

Sansei sought for National Capital class

SAN FRANCISCO — National JACL has 30 to 50 positions available for high school students to participate in the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans in the Spring of 1974.

According to David Ushio, National Executive JACL Director, Angie Whitaker, executive director of Presidential Classroom, has promised to JACL the positions offering leadership opportunities to Japanese American students. In response to the available positions, Tad Hirota, National 1000 Club Chairman announced that the 1000 Club will sponsor several student tuition awards in the amount of \$225, which is to be administered by National Headquarters.

Ushio stated that "a long-standing concern of JACL has been to increase educational opportunities for Japanese American youth in recognition of their potential leadership talents." He further stated that, "In the past years of the program, only three to four Japanese American or other Asian American students have participated in the program so we should make every effort to increase the number of Japanese American student representatives and thereby increase their participation in civic matters and provide leadership opportunities."

Presidential Classroom for Young Americans is sponsored by a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization and is located in the Nation's capital. The goals of the program are:

1-To provide co-curricular educational opportunities for high school juniors and seniors;

2-To increase knowledge about the governmental process;

3-To generate participation in civic matters and

4-To encourage leadership development in youth.

Presidential Classroom originated as an idea during the Kennedy era of the early '60s and retains the strong belief and commitment to the leadership ability and idealism of youth, tempered by practical realism. Since its inception, Presidential Classroom has been a rigorously competitive and prestigious program.

Students representing high schools throughout the United States become classmates for one week. During this time, they share ideas about political thought, values, and attitudes and discover that the slight differences are often characteristic of a geographic location. The evident differences do not deter friendship and understanding; rather, it increases awareness

and develops greater appreciation and acceptance of these differences. Each participant is encouraged to express his own views and to raise questions about the governmental process.

Thus far, 6,500 students have participated in Presidential Classroom. This year, approximately 2,000 students will be selected to participate in several sessions. The 1974 dates are March 23-30, March 30-April 6, and June 15-22.

A high school student representative in Presidential Classroom summarized her seven-day participation in the Washington, D.C. program by stating that:

"The deepest impression Presidential Classroom left was that the American system is in no way mechanical, but that it is based on and run by humans with all of their faults, prejudices, and inadequacies." This comment summarizes a unique opportunity — a week spent in (1) analyzing speeches by representatives of the U. S. Senate, House of Representatives, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Cabinet officers and prominent media commentators and writers, (2) raising questions in large group sessions, small group seminars and rap sessions, and (3) making on-site visits to the Supreme Court and the Capitol to witness decision and national policy making.

Each interested chapter will have the option to individually sponsor a student from his local area. This may include the amount of the (1) tuition fee of only \$225 or (2) provide for a full award, including travel expenses for round trip airfare from the student's home to Washington, D.C. The travel expenses would otherwise be assumed by the participant or additional sponsor.

On the other hand, each interested chapter may recommend a nominee to National Headquarters for consideration as one of the 1000 Club award recipients. For those chapters wishing to recommend a nominee to National Headquarters, the deadline date for submission of application and other forms has been set for Feb. 28, 1974. A panel of volunteers will be asked to judge all applications and announcement of the 1000 Club awards will be made March 9.

Ushio further commented that "Interested parents who would be willing to individually sponsor their son/daughter should contact National Headquarters for application forms and more detailed information."



Livingston-Merced Chapter Fund Raisers

Nori Tashima; Kazuo Masuda, chmn; Buddy T. Iwata; Robert Ohki

\$6,500 BEING RAISED BY CHAPTER FOR HQ. BLDG. CONFERENCE ROOM

SAN FRANCISCO — Thirty years have not faded the memory of Pfc. Mamoru Kinoshita, Pfc. Arnold Ohki, and Pvt. Shiroaki Shoji who lost their lives in World War II. Those who remember them growing up in the Livingston-Merced (California) area still believe that their sacrifice has helped Japanese Americans gain acceptance after the war years.

Today, members of the Livingston-Merced Japanese American Citizens League Chapter are nearing their goal of \$6,500 to buy the conference room in the new JACL National Headquarters Building in San Francisco as a memorial to the three local war heroes.

Heading the chapter building fund drive is Kazuo Masuda who brainstormed the idea to dedicate a room to the private.

"They — Mamoru Kinoshita, Arnold Ohki, and Shiroaki Shoji — were all in the 442nd Infantry Regiment in Italy during the war. Their families are still living on the same farms where they grew up," stated Chairman Masuda. "We've been looking for something for them, and we thought that dedicating the conference room in their memory would be an appropriate honor."

All three of the men received the Purple Heart and Combat Infantry Badge. Pfc.

Kinoshita also received the Bronze Star and Distinguished Unit Badge.

Assisting Masuda in the Livingston-Merced Chapter fund raising efforts are Buddy T. Iwata, Frank Suzuki, Nori Tashima, and Robert Ohki who is Arnold's brother.

The Livingston-Merced Chapter has 148 people in their JACL membership. The small farming community in the Central California Valley includes about 60 Japanese American families.

Masuda and his volunteers are approaching each family directly and expect to finish the campaign by Feb. 1. The Chapter Chairman believes that the key to a successful fund raising drive is simply to ask for contributions.

Since early December, the Livingston-Merced JACL Chapter has raised \$5,000.

"The members have responded very well," states Nori Tashima, chapter president, "and we are most pleased with the generosity of our members."

Tashima also added, "It will take the combined efforts of the whole Japanese American community to successfully build a new JACL National Headquarters Building. We hope that everyone will lend their support to this worthy endeavor."

The \$6,500 conference room, located on the second floor of the new headquarters building, will be used for press conferences, executive board meetings, and other organizational gatherings. A plaque will be displayed in the conference room in dedication to the memory of Pfc. Mamoru Kinoshita, Pfc. Arnold Ohki, and Pvt. Shiroaki Shoji.

As David Ushio, National Executive Director, has enthusiastically commented, "Livingston-Merced has provided the spark to this building fund campaign. Through their efforts and unselfish dedication, we have been able to progress rapidly towards our \$250,000 goal."

ASIAN MOTIF SCENES FOR COMMERCIAL PROTESTED

SAN FRANCISCO — Chinese for Affirmative Action expressed its outrage in a Nov. 21 letter to Shulton, Inc., Old Spice Division of Clifton, N.J., for attempting to produce a series of commercials with an apparent Oriental motif.

One Chinatown scene was to show a white man escaping with an Asian woman in a rickshaw, implying that "Asian men are neither good enough for your product nor for Asian women."

An attempt was made also by the same filming group to have one of the actors sit on the lap of the statue of Buddha in Golden Gate Park's Japanese Tea Gardens, until Japanese American caretakers intervened and called city park officials to ban the crew from shooting the scene because of its religious aspects.

