

An Oregonian Returns

The media in Portland, Ore., didn't let the fact escape that the conductor of "Priorities" was native Oregonian, Henry Tanaka, who would normally have made the deadline this week with some kind of "swan song," now promises to combine his thoughts of the past biennium and the successful convention this coming week. Furthermore, he couldn't let escape the story which appeared in the opening day of Convention Week in the Oregonian for its appearance in this corner—Ed.

By JOEL PEASE
(The Oregonian)

PORTLAND, Ore.—Henry Tanaka was born, raised and educated in Oregon. Life may have been as peaceful for him as for most Oregonians, except for one factor, his Japanese ancestry.

The national president of the Japanese American Citizens League returned to Oregon from his Cleveland, Ohio, home this week (July 21) for the JACL national convention, and remembered all that has taken place since the days before World War II.

It was a normal childhood for Tanaka, whose parents ran a Japanese restaurant in Salem. He graduated from Salem High School and attended Willamette University for two years.

During that time, he recalled with a smile, "I had the opportunity to meet a very good friend, Mark Hatfield."

His life was jarred drastically, though, on March 2, 1942, when the federal government ordered all persons of Japanese ancestry removed from the West Coast and locked in inland relocation camps.

The Tanaka family closed their Salem restaurant and were shipped to Tule Lake, Calif.

"Seventy per cent of us who were put into the camps were citizens of America by birth," noted Tanaka. "It was actually a concentration camp. Some people object to that word, because there were no gas chambers or torture. But the setup was the same—barbed wire fences, sentries with machine guns at every corner."

He was at Tule Lake eight

months before being accepted into Earlham College in Richmond, Ind., in a program allowing those with some higher education to continue their schooling.

It was a tense situation facing the outside world, and Tanaka recalled, "The president at Earlham wrote me and said they were threatening to hang Japanese out there. I decided to go anyway. I figured any place had to be better outside the concentration camp."

"There were constant threats," he said, referring to life in Indiana, "and we often were refused service. We always had to walk in pairs."

One particular threat, he said, involved a sign in a barber shop window. "Japs enter at your own risk," it proclaimed, but Tanaka decided the threat and had his hair cut. And he continued defying the threats. He earned his B.A. from Earlham and even formed a speaking team to give the public "some understanding of our situation."

He has since earned a master's degree, and along with his JACL duties, directs the Mental Health Rehabilitation and Research Center in Cleveland.

After living abroad for over 30 years, Tanaka sees advantages for Japanese Americans on the West Coast. "You can almost melt into the crowd if you choose to do so. There is less concern." This is good, he said, in that they aren't forced to "act like white America" in order to gain acceptance.

"After World War II," he noted, referring to his early days in the Midwest, "we went overboard trying to show our loyalty."

"Today we are destroying the myth of the melting pot. We make up part of the cultural pluralistic society. The issues today are different than they were yesterday. Sansei (third generation Japanese Americans) are wondering who they are. We're beginning to realize the importance of identifying with our heritage."

He added that JACL's 30,000 members represent about 40 per cent of the total Japanese American population. An estimated 4,000 live in the Portland area.

David Ushio, JACL national executive director, sees one of the main problems today as the public inability to "distinguish between Japanese from Japan and Japanese Americans like ourselves."

"In World War II we saw the evacuation through mere suspicion of loyalty. Incidents occur that prove the attitude still exists. Because you look differently, people think you're not really part of the country."

"One of the key issues," Ushio claimed, "concerns the moratorium on the killing of whales. The attempt to preserve the whales becomes racist, and the pressure is often put on us. As an organization we have to respond to this."

JACL believes in working through the system, however. "We have to address ourselves to the long range issues," said Tanaka. "We're now filing suits against discrimination. We've got to get more people involved in the elective process. We hope to join forces with other minority groups and work together."

A major problem, added Tanaka, is that Japanese Americans, traditionally accepting, often choose not to raise any issues.

One Japanese tradition he adheres to, however, is pursuit of excellence. As a boy in Salem, his parents pressed him to excel, in order to prove that Japanese are capable.

"You have to recognize that you have different physical features," my mother would say, "You are Japanese."

Tanaka refuted that assumption. "No, I'm not. I'm an American," he would reply.

A part of the JACL Creed, written by Mike Masaoka, completes the statement well: "Because I believe in America, and I trust she believes in me."

CAPITOL HILL TAKES 2D LOOK AT JUNKETS

Overseas Trips if
Paid by Foreign
Gov't Scrutinized

WASHINGTON—There are signs that the Senate and House are going to tighten rules governing its members or staff accepting trips overseas and may ban them altogether when financed by a foreign government.

A specific instance was cited in the Washington Post recently when the Japan Economic Research Council provided a first-class round trip via Japan Air Lines last January from New York-Tokyo and three weeks in Japan with all travel and hotel expenses for seven high-level staff members of the U.S. Congress.

While in Japan, the seven met with Japanese businessmen, politicians and bureaucrats and discussed social and economic problems.

The trip was just one of a number of such tours organized by Capitol Hill staff and other selected Americans by foreign organizations or governments.

On June 26, the General Accounting Office recommended a tour paid for by a foreign government constitutes a gift from a foreign power which is forbidden by federal law. Since the ruling is not retroactive, those who have already taken such tours won't have to reimburse the Japanese Economic Research Council for the \$1,900 round trip fare and hotel costs. There was also question whether the council—described as a "Japanese Brookings Institution"—is really a government agency.

One who took a similar tour last year with his boss (Sen. Proxmire) approved insisted the tours were actually working trips to acquaint them with Japanese problems they deal with and not merely junketeering. "It was a very useful thing..." he noted.

It was akin to U.S. government programs bringing foreign officials and journalists to see American problems first hand. There was considerable agreement among even those personally uninvolved that such trips can be extremely helpful to staff members in their work.

session but was unable to complete its schedule as conceived—with the motion to recess till 8 a.m. passed at 1:30 a.m.

2nd midnight session held to fulfill agenda

PORTLAND, Ore.—Two post-midnight sessions have enabled the 200 chapter delegates convened at the 23rd biennial National JACL Convention here at the Sheraton Motor Inn to partially catch up with the agenda.

What remains after two full days of deliberation, starting with a breakfast session Saturday (July 27), are consideration of a variety of resolutions, chapter workshops, election and adoption of the 1975-76 budget.

Two subjects, dear to the hearts of JACLers young and old, took up nearly two hours of free discussion. Because of the two-minute rule for each speaker, the convention minutes may read like a veritable directory of JACL who's who.

The issues of eliminating the citizenship requirement for membership and retiring with honor the JACL Creed were both defeated during the debates on constitutional amendments. The president-elect matter is now before the chapters to be ratified—that the office to be eliminated in the 1978 election with the understanding that the president-elect selected this past week (James Murakami) would automatically assume the presidency in 1978.

After the delegates were apprised of how to mark the evaluation sheet for the chapter propositions, there was question as to who establishes priorities and if the chapters were expected to spell them (as called for by the marking of the evaluation sheet), would they be followed.

National President Henry Tanaka assured that if the proposition fits the framework of the national organization and within the budgetary constraints, the chapter delegates' consensus would be followed.

Mike Masaoka, Washington, D.C., thought the National Board's discretionary role made it unnecessary to have chapters peg priorities. Tanaka responded by suggesting the evaluation report would serve as a guideline and David Ushio later on said he welcomed the idea of having a resolution delineating the respective roles of the National Council and National Board.

The National Council was also considering the so-called \$30,000 "seed money" in the general JACL budget as proposed. It was agreed that:

1—National Board shall authorize program expenditures as may be available, including the \$30,000 (if adopted), in the priorities assigned by the National Council.

2—The National Board has the discretion to authorize use of the seed money to obtain external funding for programs.

3—The National Board shall notify chapters in writing in the event programs with high priority ratings cannot be

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23rd Biennial now history

PORTLAND, Ore.—Recognition of the common desires of the Japanese American Citizens League and mandates expressed by the 300 delegates assembled here this past week (July 22-28) for the 23rd biennial National Convention will serve as "the fundamental bond" and focus for the coming biennium, according to newly-installed national president Shigetake J. Sugiyama of Washington, D.C.

He anticipates more inter-



BEGINNING—Breaking ground for the JACL National Headquarters Building are Supervisor Dianne Feinstein, Consul General Toshikazu Maeda, and JACL National Executive Director David Ushio. Standing in the background is Mas Satow who was the emcee for the occasion.

BRIEF GROUNDBREAKING RITES HELD FOR NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS BLDG.

SAN FRANCISCO—"The practical observer may say it was constructed from steel, glass and concrete. We know better," stated David Ushio, JACL national executive director, at the recent groundbreaking ceremony for the new Japanese American Citizens League National Headquarters Building.

"It is being built out of a far more precious material. Sacrifice. Painful, deep, genuine sacrifice," he continued. "This Headquarters Building will stand as a tribute to both our heritage and our faith in the future."

Some 120 guests attended the July 13 ceremony at the 1763 Sutter Street site in San Francisco's Nihonmachi. Since construction was already in progress, the groundbreaking ceremony was "short and simple."

Emcee Mas Satow introduced such guest speakers as San Francisco Supervisor Dianne Feinstein and Consul General Toshikazu Maeda. Messages from California Governor Ronald Reagan and a Hawaii Representative Spark Matsunaga were also heard.

