

'Mixed Marriages

On the weeks this corner is unoccupied by President Henry Tanaka's "Priorities", we intend to move in here with a timely, thought-provoking piece, just to maintain the heart beat of this spot which, thanks to Hank and the other JACL presidents, has become one of the first parts of the PC which readers turn to.

For openers, the subject matter this week is certainly not new as sociologists have pried into the area. Sansei seem to have less hang-ups about it than their parents when it comes to starting their own families. But the point this week of the "editorial up front" concerns the now and more specifically within JACL. We know there are other facets to the questions being raised in the letter we received from Salt Lake City the other day, but here is one side seldom seen. The letter follows:

"How does it feel to be the minority, and be discriminated against?" Those were the words spoken by a dedicated JACL member to two of us attending the recent district JACL meeting. Needless to say, I could not contain myself. I have been fighting discrimination for the past 30 years, and I will continue to fight it wherever I am present. These words were utterly uncalled for, and I still cannot believe my ears that such a statement was made.

The incident was brought about as a result of the questionnaire that we were filling out for the National Planning Commission. On that form, if you do not classify as Issei, Nisei, Sansei, etc., you are considered "Other." When I came to that word on the questionnaire, I felt, "Well, here it comes again" because I have encountered discrimination by Japanese Americans as well as society in general. In fact, I believe that Japanese Americans are one of the first to discriminate—even among their own. The other lady involved stopped at the word "other" because it hit home pretty hard.

After thinking about it, I am sure that some of the other inter-marriages will feel the pangs of it too, because they may not have gone through all the trials and tribulations that my marriage has faced. Although I was able to overlook the word "other", I could not sit back when asked, "How does it feel to be the minority, and be discriminated against?" Had this ques-

tion been asked by the average JACLer, I might not have been so sensitive, but coming from a member of the National Staff was too much.

You may not say this is discrimination, because it is in reverse, but I feel it must be fought wherever and whenever it arises. Does the fact that we are married to Japanese Americans make it right for you to question us? I thought that JACL was working for the betterment of the human race, but I feel now that they are only working for the equality of the Japanese American.

Maybe this is why they fail to see that there is one more group of people who has been completely overlooked... the children of mixed marriages. After all, they have Japanese blood too. In the past six or seven years, I have asked three National Presidents what they plan to do for these children. The first one told me that it wasn't too great a problem at that time, and I realized there were more important issues pending. The second one was only concerned with the fact that the Japanese American youth should join together or we would have a bunch of inter-marriages that would end in "Shakespearean Tragedies." The third one must not have considered it a problem because I haven't seen any programming, yet. But, the President-elect told me that he realized it is a problem, but it would take a great deal of research.

If we spend another ten years trying to decide what to do, we may find that we have more mixed-marriage children than straight Japanese children, and then it will take care of itself.

How much longer do we have to wait to be accepted as part of the Japanese community? I have fought my battle this far, and I have taught my children to be proud of their ethnic backgrounds. But, I am going to need help if I am ever to hear my great-grandchildren say the word "Japanese". Only 17 years of my life was spent as part of the "white" society... 30 years have been spent being proud that we are "Japanese". Although my face is white, I have always said that I am Japanese too... "My better half is Japanese."

The above letter was signed by Harriet Kimura, wife of Intermountain JACL District Governor George Kimura. Her straight-forward plea to be an integral part of the Japanese American community reveals how far the Nisei have yet to travel down the road for human understanding.—H.H.

JACL-BUILDING FUND DRIVE

Over \$125,000 acknowledged

SAN FRANCISCO—The National JACL Building Fund Drive has passed the halfway mark, it was announced by Shig Sugiyama, National Building Fund Coordinator. "With more than \$125,000 in pledges and donations received by the National Headquarters, we are well on our way to reaching our goal of \$250,000", Sugiyama said.

"The fund drive has additionally been extended a full year, this means the drive will officially end on June 1 instead of April 1 as originally announced," Sugiyama added. "The reason for this is that many JACLers are only now receiving their direct mail appeal for contribu-

tions and we want to be sure that all of our members who wish to contribute will have ample time to do so."

Sugiyama further pointed out that all contributions, regardless of amount are needed and welcomed. "We have contributions ranging from \$3 to

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Kojima calls for new PSW vote on impeachment issue

LOS ANGELES — The Pacific Southwest District Council is still tolling with the resolution "to impeach Mr. Nixon". A poll of 11 chapters has been ordered with ballots due April 24. When it was first introduced last November, it was tabled.

At the February district meeting, the issue was reintroduced and the motion carried 7 to 5 with four abstentions. On a point of order from the floor questioning the Chair's rule, since the total number of votes cast did not meet the quorum of 14, the Chair was overruled 8 to 6 with one abstention.

The four abstaining delegates asked and were allowed 30 days in which to consult with their chapters and then cast a vote. But apparently the 30-day rule was misunderstood, Kojima noted in calling for a new ballot.

Kojima noted the standing rules allow only "absent" chapters 30 days in which to have their vote recorded on

matters presented at a district council meeting. But since the official minutes of the Feb. 9 meeting had not been published, he was reluctant to advise the absent chapters and 30 days have since passed.

He said there were two solutions to the dilemma — either amend the standing rules to permit absent and abstaining chapters to ballot beyond the normal 30 days or call for a new ballot via chapter poll.

Asking chapters to amend the standing rule, which requires a 30-day notice, would not have solved the problems, Kojima explained.

To resolve the question, Kojima this past week (Mar. 21) ordered a new ballot from the 27 chapters, noting that:

1—Voting chapters must be "in good standing", and reminding district per capita dues for 1973 are now payable no later than the second quarterly session due in May.

2—A majority of the "votes cast" shall determine all matters.

The PSWDC by-laws permits either the governor or executive board to poll chapters by mail, allowing 30 days to respond. Except as otherwise provided, a majority of the ballots returned shall prevail, provided a majority (14) of the member chapters reply. In the event the necessary number has not replied, a telephone follow-up is permitted. Results of the poll indicating how each chapter voted are mailed to all chapters.

Kojima said he refrained from calling for a new ballot until the minutes were published. Excerpts of the action to the motion were included with the mail poll.

The resolution read in November at San Diego by Sumi Ujimori (and not representing the East Los Angeles JACL to which she belongs) came up as new business. Na-

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WASHINGTON, D.C.—On behalf of the Washington, D.C., JACL Chapter, immediate past Chairman Larry Nakatsuka (third from left) presented to the Library of Congress on Jan. 29 a gift of the microfilm edition of the Pacific Citizen from 1942 to 1971. L. Quincy Mumford, Librarian of Congress, accepted with appreciation the 30-year record of the PC, which will be available for viewing in the newspaper and period-

ical section of the Library of Congress Annex in the Nation's Capital. Attending the presentation ceremony were (left to right) Dr. Warren Tsuneishi, Chief, Orientalia Division; Mr. Mumford, Mr. Nakatsuka, JACL National President-Elect Shig Sugiyama; Andrew Y. Kuroda, Head, Japanese Section; and Key K. Kobayashi, Assistant Head.—Library of Congress Photo.

