. And perhaps for these reasons, the blacks, the Chicanos and the poor mourned the loss of Lyndon Johnson.

Major Actions . . .

Though Japanese Americans naturally shared in the many benefits of the President's humanitarian programs, four specific actions directly affecting those of Japanese ancestry easily come to mind.

The first had to be the 1965 Amendments to the War Relocation Authority Act of 1952. The two major amendments repealed the racist National Origins Quota System of 1924, under which all countries except for those in Asia were granted token annual immigration quotas based upon a small percentage of their nationals then in the U.S., and the doubly racist Asia-Pacific formula of 1952, under which those of Asian origin were charged for immigration purposes not necessarily to the country of their citizenship but to the country of their ancestry if that country was within the Asia or Pacific area.

The signing of this statute in the shadow of the Statue of Liberty meant that for the first time Japanese and other Asian immigrants are on the same basis as West Europeans. Of special interest may be that the State Department special study committee proposed only that the National Origins Quota System be repealed, feeling (we remember we were told) that Congress would not be willing to grant equal immigration opportunities to those from Asia as they had and were going to grant to Europeans. Frank Auerbach, a member of the Committee who formerly was with the Common Council for American Unity, urged that the Asia-Pacific Triangle also be repealed. President Johnson backed the Auerbach recommendation and the Congress agreed.

The second was the enunciation of the so-called Johnson Doctrine in which, for the first time, it was declared that

the problems of the Pacific would be given the same consideration as those of Europe in U.S. foreign policy. This meant that the old Europe First policy had been voided and Asia given equality in international matters. The Nixon Doctrine to some extent has reversed this, however.

The third was the commitment which the President gave to the then Prime Minister Eisaku Sato of Japan that Okinawa and the rest of the Ryukyu Islands would be returned to Japan, thereby officially transferring administrative rights over conquered Japanese territory in WW2 to Japan. The fixing of a firm date and the actual reversion have taken place under President Nixon.

However, former Prime Minister Sato, who came to Washington for the Nixon inauguration, was scheduled to jet out to Austin, Texas, to meet President Johnson last week to express Japan's appreciation for his commitment to return Okinawa to Japan. Instead, he attended the state funeral for the late Chief Executive.

The fourth was the appointment of Yoichi Okamoto as the President's personal photographer, the first Japanese American ever to become a member of the White House staff.

Humanitarian . . .

Many Americans will remember Lyndon Baines Johnson for many different things. But for millions of Americans who had been deprived, because of race, creed, color, education and poverty, he not only brought improvement in their lot and life but more dignity, opportunity, and meaningful equality. For perhaps more millions of Americans than ever before, President Johnson showed them the age-old American dream could become reality for them too.

And Japanese Americans have lost, in the unlikely passing of Lyndon Baines Johnson, not only an active advocate but an understanding "friend". All Americans, though, have lost a practical humanitarian who made the heritage of America a meaningful challenge to all-citizens and lawmakers alike.

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From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.

MEMORABLE MOMENTS—A few minutes ago President Nixon came into our home by way of the magic tube to announce that at long last the war in Vietnam will be ended. It was a memorable moment, for this was a war that devastated one country, Vietnam, and all but tore apart another, the United States. In our household as in many others, there was no elation. Only relief that the agony was being terminated.

Americans are too close to the event at this time to judge the "right" or the "wrong" of the war. Emotions still are too close to the surface. It will take the long perspective of history to determine whether we were wise and noble in our intervention in a Southeast Asian conflict, or whether it was a colossal blunder that almost destroyed us.

Be that as it may, hopefully the release from the pressures of war will enable all of us to speak civilly once again, to discuss the issues instead of arguing them, to patch up the rifts and proceed with the monumental domestic tasks that face us. The Japanese American community did not escape unscathed. It could not, for it was part and parcel of the troubled American society. Painful wounds were opened, and they, too, must be given time to heal. Then, perhaps we can all join to seek solutions to our own peculiar problems.

THAT TIME OF YEAR—This winter began last Halloween in Denver and there hasn't been much of a letup. We've had winters when we'd be outdoors on Christmas Day watering the shrubs in shirt-sleeves. Not so this year. The first snow of the season still covers the north sides of many yards. The heating bills have been atrocious and that's what made the first of the spring's seed catalogues doubly welcome when it arrived in the mail the other day.

