

# The Biennium Ahead

Washington

The momentous events of the first week of August here in Washington, D.C., seem to have distracted us momentarily from the concerns with which we wrestled during the 23rd JACL Biennial Convention just concluded. Yet as dramatic the occasion of the ignominious resignation of a President of the United States, the quick and smooth transition to a new administration without apparent break in the continuity of essential government processes has demonstrated the strength and viability of our constitutional system.

The happenings of that week will have different meanings and implications, but there should be general relief that the ordeal of Watergate can be hopefully put behind us and that the nation united can proceed to face the day-to-day critical issues which confronts us all. Nor should the moral of what has transpired be lost to any of us.

## Decisions Clear . . .

Although the issues of the Portland Convention may pale in contrast to the issues subsequently resolved here in Washington by another cast of players, what we deliberated upon ourselves was and is closer to home. The Pacific Citizen has done an outstanding job of reporting on the actions taken, with much of the by-play included, so I need not go over ground which should already be familiar.

The decisions of the National Council are clear and it is now for the National Board and Staff to implement the programs mandated so that we will be able to report completion or satisfactory progress before we convene again at Sacramento in 1976.

The direction is clear and all that awaits is action and results, and the full support of the membership.

While the Council declined adoption of the proposed articulation of the heretofore implicitly acknowledged goals of JACL, the same goals were reaffirmed indirectly. Adopted were programs and policy resolutions intended to take us one step closer to the achievement of justice and equal opportunity for all

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PRIORITIES: Henry Tanaka

## Positive Trends

CL building will be completed next Spring.

We could have maintained a status-quo position and hoped that time would eventually heal the scars. We could have remained the quiet members, thereby avoiding controversial issues, direct confrontations and taking no risks. But we didn't. With support of the membership, the National Board and Staff were determined to revitalize JACL and not let it die on the vine. We dealt with issues as they arose. We are still facing issues which will demand much soul-searching.

### The Past Biennium

In recapping the past two years, I want to share with you my biased observations. It is my feeling that a positive trend is taking place which will help bring JACL to the forefront as a national ethnic organization.

1—We have re-directed our attention to the fundamental role of an educational and advocacy organization. We are addressing our efforts to need-adequate changes in the social, educational, and economic systems in order to help eliminate institutional racism and restrictive laws which deny equal rights and protection of individual freedom. Social activities are now being viewed in proper perspective, as facilitators to greater involvement of the membership as advocates.

### Fence-mending Continues

It is to the credit of board members and the relatively new staff that we have reached this point within the short span of two years. Exactly two years ago, the National Board was faced with an enormous task of mending fences and remodeling its volunteer leadership at all levels. This task continues. But with the hiring of staff, most of whom have yet to serve a full year, the National Board has been able to maintain and enhance its work in areas of education, youth, legislative activities, regionalization, anti-defamation, and seeking outside funds to support special projects.

At the same time, the National Board instituted more modern and efficient office and accounting procedures. The Board encouraged staff members to make more chapter visits and to develop contacts with key national and government bodies. Job descriptions were updated. Personnel practices policies were completely revamped. We hired staff who are not only personally committed and dedicated to the work of JACL, but who also bring with them the technical skills and knowledge required.

It amazes me that even these limited accomplishments were possible within less than two years. Membership continues to grow. More than \$200,000 for special projects were generated through the efforts of JACL. A new JA-

Americans, the preservation of and recognition for our cultural heritage and our individual identities, expansion of opportunities for participating actively in the affairs of our society at large, and the sustenance and enhancement of the well-being of individual Japanese Americans.

Although uninitiated delegates may have thought the debate to be acrimonious at times, it was relatively free of rhetoric and was based on free expression of ideas and opinions by the many rather than a few. The prevailing mood was that of give and take and the seeking of constructive ends through understanding and cooperation rather than through confrontation. If this mood prevails and is reinforced through continuing open dialogue, JACL should go on to even greater achievements.

### Priorities and Programs . . .

The Council did establish priorities. The New National Board in its first actions has directed the staff to begin implementation of the top two priority programs through establishment of a resource development office and exploration of ways and means to establish the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund.

The Board has also assured the JAYS that funding for the DYC Projects of the Biennium will be found or obtained somehow so that planning for this program can progress at the JAY Assembly now in session at Hayward.