Chicago-Tokyo charter flight fare increased

CHICAGO — Due to increase announced recently by the carrier, the round-trip fare for 1000 Club JACL charter flight to Japan (July 8-28) has been increased from \$415 to \$460 per person, according to Dr. Frank Sakamoto.

The departure date has also been slightly altered. (Early dates prevented these changes from being incorporated in the previous announcement.—Ed.)

Minamis donate \$100,000 to city

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — The sum of \$100,000 was presented this past week to the Santa Maria City Council by Yataro Minami, eldest son of the late H. Yaemon Minami, in the name of the Minami family.

The funds are to be used for a community center that is now in the planning stage. The family asked that a memorial be made for the late pioneer lettuce grower.

JACL Bldg. Fund

Goal: \$250,000

Jan. 11 Total
Donors Amount
190 \$97,640 39%
Previous Total
1 \$50,000 20%
Current Report
189 47,640 (No. 2) homes owned or rented have

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LITTLE TOKYO REDEVELOPMENT

Focus on senior citizen housing

LOS ANGELES — To help establish actual need for a 300-unit senior citizen housing project in Little Tokyo, the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development has asked for proof, according to Mac Sasaki, president of Little Tokyo Towers, Inc.

To provide proof, applications are now being accepted by Little Tokyo Towers, the community-sponsored, non-profit corporation. A \$10 filing fee (which is refundable) should be deposited with the Little Tokyo Redevelopment Project Office, 324 E. 1st St., by Jan. 31. (Forms will be published in the local vernacular.)

At the same time, details of the high-rise apartment were disclosed with a floor plan of the unit. Unfurnished apartments will consist of a living room, bedroom, kitchen, bathroom and balcony. Units will include range, refrigerator, drapes, carpet, heating and air-conditioning. Each floor will have a laundry room equipped with washers and dryers.

Rent will be about \$120 for senior citizens in and out of Little Tokyo. One person and in case of couples, must be at least 62 years old. Income limitation is \$5,805 per individual or \$6,480 per couple.

Current Little Tokyo-area residents who qualify are covered by a rent subsidy program, which means only 25% of their adjusted gross monthly income would go toward rent. Individual interviews are planned to fully determine such eligibility.

Sasaki feels there are more than enough Issei who want to live in Little Tokyo to justify a 300-unit project. It will be situated on the west side of Central Ave. between Second and Third Sts. Construction by precast concrete slab system should hasten completion by early 1975, he

added. The Pacific Southwest JACL District Council, through Masamune Kojima and Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda as representatives, are co-sponsors of the housing project with the So. Calif. Gardeners Federation, L.A. Buddhist Church Federation and the So. Calif. Christian Church Federation — Japanese American.

Little Tokyo Towers already has a commitment from HUD for a 169-unit project, which would serve the 140 senior citizens now living in the Little Tokyo area. But past surveys indicated many Issei living outside the area expressed a desire to live in Little Tokyo.

Hinging upon fruition of the senior citizen housing project, of course, is the controversial high-rise hotel and commercial complex planned on the western edge of the Little Tokyo Redevelopment Project area.

In mid-December, the Japanese Chamber of Commerce issued a public statement to counteract emotionalism raised by the Little Tokyo Anti-Eviction Task Force, who have insisted senior citizen housing deserves prior commitment.

Chamber members emphasized the need for the hotel as planned to enhance the economic, social and cultural life of Little Tokyo and supported the role of the Community Redevelopment Agency and the Kajima International in developing the hotel.

The Chamber, aware that relocation hardships of the elderly would accompany the construction of the hotel, said "equal urgency" be paid on construction of the senior citizen project.

Little Tokyo currently has three old, small hotels, many

of them occupied by the elderly as well as Nisei.

The tactic employed by the Anti-Eviction forces was criticized by former Chapter president Mitsuhiro Shimizu, who saw their attempts as anti-Japanese capital. "Without Japanese companies we in Little Tokyo would never be able to obtain enough capital to rebuild the area ourselves," he declared.

That has been the problem with the First Action commercial area, ostensibly being developed to provide for merchants of shops on the north side of E. 1st St., which would be demolished by the widening of the thoroughfare between San Pedro and Central Ave.

A reported \$6-million project, its construction is scheduled to take place this spring and so-called "Japanese" money is not involved, according to the Little Tokyo Development Corp., comprised of property owners of the affected area.

Four separate buildings are planned to accommodate at least 200 cars. A pedestrian mall will replace what is now Moline Alley, between San Pedro and Central connecting 1st and 2nd Sts. Contractors for the development will be a joint venture: Oriental General Contractors, Inc., Los Angeles, and R. M. Takeyama,

Inc., of Honolulu.

Architects for the new shopping area are Cashon-Horie of Pomona and Kajima Associates of Los Angeles.

Sale of the area to the developers has been approved by the Community Redevelopment Agency.

In another mid-December action, developers of the high-rise 400-room hotel, East West Development Corp., designated Oriental Builders Assn. to assist them in the Affirmative Action program when construction begins.

OBA president Stanley Murakawa, plumbing firm proprietor, will encourage other Asian general contractors and subcontractors to participate in the construction of the hotel and hoped young Asians would consider entering the construction trades.

Just before Christmas, the Japanese government announced a five-point plan designed to restrict the excessive flow of its foreign currency. The \$3,000 limit on foreign spending by its tourists was re-imposed. Private businesses purchasing real estate in foreign countries are now barred from borrowing dollars from the government's foreign exchange holdings. Implications of this edict are still to be studied in the U.S., where influx of Japanese capital has been obvious.

JACL BOWLING TOURNAMENT PLANS COMING ALONG; ENTRY FORMS DUE

SACRAMENTO — Entry forms for the 28th annual National JACL Bowling Tournament being held here Mar. 4-9 at Country Club Lanes are now being received by the Sacramento JACL and NBA, co-hosts. Deadline is Monday, Jan. 21.

Meanwhile, the work to prepare for the week-long classic continues unabated. According to Shig Sakamoto and Shig Ishida, tournament co-chairmen, as commitment to assure a successful tournament submitted progress reports this past week.

Roy Iwashi, in charge of transportation, said courtesy cars will be offered by local Chevrolet, Ford and Oldsmobile dealers during the week. The fuel situation is still flux, but participants will be fully apprised upon arrival. "We don't expect too much of a problem during the tournament," Iwashi reported.

Frank Ikeda, in charge of special events to afford bowlers and other tournament spectators a chance to do some deep-sea fishing or a round of golf, says weather will be a prime consideration — but adds that reservations must be made now. Special rates are being promised early registrants and these go to a first come-first served basis.

Bill Matsumoto and Ed Hayashi are borrowing the successful door prize program used during the 1960 National JACL Convention here. The top award is a tempting \$100 a week for 52 weeks.