More serious reading was put aside as we examined the mouth-watering color pictures of corn on the cob, ripe tomatoes, fruits and berries. Certainly the seed catalogues are some of the finest ex-

amples of the printer's art, and something of a fraud, too, since the produce never matches the expectation. The knowledge that if the catalogues arrive, spring cannot be far behind, makes what remains of winter somewhat more bearable.

Meanwhile, many Nisei farmers in this area can take scant comfort in the passing of the weeks. Many of them were caught with sugar beets still in the ground when the snow hit. The beets are still unharvested. They can be salvaged if the soil dries out sufficiently in the next few weeks to support harvest machinery. But beyond that, the sugar refineries will shut down for the season and will be unable to take the beets. If that happens the unharvested beets will be virtually a total loss. Farming hereabouts is a perennial gamble.

SHADES OF THE YELLOW PERIL—Frank Giles, foreign editor of the London Daily Times, following a visit to China and Japan, was quoted in Hawaii: "It may sound like science fiction to imagine today a new industrial and economic juggernaut consisting of Japanese technique harnessed by Chinese manpower. No one today can tell which of the two Asian giants is going to emerge as the dominant force in that quarter of the world or which, if either, is going to end up by dominating the other. What is sure is that a new and evolving phase has opened in Asian geopolitics of which the new European Community and the rest of the world is going to have to take increasing account."

If there's anything sure about the future of Asia, it's that we'll be hearing this same warning couched in a variety of forms many, many times in the years to come.

GIRL, 15, MISSING SINCE SEPT. 14 AS RUNAWAY OR KIDNAP VICTIM

BERKELEY, Calif. — There appeared to be nothing paradoxical about Aiko Koo, the talented teenage ballet dancer who disappeared Sept. 14 while waiting for a bus in downtown Berkeley.

Gentle and genteel, graceful and gracious, a real bright spot in our lives," were the phrases used to describe the 15-year-old Aiko by relatives, friends, teachers.

She was pictured by all as a stable, "good" girl who loved her mother and her dancing so much that surely she had met with foul play.

Initial Descriptions

That she might have simply run away was summarily ruled out in the first stages of the investigation — too many of the contacts painted too glowing a picture to place her in the bulging Berkeley book of runaway juveniles.

And Aiko's mother was thoroughly, deeply, convincingly sure her daughter would never dream of abandoning a dancing career nor her family and friends.

But after deeper probing Berkeley police a different profile began to surface.

Different Profile

Aiko, the profile showed was a young, talented brilliant girl torn between conforming to a loving, but rigid upbringing — or giving in to the normal flickers of a desire of a girl growing into womanhood and the freedom allowed many Berkeley youngsters.

Slowly, bits of the puzzle that is Aiko — or most teenage girls in temptation-ridden Berkeley these days — began to shape up into a slightly off-focus picture.

Investigators, including private detectives, became more cautious in declaring whether she was kidnapped or left of her own free will and whether she is alive or dead.

Even Aiko's mother has moved an inch closer to the possibility that her daughter may have left voluntarily.

Flyer Printed

Her mother, Skaidrite Rubene-Koo, has recently had a flyer printed which she plans to circulate in all known communities seeking information on the whereabouts of her daughter.

That she might indeed be

one of Berkeley's thousands of young runaways became increasingly plausible after investigators moved away from the close family circle and talked to her peers at Anna Head School in Oakland.

"Like, she really changed this year," said one close confidante. She hadn't renewed old acquaintances, nor sought new ones, which would have been normal for outgoing Aiko.

One girlfriend confided that Aiko had admitted to a crush on a dancing partner — a much older man — in San Francisco and expressed a desire to live with him in a commune.

Inverate Hitchhiker

Another said she spoke vaguely of getting a job in Las Vegas.

Other sources revealed there was a definite, although not blatant push at home for more freedom, less regimen, less involvement in the professional dancing world.

Police have now confirmed that the evening Aiko disappeared she grew tired of waiting for a transbay bus which would have taken her to a dancing lesson at Dance Spectrum in San Francisco and accepted a ride with a man at Shattuck and University avenues.