Architect Nobu Nakamura was among the many who were introduced from the audience. Others included such long distance travelers as Buddy Iwata of Livingston-Merced Chapter; James Ihara, Reno; Lawson Sakai, Gilroy; Bill Nakatani and Ben Takeshita, Contra Costa, and Harry Hatasaka and Chuck Kubokawa, Sequoia.

Co-chairmen for the event were Satow, Tad Hirota and Steve Doi. Yas Abiko, George Yamasaki and Sim and Kazuo Terasaki also helped with the planning of the ceremony.

A luncheon at Suehiro Restaurant followed the ceremony.

funded. But chapters can appeal to have high priority programs funded (probably by reallocation of existing funds or resources) if 10 chapters request a review. If after the second determination by the National Board and it is still judged to be unfeasible, 40 chapters in writing may then request the National Board to readjust the national budget to provide the needed funds for the program in question.

4—In both instances, chapters have no more than six weeks in which to respond to the National Board. The National Board will have up to eight weeks after publication of its statement in the Pacific Citizen.

5—As for mandated projects, for which specific funding is not necessary or which are implementable without additional funding, the National Board shall explain in writing any failure of enactment before its next board meeting. And if by the meeting of the next Convention, a mandated program in this category not well underway or completed shall require a written explanation to the chapters from the National Board. A detailed justification for lack of action should be made.

Nat'l Constitution revisions made

Nearly 40 amendments to the constitution and by-laws were acted upon during the sessions chaired by San Francisco attorney George Yamasaki, Jr., chairman of the resolutions-amendments committee (now JACL legal counsel).

The resolutions to restrict proxies to official delegates and limiting chapters to no more than two proxies both failed to net the necessary three-fourths majority.

A procedural mix-up found the Midwest District Council withdrawing its amendment to draw the office of president-elect and Wilshire JACL, through Dr. Roy Nishikawa, and several other chapters re-introducing the resolution so that the president-elect of 1974-76 would automatically assume the presidency in 1978. The vote was 78-1 for amending the constitution and those

the local and state levels. The silver medallions for Nisei of Biennium finalists went to Ruth Asawa Larier, noted San Francisco sculptress, and Yukus Inouye, Utah County (Utah) commissioner (a position comparable to county supervisor in many other states).

At the Saturday recognition luncheon, Dr. James K. Tsujimura of Portland was honored as the JACLer of the Biennium. Tears welled in his eyes as emotion and total surprise overcame him. A successful ophthalmologist, Tsujimura was the convention co-chairman and PNW governor at the same time.

The Inagaki chapter citizenship award was won by West Valley JACL. The Salt Lake and Seattle chapters were honorable mention. West Valley, a fairly young chapter with about 150 members, took over a San Jose area drop center. How it was done is detailed in the Chapter Workshop papers distributed at the convention.

Certificates of Recognition to incumbent Nikkei public officials on the Mainland were presented. Two state representatives, two county commissioners, county judge and six mayors were honored. If additional honorees are known Headquarters should be notified as the list is not closed, according to Frank Iwama, Sacramento, who handed the awards to:

Paul Bannal, state asst. (Calif.), Henry Hibino, mayor (Salinas), Roy T. Hirai, county judge (Malheur City, Ore.), George T. Ige, mayor (Monterey Park), Yukus Inouye, city commissioner (Utah), Dick Kishimoto, state rep. (Wash.), Tom Kitayama, mayor (Union City, N.J.), Norman Mineta, mayor (San Jose), George Mori, mayor (Pleasanton), Carl Okada, city councilman (Wn.), Sakae Yamamoto, mayor (Carson).

The Hito Okada convention testimonial held Thursday afternoon saw the presentation of an album containing over 125 letters and a check for \$4,000 to accompany two round trip tickets to Japan. Sacramento JACL hosts the 1976 convention. Salt Lake and Mt. Olympus was granted the bid to host the 25th Biennial in 1978.

Close to 500 delegates were registered. Close to 800 were jammed in the hall to hear Sen. Daniel Inouye on Wednesday for the best attended event of Convention week.

Dr. Tsujimura and Henry Kato were convention board chairmen. Al Abe, Portland, and Shig Nagae, Gresham-Trousdale chapter presidents, headed their respective corps of some 150 co-workers to stage what was widely acclaimed by visitors as one of the best in terms of innovation and participation.

—Harry K. Honda

JACL—NATIONAL CONVENTION

Opening Day Exhaustive

By HARRY K. HONDA

PORTLAND, Ore.—The opening day of the 23rd National JACL Convention was exhaustive in more ways than one.

Keynote speaker Dr. Minoru Masuda, professor of psychiatry at the Univ. of Washington, declared racism of white American society was the common denominator binding all Asian Americans. An address which seemed to last about as long as one of his class lectures (45 minutes), the onetime Seattle JACL president also criticized the response of Asian Americans to this racism which he said amounted to turning the other cheek, being quiet and simply working harder.

By 10:30 a.m. (Wed., July 24), the 450 assembled at the Sheraton Motor Inn's Ballroom for the simple opening ceremonies and to hear Dr. Masuda's analysis of the convention theme, "Asian American," were dismissed to attend any of three workshops until noon.

Subjects and moderators were:

- "Meaning of Asian American," Ken Yagi, Portland;
- "Strategy of Asian American," Lindbergh Sata, Seattle;
- and "Asian American and JACL," Lillian Kimura, Chicago.

This reporter sat in with Ms. Kimura's group where directions, shortcomings and accomplishments of the organization with respect to the Asian American communities in different areas of the country were restated—nothing radically new but which apparently needed to be said for benefit of delegates.

Some complaints heard before were that the convention was too costly, though no charge was assessed to hear the Masuda speech, participate in the workshops, or witness the business sessions and Asian American Fair—the latter the real part of the convention occurred this first day) and that organization was dying (because there was a lack of new blood).

There were also sterling statements in defense of JACL's record from the oldtimers in the audience—who, with respect to its legislative-legal track record and the recent involvement of the Sansei (some of them former Jr. JACLers) in the mainstream of the JACL from chapter to national levels.

Lunch on your own turned out for some friends of Fr. Clement, now a Twin Cities JACL delegate and a JACLer of the Biennium of the 1963-64 era when he labored in the Downtown L.A. JACL vineyard, an occasion to mark his 40th anniversary as a Maryknoll priest.

The first plenary session of the National Council was called to order about an hour late and meant extending the session into the wee hours of the next day (1:30 a.m.), with the scheduled times in the agenda reserved for this session carried over to the second session.

Two new wrinkles imported to the convention were exhaustive, but also enlightening and entertaining.

On the matter of adopting the rules of order and agenda as proposed by the Na-

tional Board, the delegates from the 88 chapters (which includes proxies from about 22 chapters) asserted their prerogatives in a most deliberate fashion. Raymond Uno, national legal counsel, was appointed by National President Henry Tanaka to be chairman pro-tem for purposes of an exhaustive exercise to indicate who had the right to speak, for how long and on what. Dr. Masuda was named parliamentarian.

Nineteen points were proposed, each item approved in sequence and some with slight alterations. The legal minds in the National Council dissected each item so that delegates would fully understand the implications. A request to drop the so-called "gag rule" of limiting discussion for purposes of debate to one minute was rejected by a 3 to 1 ratio and two minutes were allowed as suggested in Robert's rules of order with respect to a convention.

Chapters, which are allowed two delegates but one vote, were allowed to cast split votes (which in effect negated the position of a chapter on a particular issue).

The suggestion to restrict debate to members of the National Board, official and alternate delegates was expanded to include any bona fide JACL member present provided approval of the official delegate from his chapter was given.

Presentors of proposals were not restricted to the two-minute rule. Debate was to be conducted so that proponents and opponents would alternate.

Handling the stop-wat to time debaters was Tak Kawagoe of Gardena Valley JACL, who was designated sergeant-at-arms by the National President.

Schedule for the agenda was revised—the major switch involving the adoption of the \$562,000 budget now deferred until Saturday morning. Full discussion of the general budget was pursued. Again the procedure was exhaustive, free-wheeling at times and contrary to fears, that discussion would be restricted. (The blow-by-blow account with reference to the budget appears in a separate story).

Recommendation of the Nominations Committee, chaired by Dr. Homer Yasui of Portland, that specific duties of vice-presidents be publicized was adopted. The committee, which had convened for breakfast, also interpreted the Midwest District Council proposed amendment on eliminating the office of president-elect in 1978 to mean that the next president-elect must stand for election to the presidency.

Unlike previous conventions, further nominations from the floor were not made and deferred to the next day. It was announced that Grayce Uyebara of Philadelphia JACL consented to run for vice president for general operations—making it a three-way race on the committee slate and an attempt to secure two women on the National JACL executive committee. Past PSWDC Gov.

Helen Kawagoe is now unopposed for vice president for public affairs.

Tellers for the balloting, to take place the final day, were appointed: Chiye Tomihiro, Chicago; Em Nakadok, Omaha; Jack Ogami, Snake River Valley; and Dr. Yasui.