Final night of the tournament will be chaired by Stim Suzuki, who promises a top-flight awards banquet speaker, a good dinner at a reasonable tab, fine dancing music and fun at the huge El Dorado Room of Woodlake Inn.

Opening night—or the tournament mixer—is being co-

chaired by Joe Matsunami and June Takeuchi. Old friendships are renewed and new ones established at mixers with a lot of goodies tossed in to assure a rousing start of tournament week. Bowlers will also be able to register at this time and pick up their schedule and souvenirs. Registration co-chairmen Chiz Kawaguchi and Blanche Fujii are reminding bowlers to show their 1974 JACL membership cards at time of registration. On hand as tournament photographer will be Bruce Keikano. Also assisting the tournament committee will be:

Yuki Miyake, NBA pres.; Joana Sakamoto, Amy Kanesato, Grace Ito, Frank Kawachi, Leo Nishikawa, Amy Teramoto, Patty Nishitani, ragtime doubles; Carl Hiral, Berge Schikubo, mixed doubles; Jim Matsumoto, men's sweeper; Osami Taketa, men's team; John Murata, men's doubles; Leland Kato, men's angles; Kuni Hironaka, Tak Muraoka, all-events.

1974 PC-JACL

PC subscriptions received from new and renewing JACL members are hereby acknowledged for the month ending Dec. 31, 1973, as follows:

Chicago — 5 Sn Gabriel — 95
Col. Eastin — 5 Sn Mateo — 35
Downtown — 38 Seabrook — 35
Eden Township — 32 Selanico — 35
Gardena W. — 14 Selma — 4
Liv-Merced — 1 Sequoia — 1
Oakland — 1 Tulare City — 1
Phila. — 12 Twin Cities — 1
Portland — 2 Venice-Culv — 9
Redley — 2 West LA. — 9
Sacramento — 2
San Fernando — 38
Total — 525

The prior request that chapters submit 1974 membership forms for PC subscriptions by ZIP order is suspended. However, these still need to be sent in alphabetized.



WEST VALLEY JACL—Newly acquired West Valley JACL's senior citizens clubhouse rings with happiness at Mochitsuki as 100 Issei members pounded the rice and shaped the mochi for New Year's. Lending a hand in the festive tradition were Nisei and Sansei.

\$47,640 Acknowledged

(Special To The Pacific Citizen)
SAN FRANCISCO — The JACL National Headquarters Building Fund Drive is off to a very impressive beginning," according to Steven J. Doi, co-chairman of the Fund Drive. JACL members from throughout the country are responding with generous donations to the fund.

Legend
LA—Los Angeles
LV—Livingston
NY—New York
Port—Portland
SD—San Diego
SF—San Francisco
SLC—Salt Lake City
Stkt—Stokton
WDC—Washington, DC
\$1,898
Takeshima, Ben—Richmond
\$1,882
Teragawa, Bill H—LA
\$1,880
Anonymous—Berkeley
Aratani, George T—LA
Doi, Steven J—SF
Doi, Wes—SF
Hataaka, Harry—P Alt
Hirota, Buddy T—LV
Kado, Ryozo Y—LA
Kawasaki, Corky T—Port
Masaoka, Mike—WDC
Matsumura, Albert M—SF
Moriguchi, Eddie—SF
Nakamura, George C—SF
Nakashima, Yoshio—SF
Nakayama, Leo—Sel Beh
Nomura, Harry T—SF
Ohtaki, Paul—SF
Ota, Fred—LA
Pfeiffer, Edwin O
Rukimami, J I—San Mateo
Sakamoto, Frank—Chicago
Sato, Thomas T—L Beh
Sawada, Mas—SF
Sugiyama, Shig—WDC
Suzuki, Yoneo—SF
Tremont, Inc (George and Moto Anakawa)—SD
Ushio, Shigeki—SLC
Uyeda, Clifford I—SF
Yamabe, Toshio—Bkfrd
\$598
Hamaguchi, Brov (Gene, Hiroshi, Howard)—LV
Hamaguchi, Lily S—Atwt
Jio, Shigeru—Berkeley
Ohki, Robert—LV
Tanaka, Henry T—Cleve
Tatsuno, Dave—LA
Togasaki, Kazuo—SF
Yoshimura, Noboru—SF
\$159
J & H Import-Export Co.
(Jack Simpson)—Port

Harry Banks—LA
\$300
Kimura, Stanley I—Cmrl
Kobayashi, Noboru—Phila
Marubayashi, Stanley T—Orange
Ogata, Nori—Dinuba
Sakamoto, Roy Y—Seattle
Sunil, Shizuko—LA
\$236
Kashida, Shiro—WDC
Kudo, Mike M—Chicago
Parachini, Donald G—Piedmont
Sakai, Bill—Portland
Yonemura, Frank M—LA
\$200
Matsumoto, George—Stkt
Omachi, Joseph I—Stkt
Shikuma, Hiroshi—Watl
Shikuma, Mack—Watl
Takagi, Harry I—WDC
Tanaka, James H—Stkt
Yagi, George—LV
Yagi, Ken—LV
\$150
Eto, Jackson—St. Louis
Kobayashi, Suniko—Phila
Minabe, Ichiro—LV
Munara, William T—SF
\$160
Anonymous—Arlington, Va
Andrew, Eric—WDC
Baba, Frank E—WDC
Ennis, Edward—NY
Furukawa, George T—WDC
Hamaguchi, Ken—LV
Hamaguchi, Joe—Seattle
Hirabayashi, James M—SJ
Ichiuji, Joseph—WDC
Ichikawa, Harry T—Chgo
Inai, Tom—San Fernando
Ishiyama, Maruko—WDC
Iwata, John—NY
Izumi, George—MtVw
Kosakura, Tours (Albert & Morris Kosakura)—SF
\$40
Kuroda, Rex Andrew—WDC
Maeda, Samuel Y—LV
Masuda, Kazuo—LV
Matsuda, Charles—LA
Minabe, Shiro—SF
Miyamoto, Sumi K—SF
Nakashima, Tom—LV
Ogawa, Frank—Oakland
Okuyama, George K—Phila
Oyama, Albert A—Port