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ISSEI RANCHER MURDERED WHILE ASLEEP AT HOME

Grew Berries in San Dimas but lived in Southwest L.A.

LOS ANGELES — An Issei berry grower, Frank Namimatsu, 66, was beaten to death and his wife, Toshiko, 59, was seriously injured last week (Mar. 20) by an intruder who broke into their home at 3787 S. Norton Ave. in the Crenshaw area during the pre-dawn hours.

According to Police Sgt. Earl Nishimura of the Southwest Division, the couple were asleep at the time of the attack. Entry was made into the home through a sliding glass door to the living room, and after Mrs. Namimatsu regained consciousness, she managed to call police for help.

Some cash was missing, police said. Namimatsu, a naturalized citizen from Wakayama, previously lived in San Jose and had been growing berries in San Dimas, 30 miles east from his southwest L.A. home.

The so-called Jefferson-Crenshaw area, which embraces both residential and business areas, has been the scene of various street crimes, including the mugging, purse snatching, assault and rape. Community groups are being mobilized in an attempt to reduce personal violence.

(The same week the Pacific Citizen received an unsigned letter from a rape victim, asking it be shown to JACL.)

EMERGENCY POWERS

Detention law still on

WASHINGTON—The Special Senate Subcommittee on the Termination of National Emergency, after a painstaking computer search of the statutes, has concluded the United States has been operating under "a national emergency" since 1933.

It means if the President of the United States is so inclined, he has legal authority at this moment (among other things) to place practically any person in the United States in military detention for up to one year.

The detention statute is contained in Title 18 of the U.S. Code, Section 1383, which says that whoever "enters, remains in, leaves or commits any act in any military area or military zone prescribed under the authority of an executive order of the President" shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

The law is much like the Emergency Detention Act which Congress repealed two years ago as a threat to civil liberties. (JACLers remember this law well for the part they played in having Title II of the Internal Security Act of 1950 repealed.) But Section 1383 was left untouched possibly because Congress was unaware of it until the special Senate subcommittee chaired by Sens. Frank Church (D-Idaho) and Charles Mathias Jr. (R-Md.) unearthed it last year.

At a hearing, the committee's staff director, William G.

Miller, said that under Section 1383 the President could declare the entire United States a military area and put into detention any person he believed had violated the law.

The President also has authority to:

1—Dispatch U.S. military forces to any nation in the world that "he considers it advisable to assist in the interest of national defense." This law was originally enacted in the cold war days of 1950, intended to apply only to Latin America and then just to noncombatant advisers. But the committee, in a report, said the law could be construed "as a way of extending considerable military assistance to any foreign country."

2—Seize and control all transportation and communications, which includes closing down any radio or TV station, network or newspaper wire service.

3—Institute martial law.

4—Seize properties and commodities.

5—Organize and control the means of production.

6—Restrict travel. (Which Executive Order 9066 of 1942 effectively waged against persons of Japanese ancestry on the West Coast.)

7—Regulate the operation of private enterprise, and

8—"In a plethora of particular ways, control the lives of all American citizens" to use the words of the Senate study.

In the foreword to the 607-page document (published last September), Senators Church and Mathias said that only a few delegated powers have been regularly used, but added:

"It is possible that some future president could exercise this vast authority to place the United States under authoritarian rule. While the danger through legal means may seem remote to us today, recent history records Hitler seizing control through the use of the emergency powers provisions contained in the laws of the Weimar Republic."

Some of these emergency powers available to the President have existed without a break since March 5, 1933—when Franklin D. Roosevelt, one day after entering the White House, declared such an emergency to deal with the bank closing in the Great Depression.

"A majority of the people of the United States have lived all of their lives under emergency rule," the Senate subcommittee noted. "For 40 years, freedoms and governmental procedures guaranteed by the Constitution have, in varying degrees, been abridged by laws brought into force by states of national emergency."

While Congress lately has lamented the erosion of its powers to the Executive branch, it was Congress that enacted the 470 major provisions of federal law giving presidents "an enormous—seemingly expanding and never ending—range of emergency powers."

Since 1970, Sen. Mathias has been urging Congress to look at emergency powers and decide whether, in terms of individual liberties, they should be retained. As a result, Congress last year created the special subcommittee with a one-year mandate (later extended to two years) to study all emergency powers laws.

The committee's first task was to catalog all the emergency powers statutes as there existed no comprehensive listing. Lawyers from the Justice Department, Library of Congress and the General Accounting Office began the

SEABROOK JACL STARTS SUNDAY RADIO SHOW

BRIDGETON, N.J.—The Seabrook JACL initiated a half-hour Japanese radio program, "Fuji Hour", on Sunday, Mar. 3, 4:30-5 p.m., on station WSNJ (1240 AM, 107.7 FM) as one of its 30th anniversary and community relations projects.

The program is dedicated to the Issei and other Japanese-speaking residents within range of the station's signals: the Delaware Valley, eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland and southern New Jersey.

The Rev. Shingetsu Akahoshi is in charge, Mariko Ono and Ray Ono assisting.

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U.S. CITIZENSHIP TEST IN OWN LANGUAGE SEEN

House Passes Bill Expediting Process for Those Over Age 50

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Alien residents of the United States who are 50 years of age or older would be exempted from the requirement of knowing the English language in the naturalization process to become American citizens under provisions of a bill passed Mar. 18 by the House, according to Rep. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii).

About 5,000 elderly alien residents of Hawaii, who don't speak or read English, would become eligible for citizenship if the measure is finally enacted," said Matsunaga, the author of a similar bill. In a speech on the House floor, the Hawaii lawmaker pointed out that identical legislation had been passed by the House in three previous congresses, only to die in the U.S. Senate.

However, Matsunaga explained, the Senate, in November 1973, did pass a so-called "private bill" exempting one individual from the language requirements contained in Section 312 of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

In an unusual procedure, the House considered the Senate-passed bill and amended it to exempt all alien residents over the age of 50 from the language requirements, provided that they have lived in the United States for at least 20 years and are otherwise qualified for citizenship. The bill will be returned to the Senate, which could either agree to the House amendment or request a conference to resolve the differences in the two measures.

"Most of the people who will benefit from the enactment of this measure are the aged parents and grandparents of American citizens," Matsunaga said. "They are longtime permanent residents of the United States who love this country as if it were, in fact, their own. They should no longer be denied full citizenship."

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Gardena police charge alleged Senate investigator with passing bad checks

GARDENA, Calif.—The local police have been drawn into the investigation of Kenneth Young Hee Choy of Honolulu, arrested by FBI agents in Las Vegas in connection with a phony election probe, the Gardena Valley News reported last week (Mar. 21).