Preliminary planning and target dating of the remaining programs should be completed by or at the next full session of the Board now scheduled for early November. As was made clear by the National Council, however, full implementation of most other programs will depend on the availability of funds, which in turn depends largely on an all-out effort by all chapters and members to bring total membership in all categories up to targeted levels.

I can now look forward to an exciting, challenging and gruelling two years. With your help, we'll all make it.



## PROTESTS MOUNT AGAINST EPITHET BY SCHOOL TEAM

Pekin (Ill.) High Urged to Change 'Chinks' to Dragons

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — The Illinois Commission on Human Relations joined the Organization of Chinese Americans, a Maryland-based group, founded in 1973, in efforts to have Pekin High School drop its offensive athletic nickname, "Chinks."

The school, which has used the racist nickname for the past 30 years, had been told by Kung-Lee Wang, national president of OCA, it should also discontinue use of coolie-type costumes by its cheerleaders.

Use of "Chinks" comes from the city's traditional association with the Chinese city of Peking. Origins vary on how the city was so named. One says the wife of an early settler had stuck a hatpin through a globe and it came out in Peking. Another view holds that Pekin is at the opposite end of the earth to Peking.

Another smaller group, the Chinese Image Promotion Assn. of Columbus, Ohio, had protested the nickname in a letter to the school in 1972 but the name stayed.

"What I can't understand is that many schools with names like Indians, which is to my mind a neutral term, have voluntarily changed their names," said Dr. Samuel C. Chu, professor of Chinese history at Ohio State University. "Pekin High is the only school I know of that has dug in their heels."

OCA expanded its campaign against Chinese defamation by appealing to Illinois Gov. Dan Walker, who asked the state human relations commission to assist OCA's campaign. Letters were also written to Illinois senators in Congress.

Pekin Mayor William Waldermeir is scheduled to meet with Wang and Connie Seal, executive director of the human relations commission, Aug. 29 to resolve the matter. Meantime, OCA has asked for support with groups expressing their protest to the Pekin Mayor at City Hall.

Petitions can also be sent to Mrs. Seal, Human Relations Commission, 160 N. LaSalle St., Chicago 60601.

Wang has suggested the school adopt "Dragons"—a symbol of divine peace and harmony—as its nickname but in Pekin, home of the late

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## N.Y. group hits Kissinger remarks on South Korea

NEW YORK — Asian Americans for Action urged Sen. Daniel Inouye to speak against military aid for "repressive governments such as (South Korea) President Park's" as had been recommended by the Nixon administration in a statement of Secretary of State Kissinger made July 24 before a Senate Appropriations subcommittee.

Kissinger said despite South Korea's internal politics, economic and military assistance should continue because South Korea's strategic position was "very crucial" to Japan and that "our judgment has been shared by the Government of Japan."

The Asian Americans for Action held the remarks of the Administration are consistent with the view "that security interests take precedence over human rights considerations in aid matters."

The Hawaiian senator was reminded that "an ethnic generation was evacuated into concentration camps by the U.S. under the guise of national security."

The Administration has requested \$161 million in aid and \$52 million in low-interest military credit sales to South Korea for the current 1975 fiscal year ending next June 30.

Moves have also been made in Congress to bar military aid in light of widespread arrests and repression of critics in South Korea. On the other hand President Park Chung-hee earlier this year decreed emergency measures to maintain its delicate economic-political balance and that persons arrested were considered Communist subversives helping North Korean spies.

This past week (Aug. 14), an attempt to assassinate President Park ended in the death of his wife and a 17-year-old student in the audience where Mr. Park was speaking at Liberation from Japan Day ceremonies.

## Liem Tuai files for state supreme court

SEATTLE, Wash. — Former Seattle City Council president Liem Eng Tuai made it a four-way race for the vacant seat of State Supreme Court Justice Frank Hale.

A lawyer since 1965, Tuai ran a hard campaign against incumbent Mayor Wes Uhlman last fall for that post. He has served on the Seattle municipal bench and was temporary judge for the King County superior court before joining the city council in 1969.

## Bicentennial theme

HONOLULU—The Hawaiian Bicentennial Commission plans remaining for the next two years include translation of the Declaration of Independence into various ethnic languages used in the state.