As a prelude to the adoption of the budget and propositions, the so-called "goals and objectives" stipulated for the organization were rejected but only because the vote was a 33-33 tie. There were the goals such as the statements on Justice for All Americans, Equal Opportunity in all endeavors; Promotion of the general welfare of Japanese Americans; Enrichment and Appreciation of the cultural heritage, contributions and ethnic identity as Japanese Americans, Nikkei involvement to improve the quality of life for all Americans; and Understanding and cooperation between individuals and groups.

Tad Masaoka of San Mateo called the statement of basic JACL goals as "too general, lacking guidelines or priorities" and regarded adoption as being "divisive." Bill Marutani of Philadelphia (former national legal counsel and now back as a delegate) said it would be "a step backward" and urged the JACL to issue a newer statement that would go beyond the stated goals.

In the discussion of adoption of the Planning Commission report by Lillian Kimura of Chicago, emphasis was made upon its legislative references to push for reparations for evacuees.

Edison Uno of Bay Area Community JACL recalled similar resolutions to pursue reparations passed in the 1970 and 1972 conventions. He castigated the organization for dragging its feet and sensed if successful, JACL's needs would be re-established in a clear-cut fashion.

The evening session was resumed after the Asian American Fair—the second new wrinkle, which was enlightening and well-received by the estimated 400 visiting the huge ballroom with some 24 displays and information booths.

A highlight of the Asian American Fair was the presence of the East-West Players, who were warmly applauded after presenting excerpts from five of its recent productions—"Gold Watch" by Momoko Iko, "Pineapple White" by Jon Shiota, "Yellow Is My Favorite Color" by El Sakamoto; "Harry Kelly" by Harold Heifetz; and "Coda" by Alberto Isaac. Invited by the Portland Convention Board for this entertaining aspect of the first day were Mako, Nobu McCarthy, Alberto Isaac, Clyde Kusatsu and Momo Yashima.

There were many who expressed the hope the exhibits would become a general fixture in future JACL conventions. The showing of slides, movies, books, pictures and Pacific Northwest District's was a definite plus for the day. Some regretted the efforts had to be dismantled so soon.

At 10:30 p.m., the National Council continued its first

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Friday, Aug. 2, 1974

● Harry K. Honda

Where's justice telling Japanese to quit whaling?

By BEN TAKEISHITA
 (Contra Costa JACL)

El Cerrito
 The first Tule Lake Pilgrimage held over the Memorial Day weekend is over—with very successful and satisfying results. I might add. As most of you saw, there was much coverage of this event on local TV, in newspapers throughout the U.S., in Times and Newsweek—and

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even in a few papers in Japan.

But all this coverage will be of little use unless ALL of us make sure that such wholesale incarceration never happens to us again, or to the Chinese, or to the Koreans, the Filipinos, the Blacks, the Chicanos, the Native Americans or to any person merely because of race, creed, color or sex!

Klamath Falls, Oregon was something else. Some of our young "pilgrims" were walking in downtown Klamath Falls trying to find a place to eat when some of the residents shouted from their cars. "The war's over—go back to where you came from!" and "You're on the wrong side of the ocean!"

One black student who came along with us from Contra Costa College merely asked a police officer where the black community was because he was sincerely interested in knowing. The officer quickly pulled out his pistol, cocked it, pointed it at the student and told him to move on! In a way, these "people" (I use the term loosely here) did us and the youngsters a favor.

I'm sure that the black student had experienced such things in varying degrees before, but many of our Asian American youngsters possibly needed such an experience to bring them back into the real world. It's really too bad that "people" like that are still around to breathe the same air!

But then there are people like Mrs. Swayne of Waldport, Oregon who wrote to me just from my name in one of their papers and offered to send me snap shots she still had of some students she taught as a substitute teacher in Tule Lake. When I wrote to thank her and to accept her offer, she sent me a small box full of pins and other decorations made of sea shells—something she had kept for all these years! It's people like her that keep my faith in this world of ours.

But my deep concern is now with this moratorium on whaling that will affect the eating habits of many Japanese in Japan who really can't afford to buy and eat beef.

I agree that if there truly is a shortage of whales in this world, then there should be some restrictions on the number they can catch, as there is now. But to stop all catching of whales for ten years... This seems a little harsh, especially if whale meat is a real source of food.

What if someone told you to stop eating beef, I'd bet that most of you will scream to holy hell! Yet, we in America who can eat anything without wanting, have the gall to tell the middle and low income people in Japan to stop eating whale meat! I'm not concerned about the rich business executives and governmental officials who can afford many things. Maybe we think that everybody in Japan is that affluent.

We Japanese Americans, in particular, should be able to understand their plight... yet do we?

Finally, congratulations to our Past President James Kimoto for being appointed the head of the Richmond Redevelopment Agency after serving in that capacity for two years in an "acting" capacity. Isn't it funny that "they" didn't appoint him to that position much sooner? I know that if it were another group, the community would have reacted much sooner to such tactics.

But now that Jim has been officially named, I and the Contra Costa JACL Chapter wish him much success and strength on his "new" assignment. Jim finally got the recognition he deserves.

Minority Week

FIREFIGHTERS—The City of Los Angeles has agreed with the U.S. Dept. of Justice from July 1 to hire 50 pct. of all appointments as fire-fighters from among blacks, Mexican and Asian-American applicants. It was also agreed women are eligible to apply. Action came in wake of the first suit filed against a fire department by the Justice Dept. to enforce the 1972 Equal Employment Opportunity Act. All applicants must be city residents, between ages 18-31, high school graduate and at least 5 ft-6 (one-inch lower than previous minimum, but which may be adjusted after the year). The Justice Dept. noted the city employed about 3,150 firemen of whom 48 (1.5%) were black, 94 (3%) Mexican American and no Asian Americans.



JACL—PLANNING COMMISSION
Reaffirm Cultural Pluralism

By LILLIAN KIMURA
 (Planning Commission)

San Francisco
 Charged with the responsibility of projecting JACL into the future, the National Planning Commission met in San Francisco on June 7, 8, and 9.

The Commission began by reaffirming the concept of cultural pluralism as the ideal for American society and, thus, the underlying basis for all JACL programs. Implicit in this concept is the respect for and appreciation of the contributions of all racial and ethnic groups to the advancement and enrichment of the American way of life.

Despite this lofty goal, however, the Commission concluded that it would be unrealistic for Japanese Americans in the coming decade to expect radical improvement in the situation facing all minorities in this country, as well as the unique problem areas for Japanese Americans. Racism continues to be practiced, either blatantly and institutionally, against ethnics of color.

The need, therefore, for the continuing existence of JACL

is unquestionable. However the Commission felt that efforts must be made to improve the performance of the organization to maximize its impact. Towards this end, program priorities were outlined and recommendations for implementation were suggested.

PROGRAM PRIORITIES

- 1—In order for the Japanese American experience to make its mark on the American scene, there is real need to strengthen JACL's activities in the legislative and educational areas at all levels of the organization.
- 2—Recognition was made that most problems of the Japanese American communities are best met and solved on the local level. It is JACL's responsibility to strengthen its local and regional structures and professional staff in order that they can function in effective manner for the benefit of the community in general.
- 3—In the membership area JACL must begin to attract large numbers of young Japanese Americans if it is to continue as a viable organization or if it is to exist at all.
- 4—Efforts must be directed

to establish contacts and work with other groups, especially Asian American groups, so that greater impact can be made on the decision-making processes of this nation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1—It is recommended that there be formed a National Ad Hoc Committee on Organizational Structure to review the National Committee structure and National Staffing patterns to increase their efficiency and effectiveness.
- 2—Local chapters and district councils should establish program-oriented committees to have direct ties with the national committee structure. The Commission particularly recommends the establishment of education and legislative affairs committees. In these areas JACL must have input into local as well as national affairs if it is to have impact on the nation as a whole.
- 3—For JACL to be most effective, there is need for highly skilled, professional staff who have deep commitment to the purpose and goals of the organization and who are adequately compensated for their efforts. Specifically, the Commission recommends priority-hiring of an educational specialist and a Washington representative, along with the resource development personnel explained below.

Because of the nature of JACL's fiscal condition and funding patterns, all recommendations for new staffing and program services will have difficulty being implemented. In light of this situation, the Planning Commission made specific recommendations in this area.

- 4—A Committee on Program and Resource Development charged with seeking additional funding for the organization through contributions, revenue-sharing funds, bequests, deferred giving, etc. needs to be immediately established.
- 5—It is further recommended that an experienced professional resource development person (fund raiser) be retained on the National Staff. Guidelines for this staff member's activities would be determined by the above committee.
- 6—Recognizing that increased financial resources will not be immediately forthcoming, all proposed budgetary allocations for the 1975-76 Biennium should be evaluated and reallocated, if necessary, to insure the implementation of program priorities recommended.

The National Planning Commission members feel strongly that these recommendations need to be implemented to insure the effective functioning of JACL's traditional programs and objectives.

Convention—

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technical amendments in the by-laws.

Because constitutional amendments, even though carrying the necessary majorities, were proposed from the council floor, ratification by mail within 60 days is necessary.

The elimination of the citizenship requirement in the preamble and JACL constitution was defeated 35-46 (a 74 majority was needed).

The district governors' caucus was carried 67-1.

The other emotional issue, retiring the JACL Creed by Mike Masaoka, was defeated 20-45 (though it only required a two-thirds majority).