Choy is alleged to have passed \$1,200 in bad checks to local businessmen, including several Japanese. He was arrested Mar. 11 for allegedly posing as a member of Sen. Inouye's staff purporting to investigate illegal election activities in Gardena.

Police entered the case Mar. 8 after Egger's Bakery reported Choy had passed a bad check two days earlier. Other bad check victims, police said, included Busy Bee Bakery (owned by a Japanese American), Kyoto Sukiyaki, Atsuga Restaurant and George Kobayashi.

The largest bad check for \$400 was allegedly written at

Atsuga's where Choy contracted to have 45 meals served on March 7 and receiving back \$140 in cash.

Police said Choy cannot be charged with forgery since he used his own name in signing the checks but noted Choy is on parole for forgery committed in Honolulu and police there have a warrant for Choy's arrest. The Los Angeles Police also has a \$3,000 warrant for his arrest on seven counts of passing bad checks.

The notes Choy allegedly used were "counter" or "customer" checks, the police added, where the writer indicates the name of the bank and the amount.

Police said Choy named the Bank of America, Sumitomo Bank (Gardena branches) and the Bank of Hawaii in writing the checks, none of which have an account record for the alleged felon.



SACRAMENTO—Gov. Ronald Reagan who appointed two new Nisei municipal judges and Assemblyman Paul Bannai (left) congratulate Judge Richard Hanki (second from left) of the Los Cerritos Judicial District and Judge Morio Fukuto of the South Bay Judicial District. Hanki was deputy public defender at the Norwalk office while Fukuto was deputy district attorney of Los Angeles.

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LETTERS
Chapter in South
 Editor:
 I am a member of the Washington, D.C. JACL. I would like to know why JACL does not have a chapter in the Southeast District of the U.S. I live in Jacksonville, Fla., and Washington, D.C. is just too far away for me.
 I would like to know if I can start a Southeast District chapter that would include this region. I have no experience in this field and need more information to start a chapter. There is a need for a JACL chapter in the South.
 H. JIM FUKUMOTO
 Jacksonville, Fla.



By the Board
 Ross Harano
 Midwest District Governor
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ALERT
 Chicago
 Once again Richard Ichord of Missouri, chairman of the House Internal Security Committee (HISC), has managed to sidetrack efforts in the House of Representatives to abolish his committee. On Jan. 31, the House Select Committee on Committees was established to study and recommend changes on the House committee structure.

Ye Editor's Desk
 Harry K. Honda

CHET HUNTLEY (1912-1974)

Chet Huntley was the reporter who "sat" with us while we had one eye on the TV set and the other eye on supper for many years. Till he moved to New York to anchor the NBC Evening News, his beat was mainly on the west coast, reporting on KNX-CBS radio and later ABC radio and TV. He covered the arrival of evacuees at Poston and the life of evacuees at Santa Anita. A decade later, he supported the JACL campaign to expedite the Japanese American Evacuation Claims program, urging a House subcommittee to enact legislation as "a matter of simple justice."

Huntley was among the rare voices who sought the "other side" of breaking stories, and the plight of evacuees in 1942 was one of them at a time when the rabble rousers were demanding the Japanese—citizen and alien—all be locked up in concentration camps for the duration and shipped to Japan after the war. The Native Sons of the Golden West sought to have the courts disenfranchise the Nisei voter.

By the time Huntley appeared before the House subcommittee in 1954, he had won the Peabody Award for distinguished journalism on the air and Rep. Peter Rodino Jr. (D-N.J.), now head of the House Judiciary Committee and investigating the inquiry into impeachment of the President, was so moved by Huntley's statement and agreed with other members of the subcommittee he was deserving of another Peabody Award for his statement.

To make a first-hand observation and see how the evacuees were treated and what facilities were being provided when the order for evacuation was promulgated, Huntley went to Parker, Ariz., when the first group of evacuees were moving into Poston relocation center. He recalled:

"The temperature stood at about 115 degrees. Many of them had become very ill in the buses on the way over. They stepped into what was to be their new homes. Construction was by no means finished. Then project director W. Wade Head admitted housing conditions were not exactly what anyone would desire. The large apartments were without partitions and other materials were furnished to enable residents to remedy the situation.)

"The dust was about two feet thick. Their belongings were carried in a couple suitcases. More illnesses occurred from the heat and by virtue of the fact that the new arrivals were not accustomed to the water. Even the completed dwellings were pretty crude. There was confusion, and there was, indeed, considerable suffering, particularly on the part of the older people and children.

"But in all the conversations I had with these people, the aliens as well as the Nisei, there existed a magnificent stoicism and an absence of hatred against this, their adopted or native land. There was, indeed, a frank and candid conviction that an injustice was being carried out; but there existed an accompanying faith that ultimately the people of the United States would realize the error and that they would make it right. There was also a determination on the part of these people to so conduct themselves that they might prove their loyalty beyond question and in the shortest possible time.

"Two weeks later, when I returned to this same relocation center, I found everything in order. There were lawns in place of the dust. Neat curtains were at the windows of the dwellings. There were sidewalks and clean streets. There was a good deal of self-government; and a spirit of cordiality and cooperation between the Japanese and the United States Army guards had taken the place of the original doubt and suspicion.

"I believe it is agreed that these people did prove themselves. All of that is a matter of record. . . If I am not mistaken, General Willoughby, Chief of Intelligence under General MacArthur, is on record saying that the war in the Pacific was shortened by an estimated two years, due to the help given this country by our Japanese in cracking the Japanese code and in supplying other information.

"I believe you will also find J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the FBI, and Navy Intelligence on record asserting that there was no case of attempted espionage or sabotage among the Japanese minority group.

"In spite of the fact that they have been forced to live in what might be called the second-class or blemished areas of our West Coast communities, yet the rate of juvenile delinquency among the Japanese is almost negligible. You will find very few Japanese on relief rolls or in the care of our welfare agencies. (Of course, times have changed and while Japanese Americans can live in better areas, delinquency rate has arisen and the indigent elderly are receiving public assistance.)

"In short, it would seem that these people qualify for the greatest amount and the swiftest kind of simple justice," Huntley testified. We can almost hear that gentle Montanan's voice before the House subcommittee again.

That Chet Huntley was able to vividly recall (and in his broadcasts and articles in the Nation magazine) those early days of camp life permeated his style in commenting on the news of the day. Not only was he fair but he was never maudlin in his approach.