Rumsey, Robert L—SF
Sano, Taiguo—LeGrand
Sasaki, Herbert M—Hatsbg
Satow, Hideo—Baythorne
Shimizu, Roy T—Norwa
Shlotska, E S—Hollister
Shoji, Arthur—Atwater
Shoji, Frank—Atwater
Shoji, James—Atwater
Shoji, Toshio—Atwater
Takahashi, Akira—LV
Takahashi, Chester—LV
Takahashi, Kazuo—LV
Takeshita, Masao—L Beh
Tanaka, Bert—San Diego
Tanaka, Shiro—Phila
Tanda, Henry—Salinas
Tashima, Nori—LV
Terashita, Kengo—Stkt
Teshima, John—Oxnard
Veneman, John G—SF
Western Pioneer Ins—Oak
Yagi, Ben—LV
Yagi, William—SF
Yamamoto, Kay—Caldwell
Yamada, Paul M—L Altos
Yamamoto, Satoru—LV
Yukinobu—SLC
Yonemoto, Mary S—Atwt
\$75
Hashimoto, James H—Cin
\$50
Oki, William H—SLC
Hayami, Smith Y—Seattle
Kojima, Robert Y—SF
Minamoto, Toshio—Oak
Morimoto, Frank—Cressey
Morioka, Masao—SD
Muir, Douglas A—SLC
Nakamura, Sumiyu—Seatl
Nishi, James G—Oak
Noli, Oliver K—Oak
Sakayama, William—NY
Sueoka, Shig—Petaling
Takahashi, Yasuo—WDC
\$40
Okamoto, Jiv
Howard K—Phila
\$25
Hashiguchi, Nasuo—WDC
Yasuda, Rosalie—Richmd
\$23
Bridges, Harry—SF
Corbin, John K—WDC
Dohi, Albert R—Gardena
Graham, Charles A—Denv
Higuchi, George K—Phila
Teshima, Judy—Berk

Kiyomoto, George—Rdy
Koch, Henrietta B
(in honor of)
Judge Roger K—WDC
Leonadakis, Stephen C—SF
Ohta, Ted—Berkeley
Proctor, Wallace—Twin F
Saito, Haru—San Mateo
Sakata, Stephen S—Whtr
Sato, Frank Y—Clev
Shimada, Joe—Berkeley
Takata, Edward—Gardena
Tokki, Toshio—WDC
Yasui, Minoru—Denv
\$20
Ching, Li Col Kim W—WDC
Ii, Shikuei—Fowler
Ikeda, Albert B—Phila
Nakamura, Bert—Sacto
Yagi, Ben—LV
Yagi, William—SF
Yamamoto, Masa—Sacto
\$15
Asawa, George N—Anahm
Ii, Haruo—Fowler
Kuge, Chosel—WDC
Ota, Robert Y—Reno
Toyama, Robert Y—Reno
\$10
Beekman, Allan—Hono
Onizjio, Melvyn—WDC
Harada, George F—Phila
Higuchi, Henry—Phila
Higuchi, Hisaki—Phila
Higuchi, Shiro—Phila
Katona, Nicholas M—Cin
Kikuta, Masumi—Phila
Long, Arthur W—Richmd
Ono, Mitsun—WDC
Miyasaki, Grace S—WDC
Nose, Akira—WDC
Sato, Masuko—WDC
Sato, Yoshio—WDC
Sweeney, Teruko T—WDC
Tan, Kenji—Chi
Yoshihara, Cdr Y—WDC
Yoshimura, Yoshiko—WDC
\$5
Arata, Joseph M—Hand
Hara, Frank S—Albny
Ide, Sada—WDC
Larson, Leonard—Richmd
Ono, Mitsun—WDC
Prine, Clifford B—Phila
Teshima, Judy—Berk

1970 U.S. CENSUS Who is the 'Asian American'?

WASHINGTON — A term which has been gaining currency in recent years is "Asian American". According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Asian Americans comprise about 1% of the population as of 1970, to wit:

Japanese Americans	591,290
Chinese Americans	435,062
Filipino Americans	243,960
Korean Americans	70,000
Hawaiians	100,000
Turkish	107,000
Lebanese	85,000
Israeli	59,000
Syrians	59,000
Other Western Asians	88,000
Pakistani	9,000
Indians	76,000
Other Asians	108,000
	1,389,412

A pamphlet, entitled "We, the Asian Americans" (U.S. GPO, 40 cents), capsulizes the history of their emigration to the United States and describes the social, economic and population growth of the three main groups, the Chinese, Japanese and Filipino. Pictures, artwork and graphs are incorporated to lend an appealing look to the report.

Asian Americans are basically "westerners" (71% with 38% in California) for the west coast was the port of entry for most of their parents and grandparents. Some 520,000 Americans — Japanese, Chinese and Filipino — constitute 2.6 per cent of California's population, while in Hawaii they comprise 47.3 per cent of the state's population.

Only the Chinese have crossed the country in considerable numbers to settle in the northeast (115,000 or 62% of the Chinese American population). Nearly 82,000 Chinese Americans live in New York.

The Asian Americans are mainly urbanites (1.2 million or 90%).

Chinese Americans	86%
Japanese Americans	83%
Filipino Americans	83%

Moreover, more than 54 per cent (744,000) reside in the inner cities while only 1 per cent (18,000) live on farms. About half live in just three metropolitan areas.

Honolulu	283,000	45%
S.F. Bay Area	165,000	3%
Los Angeles	178,000	3%

Median family income is higher than ever and for most higher than the national median of \$9,596.

Japanese Americans	\$12,515
Chinese American	\$10,610
Filipino American	\$9,915

While 13 per cent of the American people or 11 per cent of an American family of four live on incomes below low-income or poverty level, Asian Americans have managed to keep their poverty rate below the national average.

Japanese American	7%	Indv. Fam.
Chinese American	13%	8%
Filipino American	13%	12%

More than one bath, one-quarter are air-conditioned. Median values of their homes range between \$22,000 to 29,000 as compared with the national median of \$17,000. Forty-seven per cent of the homes range in the \$25,000-50,000 range.

Of the 622,000 employable Asian Americans (16 years and over), all but 3 per cent are employed in just about every aspect of America's working world. Most of them (71%) are private wage or salaried and many (18%) are civil service employees. About 8 per cent are self-employed.

Wholesale & retail trade	61,938	58,903	13,726
Prof., related	50,391	39,111	35,068
Mfg goods:			
Durable	20,700	11,996	10,336
Non-dur.	20,680	19,720	10,444
Pub. Adm.	20,589	11,606	9,995
Agri. Forestry			
Fisheries	19,403	1,634	12,223
Mining	401	308	227

Obviously, the Asian Americans today have moved away from the kinds of jobs their ancestors took when they first arrived. Only a scant 33,000 (5%) are employed in agriculture and far less than one per cent are still employed in mining.

The number of Asian American families has increased 64 per cent during the 1960-70 decade. In 87%, husband and wife are both present.

Japanese American	124,000
Chinese American	110,000
Filipino American	71,000
U.S. Total	51,000,000

As the future of any people depends upon the youth, to be developed and trained through love and family traditions, some 429,000 (31%) have not reached the age of 18 and 88 per cent enjoy a complete family unit.