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1974 NISEI WEEK ROYALTY—Elisa Akemi Cuthbert of Citrus Valley Optimists reigns as queen, attended by a court of eight (from left): Marta Akiko Rivera, Meropolitan L.A. JACL; Georgette Ishimoto, South Bay JACL; Diane Nishinaka, Wilshire JACL; Kim Maruyama, Gardena Valley JACL; Queen Elisa Akemi;

Bessie Imada (Miss Tomodachi), West Los Angeles JACL; Karen Iwasaki, East Los Angeles JACL; Patricia Hirahara, Suburban Optimists; and Lorraine Iida, San Fernando Valley J.A. Community Center. Coronation was held at L.A.'s Ambassador Hotel Coconut Grove with PSWDC JACL as sponsors.

—Toyo Miyatake Studio

## JACL to eye anti-whalers

SAN FRANCISCO—The Japanese American Citizens League is on record condemning any and all actions arising from the anti-whaling campaign which are misdirected toward Japanese Americans.

All levels of the organization are further expected to monitor this campaign and aggressively counteract any injustices to Japanese Americans which may occur.

Such was the thrust of a resolution adopted 69-0 by the National JACL Council at its recent Portland convention. The resolution was presented by the Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council.

Meantime, San Francisco JACLer Dr. Clifford I. Uyeda has been waging a letter-writing campaign with a leading "Save the Whale" organization, condemning its simplistic approach for a moratorium on commercial whaling because "Japanese American communities have been the target of many misguided and racist hostilities."

In a July 19 letter to the National Wildlife Federation (NWF), Washington, D.C., of which he has been a continuing member since 1963, Dr. Uyeda of the San Francisco Center for Japanese American Studies questioned the federation's stand for a blanket boycott of Japanese goods as noted in the August-September NWF newsletter.

He dubbed it a "narrowly conceived plan . . . harrasing innocent people, and in the end counter-productive" to the goals for a moratorium on commercial whaling.

Dr. Uyeda felt the boycott policy has aroused anti-Japanese feelings, which in turn can lead to anti-Japanese American sentiment in America. "Anti-whalers," he noted, had demonstrated in front of the Japanese consulate but not the Soviet consulate here. Anti-Japanese bumper stickers are on the road, but not against the Soviet.

He also recalled the San Francisco JACL was one of several chapters which supported the 10-year moratorium on whaling a year ago and had contributed to Project JONAH for its effort.

Louis S. Clapper, NWF conservation director, justified the boycott of Japanese goods as a necessary "last resort." Economic pressures seem to offer the only hope, he continued, as all other means, diplomatic and otherwise, have been exhausted.

The NWF has appeared before the embassies of both nations, Clapper replied. "If this campaign has resulted in unfortunate effects (as Dr. Uyeda had described), we regret it," Clapper concluded.

This past week (Aug. 10) Dr. Uyeda, asked how he would approach the problem of having Japan subscribe to the moratorium, suggested:

1—If a boycott is advocated, target the industry rather than all other Japanese products just because they are made by members of the same nation. Whaling represents less than 2% of the total revenue of Japanese firms engaged in

whaling, he noted. 2—Extend the same measure against all whaling nations. The take may not be the same; nevertheless, endangered species are being hunted.

He also proposed the U.S. tuna industry, which kills in excess of 100,000 porpoises a year, be warned. If the present rate of slaughter continues, porpoises will become another endangered species in the Cetacean family, which includes the whales.

Dr. Uyeda told the NWF, "None of us would advocate boycotting all U.S.-made products in putting pressure on the tuna industry." The NWF boycott policy, he felt, could degenerate into an emotional shouting match "in which not only the U.S.-Japan relations but the whales as well are further endangered."

He suggested the Project JONAH approach be considered. It has been trying to reach the people in Japan, most recently with an appeal from 75,000 children. Dr. Uyeda called it "more humane and less a shotgun approach" to a difficult problem.

The American Cetacean Society at Los Angeles, Dr. Uyeda

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## WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: Mike Masaoka

## A First Look at President Gerald Ford

WASHINGTON — At noon, Friday, Aug. 9, the "nightmare" of Watergate, with its constitutional crises, crimes,

corruption conspiracies, cover-ups, and cynicism, was finally ended, with the formal resignation of Richard M. Nixon becoming effective as Gerald R. Ford was sworn in as the 38th President of the United States.