Delegates voted 64-3 to drop the 18-year age requirement on JACL; voted 70-0 twice on including the JAYS within the make-up of the National JACL organization and enabling DYC chairmen to be accompanied by his assistant at National Board meetings, provided the additional representative comes at its own expense.

The National 1000 Club chairman has been retitled to vice president, membership services, and will become a part of the Executive Committee in a 68-6 vote.

(To Be Continued)

● Bill Hosokawa
Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.
CURRENT AND CHOICE—Once the book publishers discovered Asian Americans as a theme, there seems to be no slackening in the number of books they are issuing on the subject. Here are some recent ones:

RACE RELATIONS, by Harry H. L. Kitano, Prentice Hall. Kitano, professor of social welfare and sociology at UCLA, is one of the most prolific writers in this field. Nisei may know him best for his "Japanese Americans: The Evolution of a Subculture" in which he introduced the now frequently discussed phenomenon he called "Enryo syndrome." His newest volume is an overview of the problems of the major ethnic groups—American Indians, Afro-Americans, Chinese Americans, Japanese Americans, Filipinos, Mexican Americans and Puerto Ricans. (For some reason he doesn't call them Filipino Americans and Puerto Rican Americans.) Not the easiest reading, but valuable for a quick but still comprehensive review of minority problems.

VALLEY CITY: A Chinese Community in America, by Melford S. Weiss, Schenkman Publishing Co. Back in 1967 Weiss joined the anthropology faculty of a California university which he calls Valley State. Because he was friendly, curious, and also because he was stocky and dark-skinned, he was able to make friends with the Chinese residents of Valley City, a thinly disguised pseudonym for Sacramento, it seems. This is a report on how that community came to be, who lives in it, how it functions and the problems faced by its residents as the older folks pass on and American-born generations take over. Nisei readers may be surprised at the similarity between Chinese American and Japanese American communities, as well as the striking differences.

THE KIKUCHI DIARY, the Tanforan Journals of Charles Kikuchi, edited by John Modell, Univ. of Illinois Press. Even though his family was intact, Kikuchi grew up in a multi-racial "orphanage" after a series of disagreements with his father, a barber. Thus he was able to bring unusual insights into the Evacuation experience when he rejoined his family in 1942. During the pre-Evacuation period and the time he was at Tanforan Assembly Center he kept a detailed diary. Although tediously detailed in some areas, this should be of particular interest to Sansei who want to know what was going on inside the heads of Nisei during this critical time. A valuable record that goes beyond a simple day to day chronicle, for Kikuchi was an educated, articulate and observant diarist.

JUSTICE DENIED, by Jennifer Cross, one of the Firebird Books series published by Scholastic Magazine, Inc. A softback history of the Japanese in the United States for those of junior high school age. Readable, and should be of considerable value for youngsters at an impressionable time.

KITES, CRACKERS AND CRAFTSMEN, by Camy Condon and Kimiko Nagasawa, Shufunotomo Press. This hasn't anything to do with Asian Americans, but it's being included in this list because it's a valuable directory to off-the-tourist-path shops and restaurants in Tokyo. On your first visit to Tokyo you'll want to do the usual touristy things. On subsequent trips you'll want to explore the side streets for specialty shops and restaurants, which are the real delight of that city, and this is a very useful guide.

In addition, Jack Matsuoka of Pacifica, Calif., has a cartoon book coming out. It is a collection of cartoons he drew about life in the Poston, Arizona, WRA camp as a teenager, and we're looking forward to seeing it.

Asian American—

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rizons, having stifled individuality and creativity, the Asian American tends to pursue the physical sciences and the skill-oriented vocations while foregoing the humanities, the cultural and the social sciences.

The reserve in interpersonal relations, the inhibition of strong feelings, the avoidance of confrontation, the obedience to authority, the fatalistic sense of "shikatanai" and of "enryo," of "on" and "giri," of "ninja," and of "oyakokko" are not just peculiar only to the Japanese Americans. There are many counterparts and analogies in other Asian American values.

Thus, we see that Asian Americans share commonalities of geography, of cultural values, of behaviors, and of personality characteristics. But, the final common denominator, and the real cement which binds the concept of Asian Americanism, is the common experience of Asians clashing with racism of white American society.

In this day and age it is often interesting how Nikkai have adapted to this pervasive racism by the simple process of denying that it exists. I remember giving a talk at a suburban high school regarding the Japanese American experience and a young Sansei student got up and remarked that he didn't feel discriminated against at all. He was just like all the other students there; in fact, he was a class officer and a member of the football team.

I congratulated him but reminded him that the face that looked back at him every morning in the mirror was easily susceptible to mirroring the Asian stereotype as seen by his classmates and the rest of society.

He mentioned that sometimes in a football game when he was on the line, that some opponent would call him a "dippy Jap."

When I asked him whether he didn't think that this was racist, his easy explanation was that it was just like any other swear word or epithet and he was not racially offended.

I can also recall at a District Council meeting where racism was discussed that one of the delegates from a rural area allowed that they had no such problems there and they were just like any Americans, I said, "That's beautiful, but don't you have an Elks Club there?" He said, "Yes, but we can always go there to eat or drink." I asked—

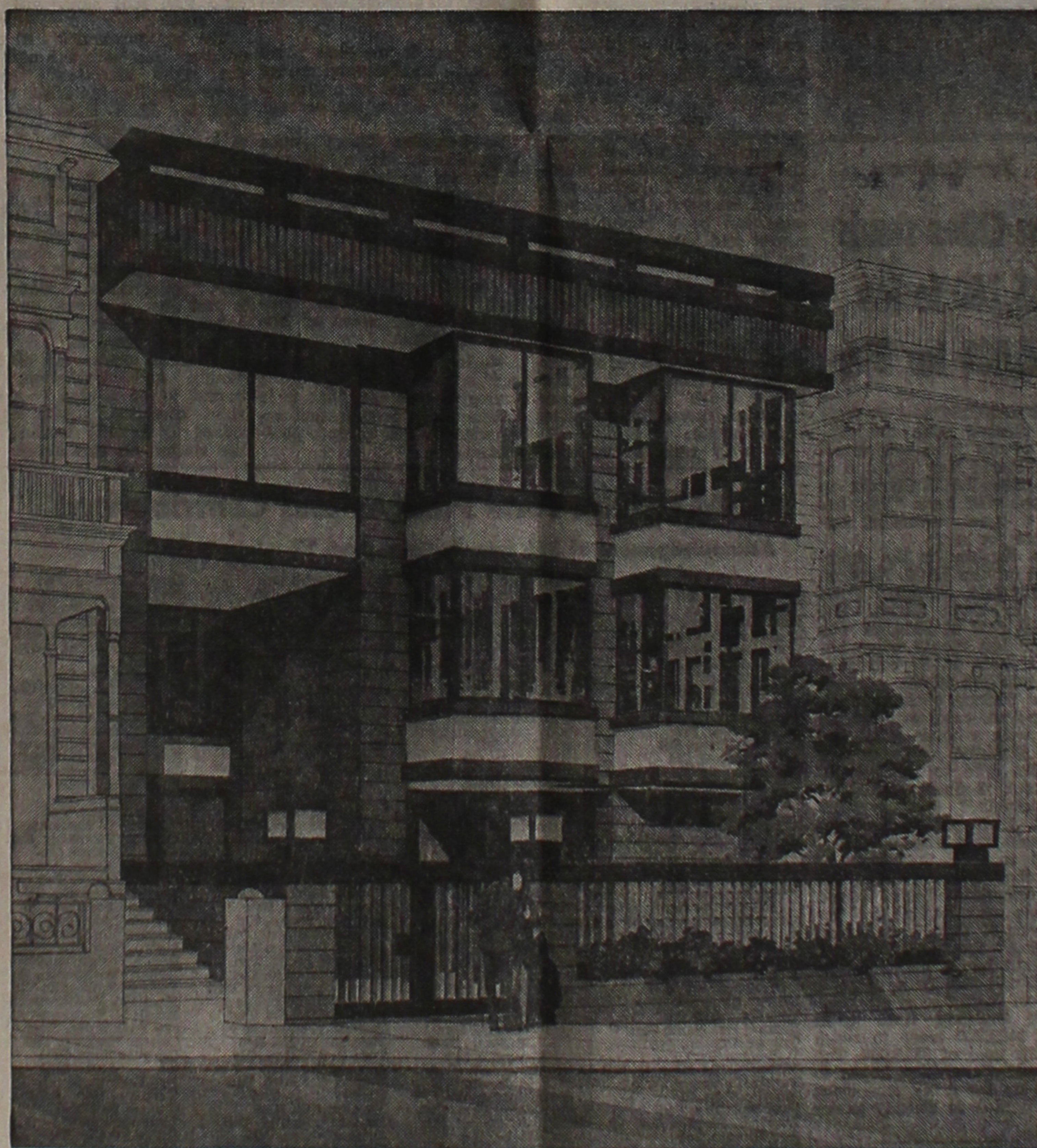
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25 Years Ago
 In the Pacific Citizen Aug. 6, 1949

Prosecution scores in 5th producer Harry Ushijima week of "Tokyo Rose" trial holds premiere of new documentary film "Tokyo Rose" . . . Sen. Douglas (Ronald Reagan) Revive war service . . . Stranded, Nisei week festival for first expatriates file suit for return time since war . . . Nisei film to America.