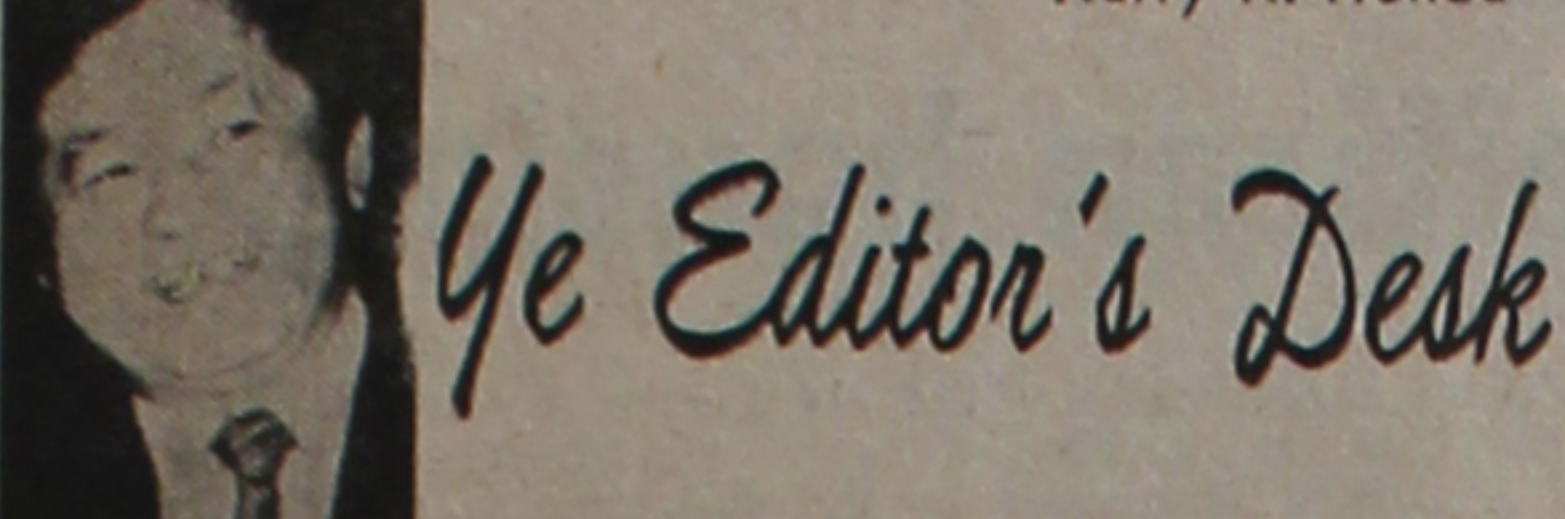
18 Year Olds Living with Both Parents

Chinese American	90%
Japanese Americans	83%
Filipino Americans	83%
Total U.S.	83%

In the urban areas where the proportion of youth living with both parents tends to decrease (U.S. total is 81%), Asian American youths score 88 per cent.

Education being an important aspect in the Asian American make-up, more than 102,000 were enrolled in colleges and universities in 1970.

College Students, 1970	
Chinese American	51,000
Japanese American	38,000
Filipino American	



Harry K. Honda

Ye Editor's Desk

LANGUAGE OF A BUILDING

Non nobis solum. (L.) Not for ourselves alone.

The tremendous influence that environment has upon all living creatures is something that can no longer be ignored. Behavioral scientists have found that by altering the environment or those conditions under which behavior occurs, behavior can be changed.

So what does this have to do with the proposed JACL building—topic which has been scrutinized from various angles? (The initial acknowledgment by the Building Fund Committee published this week indicates the kind of scrutiny that's positive.)

Today, we are in age where environment plays a major factor.

As described by architect Nobu Nakamura in the recent Holiday Issue, the three-story edifice will be a modest structure—not a concrete monument to glorify the organization or the people in it. To make best use of the 35x100-ft. lot, gross floor space will be around 7,000 square feet—about five times greater than what Chiz and Mas Satow had during their tenure and the National Headquarters staff has expanded as much in the past year since the Satows retired.

To accommodate the current staff, now split between two offices in San Francisco, the \$7,000 annual budget which covers all JACL offices will have to be raised.

Till recently, we did not know there was a language of buildings. The designer no longer defends his position by intuition but must begin to support it with a thorough knowledge of human motivation, perception, growth and development. He refrains from designing a structure which merely appeals to his own esthetic or those of the building committee.

In other words, the architect becomes involved with the practical and psychological considerations which enables buildings "to speak" more effectively.

Such an edifice as the JACL building must express hospitality rather than monumentality. The first floor, for instance, will be designed for public use with ample space for displays, exhibits and meetings, architect Nobu points out. A focal point will be a display area (like a light well) extending upwards two stories to give the main lobby a spacious and airy feeling.

It is certainly important the building "work" for the sake of economy and function as well contribute to the development and well-being of the organization and community it will serve. This is evident in the plans for the upper floors—the individual staff offices and work rooms measuring about 11x19' in the front and 11x13' in the rear while the center areas for reception measure 12x39'.

Rooms any smaller would be a roadblock toward providing effective services, we believe.

The new building, being situated in Nihonmachi amidst Victorian style houses, will possess the same characteristics and not upset the local environment. Pictures, graphics and other visuals, no doubt, will be used within to extend the forms and color of San Francisco's Japanese town. Such identification adds to the excitement of the building.

On the Margin

By Kats Kunitzugu

AN ATHLETE'S FOOT-NOTE ON 'TOKYO ROSE'

Los Angeles interest in facts appeared to be what he could garner without too much trouble to form a framework of sorts on which he could hang results of his trashy imagination.

"The shocking truth which blasts the Tokyo Rose myth" (advertising blurb) indeed! If Kochoha, the publisher, was interested in the truth, it could have done better by contacting Marion Guyo Tajiri, whose sterling reportage of the trial I am just now getting to appreciate. Back in 1949, I was still fresh out of journalism school and more interested in my own romance and impending marriage than in matters of more public import.

To briefly summarize the Japanese book (it's not even worth wasting two minutes on), the author builds Iva (continued on Next Page)

WORK SCHEDULE

1. WORLD ENERGY CRISIS
2. HIGH PRICES
3. MESS IN WASHINGTON
4. SHORTAGES
5. WORLD-WIDE VIOLENCE
6. UNEMPLOYMENT
7. STOCK MARKET, ETC., ETC.

He'll Earn His Wages

DISTRICT DIALOGUE

The Year of the Tiger

Craig Shimabukuro

Los Angeles
The year of the Tiger, 1974, is upon us. The new year is a time of reflecting on past events and of resolving the future. For the JACL, for all of us, 1974 will be a year of great problems and greater challenges. Aside from those great national and international crises which have an impact on all peoples, there are issues which challenge the JACL.