Sighted in Shasta

Since she disappeared more than three months ago there have been three reported sightings of Aiko: one in Lake County, which has not been verified, and two in Mt. Shasta, which appear to be valid.

On Sept. 18 — four days after she disappeared — she was reported seen in Mt. Shasta by "Sister Thedra" (Dorothy Martin) who runs the Sandra Ansanit Kumara Religious Counseling Service.

Sister Thedra, who saw a police missing person bulletin in the northern community, recognized the picture as a young woman who visited her in the company of a young man.

Mrs. Koo personally talked with Sister Thedra and is convinced that it was her daughter, based on further description.

Korean-Latvian Child

To bolster this, in the same 24-hour period, a Mt. Shasta police captain, trained in such matters, also reported he had seen young Aiko on the street, reporting he particularly remembered her "sweet smile."

Aiko is the daughter of a Latvian mother and a Korean father. She looks very Oriental.

Dauntless, and with the grace of a professional ballet dancer, which she is, she stands 5-4 and weighs a slender 105 pounds.

She has a long, waist-length black hair worn straight or in a knot in back, and her almond-shaped eyes light up, reflecting a sweet smile.

Shoulder Bag Toted

When she disappeared she was wearing brown corduroy slacks; a green, cotton turtle-neck sweater; a blue denim jacket; brown brogues and a black velvet hat with a purple and orange strip of cloth tied around it.

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Jewelry boom

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Japanese Proverb

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Most distinctive, and which also was used by the girl in Mt. Shasta, was the faded blue Greek shoulder bag she carried.

Time, perhaps, will tell whether beautiful young Aiko is in fact "just a runaway" and will one day return to her mother, her dancing and her home.

There are scant few cases of runaway juveniles who do not turn up one way or another, limping home full of remorse or abnormally staying away until they are arrested for some infraction of the law.

Case Still Open

Meanwhile, Aiko's case file is very much open and active.

The recent flyer circulated

BOOK REVIEW: Allan Beekman

Jargon Fetters Epic Theme

THE BATTLE OF LEYTE GULF: The Death Knell of the Japanese Fleet, by Edwin P. Hoyt. New York: Weybright and Talley, \$8.95.

In October 1944, the Allies began the conquest of the Philippine archipelago, which may remind one of a salamander—nose pointed toward Japan, tail pointed toward the East Indies. October 20, American forces landed on the shores of Leyte Gulf, about where the right rear leg of the salamander might be.

If the Americans secured the Island of Leyte, they could use it as a base from which to launch an attack on the Island of Luzon, the head of the salamander. From Luzon, they could invade mainland Japan.

From the Battle of Midway, June 1942, the Japanese had been forced on the defensive. In June 1944, the Americans had defeated the Japanese in the Battle of the Philippine Sea.

Strategy

By October 1944, American submarines had taken such a toll of Japanese shipping, including tankers, that the Japanese Navy lacked sufficient oil to operate efficiently. If the Philippines should fall to America, Japan would be completely cut off from its sources of oil in the East Indies.

To avert the impending doom, the Japanese Navy decided upon a decisive battle. From Brunei, Borneo, south of the Philippines, Vice Adm. Takeo Kurita would sail north to destroy the American ships and amphibious vessels at Leyte. Vice Adm. Shoji Nishimura would sail north from Borneo to attack the Americans in the Surigao Strait, adjacent to Leyte. Vice Adm. Kiyohide Shima would sail from Japan to assist Nishimura.

To divide the Americans, and thus render them more vulnerable, Vice Adm. Jisaburo Ozawa would sail south from Japan with a fleet built around four carriers. His mission would be to decoy the Third Fleet of Adm. William F. Halsey.

Major Sea Battle

Outnumbered in men and ships, the Japanese faced great odds. Lacking planes and trained pilots, hindered by a shortage of oil, misled by erroneous intelligence reports, they would also suffer from almost total lack of communication among the four units supposed to deliver a coordinated attack.

There would be four major actions in the coming battle, sometimes described as the greatest battle in naval history. Each side would employ every naval weapon except the mine. There would be heavy and light gunfire, bombing, strafing, rocketing and torpedoing by land-based and carrier-based planes. There would be torpedo attacks by submarines, destroyers, and torpedo boats.