25 Years Ago
 In the Pacific Citizen, April 2, 1949
 Disclose cemetery in Den- Angeles may revive "Nisei week which barred Nisei GI Week" . . . Boards of Trade Staff Sgt. Kenneth Shibata in evacuated west coast area has permitted burials of Japanese . . . Oregon's anti-Japanese statutes ruled as unconstitutional in decision on Namba test case . . . Report 2,000 downtown L.A. residents rapped by Canada legislator, face early eviction . . . Los

FROM HAPPY VALLEY: Sachi Seko

Role of Leadership

Salt Lake City
 What characteristic identifies a good JACL member? Or what makes an individual acceptable to his fellow Japanese Americans? Conformity is a primal value among Nisei. Perhaps it is a surviving legacy of the Issei, who stressed consideration of community image over individual independence. If it restricted what was then unfavorable behavior, it also tended to submerge personal desires, free agency. If it stifled overt acts of aberrance, it also killed the creativity which as a generation we have not expressed. Conformity can be a trap.

The new consciousness is a statement of individualism. We have learned that a role playing is inadequate. Rather than being identified as husband, wife, daughter, son, parent, sibling, we ask to be recognized for what we are and what we may become. Perhaps some Nisei do not share this concept. Weighted with the compensatory and transitory rewards of a super-sized car or a good address or a decent career, we do not know how to cope without our props. Like long extinct tribes, we may also do not want to surrender the clans and groups to which we belong, composed of reflections of ourselves. We prefer to be sedated with the security of those who play by predetermined rules, who would never prick that slick sheen which shrouds us, suffocates. We die before we try to live.

American racism has made us victims of degradation and deprivation. But the dominant society alone has not been wholly responsible for all diseases which infect us. Under the insurmountable facade, seethe and fester the torments and doubts. We are victims of our own oppression. Conformity prevents the questions and challenges. We are fair game not only for outsiders, but for those who share our color.

I don't know what JACL's concept of the grassroots is. It appears our opinions and rights are becoming increasingly minimal. We're placated by occasional praise for paying our dues, for our loyalty. We never oppose. Thinking and protesting are not activities for the common JACL member. It's better for us to just read the funnies and sports pages, which are our infantile level. Leave the solid material to the "professionals." Trust your spokesmen.

JACL as the sole national organization of Japanese Americans became the recognized voice for all of us at the time preceding the Evacuation. Whether its position was forced or without alternative, it became vulnerable to emotions which ranged from bitterness to outright hatred for the JACL. This may be responsible for the minority membership in relationship to the potential, perhaps as low as less than half of the eligible population.

During this phase of consciousness which includes historical re-examination and intensive probing, which only the detachment of years can provide, it is highly probable that the JACL position of those years will not be spared. Old judgments may appear less than right, heroes may be dismantled. Others will judge this. There is a surviving argument of that divisive past.

And to those who disdain the past as gone and irrelevant, a word of caution. It is not recalled for its burdens and splendors, but because it alone may provide the lessons through which we avoid the repetition of mistakes.

Many individuals within and without JACL, Issei and Nisei, felt that JACL did not have the right to represent them, to act as a common voice. It is documented knowledge that this fury became so inflamed that some JACL leaders had legitimate cause to fear for their physical safety. In addition to the betrayal of our own government, there was a strong suspicion on the part of many evacuees that JACL had sold out. The protest was, "JACL did not have the right to speak for me, for us."

Looking ahead, there is a strong possibility that we shall have to concern ourselves with issues which are Japan-America related. Or perhaps there will be local problems which will directly affect us. I am wondering whether we will have a choice of responding collectively or as individuals. If it assumes a collective nature, who represents us? How is a majority consensus determined?

In our small community I once asked whether a polling of everyone involved was going to be conducted in relation to a particular proposal. I was advised not to be so "unrealistic." "We can't be

waiting for everyone to make up their minds. It's faster for a leadership group to make the decisions." "People are apathetic. They don't care."
 The fault lies both ways, with the zealous and the apathetic. But if a leadership does exist, it should assume the initiative in protecting individual rights. Too often leadership interprets silence as assent. That is presumptuous. Majority consent cannot include abstentions. Open public voting always reveals the number of qualified voters, the number who voted and the way the total ballots were cast. There is also the likelihood that time may be an over-riding factor in decisions which leadership feels it must make. But what qualifies an emergency?

It appears to me that perhaps it is time for JACL to recognize and consider the individual rights of its members. It may be time to return to the individual certain responsibilities, for he who makes his own decisions can bear his own failures best. Sometimes instinct may make us value our own judgments rather than that of a local or national leadership. That is our privilege. All of us will not be willing to submit to conformity. We cannot say what we do not believe, nor will we permit others to do so for us.

'Sick Humor'
 Editor:
 I've been following with great interest the articles regarding protests against the demeaning commercials on TV. Any words or acts which seek to slur or demean should be avoided if only in the interest of better human relationships.

You will see I have been protesting such acts (in my column) many years before the "young folk" took up the cudgel. Enclosed is a column, "Party Line", published in the Gardena Valley News on Oct. 4, 1965.

(Regarding an old record, remembered from childhood days, "Cohen on the Telephone" was Yiddish dialect. Here is an excerpt of that column.)

Reflecting back, it was a pathetic story and I can understand why I didn't feel like laughing with the rest of the company. The cause of the misunderstanding was due to a dialect for which the poor man was not responsible, and should not be blamed. But unfortunately, then as today, so much laughter was provoked by pathos and the departure from what seems to be the expected "norm."

However, even as a youngster, I questioned this type of so-called humor, and if I laughed it was only from embarrassment. I felt compassion for this Mr. Cohen whom I didn't even know. While others laughed hysterically, I felt like crying . . . but I was too young to really know why.

One afternoon while carefully arranging the records, buffing and dusting them off, I became bold and purposefully cracked "Mr. Cohen on the Telephone" and laid it on the bottom of the pile. When it was found, the record was flung into the garbage. I thought it was where it belonged.

LILLIAN BAKER
 Gardena, Calif.

Gail Nishioka

Hikari
 VOLUNTEERS—JACL'S BACKBONE

Philadelphia
 One of the pleasures of being a member of the National Staff is the opportunity which I have to visit local chapters and attend various local functions. The last quarterly meeting of the Eastern District Council held during the weekend of March 16-17, hosted by the Philadelphia Chapter, included a chance to attend Philadelphia's annual Installation Dinner attended by 146 members and friends of the Chapter including U.S. Congressman Edwin B. Forsythe of New Jersey's Sixth District and his wife.

As I listened to various speakers I was struck by the fact that they all seemed to touch on a singular theme: volunteerism being the backbone of JACL. Shig Sugiyama, JACL's National President-Elect referred to the commitment, devotion and perseverance of the volunteers as being part of a "hockey team."

Grayce Ueyehara, EDC Governor, prior to installing the new chapter board spoke of the necessary dedication of JACL's volunteers to sustain the organization.

While George Higuchi, out-going Chapter Chairman, listed all the events which his chapter had sponsored during the last year, I thought of all the unnamed individuals who worked behind the scenes to successfully bring such events about.

Finally, in-coming Chapter Chairman, Koge Suto, expressed his hope that the members would continue to support the Chapter's many programs and continue to work with him in the coming year.