It shall be a year of analysis and action for this organization. We must analyze those issues which occurred in 1973, and see what can be learned from them. We must look objectively at those problems which will confront us this year and then find means which will offer the best solutions for the greatest number. But, above all, we must involve ourselves in these areas, and must struggle to make ourselves and those around us aware of the fact that people, and their action, are the only things that can bring about change.

One of the more notable events which affected all Japanese Americans was the statement made by Attorney Wilson about Senator Inouye. This occurrence, perhaps more spectacularly than any other, showed that racism and insensitivity towards our community is still part of American society. That one statement taught us (or should have) that there was still much to be done in our struggle to educate people to the realities and feelings of our community.

Other cases and events which went through the Southern California Regional Office reinforced this point.

● A young Sansei woman filed a complaint through the office against a county hospital charging that she had been discriminated against. She and seven others had been students in a training program at the hospital; all had been screened and accepted. Five were paid; three were not. The unpaid students still received the same training and were told that if any of the paid positions were vacated, they would be considered first. A paid slot did become available, but the hospital personnel recruited another student, one who had not been part of the original group.

All county agencies are under Affirmative Action agreements, which state that minority recruitment and staffing must be representative of the different ethnic groups. They cannot be discriminatory.

When she inquired about this, she was told that being Japanese, she did not qualify under Affirmative Action, because it was county policy that Asians were classified as white. After being told this, she came to JACL.

After contacting Roy Kanamaru of County Human Relations and reviewing situation with him, the hospital was contacted and the case investigated. After a few phone calls and two meetings, the problem was resolved and the woman was given her paid position.

● The Regional Office became involved in another complaint against a newspaper which used "Jap" in one of its headlines. The story concerned a Japan Airlines (JAL) hijacking. However, rather than printing "JAL Hijacking", "Jap Hijacking" was used. After writing to the paper and protesting, a retraction was printed and an apology was made.

● The next case concerns a teacher. This case was very involved. Therefore, only the highlights will be presented. Shigeru (Fred) Kawano, a Nisei, had been teaching in the public schools since 1956. He has been a master teacher (one who supervises those who are working for their teaching credential), department chairman, and chairman of the Faculty Association. He has also been quite involved in the community where he has taught.

Prior to 1969, he had consistently been rated as a strong or outstanding teacher. However, from 1969 to 1973, he had received a string of unsatisfactory teaching evaluations, was unsuccessfully transferred once, and finally transferred to another school in 1972. Also during this time period, a number of allegations were thrown at him which later proved to be false. Towards the end of

LETTERS

Holiday Issue

Editor:
Loved the Holiday Issue. Got a kick out of "The Smile of the Whale" but always enjoy the account of trips taken by people who have not gone to Japan in years (Raymond Uno's) . . .

ELEANOR AND JOE MOORE, JR.
Doylestown, Pa.

Editor:
The Holiday Issue ads for the Berkeley Chapter came out beautifully. We are greatly satisfied.

GRACE TSUJIMOTO
Berkeley JACL

Legislative Calendar

Editor:
At the Dec. 11 meeting of the Puyallup Valley Chapter, a motion was passed to express our appreciation to the Pacific Citizen and to Barry Matsumoto and Gail Nishioka for the Legislative Calendar in the Dec. 7, 1973 issue.

It was also suggested that in the future similar material be presented in a format which would lend itself to reader priority such as:

1-Items considered urgent by JACL leadership which requires expressions of support from individuals and groups.

2-Items of importance to Nikkei, but which appear to be non-controversial and which may not require much communications to secure passage.

3-Items of prospective importance to Nikkei for study by Congressional committees not likely to receive early action.

4-Items of possible interest to JACL.

Of course, the foregoing is offered as possible classifications to which additions may be made and from which other items may be deleted.

EMI SOMEKAWA
Puyallup Valley JACL

When it comes to establishing priorities, what the chapter boards and members feel is the important factor. Hence, our running of the Legislative Calendar to allow such decision-making—Editor.

and JACL representatives, set up strategies, and contacted a high ranking district official. At the meeting with the deputy superintendent, we asked that the harassment be stopped and that he (Kawano) be transferred to Horace Mann Junior High. A few days later, we received notice of a hearing. A three-man board of review would hear the case and make its recommendation.

The board of review consisted of one member selected by the Board of Education (Mr. Davis, a principal), one member selected by Kawano (Craig Shimabukuro), and a neutral third party (Mr. Bergeson, an experienced mediator).

Kawano was represented by Roger Sugure of UTLA. The case was reviewed and the board of review found, unanimously, that there was enough of a case of harassment to recommend that Kawano receive his transfer. As of this moment, Kawano has received notice of his transfer.

(To be concluded)

A Minority of One

By Edison T. Uno

A SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Anytime there is a celebration to observe a silver anniversary it is indeed a special occasion. Just before the holiday, I had the opportunity to participate in a very special celebration the 25th birthday of "my" old JACL chapter in East Los Angeles.

Thanks to the thoughtfulness of some of my old friends in the Boyle Heights area, I was invited as one of the former presidents of the chapter to celebrate their silver anniversary. This was the first time I would return to a chapter function in some 20 years, so I was looking forward with great anticipation to renew old friendships and renew those early days of my JACL activities.

Being born and raised in Los Angeles it is always somewhat nostalgic to return there, even if it is only for a short visit.

The silver anniversary program was planned around a very warm and congenial group of "old timers" and current stalwarts of the chapter. The setting was dinner at a Little Tokyo Chinese restaurant. About ten of the former chapter presidents were present.

The East Los Angeles JACL Chapter was founded in 1948. It came into being when the original Los Angeles chapter was divided into geographic sections due to the size and diversity of interests within the chapter.

If my memory serves me correctly, Akira Hasegawa was the first president followed by William Takei, Lynn Takagaki, myself, and John Yamamoto for the early years. I was disappointed that none of the presidents prior to my term were present due to conflicting commitments. It was good to see charter members Ritsuko Kawakami, Mattie and Sam Furuta, Dr. George Wada, and other old timers who loyally support chapter functions.

Many newcomers to JACL compliment me by asking me if I'm a Sansei. That's really kind of people to think I'm not a Nisei because of my public posture and activism, but having passed the magic mark of forty, I'm afraid my middle-age pouch gives me away. Sitting next to Roy Yamadera and my sisters Hana and Amy Ishii, I

realized the distance in the generation gap . . . Roy talked about his memory of cutting school with my eldest brother, Buddy, when Lindbergh crossed the Atlantic seas ago. . . .

Since I was the earliest past president in attendance, I was asked to give a short resume of my term of office and to comment on the contemporary JACL scene. I think I must have shocked some of the audience when I suggested that JACL as it is today should seriously consider the concept of "self-destruct." There is no question that JACL has made a great contribution to the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry, but I believe the time has come when we should re-evaluate our goals and objectives. I believe we in JACL should look at the idea that we should perpetuate ourselves for our own self-interests. A golden anniversary, in my opinion, isn't a legitimate goal.