When the battle would end, the Japanese would have lost 306,000 tons of combat ships, three battleships, four carriers, four cruisers, and nine destroyers. The Japanese Navy would be finished as an effective fighting force.

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CHAPTER PULSE

Installation

Mary Sadatoki sworn in as Cleveland head

Over 100 persons witnessed the swearing in of Mrs. Mary Sadatoki as chairman of the Cleveland JACL at the Astor-Hurst Restaurant on Dec. 2. The wife of past chapter chairman William Sadatoki, she is the fourth woman to assume the No. 1 position in the chapter.

Allan Ikeda was also installed as Cleveland Jr. JACL president, succeeding Scott Furukawa.

Irland Tashima, outgoing chapter chairman, received his President's Pin from Mrs. Sadatoki.

Henry Tanaka, national JACL president, gave the main address, "Future Directions," pinpointing the role of JACL's new Washington representative as leading the way.

Recognition awards were presented to Salvation Army Brigadier and Mrs. Ainosuke Ichida for their community service. Mrs. Ichida is a past chapter chairman. The outstanding membership award was presented to Sadie Yamane for her contributions to the chapter. She has been active with the chapter education committee, newsletter staff, and with the Shojoji Dancers as narrator.

The Rev. Kyogo Miura of the Cleveland Buddhist Temple gave the invocation. Bridget Ichida paid tribute to the Issei in his benediction. Dr. Roy Ebihara was toastmaster. Sachie Tanaka was banquet chairman. Janey and Glenn Sonoda entertained with musical numbers.

Downtown L.A. slates Feb. 23 installation

Downtown L.A. JACL will install its 1973 officers at Horikawa Restaurant on Friday, Feb. 23, 7 p.m., with Dave Ushio, national executive director, as guest speaker. It was announced by Ted Kojima, chapter president. Helen Kawagoe, PSDWC governor, will be installing officer.

Sacramento to install Hiroshima '73 president

Phil Hiroshima, 1973 Sacramento JACL president, and his cabinet members will be installed Feb. 11, 6 p.m., at the Sacramento Inn by Masao Satow in one of his last acts before retiring as the National JACL Director.

Dr. Wilson Riley, state superintendent of public instruction, will be guest speaker. City councilman Robert

Matsui and onetime chapter president will be emcee. Chewy Ito (457-8655) and Joey Ishihara (421-8902) are handling dinner reservations. The dinner climaxes the day-long NC-WNDC quarterly session being hosted by the chapter at the same hotel in its Comstock Room. Registration for the DC meeting opens at 11 a.m. The afternoon highlight will be the panel on Employment Problems of the Asians, starting at 2.

San Mateo re-elects Moriguchi for 2nd term

Eugene Moriguchi, attorney for the Legal Aid Society of San Mateo, has been reelected president for the second term of the San Mateo JACL chapter.

The officers and board members were installed at the annual installation dinner Jan. 20, at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel in San Mateo. Guest speaker for the evening was David Ushio, National JACL executive director.

Dr. Furuta to address Detroit JACL inaugural

Dr. Otto Furuta of St. Louis, national JACL vice-president for public affairs, will address the Detroit JACL dinner-dance on Mar. 3 at Chin-Tiki Restaurant.

Berkeley installs Mrs. Kono president

Beatrice Kazuko Kono has been elected new president of the Berkeley JACL. She and her cabinet officers were installed Jan. 24, at Maiko Restaurant.

David Ushio, director of National JACL was guest speaker.

February Events

Japanese classes in D.C. to continue

Washington, D.C. JACL has completed its first 10-week session in Japanese Language at the Cedar Lane Unitarian Church. It resumes another 10-week stretch on Friday nights (Feb. 2) at the same church in Bethesda. The classes are to continue so long as interest is sustained. Four separate classes are being held — beginning and advanced for youth and adults.

Beginning youth (12-14) class is conducted informally and the first session saw a minimal amount of absenteeism. Advanced youth (15-18) class, since these students have had varying degrees of previous classes, lagged somewhat and is undergoing evaluation.

Textbooks and tapes are being used in the beginning adult class. Members found the use of tapes most effective. Advanced adult class will continue to meet this coming quarter and stress conversational Japanese and with just enough written material to provide a basis for topical discussions.

Close to 40 members attended the first series of lessons.