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On Margin

Kats Kunitzugu

Los Angeles

DIVORCE—An old friend whom I hadn't seen in a while told me at a recent party that he had been separated from his wife for several months now. I was conventional enough to express my immediate reaction, which was to say, "Oh, I'm sorry to hear that."

While nobody is going to say, "Well, congratulations!" if you tell them you are getting a divorce, I think my automatic comment was superficial on second thought. Of course it is sad to see a longtime relationship as intimate as that of husband and wife terminate, but I can easily understand that continuing a relationship which has little emotional benefit to either partner any more can be a far more destructive thing than exercising that old Japanese virtue, "gaman."

I recall an article some time ago, reprinted in the Pacific Citizen, of Mary Arimoto's honest and courageous decision to grant her husband a divorce she did not want at first, entitled, "Never Mind 'Gaman.'" I know both Mary and Kats, and I don't intend to fix blame or make judgments when I describe Mary as "courageous." But being a woman, I can understand what she must have gone through better than what Kats must have felt and experienced.

It takes a good dose of courage to acknowledge hurt pride, a natural desire to return hurt for hurt, to cope with a myriad of practical problems that follow the break.

Another reader of the P.C. who had gone through the same harrowing emotional wringer has written her comments on Nisei divorces in a letter to the editor that I was privileged to read this week while helping Harry edit the paper during his absence at the Portland national convention. Perhaps because of its length, it has never been published, but I feel that the writer's observations are of definite value. To excerpt:

"Culturally, we are conditioned not to complain, not to fail, for it is a 'haji' (shame) to fail. But being human, we do fail. It is tragic when that failure is in a marriage, because divorce is a traumatic experience at best, and the innocents are casualties as well. We place a high value on family ties and children. Perhaps we suffer more than our non-Nikkei friends pangs of guilt in hurting and failing the spouse, our parents, but most of all the children—disrupting their lives."

"Those with little understanding fix blame, but more frequently, I believe the true cause of the difficulty is that two basically good people have grown in different directions, or one has grown and the other has not. With children approaching adulthood and with an empty nest to contemplate, they examine their lives and find it lacking—they no longer have the same goals and interests."

"Conventional couples stay together despite growing discontent in the tradition of 'gaman' for the sake of the children, or because divorce means economic disaster, or because it is the line of least resistance."

The writer goes on to observe that in spite of the initial disorientation, her children have accepted the divorce and now have a deeper rapport with their parents. Her 17-year-old daughter told her, "You stayed together this long, because you're Japanese. If you were not, you would have been divorced long ago."

I hope Harry sees fit to publish more of her letter, because she goes on to tell how she joined the Nisei Singles Club for the over-35 adult single, now in its fourth year with approximately 175 members, where she has found a happy social life with meaningful friendships.

And she adds that her children now understand that their non-verbal Nisei male parent, who was raised by an authoritarian father, is typical of many Nikkei families. "They realize that although he finds it difficult to communicate his feelings, he cares. They also understand that no guilt should be felt about their divided loyalties... They have come to understand that it takes nothing away from me."

To which I can only add, "Bravo!"

MINETA'S OUT-OF-TOWN SUPPORT ASSAILED BY GOP CHAIRMAN

(San Jose News)

A flap over campaign funds erupted in the 13th Congressional District race today as GOP County Chairman Mike Cobb assailed an influx of out-of-county funds in the campaign of the Democratic contender, Mayor Norman Mineta.

Cobb's Democratic counterpart, Alan Davis returned the fire, calling the complaint "silly and superficial."

"The obvious reason that Norma Mineta has received so many contributions from outside the 13th District is that a candidate of the character and quality of Norm Mineta cannot avoid attracting national support," Davis said.

The GOP contender opposing Mineta is George W. Millas, former state assemblyman and deputy assistant secretary of defense.

Cobb's statement, which sparked the campaign flare-up, noted that in the preliminary campaign some 52 percent of the \$13,034 contrib-

uted to Mineta by individuals came from persons who do not live in the 13th District. And four-fifths of the outside contributions. Cobb added, came from more than 50 miles away — "places like Hawaii, Los Angeles, Ohio, Washington, D.C., Illinois, and the State of Washington."

"Shocked" "I'm shocked and disturbed to see the infusion of funds into this race from people with special interest who have no voting franchise in the 13th District," Cobb said.

"The congressman from this district is supposed to represent the people in his district. He should not be in a position where he is obligated to contributors with special interests in other parts of the nation."

Millas' campaign report said Cobb, shows individual contributions substantially equal to Mineta's—\$13,138—with 80 per cent coming from within the district or a radius of 50 miles.

Response Davis, in his response, said: "We had hopes the Mineta-Millas race could be kept on a level where substantive issues would be discussed, rather than this kind of trivia. I am sorry to see that the Republicans' game plan is based on taking the low road."

Davis also asserted that Mineta has "built a national reputation as a spokesman for the cities" during his term as mayor of San Jose. He added:

"Although we like to think that our congressmen belong to the districts from which they are elected, congressman do legislate for the country as a whole, and these contributions to Norm's campaign from citizens who agree with his positions on the issues facing America are exactly what anyone would expect."

BCA odori SAN FRANCISCO—Buddhist Churches of America 75th Anniversary committee anticipates 2,000 participating in the commemorative odori Aug. 25 at the Civic Center plaza here.

CALENDAR

- Aug. 3-4 Milwaukee-Bonus Show, Mitchell Park Conservatory, 7 p.m.
- San Mateo-Bus Mfg. Storage, 4 p.m.
- Mid-Columbia-Picnic, Rooster Rock, 12 p.m.
- Aug. 11 (Sunday) Milwaukee-Picnic, Brown Deer Park, Area 2
- PASDC-Orange County JACL hosts 3rd qtrly. Kono Hawaii Restaurant, Santa Ana, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Aug. 13 (Tuesday) Salt Lake-Bd Mtg. Sumner School Annex, 7 p.m.
- Orange County-Bd Mtg. Bank of Tokyo, Santa Ana, 7:30 p.m.
- Gardena Valley-Golf tournament, Alondra Park, 8 a.m.
- Aug. 14 (Wednesday) Philadelphia-Opening, IDC-Snake Rive JACL hosts 3rd qtrly. New Tapadera Inn, Ontario.
- Bay Area Comm.-Potluck supper, Paul Takagi res., 7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 15 (Thursday) Portland-Picnic
- Aug. 16 (Friday) CCDC-District mtg.
- PRWDC-Ethnic Concerns mtg. Roy Nishikawa's res., Los Angeles
- Aug. 20-24 JAYS-5th Biennial Assembly, CSU-Hayward.

Asian Americanism...

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ed him if he was a member, but, of course, he couldn't be because at that time racial exclusion was still on the books.

I cite these two examples of Sansei and Nisei simply denying to themselves that racism still exists. It is easier this way than to fight for equality. But, I want to pose these questions:

"Is accommodation, for whatever strategic value it may have had, the proper course to pursue now? How long do we keep on paying the price of psychological degradation? How long do we keep on catering to the white majority? How long do we deny ourselves our fundamental rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness?"

I say that accommodation is a denial of our individuality

Budget -

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Emi Somekawa, Puyallup Valley, stressed the importance of good programs for it relates to chapter growth. "What other national organization charges only \$9 a year in dues to develop meaningful programs" she asked in support of the new budget.

Edison Uno, Bay Area Community, raised the need for a strong Washington JACL Office to work on the evacuee reparations bill. Ushio noted questionnaires had been circulated last year on this issue and only a very few (Seattle and Bay Area Community) followed through.

Ron Inouye, New York, hated to see the discussion on the budget become a regional bid for funding. Yet he hoped that the portion for the Eastern District would be raised sufficiently to support JACL efforts there "otherwise other groups can take over".

Charles Kubokawa, Sequoia, hoped the allusions to local JACL programs would not be construed as "national" programs.

(To Be Continued)



Kay Kushino

Twin Cities sends in \$5,260 to top \$250,000 for Bldg.

SAN FRANCISCO—"We were very pleased with the outcome of our fund raising efforts," stated Kay Kushino of Twin Cities JACL Chapter on a recent visit here. "This has been a most rewarding experience for me."

Mrs. Kushino is the chairperson for the JACL National Headquarters Building Fund drive in Twin Cities. The original goal of \$250,000 was reached last month when her chapter sent in 67 contributions totaling \$5,260.

"We phoned each member, and in some cases we followed it up with a house call," said Mrs. Kushino. "We were actually able to receive 100 per cent feedback from our membership."

The Twin Cities chairperson said that she was surprised to hear that some of the other chapters have not yet organized their drives. "People must realize the importance of this Headquarters building," she commented. "It may not be in their district, but it will still be a valuable asset to them."

The building fund must raise \$125,000 more to reach its new goal of \$375,000. The National Committee hopes to wrap up the drive soon since construction is already under way.

JACL-JWRO FUND DRIVE UNDERWAY

LOS ANGELES — The first report of the JACL-Japanese Welfare Rights Organization 1974 fund drive shows 129 contributors donating \$1,846.50 for the week ending July 19, according to the So. Calif. JACL Regional Office.