For the second year in a row, the Philadelphia Chapter received a certificate for chapter high school membership. This is definitely a sign that the chapter members are all getting involved and devoting much time to various activities. The chapter's theme last year was "Philadelphia Chapter Has IT—Involved Together." By the list of their activities one could tell the members of the chapter are involved together.

The principal speaker at the dinner was Sam I. Nakagama, Vice President, Director of Economic Research for Kidder, Peabody and Company. He spoke about the changing world and gave his impressions of what young people can expect in the future world of Wall Street and in the field of international economics by speaking of the past and the changes the world has gone through in his life time.

Installation dinners are representative of the work and effort that chapter members go through. Philadelphia's was no exception.

Besides the regular installation activities, the dinner goers honored their chapters high school and college graduates by presenting each of them with a copy of "Farewell to Manzanar". The books were made possible by a donation from Mrs. Toshiko Okamoto in memory of her late husband, Richard Okamoto.

As the out-going chairman mentioned in his remarks there are many individuals working behind the scenes with no recognition to make all of the local events successful. While it would be impossible to name them all here they all know and the other chapter members know who they are. This is the true spirit of the JACL—working often without thanks for his fellow and the organization.

the House Judiciary Committee. Also important are three other factors which should be taken into consideration at that time:
 1—Composition of Committee: In the past the members of HISC symbolized the days of Joe McCarthy in the 1950s. Those of us who testified before HISC in 1970 while working for the repeal of Title II all too well remember the baiting tactics of its members. It is important that those responsible for internal security in the future be selected on a different basis.
 2—Composition of Staff: Over the years, HISC has managed to build up a staff of professional "witch hunters" who in the past have operated with little or no regard for the Bill of Rights. It is important that the caliber of the staff responsible for internal security be upgraded.
 3—HISC Files: Most important is that the dossiers on 750,000 Americans be sealed up in the archives for 50 years. HISC, without House action, Executive Order, or other legal authority has gathered files on 750,000 Americans and has routinely let them be examined by representatives of 25 Executive agencies including the U.S. Civil Service Commission.

Recently the House Administration Subcommittee held the line by keeping the HISC appropriations for 1974 at \$475,000 in spite of Ichord's request for \$552,994.45.
 Ichord, by the way, asked for the appropriation without even calling a meeting of HISC.

LEGAL SERVICES BILL
APPROVED BY SENATE
 WASHINGTON—Differences are now being resolved in the two bills establishing an independent Legal Services Corp. of lawyers for the poor.

The House had passed the bill last fall. The Senate version passed 71-17 on Jan. 31. Among the amendments adopted: limiting class action suits to consumer cases and barring defense of draft evaders by the corporation.

ACTION REQUIRED
 1—Write your Congressman and express your views that when the vote comes to the floor on this issue, that he take into consideration the above-mentioned factors if and when HISC is abolished and its jurisdiction is transferred. Otherwise we will end up with a new name for an old game.
 2—Ask your Congressman to vote against any appropriations for HISC when the issue comes to the floor of the House.

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On the Margin

Kats Kunitugu

'DON'T LOOK BEHIND...'

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"Don't look behind," said the immortal Satchel Paige, "You might find something catching up with you."

Having celebrated my 49th birthday last week with a rousing party at El Paseo Inn in Olvera Street, complete with my friends the Eight Samurai, a serenading guitarist (Senor Felipe de la Rosa, husband of the lady who runs the cleaning establishment down the street) and cascarones, I had some occasion to ponder Mr. Paige's words.

He is so right. Susequent events reinforced my feeling that what's ahead is more vital than what's behind.

One of the events was the press preview of KNBC's half-hour special on famed cinematographer James Wong Howe. It was a warm and loving look backward on his 56-year career in Hollywood. Tribute was paid to the acknowledged genius of his craft by such stars as Burt Lancaster, William Holden and Rock Hudson, and the 30-minute documentary produced by Beulah Quo was generously laced with clips from "Hud", "Picnic", "The Rose Tattoo", "Body and Soul" and other classics which earned Howe 11 Academy Award nominations and two Oscars.

One of the movies in the film clips was ironically, "Air Force", made in 1945 and containing a blatant historical untruth—that the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor was aided and abetted by a Japanese gardener who prevented the American planes from taking to the air by shearing off their tails with his truck, or some such nonsense.

The clip from the movie does not contain that scene, and Howe, who was more interested in camera angles and light as the cameraman, probably did not give it much thought and most likely would not have been able to do much about it anyway, but young Asian Americans are bothered by the Asian "enemy" stereotype perpetrated by such films on the Late, Late Show.

Another event was the \$100-a-plate testimonial dinner for Assemblyman Paul Bannai at the new Americana Hotel last Thursday night which featured an appearance by Dr. S. I. Hayakawa.

Aside from discovering that Dr. Hayakawa's tam harks back to his identification with the Scottish working class with whom he grew up in Winnipeg, I found the remarks by the president emeritus of Cal State San Francisco curiously static, simplistic and pandering to the prejudices of his audience.

Particularly distasteful to me was his mention of the 442 veterans returning to Chicago and being greeted by other Americans who noted their American uniforms and decorations, saying "Are you a Jap? Here, lemme buy you a drink."

I know Dr. Hayakawa was making the point that the word "Jap" was used without malice in such instances, but he leaves non-Japanese in the audience with the feeling that it's all right to use the word if the intent is not malicious and hateful. Where does that leave us who feel a knife wound in our hearts each time we hear or see the word used, whether with malice or without?

It hurts, and I think we have earned the right to be "overly sensitive" about its use. Why must we kill our own legitimate feelings to accommodate ignorance?

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CHAPTER PULSE

Installation

West Valley installs Dave Sakai president

By ED KAWAHARA

West Valley JACL installed Dave Sakai as its 1974 president Feb. 9 with NC-WNDC Gov. Harry Hatasaka reading the swearing-in ceremonies. Dr. Robert Ward, director for research of international studies at Stanford, was guest speaker, discussing the immediate past, present and future of U.S.-Japan relations.

Past chapter president Dave Muraoka and National JACL director-emeritus Mas Satow presented the outstanding chapter service awards to: Dorothy Kobara, Rod Kobara, Steve Nakashima, Helen Konno, John Tauchi, Ray Uchiyama, Mary Kawahara and Ed Kitamura. The Senior Citizens group presented the chapter a gift of \$800 in appreciation of the chapter support in providing a Senior citizens activity center and for sponsoring many Issei projects.

Helen Kawagoe to address Pasadena fete

Helen Kawagoe, newly-elected city clerk at Carson and past PSWDC governor, will be main speaker at the Pasadena JACL installation dinner March 31, 6:30 p.m. at Pepper Mill Steak House, 795 E. Walnut. Masamune Kojima, PSW governor, will install chapter chairman Mack Yamaguchi and his board.

March Events

Social security topic at Pasadena meeting

Chief points of the Social Security program which now administers state supplemental aid were explained at a Pasadena JACL community meeting Mar. 2 at the First Presbyterian Church of Altadena.