January Events

Watsonville Sr. Center holds New Year party

More than 60 Issei enjoyed the annual New Year party, combined with the monthly birthday party, at the Watsonville JACL Senior Center on Jan. 14.

Following a potluck luncheon, party-goers enjoyed games and other entertainment. During the brief meeting, Tom Kizuka, center director, gave a detailed report on the 1972 treasury and other center activities.

Kizuka reported the center received during 1972 \$1,480.80 in donations. Added to \$297.31 balance from 1971, the center had a total income

of \$1,778.11. Total expenses for the year were \$1,198.98. The balance as of Dec. 31, 1972 was \$579.13.

Most expenses were for chartered bus tours, birthday parties and postage. In 1972, there were 55 gatherings including tours. Total attendance was 1,305, making an average attendance for each gathering 24 persons. The JACL treasurer paid the rent, utilities and repairs and maintenance.

Hot-meal kitchen serves 100 Issei

LOS ANGELES — Nearly 110 Issei feasted at the first Hot Meals Program at Union Church, Saturday, Jan. 13. At a cost of 50 cents, the menu consisted of miso-shiru, fish, oshibashi, tsukemono, rice, kamaboko ocha and jello.

Sponsored by the Japanese Community Pioneer Center, the Hot Meals Program was initiated in an attempt to meet the minimal nutritional needs of Issei in Little Tokyo and Boyle Heights area. With rising food costs, it has become virtually impossible to purchase foods necessary for healthy survival, Pioneer Center spokesman said.

One-Day Trial

Although the Hot Meals Program held on Jan. 13 was a pilot program, sponsors hope to develop the resources necessary to continue the program on a regular basis.

Sponsors said community effort and volunteer participation were largely responsible for the success of the event and extended their appreciation to all volunteers, supporters and contributors. Markets donating food included Ida, Enbun, Modern Foods, Granada, Fish King, Japan Foods and Mutual Trading.

Local Scene

Los Angeles

Nisei Singles Club will host a Valentine party on Saturday, Feb. 10, 9 p.m., at Santa Monica Dance Studio, 522 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica.

JACS-AI, in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service, will offer free assistance in filing federal and state income tax forms on Sunday, starting Feb. 18, in the Sun Bldg., between 1 and 5 p.m. To assist in preparing the forms, taxpayers are expected to show their 1971 tax returns and bring their current report forms (W-2, tax forms and related information if deductions are to be itemized).

The Westside Optimist Club is contributing \$1,000 annually to Keiro Nursing Home for the next five years, beginning this year, reported project chairman Richard Kaku and George Izumi. Presentation was made Jan. 25 at Keiro Home, 2221 Lincoln Park Ave. and funds are to be used for upkeep, maintenance and purchase of equipment for a unit which will be designated as the "Westside Optimist Club" room.

Sacramento

Asian Community Services, having discerned that the recently-enacted amendment to the Social Security law provides wage benefits to those interned in the camps during WW2 if the person was a citizen at time of internment, is considering filing a class action law suit against the government to assist the Issei, who were paying Social Security taxes irrespective of citizenship at the time. ACS called the new law discriminatory for it eliminates most of the Issei who were barred from citizenship by law at the time.

The Western Young Buddhist League YBA Workshop, "WYBL: Past, Present, Future?" will be held on Feb. 2, 3 and 4, at the Sacramento Buddhist Betsuin. The purpose of the YBA Workshop is to afford an opportunity to meet and discuss various activities with other YBA leaders; to encourage and inform future leaders of the YBA; to formulate and discuss policies for the WYBL; and to extend fellowship. Registration is being handled by Judy Miyao, 1156 Third Avenue, Sacramento.