Ginza Suehiro opens at Ghirardelli Square

SAN FRANCISCO — Ginza Suehiro, a branch of Japan's famous Suehiro Steak Houses, has opened in Ghirardelli Square. Actually two restaurants in one; one is a steak and seafood house, and the other a traditional Japanese restaurant. Shozo Kikuchi, from Suehiro in Tokyo, is managing the new restaurant once known as The White Whale. He graduated from the Restaurant and Hotel School at City College of San Francisco in 1964. Food preparation at Ginza Suehiro is directed by Chef Akira Miura.

and equities, a rejection of faith in democratic ideals, and a surrender of our responsibilities to successive generations. It is our youth that have raised the battle cry to human dignity and equality. Can we not recognize the validity and the legitimacy of that call?

Strategy

If we grant that American racism has oppressed and continues to oppress all Asians, and if we grant that commonalities of geography, culture, experiences, and behavior have a common bonding amongst Asian Americans, and if we want to break out of accommodation and ethnocentrism, then the logical strategy has to be a joining together of all Asian Americans in a fight for a goal common to us all, the goal of social, political, economic, educational, and religious equalities.

The strategy of acceptance by Asian Americans as the model minority must be rejected as false. This myth is taken as gospel truth by the majority society with the wrongful perception that Asian Americans have no problems. What this really means is that we are the forgotten minority, ignored in all spheres of inequities. The myth of model minority gives credence to the majority society that racial discrimination has been overcome and this salves their conscience.

The myth of the model minority is a device which separates peoples of color, for it sets up one group as the symbol of the good American virtue of having made it, of having pulled themselves up by their bootstraps — so why can't the other minorities? It is a divisive myth that must be rejected.

The strategy of Asian Americanism means a joint attack on the problems which beset Asian Americans in the fields of employment, housing, social relations, health, social services, education, economics, military, religion, ad infinitum.

There are also special target populations to whom Asian Americans must address in regards to these problems for they are the most powerless and the most forgotten. I mean the Asian elderly, Asian youth, Asian women, and Asian recent immigrants. Mounting the strategies needed for the challenges facing Asian Americans also means a coalescing and crystallization of an Asian American identity.

Finally, the strategy of coordination and coalition has an enriching offshoot, the chance to meet, to know, to interact, and to become friends with other Asian Americans and to know their life styles. If we believe in the concept of cultural pluralism, then the linkages established amongst Asian Americans can be a beginning of newer and larger experiences for our self enrichment.

What Does This Mean?

It is no secret that JACL is seen by many as obstructionist to the Asian American concept. Maybe this is so and maybe that's why the theme of this convention is Asian Americanism.

In any case, in spite of

the fact that every issue of the Pacific Citizen has items on Asian American activities, some of JACL origin and some not of JACL origin, and in spite of the fact that the JACL National Planning Commission places a high priority on their involvement in Asian American activities, the outside perception of JACL is still that of narrow ethnic orientation.

The JACL brochure on the new challenges and changes clearly tries to incorporate into its organizational concerns the larger frame of reference to Asian Americans, but it is distressing to note that the JACL Public Relations Committee Report, while noting a degree of responsibility to the Asian American community, then proceeds to address itself to solely Nikkei issues. Thus, ambivalent and ambiguous messages are forthcoming from the hierarchy and are reflected in chapter programs and activities.

The National Planning Commission has four high program priorities. One of these, as mentioned before, calls for increased activities in the Asian American arena. A second, and also very relevant here, is the attraction of young Japanese Americans into JACL. It is clear that if we do not, JACL will indeed wither on the vine for the retirement time of the Nisei is at hand. JACL needs a vital transfusion of new blood, of young blood. But so long as we remain narrowly restricted, so long as we stay aloof and self-content and isolated from other Asian Americans, so long as we do not heed young peoples' voices, then, indeed, the youth will stay away in droves.

JAY is struggling for identity, recognition, and participation. Their choice is for Asian awareness and Asian American concerns. They are caught up in it, have less ethnic hangups than we grey hairs, and feel frustrated in JACL's slowness to respond to the push for Asian American brotherhood and power. Powerlessness and frustration have so long plagued the Nikkei as an endemic disease, that it's almost incredible that the idea of Asian Americanism can be so controversial.

Is the JACL to go the way of the dinosaurs, a slow plodding monster with a tiny brain, who couldn't adapt to environmental changes and perished in the muck? If JACL is to survive, it must adapt to the changing social climate.

It seems to me that there are some fundamental things that JACL and its membership must do in the process. We must:

- 1—Recognize that Asian Americanism is a concept that binds us with the commonalities of geography, culture, history, life styles, and behavior.
- 2—Recognize that white racism has impacted all peoples of color, including Asians, with past and ongoing devastation in all areas of human activities.
- 3—Recognize that the strategy of accommodation is a strategy of defeat; that it is a demeaning process that acknowledges and accepts powerlessness.



CHARTER TOUR—Japan Air Line's Garden Jet will be chartered by the Chicago Japanese American Citizens League 1000 Club from Sept. 29 to Oct. 20, 1975. To consummate this charter flight are 1-r) Tom Nakagawa, JAL's Midwest sales manager; a JAL stewardess; Vicky Sugahira, Queen of the 6th District American Legion; Art Morimitsu, treasurer for the American Legion Reunion of 1976; and Frank Sakamoto, Chicago Chapter 1000 Club Chairman.

4—Recognize that a host of problems exist within the Asian American community and that these problems are not perceived by the white majority society.

5—Recognize that JACL is an integral part of the Asian American community, and that ethnic biases have kept JACL apart from other Asian American groups.

6—Recognize that JACL will not sustain a loss in its identity or a reduction in its effectiveness to Japanese Americans. To the contrary, it stands to gain in its broader Asian American thrust by attraction of youth, and by increased credibility among Asian Americans.

7—Recognize that a Pan-Asian concept closes the ranks, presents a united front for a socio-political, coordinated effort with a consequent increase in strength, and gives it clout where relevant decisions are made.

If we sincerely believe in the Asian American concept, it is not enough to agree intellectually nor to issue pronouncements from up above.

The real heart and guts of JACL resides in the chapters and their memberships. Programs and activities are at the grass roots chapter level. The National, for all its planning, can't tell the chapters what to do. Relevant activities must arise and be carried out at the people level.

If a chapter has already bought the Asian American concept, it is probably already in the Asian American business. If it has not, I'm not at all sure what I or the Planning Commission, or the President says, will do any good.

The big question is can the chapters run with the ball in the right direction? Some have said that the Nisei running the JACL show are too old, too conservative, too set in their ways.

I happen to disagree with that idea. I believe that there's "life in the old boy yet." Things have been going on in many of the chapters that are encouraging signs that "going Asian American" is not just a slogan but an active partnership in programs and projects.

Whatever comes out of the panels and workshops is bound to be a step in the right direction. JACL can't afford to be left waiting at the station on this issue.

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FURUSATO — Prime Minister Tanaka proposed development of pollution-free communities, "our new Furusato" (native places) where people can enjoy life in harmony with nature.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION — The annual meeting of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council in Detroit, representatives of the national and 97 local agencies pledged support of affirmative action policies.

HIROSHIMA — Number of reactor passengers in Hiroshima began to rise for the first time in years after motor vehicles were banned in 1973 on the center lanes with axles.

TRAVEL — Group tours for Japanese grammar and high school students this summer, according to Japan Travel Bureau, will include 10,000 going to the U.S., Canada and Europe.

FIREFLIES — Fireflies were banded until a decade ago in the Tama district of Tokyo when farmers started to spray their paddy fields.

TOKYO — A miniature steam train, zipping around the 52-story Shinjuku Sumitomo Bldg., made its debut June 21. It has seats for six passengers.

ANIMALS — Veterinarians in Tokyo have organized a "Medicare" system for dogs, cats and other animals, offering treatment at lower fees.

GRAPEFRUIT — A shipment of Florida grapefruit was ordered destroyed or returned following discovery of a single larva by Osaka quarantine officials June 14.

MONKEYS — Veterinarians in Tokyo have organized a "Medicare" system for dogs, cats and other animals, offering treatment at lower fees.

Aloha from Hawaii

Hawaii Today Honolulu James Hillier, a Honolulu businessman, hopes to give island residents almost unlimited long distance telephone service to the Mainland for a flat \$2.50 a month.

The Tax Foundation of Hawaii has reported that Hawaii now ranks sixth highest in the U.S. in terms of the tax burden on island citizens.

Two of every five persons on parole from Hawaii State Prison are Hawaii or part-Hawaiian, according to statistics in the annual report of State Board of Pardons and Pardon.

Ronald Amemiya, director of the State Office of Consumer Protection, says there have been no substantial violations of state law by Japanese tour operators in selling flowers, fruit and souvenir items from their travel desks in Waikiki hotels.

Names in the News Gov. John Burns, still recuperating from his illness, flew to Waimea on the Big Island May 30 for a first visit to his new home on the slopes of the Kohala Mountains.

Courtroom Gov. John Burns reportedly has withdrawn his nomination of attorney Tobias Tolman for appointment to the state supreme court.