Historically, the Japanese community has seen the evolution of many organizations such as the ethnic churches, Kenjin Kai (prefecture associations), Japanese Association, business, social, fraternal, and civic groups. I believe the JACL is no exception. The time will come when we will have to admit that a change in emphasis and objectives must take place. As a Nisei and JACLer I know it will be difficult to many of us to face the fact that like life, there is an inevitable ephemerality.

I am very grateful to those who made the celebration of the chapter's founding a memorable evening for me. Thanks to Mabel and Min Yoshizaki who planned and chaired the event, I was honored with all the past presidents. Fred Takata and I both received beautiful plaques to memorialize our service to the chapter.

As I flew back to San Francisco in the wee hours of the morning, many memories of my early days in JACL came into sharp focus. I owe the East L.A. Chapter so much because they taught me the basics of my present views. I had to rush back to San Francisco because Earl Warren, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, was speaking and I was planning to meet him; but that's another column.

25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, Jan. 22, 1949

Federal appeals court sets hearing on case affecting 5,000 Tule Lake renunciants . . . U.S. Supreme Court considers validity of ill-fated Japanese aviator in Utah . . . Army order bars marriages between GIs, Japanese girls . . . Army proposal on new religious designation satisfies Buddhists . . .

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Bill Hosokawa

From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.

A TIME OF COMPASSION—If I have told this story in some long-forgotten column, please bear with me. It deserves re-telling. The story begins in the frigid winter of 1943, in January or maybe it was February. We were in the Heart Mountain WRA camp when we got the word that my mother-in-law was suffering from some mysterious, frightening illness. Medical facilities at camp where she was confined were limited, and there seemed to be no way to get an authoritative diagnosis. From our distance there seemed to be no way of help her. In desperation we asked that she be permitted to travel to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., and we would try to get permission to meet her there.

The permission came through much faster than we had any reason to expect. Perhaps the authorities in their desire to shed their responsibility were only too glad to turn the patient over to the Mayo people. When the matter first came up we had written to our bank back in Seattle to ask that the few hundred dollars on deposit be mailed to us so we could pay for transportation and take care of the medical bills. Well, the day to start the trip to Minnesota arrived before the money did.

And so, with my nearly empty billfold sustained only by the optimism of youth and the desperate knowledge that something had to be done, Alice and I and our young son Mike got our pass to leave the camp, walked through the gates of snowy Heart Mountain Camp, and took the bus to Billings, Mont. There we sought out a restaurant not far from the railroad tracks run by Mrs. Honkawa whose sons had become casual acquaintances of ours when they came out to Seattle before the war to attend college. Mrs. Honkawa listened to our story and without a bit of hesitation she loaned me enough money to buy round-trip train tickets to St. Paul, bus tickets from St. Paul to Rochester, and enough extra to take care of hotel and meals.

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CHAPTER PULSE

Scholarship

Alameda JACL announces scholarship winners for '73

Philip Hanamura has been adjudged winner of the 1973 Alameda JACL Scholarship Award, according to Hi Akagi, chapter president.

Philip, son of the Tatsuo Hanamuras of this city receives a cash grant of \$250 and a trophy donated by Growers Produce of Oakland, Ruth Yamawaki, daughter of the Yukio Yamawakis, placed second and receives the \$150 runner-up award.

During his senior year, Philip was an exchange student to Germany under auspices of the American Field Service, and lived 11 months with a German family, which included five children, in Leichingen, about 100 miles west of Munich.

Both Philip and Ruth graduated from Alameda High School, and are presently attending UC Berkeley.

Judges for the contest were: Donald J. Bell, former Alameda High School principal; Mrs. Kay Yoshimura, Skyline High School teacher of Oakland; and Albert N. Koshitani, supervisor of compensatory education for the Alameda Unified School District.

Presentation of the awards were made at the annual installation dinner, Jan. 5, at the Flanker Restaurant.

Installation

Monterey Peninsula to hear Rep. Matsunaga

Rep. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) will be keynote speaker at the 1974 Monterey Peninsula JACL installation dinner-dance at Rancho Canada Golf Club in Carmel Valley, Jan. 26, 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$8.50 per person and may be obtained by calling George Uyeda (732-5854) or Jack Nishida (899-2667).

College student to speak at San Mateo

Jeré Takahashi, San Mateo college student, will be guest speaker at the San Mateo JACL installation dinner Jan. 19 at Shadow's Restaurant with dancing to George Yamazaki's Trio concluding the evening. Tickets are \$8.50 per person, \$5 for students.

Mayor Mineta to speak at Salinas Valley fe

San Jose Mayor Norman Mineta will speak on U.S.-Japan relations at the Salinas Valley JACL installation dinner-dance Jan. 19, 6 p.m., at the Ft. Ord Officers' Club. The event will also mark the

chapter's 40th anniversary. Salinas Valley was one of the founding chapters of the national JACL prewar, being represented among the 17 present at the 1930 convention in Seattle.

The chapter, at the same time, urges full support for the JACL Building Fund from its members. The board hopes each member can contribute at least \$10—and to make it fun, contributors submitting samples of their handwriting with a self-addressed stamped envelope will have it analyzed by a local, certified graphologist, Lawrence N. Motogawa, for free. He also edited the chapter newsletter last year.

Sacramento sets inaugural for Feb. 10

Sacramento JACL announced its 1974 installation dinner will be held on Sunday, Feb. 10, at the Sacramento Inn. Other details are to be disclosed soon.

Assemblyman Bannai to address Venice-Culver

Attorney John Y. Asari on the L.A. District Attorney's staff was re-elected president of the Venice-Culver JACL and will be installed with his board members on Saturday, Jan. 26, 6:30 p.m., at Airport Marina Hotel.

State Assemblyman Paul Bannai will be guest speaker. Regional director Craig Shimabukuro will be installing officer. Tickets are \$10 per person. Folk singers Peter Kraus and Ann Pelt will entertain.

Evening will include presentation of the chapter community service award.

West Valley reschedules inaugural dinner

West Valley JACL announced its 1974 installation dinner has been rescheduled for Saturday, Feb. 9 with Dr. Robert Ward, director of the Stanford University center of research for international studies, as speaker. He will speak on current discussions on U.S.-Japan relations. Local of the dinner was not reported.

Sequoia JACL installs Dr. David Yoshida

Sequoia JACL re-installed Dr. David Yoshida as its president for 1974 at the Dec. 1 dinner held at Golden Pavilion, Los Altos. Guest speaker was San Francisco Atty. Theodore Tamba, who related the highlights of the "Tokyo Rose" case in which he served on the defense team. (Two weeks later, Tamba succumbed to a heart attack.)