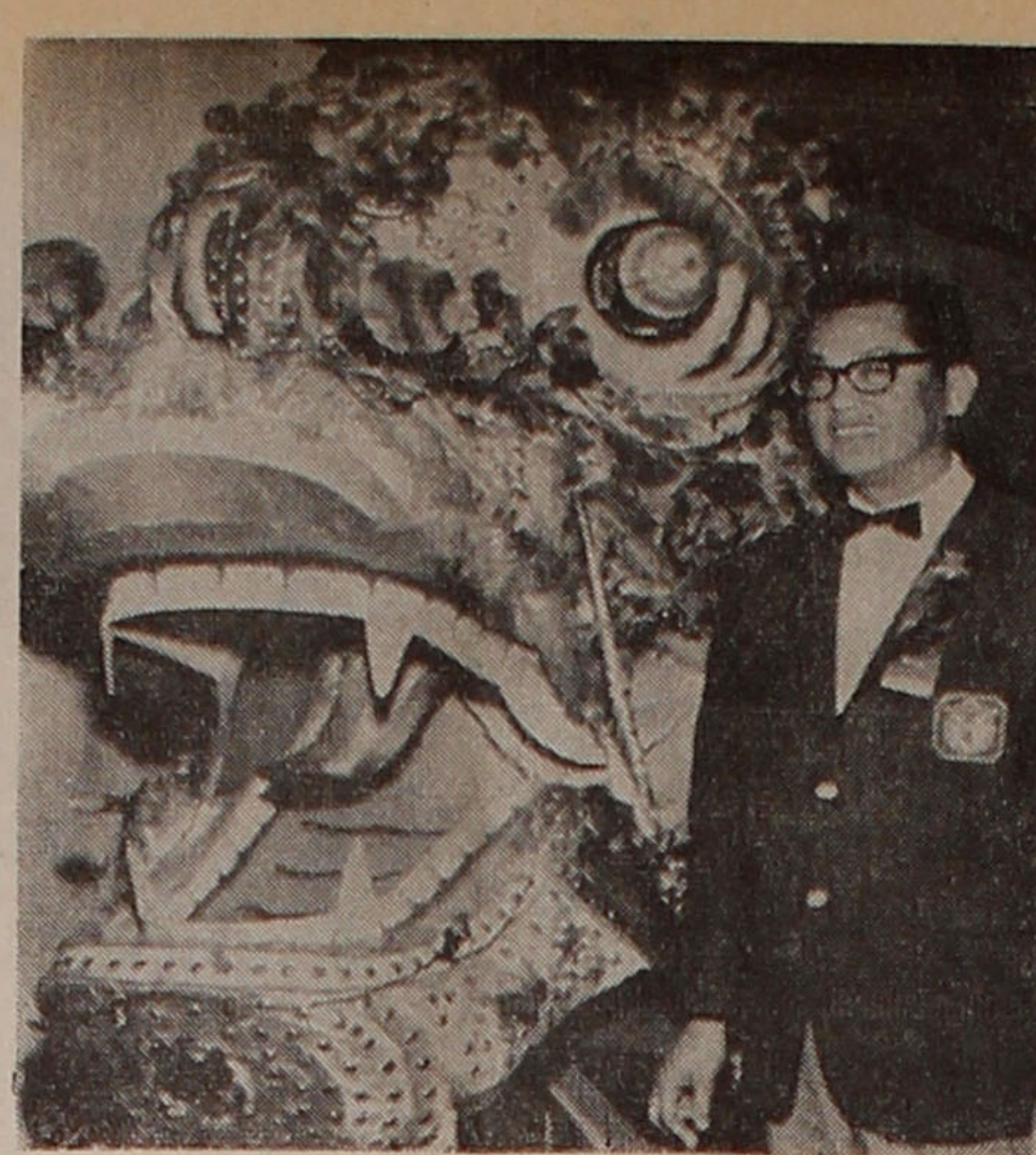
San Diego

Two action-packed films will be presented Sunday 7 p.m., in the Buddhist Church auditorium. "Suriga Yukyoden Dokyo Garasu," another episode in the Jirocho series, starring Katsu Shintaro and Fuji Yukiko, plus the exciting judo drama, "Wakabiki Kodokan" with Iwashita Ryo and Atsuta Yoko make up the double feature bill. Both of these Daiiei films are in color with English titles.

San Francisco

Yuji Ichioka, research staff member at UCLA Asian American Studies Center, will speak at the Feb. 16 meeting of the S.F. Center for Japanese American Studies at Pine United Methodist Church. He recently completed compiling the bibliography of material gathered through JACL chapters for the UCLA-JARP project.

Our efforts to squeeze in as much of the Asian American community news will be acknowledged in "Local Scene." We ask that items be received early enough to be timely if time is a factor.—Ed.