Book Review

NEW GUINEA BATTLE RECREATED

BLOODY BUNA: The Grueling Campaign in New Guinea that Thwarted the Japanese Invasion of Australia, by Lida Mayo. Doubleday, New York, 222 pp., \$7.95.

Fleeing the fall of the Philippines under orders, Gen. Douglas MacArthur arrived in Darwin, on the northern coast of Australia, March 17, 1942. His mission—to execute an offensive against the Japanese enemy.

Feb. 19—The Japanese had aerially attacked Darwin itself, destroying airport, warehouses, docks and practically every ship in the harbor.

It appeared that the Japanese planned to capture Port Moresby, with its excellent harbor, as a base from which to invade Australia.

senate sources say only the name of Telman and that senate Republicans recommended circuit judges Yasutaka Fukushima and Betty Vitousek.

Republican Wayne Thiessen, who lost to Sen. Daniel Inouye in the 1968 election by more than 150,000 votes, has had nomination papers taken out in his name for this year's campaign.

There are now at least 128 Japanese firms doing business in Hawaii. Since Feb., 1973, some 70 firms have been added, according to a report by the Hawaii International Services Agency.

Jean Ikeda, who for 20 years has been in sales with Japan Air Lines, has joined the company's special passenger service section.

Getting fans into the stadium currently under construction at Halawa will be a problem, as there will be only about 7,000 parking stalls.

Gov. John Burns has named six persons for appointments to three judgeships, but has left it to the senate to decide who will win the appointments.

In Canada

ETHNIC STUDIES — Ted Aoki, professor of education at the Univ. of Alberta, was appointed the newly created Canadian Ethnic Studies advisory committee under the government's multicultural program.

SINGER — Rene Simard of Canada won the Third Tokyo Music Festival grand prix. Frank Sinatra, who was present to make the award in Tokyo, advised the 13-year-old singer to "never grow up."

Reagan appoints Stockton JACler county supervisor

STOCKTON, Calif. — Norman D. Shumway, 39, was appointed July 9 by Gov. Reagan to be supervisor of San Joaquin county's third district.

Allied headquarters proclaimed victory Jan. 22, 1943—the first decisive victory over the Japanese army of WW2. The Allied victory at New Guinea, plus that at Guadalcanal a week later, ended the threat of an Australian invasion and effected encirclement of the Japanese base at Rabaul, New Britain.

known that Burns has wanted to name at least one Republican to the state supreme court, and that Republican, it is speculated, is Circuit Judge Yasutaka Fukushima.

George Okuhira, a retired Air Force colonel and a Republican, has announced he will seek a seat in the city council from Windward Oahu, Okuhira 45, is being supported by councilwoman Mary George, who is expected to run for the state senate in the fall elections.

Margaret Umemori a mortgage and escrow specialist in Bank of Hawaii's Hawaii Real Estate Dept., has been promoted to assistant cashier.

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Political Scene Republican Wayne Thiessen, who lost to Sen. Daniel Inouye in the 1968 election by more than 150,000 votes, has had nomination papers taken out in his name for this year's campaign.

Business Ticker There are now at least 128 Japanese firms doing business in Hawaii. Since Feb., 1973, some 70 firms have been added, according to a report by the Hawaii International Services Agency.

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S.F. Asian Studies specialist job hangs in balance SAN FRANCISCO — The future of the Asian American Studies Specialist position in the San Francisco Unified School District is expected to be decided at the School Board meeting on Monday, Aug. 5.

On June 3, at the budget hearing of the Board of Education, groups spoke to the community and Asian American teacher groups spoke to the board, petitioning for the retention of the Asian American Specialist position.

On June 20, four Asian Americans met with Dr. Lane De Lara to discuss the issue at hand and to ask that the position in question be put back into the 1974-75 budget.

The caucus is asking for continued community support on this matter, either in the form of visible presence at the board meeting or letters of support to board members with copies sent to Superintendent Morena and De Lara.

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El Pimentero Frank Fukazawa MOSCOW—As the Altalla plane from Tokyo was approaching the landing strip of Moscow airport, this passenger had mixed but curious feelings for here was my first chance to step on Soviet soil.

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Minority One

San Francisco

A LONELY FEELING—At high noon July 12 the City of San Francisco conducted memorial services for former Chief Justice Earl Warren in the massive hall of Grace Cathedral. Less than 150 friends, associates, and the public attended this tribute to a native son who gained international fame and respect for his progressive civil rights interpretation of the Constitution for 16 years as Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Conspicuously absent from the small gathering were those who have been the beneficiaries of Earl Warren's legacy to society. With the exception of a few local judges, minor politicians, and a handful of former associates of the former governor, there were no signs of those segments from the liberal community. Minorities were very few in number, civil rights activists, representatives of progressive organizations and others associated with progressive change in society were not visible.

It was a lonely feeling for this writer, for I had expected to see many of my friends who have been active in progressive movements. I thought to myself, "How Americans forgotten already the great contributions Earl Warren made to society?"

For over seven years I have actively campaigned to extract an apology and expunge the public records of racist statements that impugn the loyalty of Japanese Americans from the former Chief Justice. On July 9, Earl Warren passed away... the campaign comes to an end. There has been no public apology nor an extraction of the damaging statements.

Last December I had the opportunity to meet and discuss my concerns with Earl Warren when he was honored by the local American Civil Liberties Union. He immediately responded that he respected my views and concerns and assured me that my requests would be fulfilled in the near future. I found him to be a warm, cordial, and sensitive individual.

A month and a half before he died, Earl Warren was invited to speak at Morehouse College in celebration of the 20th anniversary of Brown vs. the Board of Education. At a dinner with a Japanese American professor, Earl Warren privately expressed his regrets concerning Evacuation.

I have my regrets too that he did not make the public apology or extract the public records; however I am con-

\$5-million HEW graduate training program told

WASHINGTON — A major new program of training support designed to increase the number of minorities including Asian Americans in the mental health professions was announced by HEW Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger.

More than \$5 million will go to professional organizations over the next six years to establish graduate fellowships for qualified minority students to pursue careers in the social sciences, nursing, and mental health fields.

The fellowships will be funded through the National Institute of Mental Health's Center for Minority Group Mental Health Programs. NIMH, headed by Bertram S. Brown, M.D., is a component of HEW's Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration (ADAMHA).

"There is an inadequate number of minority students and faculty to meet the growing demand for their services in the mental health professions," said Dr. James R. Ralph, center chief. "In particular, agencies and organizations serving communities with large minority populations are seeking workers who share the culture and language of their clients. With this training support, NIMH has taken an important step toward filling the gap."

"By funding professional organizations to underwrite the training directly to individuals, we are eliminating the support of teaching costs, thus bringing the available funds to a greater number of potential workers in the field of mental health."

"It is hoped this program will also encourage minorities to participate more fully in the programs of these professional organizations," Dr. Ralph said.

Grantees will organize and administer fellowship programs in psychiatry, psychology, sociology, social work and nursing. This will include selecting qualified students and universities, and evaluating the effectiveness of the training programs.

Awards are: \$1,017,503 to American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C., for Minority Fellowships in Psychology; Dr. Ronald B. Kurz, program director.

\$1,136,097 to American Psychiatric Association, Washington, D.C., for Psychiatric Residency Training for Ethnic Minorities; Dr. Jeanne Spurlock, program director.

\$895,730 to American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C., for Graduate Fellowship Program for Ethnic Minorities; Dr. William Anderson, program director.

\$804,090 to Council on Social Work Education, New York, for a Graduate Fellowship Program for Ethnic Minorities in Social Work Education; Carl A. Scott, program director.

\$955,407 to American Nurses Association, Kansas City, Missouri, for Graduate Fellowship Program in Nursing for Ethnic Minorities; Dr. Elizabeth A. Allen, program director.

Memberships of the participating organizations are: American Psychological Association, 37,000; American Psychiatric Association, 20,800; American Sociological Association, 14,000; Council on Social Work Education, 4,567; American Nurses Association, 200,000.

NEWS CAPSULES

Nisei Week

Eijiu Sasajima, Kaichiro Inadomi and Teizo Hatashita are the three issei pioneers who will be honored at the Nisei Week Festival luncheon Aug. 19 at the Kawafuku.

Practice sessions for the Festival ondo dance and parade will be held at Hirohata Parking Lot, E. 2nd and Central, on Tuesday and Thursday nights, 7:30-9, starting July 30 through Aug. 15. Mme. Sanjo Kanya Y is supervising the sessions. The mikoshi dedication will be held Aug. 15 at 6:30.

Japanese Community Pioneer Center Art Assn., sponsors of the Festival art show during Aug. 18-26 in the Sun Bldg. and at the Sumitomo Bank main office, reported entries will be received until Aug. 12 at the Pioneer Center, 125 Weller St. Children's art, for persons under age 15, should be no larger than 15-inch square. These are to be shown at the bank lobby.

Churches

The Rev. Roy Katayama, a Long Beach (Calif.) Nisei who served with the 100th Infantry during WW2, was appointed pastor of Simpson United Methodist Church, Arvada, Colo. He succeeds the Rev. Paul Hagiya who will take up pastoral duties in Hilo, Hawaii. Mr. Katayama previously served at Chesteron, Ind., and a graduate of McKenzie College and Garrett Theological Seminary, Ill.