April Events

San Fernando Valley set for scholarship benefit

San Fernando Valley JACL bought of the East-West Theater presentation of "Harry Kelly", a play set in the background of a WRA camp in Arizona, for Sunday, April 7, 7 p.m., to raise funds for its chapter scholarship program.

The \$10 donation includes admission and an after-show snack. Checks are payable to the JACL Scholarship Fund and since the number of seats are limited, advance reservations should be made with Mrs. Iku Sakaguchi, 9145 Jellico Ave., Northridge 91324 (886-1669).

The chapter scholarship program began in 1959 and to date over 50 high school students in the valley have been recognized. Ten of them were also National JACL scholarship winners, according to scholarship chairman Harriet Nishizaka.

The San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center joined the program in 1967 to expand the number and amount of the awards.

Milwaukee Spring Festival slated April 21

Milwaukee JACL will stage its annual Spring Festival dinner-program on Sunday, April 21, 5 p.m., at International Institute. Chefs Kenny Young and Charley Matsumoto will prepare their ever-popular Hawaiian Chop Suey and trimmings. Program chairman Reid Allen said Mrs. Sei Pramenko and her daughter will demonstrate the Japanese tea ceremony as part of the evening feature.

No reservations are needed.

CALENDAR

- March 30 (Saturday) Chicago—Resource Ctr Comm. JASC Bldg, 7:30 p.m.
- Contra Costa—Family bowling, Golden Gate Lanes, El Cerrito, 7:30 p.m.
- Eden Twp.—Fundrama, Central Jr. High, 6:30 p.m.
- West Valley—Potluck dnr, sq dance, Grace Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m.
- March 30-31 West Los Angeles—San Simeon trip.
- March 31 (Sunday) Pasadena—Inst dnr, Pepper Mill Steak House, 7 p.m.; Helen Kawagoe, spkr.
- April 2 (Tuesday) Milwaukee—Ed Mtg, Mukai's res.
- April 6-7 NC-WNDC—Monterey JAYs Host: Halfy Convention, Ramada Inn, Monterey.
- April 6 (Saturday) Riverside—Egg hunt, Canyon Crest Park, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- San Gabriel Valley—School Awards, ESGV Japanese Comm Ctr, 8 p.m.; Assemblyman Paul Bannai, spkr.
- April 7 (Sunday) Alameda—Golf tournament, Galbraith Course.
- San Fernando Valley—Theater party, East-West Theater, L.A., 7 p.m. "Harry Kelly".
- NC-WNDC—Exec Bd Mtg.
- April 8 (Monday) West Los Angeles—Ed Mtg, Mahood Ctr.
- April 9 (Tuesday) San Mateo—Bus Mtg, Sturge Church, 8 p.m.
- Salt Lake—Ed Mtg, Sumner School Annex, 7 p.m.
- April 13 (Saturday) Riverside—Ed Mtg, Dr. Junji Kumamoto res, 7:30 p.m.
- April 14 (Easter Sunday) East Los Angeles—Egg hunt, Sequoia—Egg hunt.
- April 19 (Friday) Philadelphia—Folk Fair koto concert, Phila. Civic Center.
- April 20 (Saturday) Philadelphia—Santa Mater, Contra Costa—Issei App Night, J. F. Kennedy High School.



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ed. Fee is nominal to cover costs.

Alameda to hold chapter golf tourney

Alameda JACL has reserved 60 spots for its chapter golf tournament April 7 at Galbraith Course in Oakland. First tee-off is at 9 a.m. A ladies flight will be included if enough enter.

The chapter also announced its summer mixed foursome bowling league will commence May 7. Ed Funasaki (523-7535) and Meri Ikeda (523-8301) are signing up bowlers, with or without average. To encourage new bowlers, the league will not be sanctioned by ABC-WIBC.

Riverside egg hunt April 6 at Canyon Crest

The annual Riverside JACL egg hunt will be held on Saturday, April 6, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at Canyon Crest Park near UC Riverside. Parents are being called for potluck lunch items.

The chapter board also welcomes participation of members at its meetings, according to Peter Sasaki, president. The group meets next at the home of Dr. Junji Kumamoto, 673 Spruce St., on Saturday, April 12, 7:30 p.m.

West L.A. travel orientation meet set

A travel orientation program will be sponsored by the West Los Angeles JACL on Sunday, April 7, 2 p.m., at the Felicia Mahood Recreation Center, 11338 Santa Monica Blvd., announced Arnold Mada, chapter president. Detailed plans for several tours, with special emphasis on the Kyushu and Hokkaido tours, will be presented. For those interested, a tour to Europe will be discussed. In addition, suggestions and hints will be discussed concerning gift items, suitable clothing to take, etc.

Questions and answers will be handled by the chapter tour directors, as well as, representatives from Japan Air Lines and Japan Travel Bureau.

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TOKYO—Land prices in Tokyo are down 14% since the peak of summer 1973...

NOISE—Osaka District Court ordered the government (Feb. 27) to pay ¥570,000 (\$2,035) each to 261 plaintiffs in an anti-noise complaint...

DOG—Michiko Toi, 4, a blind English teacher in Kobe, is currently learning to operate a Braille machine in the U.S. Airport officials said she was the first Japanese traveling abroad with a seeing eye dog.

HERE AND THERE—Mt. Chokai, a volcanic peak near Honjo (Akita-ken), began erupting Mar. 1 for the first time in 153 years.

Once a site for U.S. Forces in Japan maneuvers at the northern foot of Mt. Fuji around Fuji-Yoshida (Yamanashi-ken), part of the prefectural land may become a sports center and public park.

MILITARY—The Tachikawa municipal government will levy the same tax on vehicles owned by U.S. military personnel and employees at the U.S. air base, from ¥3,000 to ¥4,500 for small cars and from ¥600 to ¥2,500 for motorbikes per year that local residents pay.

GUEST HOUSE—The new government guest house, the Akasaka Detached Palace in Tokyo, resembling the Versailles Palace of France, will open April 10 and French President Pompidou, scheduled to arrive to officially visit Japan April 23, is most likely to be the first guest.

APARTMENTS—The tallest condominiums in Japan will be 40 stories high, now being planned by Sankyoku Development Co. for Itabashi-ku where the Asahi Chemical research laboratory used to be located.

Report of Hirohito trip draws apology

TOKYO—Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka issued an official admission to his ambassador in Washington for telling newsmen, incorrectly, Emperor Hirohito would visit the U.S. in 1974.

'JAPAN BOOK' RECALLED DUE TO MANY ERRORS

TOKYO—The third revised edition, issued by the Japanese National Commission for UNESCO last May, of the deluxe English book, "Japan—Its Land, People and Culture" (¥8,800), is being recalled because of many factual and typographical errors.