YEAR OF OX—Wally Quon, co-owner of the Grand Star Restaurant in New Chinatown, stands beside the large dragon head which beckons a welcome to the upcoming Chinese New Year (Feb. 3) to be celebrated over a three-day period (Feb. 2-4) starting with the annual Golden Dragon Parade in Chinatown on Friday, Feb. 2. Parade time: 8 p.m. Key Luke will be grand marshal. It will be an especially festive evening before and following the parade at the Grand Star.

Sac'to official fears return of gov't camps

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The revival of detention camps in this country is possible, City Councilman Robert T. Matsui believes.

Sacramento's first Japanese American councilman expressed his misgivings in the January newsletter of the Sacramento Japanese American Citizens League in the aftermath of fiery City Council meetings over the Dec. 3 police shooting of Raymond Brewer.

Matsui, who spent his infant years in detention camps during World War II, said: "Never has so much hatred and malice been demonstrated as that at recent City Council meetings."

"All parties were making scurrilous, inflammatory, and libelous statements and charges against one another. Even incredible statements such as, 'You blacks were responsible for Officer (Bernard) Bennett's death (Bennett was killed by snipers in Oak Park in 1970) and 'All police officers were guilty of murdering Raymond Brewer' were made."

He said he had always thought that the camp life of 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry would never happen again "because the people of our country are much more sophisticated than they were 30 years ago."

'Possible in '73'

After witnessing the council sessions over Brewer's death, Matsui said, "I have come to realize that perhaps my judgment was premature, and that such occurrences are possible even in the year 1973, because unless human beings, no matter how intelligent and how much knowledge they may have, understand one another, then malice and ill will exist in our world."

He concluded, "I hope that all of us will reflect and hope that something is learned from this tragedy and the events which followed it."

"We may not be able to change human nature, but let us hope that in the weeks and months to come, human nature will show its other side, such as humanity, good will, tolerance, and love of their fellow man."

Brewer, a 15-year-old jun-

Changing economic ties in Pacific to be aired

LOS ANGELES — American and Japanese organizations interested in commerce between the two nations will reappraise changing economic relations at the U.S.-Japan Economic Relations Symposium Feb. 6, 9 a.m., at the Ambassador Hotel.

Consul General Akira Yamato will be the principal speaker for the Coconut Grove luncheon which will conclude the program.

Symposium participants include: Yutaka Nomura, counselor in charge of economic affairs in the Embassy of Japan, Washington, D.C.; Dr. F. H. Mason, UCLA graduate school of management; Motoharu Sawanobori, president, Japan Traders Club of Los Angeles and senior vice president of Mitsui and Company (U.S.A.); S. Richard Shostak, president, the Bank of Tokyo of Calif.; W. Ted Johnson, international vice president, United California Bank; Akira Yasui, director general, Japan Trade Center; Masaki Kondo, assistant general manager, Nippon Steel Corp.; and Shoji Dattori, corporate secretary, Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A., Inc.

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NEWS CAPSULES

Courtroom

Howard T. Kubota of Redlands and a Riverside JACLer was empaneled Jan. 17 as a member of the San Bernardino County grand jury. A professor of marketing management at San Bernardino Valley College, he is a 1964 USC graduate and worked with the Thrifty Drug Co. for six years before joining SBVC faculty, where he chairs the faculty senate election committee. He is married and father of four children. He is the first Japanese American juror in the county.

The Association of Immigration and Nationality Lawyers has elected Ben K. Takahashi as the president of its Los Angeles Chapter. He is a graduate of both the University of Tokyo Law School and Southwestern University Law School where he obtained his Juris Doctor. He also studied international relations at USC graduate school. Born in Tokyo in 1921, Takahashi served as a lieutenant with the Japanese navy and the Japanese Foreign Office. At the time of his admission to the California Bar in 1966, he was the first naturalized citizen born in Japan to become an attorney. He cut his teeth in the immigration field when he represented himself as an alien under deportation proceedings.

The 1973 Sacramento County grand jury sworn in Jan. 10 before Superior Court Judge George E. Paras included one Japanese American Tosh Oto of 933 Roeder Rd., one of 19 jurors selected from a venire of 30 nominees.