Organizations

Harry R. Otsubo, Dana Point nurseryman, was installed president of the San Juan Capistrano Rotary Club. He is the lone Nisei member in the club.

Mrs. Roy Ito is head of the Montebello Japanese Woman's Club, succeeding Ritsuko Kawakami. The club will sponsor the Nisei Week baby show Aug. 10.

Entertainment

Sab Shimono of New York was the recipient of the 1974 Clio Award for the best performance as an actor in the Benihana commercial.

Education

Deborah Saiki, daughter of the Ted Saikis of Stockton, was named winner of the 1974 and Mrs. Fred Nitta Scholarship, established by the Watsonville couple for an outstanding young Buddhist. Miss Saiki, a 4.0 grade pt. average student at Edison High was valedictorian and active in both community and church.

Derrick Takeuchi, 22, of Stockton and the son of the Kenji Takeuchis, completed his studies at Stanford in spring and last month received a Mombusho scholarship for an 18-month study at Tokyo University, where he plans to study political science and law. Derrick spent four months at Keio in 1971 as a Stanford exchange student.

Prof. Roy H. Doi has been appointed chairman of the department of biochemistry and biophysics at UC Davis. A graduate of UC Berkeley, he received his Ph.D. in bacteriology at Wisconsin in 1960, and joined the faculty at UC

Davis in 1965. He recently lectured at Symposia in Israel and France as an invited participant. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Toshiro Doi, reside in San Francisco.

Business

Long Beach customs broker Kenneth Hamanaka, chairman of the Long Beach chamber of commerce world trade committee, is leading the fight against use of California's inventory tax on containerized cargo. Tax was applied in 1973 but many paid in protest, contending imported goods are not subject to taxation while they remain unsold and in the original unbroken package. "Our position is an ad valorem tax on containerized cargo is discriminatory against ports," Hamanaka's letter to the Senate committee on maritime industry.

Press Row

The Rafu Shimpo, largest Japanese American daily, is enduring a 5% paper cut for the last half of 1974 by suspending Saturday issues on alternating weeks for ten editions (July-October) and resuming its normal six-day schedule from November. The other Los Angeles Japanese vernacular, *Kashu Mainichi*, has not been affected.

Government

Los Angeles insurance agent Ernest S. Wong, 59, was reappointed by Governor Ronald Reagan to the state Board of Barber Examiners in the Department of Consumer Affairs. He has been a board member since January 1972. The appointment is subject to Senate confirmation. A native of Canton, China, who became a naturalized citizen in 1946, Wong has been self-employed for more than 22 years. He served 3½ years in the U.S. Army between 1942 and 1946.

Manson F. Wong, 31, of San Francisco was appointed by Governor Ronald Reagan to the California Advisory Board to the Bureau of Employment Agencies, Department of Consumer Affairs. A native of Canton, China, he is in financial service sales for M. H. Deckard, Inc. and Insurance Concepts, Inc. Wong's term will expire June 1, 1977.

Crime

Honolulu policeman Michael Tanaka, investigating smuggling of cocaine from South America through Arizona to Hawaii, and Federal Drug Enforcement Administration officer Marty Martinez, were ambushed early July 16 and wounded by rifle shot when they went into the hills east of Prescott, Ariz., to purchase three pounds of cocaine. Incident resulted in a roadblock with two suspects arrested and another person at a market later. The narcotic agents were reported in satisfactory condition at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Suspect in the slaying of two Japanese women in a New York apartment, **Nathaniel D. Lewis**, has also been charged with the murder of a retired delicatessen owner last April 6 and apparently buried on a Staten Island landfill under 20,000 tons of garbage. Bronx district attorney Mario Merola declared July 12.

Awards

L.A. Japanese Union Church Troop 344 last month conferred the Eagle Scout badges to **David Nakano**, son of the Shig Nakanos of Alhambra, and to **Jim Yamagishi**, son of the Kiyo Yamagishis of Los Angeles.

Census - 1970

Minority population in San Francisco continues to increase substantially, except for the Japanese as of July 1973, according to state employment studies.

Japanese	1970	1973
Koreans	11,705	11,800
Filipino	24,084	38,000
Chinese	38,696	64,200
Spanish-surname		113,400
Black	96,078	99,000
White	261,299	261,299
Total	715,674	681,200

Milestones

Joichi Tanaka of Sacramento celebrated his 100th birthday July 25. Hailing from Hiroshima, he came to the U.S. in 1898. His wife passed away in 1969. His sons Pete and Mickey hosted the centenarian's party.

Mariji Kikuchi, 42, of Chicago, died June 19. The JACL queen of Chicago in 1959, she was interred at Graceland Cemetery, following funeral services on June 22. She leaves her husband Tom T. Kikuchi.

Mrs. Yae Takeshita, 80, of Long Beach died from a heart condition June 19. She was the mother of five sons and a daughter. Three of the sons were JACL chapter presidents in three different areas: Dr. Masao in Long Beach, Shigeo in West Los Angeles and "Jug" Shiro in Alameda.

Alzo Sogo, 101, of San Diego died July 1. A pioneer Issei farmer who received numerous awards including a decoration from the Japan Agricultural Society, is survived by one son and six daughters.

Minority group science writers to be trained

WASHINGTON — A program to develop a model on-the-job training curriculum in health and science writing for minority group reporters was announced this past week by (July 23) Bertram S. Brown, M.D., director, National Institute of Mental Health of HEW's Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration (ADAMHA).

Nine minority representatives of Black, Native American, Spanish-American, and Asian American newspapers, magazines, and broadcast stations will be selected to participate in a training program designed to improve the reporting of health, mental health, and science information in the minority press.

The NIMH Center for Minority Group Mental Health Programs has awarded \$99,840 to the Council for the Advancement of Science Writing, Inc. (CASW) to conduct the training program through its Minority Group Training Committee. Committee members are:

L. W. Cole, dean, Medill School of Journalism and director, Gannett Urban Journalism Center, Northwestern University; Nancy Hicks, science reporter, New York Times; Dr. Robin M. Williams, Jr., professor of sociology, Cornell University; Victor Cohn, science reporter, Washington Post; and Dr. Samuel Lee Kountz, chairman, Dept. of Surgery, Downstate Medical Center, State Univ. of New York.

The program—to take place over a period of one year—will include a 1-week orientation workshop to take place at the Gannett Urban Journalism Center, Northwestern

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Local Scene

San Francisco

Besides the commemorative service and odori, the 75th Anniversary Buddhist Sunday School family program at Civic Auditorium on Aug. 25, from noon, will have entertainment featuring the George Minami Troupe. The BCA anticipates 2,000 participants.

S.F.—East Bay

The Oakland Buddhist church's tradition obon festival will be held Aug. 3 and 4 at Madison park, located directly in front of the temple.

San Fernando

Members of the San Fernando Valley Nisei VFW Memorial Post 4140 will sponsor a benefit luau for the Pioneer Issei Memorial Garden at the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center.

The luau is set for September 14 at the community center and will feature entertainment by Leia Mapu and his troupe. Dancing will follow.

Tickets are on sale by Post 4140 members at \$7 per person. Children's tickets may be purchased at the door for \$4 per child. For further information, call 767-3190, 767-6991 or 365-1273.

Sacramento

Sacramento Bee (442-5011, ext. 346, Inez Millesis) has a call for a skilled re-write man, a classified ad taker over the telephone (must type 50 wpm) full or part-time Saturday.

New York

Chefs from Chinatown restaurants were brought in to teach Beekman-Downtown Hospital kitchen staff how to prepare "home cooking" for its many Chinese patients. The hospital is also working with Chinatown Health and Service Center and Community Service Society to study how modern medicine and herbs for Chinese patients can be combined.

Pacific-Asian conference set

SALT LAKE CITY—The first Mountain and West South Central conference of the Pacific/Asian Coalition will be held here Aug. 15 to 17. Open to all Asian Americans, workshops with national and local speakers and ethnic caucuses are scheduled.

The region encompasses 12 states:

Utah, Idaho, Nevada, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Montana, Wyoming, Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Arkansas.

The regional conference will elect delegates to the national Asian American Conference to be held early in 1975. This is the first attempt in this region to organize Asian Americans on a cross-ethnic basis.

Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean and Pacific People's caucuses held on the last day will concentrate on their respective community problems. The conference focus will be on local problems and issues in day-to-day living.

Details can be obtained from Sami Tadehara at the Asian American Center, 1052 Annex, Univ. of Utah, Salt Lake City 84112. (801-581-5009). Registration is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

Happy News

A happy first for John K. Yamamoto, linotypist for the Pacific Citizen for the past five years, was the birth of his first grandchild, Jason Kenji Koyama on July 26. The 6 lb. 14 oz. infant son of Frank and Elaine Koyama arrived at 4:15 a.m. at St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica. The other set of happy grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Koyama of Seattle.



ROYAL VISIT—Princess Yi of Korea (second from right), chief remaining representative of Yi dynasty which ruled Korea for 500 years, listens to points made by Mrs. Wilmer James (right), director of Exceptional Children's Foundation Art Center. With princess on study tour of training facilities for retarded and other handicapped are from left), Mmes. Carey Nakokai and Liu Han. Madame Yi, as she prefers to be known, is intimately associated with similar centers in Seoul.

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