Chuck Kubokawa served as emcee. The chapter also cited five of its members for out-

standing community service: Say Fujimoto, for his work with youth in sports; Eimi Okano, for her efforts in the field of education and vigilance in community affairs; Tsukasa Matsueda, for his leadership in education, instrumental in having Japanese language classes instituted; Al Nakai, for initiating the chapter Blue Cross health plan while chapter president in 1968; and Jeanette Arakawa, for her work in education and with the State textbook committee.

The outgoing board approved the 1974 chapter budget covering 10 events, including:

Easter Egg hunt, April 14; Children's Day, May 4; Memorial service, May 26; August picnic; In-laws' testimonial in the fall; In-laws' dinner, Dec. 7; golf tournament and moonlight sail.

200 attend Cleveland inaugural dinner

Close to 200 attended the 27th annual Cleveland JACL installation dinner Dec. 8 at the Hospitality Motor Inn with National JACL President-Elect Shig Sugiyama of Washington, D.C., delivering the main address.

Dr. Toaru Ishiyama, who chaired the chapter in 1961, was elected by the board to be chairman for 1974 the following week. He has called the first board meeting Jan. 25 at his home.

Outgoing Cleveland Jr. JACL president Allan Ikeda passed his gavel to Wendy Furukawa and Rick Takiguchi, co-chairmen. National JACL president Henry Tanaka swore in the chapter board and Jr. JACL officers. William Sadatoki emceed the banquet, while Rev. Kyogo Miura of the Buddhist Temple delivered the invocation. Mary Sadataki earned the past president's pin, and Sugiyama was given the keys to the city by Mayor Perk's representative, George Wrost. Mrs. May Ichida gave the benediction.

During the year, the chapter instituted scholarship grants, secured housing for Issei at Euclid Villa and participated for the first time in Ohio's largest annual indoor event, the Home and Flower Show.

Mrs. Toshiko Kadowaki, banquet chairman, was also assisted by: Sadie Yamane, Mary Obata, program; Nobu and John Akiba, hosts and hostesses; Mary Tashima, Helen and John Shima, tickets; John Ochi, photos.

February Events

Scholarship fund benefit planned at Bay Meadows

San Francisco JACL announced "Night at the Races" on Feb. 23 at Bay Meadows as a scholarship fund benefit. Tickets are obtainable from Hank Okabayashi (564-0178) or Yosh Nakashima (587-1532).

LET'S MEET IN SACRAMENTO

To the Below-175 Average Bowler

By SHIG SAKAMOTO

A typical conversation each year about this time goes something like this: One league bowler to another, "Hey man, you gonna sign up for the JACL Nationals?" His buddy quips: "Who, me? Heck I'm not going to buck heads with those hot shots . . . what chance have I got against those 200 average guys?"

This one's answer is all wrong. Sure, there will be some plus-200 averagers on the scene for the 28th annual JACL Nationals in Sacramento and as they were at other JACL Nationals with many others in the 1960s, but take into consideration that over 50% of the participants are below 175 average who make up the bulk of the tournament as main supporters of the Nisel classic.

It seems everyone who never participated in the JACL Nationals has the same notion that an average bowler is expected to compete with a bowler who sports a 200 average when in reality each will be bowling in a squad composed of bowlers which will be sporting the same average with a measly spread of two to three pins in differentials. They will be bowling for the squad prizes and only in a case where one's score indicates a greater return in prize will their name be entered into the main score board.

The entering average indicates the squad each will bowl and competition will be on an individual's average basis with others in the same average category.

Don't worry about those 190s and 200-plus keggers as they'll be bucking heads among themselves and those in the 170s and 180s will punish themselves in their own squad.

But the fun part is for the plain old bowler, like myself, always assigned to the early morning curtain squad along with old standbys like Oakland's George Ushijima, Eljay's Jim Nakagawa, Chicago's Bob Matsumoto, Hawaii's Hiro Miyamoto and Cappy Cappellas, our town's Joe Matsunami, San Jose's Tubby Tsubahara — just to name a few whose average range from 155 to 170 and like they all say, "We came to have fun and, by golly, we're having a helluva good time."

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BOOK REVIEW: Allan Beekman

Cases of Conscience

THE SEA AND POISON, by Shusaku Endo, tr. by Michael Gallagher, 167 pp., UNESCO Collection of Representative Works, pub. by George Allen and Unwin, London; distr. in USA by Crane-Russak and Co., New York.)

In Japan, Christian writers are rare, and most of those few wear their Christianity as a garment, their inner life still conditioned by the culture and traditions of a non-Christian heritage. The translator feels that Japanese literature is the poorer for this phenomenon. In his Introduction, the translator says that Christianity "... has at least provided a dramatic view of man as a free and therefore responsible creature put at the center of the universe, a being capable of either damnation or salvation. It has been a view congenial to artistic creation . . ."

For lack of competition in applying Christian viewpoint to Japanese life, therefore, the work of Shusaku Endo shines the brighter. Born in Tokyo in 1923, he lived in Manchuria in childhood. He returned to Kobe at 11, where an aunt persuaded him to be baptized a Catholic.

He embraced Catholicism without deep conviction, but the religious experience was later to reveal to him a great chasm between the culture of his country and that of the West. Graduating from Keio University, where he majored in French literature, he served briefly in the Army at the close of WW2. At 25, as a Catholic scholar, he went to France and studied French literature.

Probably Endo is best known in America from the movie based on his novel, Silence (Chimmoku), released by Toho in 1972.

Set against the Christian persecution of 17th century

Young Dr. Suguro is the character who comes face-to-face with this moral problem. Suguro serves in the hospital of Fukuoka University Medical School where he can see American planes bombing Fukuoka at will. Since the hospital is some distance from the city, it escapes damage. War touches Suguro, however, when he is asked to participate in the vivisection of American airmen who have been taken prisoner.

The Army medical officers who have approached the hospital with the request try to make it sound reasonable. Knowledge gained through the vivisection will have great relevance to wartime medical practice; the prisoners to be provided for the experiment have been convicted of indiscriminate bombing and sentenced to death.

Each character approached has reasons for accepting the proposal that he must cast into the balance of the rejection urged by conscience. An idealist, Dr. Suguro has dedicated his science to healing. To avert the disfavor of his colleagues must he now lend his skill to murder?

The author partly reveals the resolution of the story at the beginning and travels back and forth between first person narration and third person. Despite such failings, the interaction of the sad, embittered characters hold the attention of the reader.

The novel won the Akutagawa Prize in 1958. Silence won the Tanizaki Prize in 1966.

The reader will probably agree with the translator that Endo, still in his prime, "if he is willing to write at his best and curtail some of his (other) activity . . . is capable of achieving a position in world literature at least as high as some of his countrymen now far better known in the West."

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