Government

Among the first to take advantage of the new ombudsman program initiated by Assemblyman Vincent Thomas of San Pedro is a Japanese American political science major, David Matsukawa, a student at Calif. State Univ. at Dominguez Hills, who is doing case work under the supervision of state ombudsmen Louis Dominguez and Thomas Hansen. Under the program, Assemblyman Thomas is giving students the opportunity to work in the assemblyman's office helping to solve the problems and complaints of the people in the district.

Dr. Don Hata, an instructor at Calif. State Univ., Dominguez Hills, was elected vice chairman of the Gardena Planning Commission last month.

Health

Two fall magazine covers of the monthly magazine of the Southern California Dental Association featured photos by Delano dentist Dr. James Nagatani. Both taken in the north fork area of the Kings River, the one was published in the September issue showing a thistle and the other on the December cover is of Guest Lake.

Agriculture

Members of the Colorado Association of Soil Conservation Districts are "definitely going to protest" the recent killing of the REAP bill, according to their president, Kish Otsuka. REAP, or the Rural Environmental Assistance Program, was killed by action of the Department of Agriculture Dec. 22 after pressure from President Nixon. Otsuka said many land owners depended on the cost-sharing program to improve their range land.

Sports

San Franciscan Keiko Fukuda, the highest ranking woman judoka anywhere in

the world, has added another notch to her judo ranking, as she received from Risel Kano, head of the Kodokan in Tokyo, a certificate promoting her to 6-dan. She has held the 5-dan ranking for the past 20 years, because no woman was allowed to hold any higher ranking under the Kodokan regulation. The ranking was awarded on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of Kodokan, established by Risel's father, the illustrious Jigoro Kano.

Ralph Mayeda of Sacramento rolled the first 300 game for a Nisei in the new year Jan. 21 at L & L Castle Lanes during the first weekend of the San Francisco Nisei Bowling Assn's annual tournament.

A 196-average bowler, he hit his big game in the singles event with a 191-300-190-581 total.

Military

Y.B. "Buddy" Mamiya of Gardena was installed as president of the 100th Infantry Battalion veterans organization, an affiliate of the 42nd Veterans Association of So. Calif., at Mishima Restaurant, Roger Smith, 1972 president of the 42nd Association, served as installing officer. The club sponsors, among other activities, the Flammets Majorette Corps of Los Angeles which has participated in parades and competitions throughout the state and won numerous awards.

Paul Bannai, Gardena city councilman and "A" Battery, 522nd Field Artillery member was installed Jan. 27 as 1973 president of the 442nd Veterans Association. Speaker for the evening was Col. Young O. Kim, U.S. Army, retired, and a former officer of the 100th Infantry Battalion.

Flower-Garden

Tom Furukawa, first vice president of the So. Calif. Gardeners Federation, Inc., was elected to head the 22-chapter organization for 1973, succeeding Harry Ueda. Presidents from the 22 chapters were called upon to serve

Compton Gakuen proceeds donated to Gardena Center

GARDENA, Calif. — Proceeds of the sale of property where the original Japanese language school once stood were donated to the Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute in a formal presentation this past week.

A check of \$35,000 was presented by Shigetoshi Fujii, chairman of the former Compton Endo Memorial Gakuen Fund, to George Obata, president of the Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute. The money is to be used for building and operating a new Japanese language school at 2000 W. 162nd St.

Immigration ship

BUENOS AIRES — The 10-217-ton Japanese immigration ship Brazil Maru arrived here Jan. 12 on its last voyage with 44 immigrants, including six females to Argentina and others to Bolivia and Paraguay.

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on the nomination committee to select the 1973 cabinet at the first executive board meeting. Furukawa is a member of the Sierra Madre-Monrovia Assn. Martin Miyao has been elected new president of the Sacramento Gardeners Association.

PCC adds new course

on Asian Americans

PASADENA, Calif.—Pasadena City College will add a new course in Asian American studies starting Feb. 5—History 41: History of the Asian in America — to be taught by Harry Kawahara, who also has been teaching the Sociology of the Asian American since its inception three years ago.

The new course will be taught on Mondays, 7 p.m.

Asian American studies at PCC received its initial impetus from members of the Greater Pasadena Area JACL and financial assistance from National JACL Board.

At Santa Monica

The Asian Students Alliance at Santa Monica College announced Sociology 32: Asian Americans in Contemporary Society will be offered as an extended day class on Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

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