Hawaii Today

Honolulu The "Hawaii 200 Congress II Convention" was held recently at the Ala Moana Hotel, and delegates passed a resolution calling for a Hawaiian Heritage Center to be built in the downtown area of Honolulu.

The state's Gasplan will remain in effect in spite of Circuit Judge Norito Kawakami's ruling that it's illegal. As a result, Ronald Amemiya, state consumer protector, said his office still has the power to prosecute dealers who continue to violate Gasplan regulations.

Courtroom Fujiya, Ltd. and Yoshihiko Tamada, its vice president, have pleaded guilty in federal court to storing contaminated sweet rice and sweet rice flour at its Wai-kanilo warehouse.

Business Ticker Amfac, Inc. led Hawaii's firms in revenues in 1973. Its annual volume was \$950,123,000. Other leaders among the Top Fifteen were: 2) Castle & Cooke, \$694,949,000; 3) Dillingham Corp., \$609,570,000; 4) C. Brewer & Co., \$511,458,000; 5) Alex. & Baldwin, \$470,247,000; 6) Hawaiian Telephone, \$438,245,000; 7) Ameco Corp., \$328,445,000; 8) Hawaiian Electric, \$319,757,000; 9) Hawaii Corp., \$308,358,000; 10) Pacific Resources, \$274,893,000; 11) Hawaiian Airlines, \$45,738,000; 12) Crown Corp., \$36,001,000; 13) Aloha Airlines, \$30,601,000; 14) Maui Land & Pine, \$23,351,000; and 15) Interisland Resorts, \$17,000,000.

Names in the News James Kubo has been elected president of the Hawaii Dental Laboratory Assn. ... Carol Kikkawa is the new director of nursing and health program for the American Red Cross state chapter and Pacific division.

Education The State Board of Education announced March 7 that Teichiro (Timmy) Hirata, 59, would be superintendent of Hawaii public schools.

Sports Scene Larry Price, 39, defense coach of the Univ. of Hawaii football team, has been named head coach for the next two years.

Asian American confab slated May 3-4

SAN FRANCISCO—An Asian American conference to discuss mutual concerns is being planned for May 3-4 with Tom Kim as interim coordinator.

Justice Dept. files complaint on airline

WASHINGTON—The Dept. of Justice filed an amended complaint Feb. 25 in Chicago against United Air Lines and five unions for discriminating against Spanish-surnamed and Asian Americans.

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Aloha from Hawaii

by Richard Gima

years. He has succeeded Dave Holmes, who will be returning to coach a high school team in Washington State next season.

Honolulu Sheridan Ing, chairman of the board of Honolulu's chamber of commerce, has announced that Hawaii's top businessmen will be asked to ride bicycles to work for one week late in March to conserve gasoline.

Political Scene A record Big Island crowd estimated at 8,000 attended the \$10-a-head fund-raising party for Democratic U.S. congressman candidate Nelson Doi in Hilo Mar. 2.

Crime File Dominador Ragsac of Kapaa, Kauai, a 19-year-old Kaula musician, was being held in Honolulu under a \$20,000 bail on charges that he killed a man in Waikiki in January.

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BOOK REVIEW: Allan Beekman Guide to Japanese Influence in Hawaii

Things Japanese in Hawaii, by John DeFrancis with the assistance of V. R. Lincoln, The University Press of Hawaii, Paperback, 210 pp., \$8.50.

Former chairman of the Department of East Asian Languages, Univ. of Hawaii, the author says he has written this book, which is outside his field of Chinese-language specialist, partly because no one else has written such a book.

Oahu, they were imbued with the nascent nationalism of their homeland but had not acquired the standard Japanese being taught in the public schools.

When America annexed Hawaii in 1898, the Japanese immigrants found themselves barred from aspiring to American citizenship. In the public schools, the ruling class precluded the study of the Japanese language as acceptable for credit.

Thus rebuffed, the immigrants turned inward. They resided in Hawaii in such large numbers that they easily carried on a social life among their own members.

The author ventures a "rough guess" that about one-fifth of the Nikkei are monolingual speakers of Japanese; one-fifth are bilingual; three-fifths "know little or none" of the ancestral language.

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PEPPERMINT WHIRL

Racism and Mental Health

Pat Okura

Executive Assistant to the Director, NIMH



Many articles have been written by numerous individuals on various subjects related to mental health and racism.

Several of the authors have provided evidence that mental health professionals are not immune, and are affected by the racism that permeates our social institutions.

The book wrestles with broad crucial issues: How has mental health affected racism in this country? How has racism affected mental health?

All of the authors agree that all institutions in the United States are racist, including those in mental health.

The present state of knowledge about racism and mental health is confusing. The absence of conceptual clarity and the presence of contradiction in the findings of different scholars reflect, in part, the underdeveloped status of this field.

Local Scene

Los Angeles

Six Gardena scouts who received their Eagle Scout ranks Mar. 15 at the Gardena Presbyterian Church were presented an American flag which has flown over the National Capitol by Rep. Charles H. Wilson (D-Hawthorne).

San Francisco

Asian Inc., 1610 Bush St., San Francisco 94109 has instituted United Asians for Equal Employment disseminating job openings in positions with impact on Asian and American communities.

Chicago

An English version of the classical Kabuki play, "Narukami," will be presented at New Trier West High School, 7 Happ Rd., Northfield, on Mar. 30, 8 p.m., as a benefit for the Japanese American Service Committee.

Orange County

Japanese culture and cuisine were featured at the Medelas Children's Day festival Mar. 23 at Rehabilitation Institute. Mrs. George Asawa of Fullerton was in charge of the program.

Salt Lake City

An Asian American Evening was held Mar. 9 at the JACL-Asian American Center for high school and college students to hear Corky Lee, media specialist and community organizer from New York's Chinatown, now lecturing throughout the U.S. on the Asian American experience.

Seattle

The Ikenobo Society chapter here presents its 8th annual flower arrangement exhibit April 5-6 at the main Seattle Public Library.

MINI-GOLF SIGNS Demeaning ASIANS NIXED

Sac'to Youths Win After Protesting for Three Years

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Asian youths here scored an ethnic victory by winning a conditional agreement Mar. 3 to replace signs caricaturing Chinese at tees on the Fantasia miniature golf course on Arden Way.

Owner Dan Benvenuti negotiated with six teenagers for several hours while more than 40 pickets walked near the busy street. Their signs read, "Boycott Racism," "God Is Against Racism," "Benvenuti Offends Asians."

The teenagers of Chinese and Japanese ancestries complained that the tee signs are insulting. Benvenuti protested what he deemed to be a harsh demand, saying "If you had come to me in the right way, the signs would be down."

The signs were to be replaced, subject to approval of the Sacramento Asian Clubs, which represents Asian groups in the area high schools and colleges.

Benvenuti said he did not mean to offend anyone with the tee signs, saying other persons of Japanese and Chinese ancestries had approved. The caricatures, he said, were taken from postcards made in Hong Kong.

Nancy Akiyama, 17, a senior at McClatchy High, said the signs perpetuate a stereotype. "To be called 'Ching Chong Chinaman' hurts me," she said, "because I am Japanese. These signs are not me. They are not what I am. I can't see myself as someone with a rice-bowl haircut, slanted eyes and buck teeth."

Besides the features in the caricatures are grossly exaggerated, she complained. The agreement resolves a three-year-old conflict over the Oriental promotion themes at the mini-golf course. In May, 1971, Sacramentans of Chinese and Japanese ancestries succeeded in having the "Chinaman" tee signs removed from the course.

The Mar. 3 negotiation was supported by many Sacramento officials. Yasushi "Chewy" Ito of the Human Relations Commission said the commission voted in February to support the Sacramento Asian Clubs. Added to that were letters of concern from City Council members Phil Isenberg, Anne Rudin and Robert Matsui and from County Supervisors Sandra Smoley and Ted Sheehy.

The student clubs united against Fantasia come from: High School—C.K. McClatchy, Luther Burbank, Sacramento, Biram Johnson, Elk Grove, John F. Kennedy; Colleges—City College, Consumer River, Universities—CSU-Sacramento, UC Davis.

The chapter, "Key Issues in Developing a National Minority Mental Health Program at NIMH," by Ochberg and Brown, affords a view of what happened from the perspectives of those who challenged and those who responded. The response of NIMH to the challenge of the "Black Psychiatrists of America," as outlined in another Chapter, by Chester Pierce, is not only absorbing but quite historic in that the minority mental health program of NIMH is now engaged in attempting to meet the needs of the four major minority communities in the country: Blacks, Spanish Speaking, Asians, and American Indians.

My only regret is that the book did not cover the views of other minorities. However, we can conclude that racism—the victimization of any group by another which perceives it as inferior—has consequences for all concerned, regardless of color.

Press Row

Russ Kishi, son of the Jim Kishis of Pasadena, was appointed sports editor of the Daily Trojan, student newspaper at the Univ. of Southern California. He also won the \$500 George T. Davis Memorial scholarship from the L.A.-Anaheim Chapter of the Baseball Writers Assn. of America. A junior majoring in journalism and member of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism fraternity, he has been on the staff since the fall of 1971.

Mrs. Susan Sunada of Logan, Utah, was selected among some 50 Deseret News correspondents, as its most outstanding correspondent last year and presented the Mark E. Petersen Award Feb. 6. She has been the Cache County stringer since 1970. She was recently appointed executive secretary to Logan Mayor Desmond Anderson and is the author of two books, "Wedding Treasures" (1974) and "Tiny Treasures."

Government

Utah Nihonjin may not have their obudsmans but they have Wayne K. Horuchi (328-5711) when complaining about unsatisfactory TV repair. The son of the Tube Horuchis, he is administrator of the Electronic Repair Dealers Act for the state.

Los Angeles County Coroner Dr. Thomas Noguchi has appointed Mrs. Loverine Butler as the first woman coroner's investigator. A one-time clerk supervisor in the coroner's office for four years,



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Welfare

June Shimokawa of Seattle was honored at the 65th annual meeting of Seattle Atlantic St. Center Mar. 6 with the Service to Youth Award, citing her leadership and achievement as project director in special counseling and continuation school with the Seattle school district since March 1970. The project assists girls to continue and complete their high school during pregnancy as well as prepare her with maternal and child health education. Started as a Model Cities project, it is now sustained by United Way and Seattle Public Schools. She is a graduate of Univ. of Hawaii and the Western Reserve University.

Flower-Garden

Contractor's license of Kubota Lawn & Gardens, 4772 Marion St., Cypress, was revoked by the State of California effective Dec. 28, 1973, "for willful disregard of plans and specifications and/or failure to complete the job in a good and workmanlike manner; failure to complete a project for the price stated in the contract; and aiding and abetting an unlicensed person," the Dept. of Consumer Affairs reported Mar. 13.

Book

Designer Ray Komai, who designed the U.S. Pavilion displays at Expo '70, redesigned the interiors of the US Information Service libraries in Japan, which was rechristened "Informat" in March, 1972. Renovated were the libraries in Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka, Nagoya, Sapporo and Fukuoka at a cost of \$8-million.

Sports

Mitch Kawasaki, well-known Canadian judoist and resident of Hamilton, Ont., was one of five Canadian gold medalists in the 10th Commonwealth Games at Christchurch, N.Z. His win in the light flyweight class helped Canada to dethrone India as the No. 1 wrestling team in the quadrennial games.

The Tokyo Bombers, Japan's first professional men and woman roller skating squad, is now touring the U.S. In their debut at Madison Square Garden Feb. 24, they lost to the New York Chiefs 62-58. They were in the San Francisco area Mar. 9-10. The sport caught on six years ago when touring American teams visited Japan.

Business

San Francisco JACLer Charles Yonezu has joined the customs brokerage firm of Hoyt, Shepton & Sciaroni.

Asian affairs office for California urged

SACRAMENTO — State Sen. Mervyn Dymally (D-Los Angeles) introduced SB 61 to establish an office of Asian and Pacific American Affairs as an agency with the State Dept. of Health and Welfare.

Funding is provided for the office with a director to be appointed by the governor. Eleven advisory board members would be appointed by various people in Sacramento. Hearings on the bill are planned for the summer.

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Democrats in race

SAN JOSE, Calif. — James N. Ono, trial lawyer who announced his candidacy for the newly-created 24th Assembly district seat, will be one of 13 candidates for that post in the primary election.

The wide-open race to represent southern Santa Clara county and San Benito county has drawn the largest field of any of the political battles in this area.

Ono is one of nine Democrats seeking the party nomination and conceivably it can be won with as little as 12 per cent of that party's total primary vote.

Among his opponents in the primaries are William Deal, West Valley college dean; Arthur R. Baxter II, former Gilroy Chamber of Commerce manager, and Leona Egeland, San Jose redevelopment commission member.

HOW MANY HOMERS WILL F. HOWARD HIT?

TOKYO—Two persons in the Kyushi area who correctly predict how many homers Frank Howard will hit this season with the Taiheiyu Club Lions will receive a free three-day trip to Guam.

Now training in Kyushu, the 1968 and 1970 American League home-run king with 44 in both years is not saying how many as he says this is his first year in the Japanese league. The season opens April 6.

Milestones

Hitsuji Chuman, 91, of Los Angeles died Mar. 17 after a prolonged illness. He is survived by two sons, Frank (former National JACL president) and George, and six grandchildren.

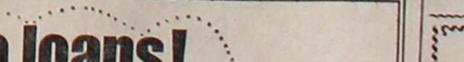
China population

PEKING — A world atlas published in Peking in December, 1972, indicates China's population (including Taiwan) at 703,260,000 — as compared with 656,630,000 in 1957, the last year the government took a census.

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