Along with most Americans, those of Japanese ancestry in this country likely welcomed the change, which to most of us indicated another living example of democracy as we know it in corrective action. And, again with most Americans, those of Japanese origin pledge their support to the new Chief Executive, hopeful that he would be able to make America move again, toward those historic and idealistic goals that have been our national objectives.

So much has been written about Watergate over the past two years that there is no need to repeat any of it at this time. Suffice it to say that, for Japanese Americans, the televised hearings of the Senate Committee revealed that in Senator Daniel K. Inouye, the first of Japanese ancestry ever to be elected to the National Congress, the nation has a viable and qualified candidate for its highest offices.

As for Mr. Ford, enough has been written since Mr. Nixon's sudden resignation that the country now knows more about him than ever before, even though his record as Representative in the House of Representatives for almost ten years, his membership in the same House for about a quarter of a century, and his eight months as Vice President, were not particularly impressive, inspired, or innovative.

As he described himself in his Aug. 12 address to the Congress and the American people, he is "a Ford, not a Lincoln . . . a Ford, not a Model T." Probably for these times, following the machinations of Mr. Nixon in the White House, he may be what the American people need and want. Certainly, he has the potential to be an

other Dwight Eisenhower or a Harry Truman.

### Voting record

Though he secured his law degree from Yale University, and served 47 months in the Navy in World War II, mostly in the Pacific, Mr. Ford remains the solid midwestern politician in the Arthur Vandenberg tradition—a conservative in domestic matters but an internationalist in foreign affairs. He is expected to adhere rather closely to the Nixon Administration's programs and objectives, with the change coming not so much in substance as in style.

Aware that he was not elected to the Executive Branch, and aware that a cooperative partnership with the Congress, which he knows so well, may well result in success for his Administration, he is said to plan an open operation that will deliberately and carefully avoid the arrogance isolationism and secrecy of his predecessor's regime.

Since he first entered the halls of Congress in 1948, the conservative Americans for Constitutional Action gives him a 79% voting record, while the liberal Americans for Democratic Action gives him only 8%. The pro-military American Security Council gives him a perfect 100%, while the peace-oriented Friends (Quakers) Committee on National Legislation gives him a 0% rating. The Chamber of Commerce of the United States gives him a 80% rating, while the National Association of Manufacturers gives him 90%. Labor's political arm, the AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education, gives him a 25% rating, the Consumer Federation of America 50%, and the National Farmers Union 40%.

thinking will expand from that of a partisan midwestern congressman to that of an international statesman and executive.

In any event, the advent of the Ford presidency has quickly brought a new spirit, a new mood, a new atmosphere to Washington that is clearly discernable to even the least knowledgeable. It is as if a fresh breeze had swept away the foul stench of a smoke-filled room.

Moreover, since the new Chief Executive is a product of the Legislative Branch and has many personal friends in both the House and the Senate among both the Republicans and Democrats, it is anticipated by the knowledgeable that members of the Congress will have a far greater influence and input on legislative and administrative matters, as well as major appointments, than with any recent President.

JACL-sponsored bills

As far as corrective and remedial legislation for those of Japanese ancestry is concerned, without benefit of any research it seems that he voted for every JACL-sponsored bill in the past 25 years—from (1) equalizing opportunities to adjust immigration status for alien Japanese here during World War II with those from Europe, (2) extending naturalization rights to the Issei and all other Asian immigrants, (3) replacing the Japanese Exclusion Act of 1924 with token immigration quotas and providing all Asian peoples with some immigration, (4) repealing the racist National Origins Immigration Quota law and the doubly racist Asian-Pacific Triangle discrimination and placing Asiatic immigration on the same basis as European immigration, (5) authorizing partial compensation for economic losses suffered in the 1942 mass arbitrary military evacuation of all persons of Japanese background from their West Coast homes and associations, (6) granting statehood to the long-deserving Territory of Hawaii, (7) nullifying Title II of the Internal Security Act of 1950 so

that no American may again arbitrarily be placed in detention camps, etc.

Indeed, he spoke out in support of such measures as the Walter-McCarran Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 and the 1965 Amendments to the 1952 Act. It is recalled. On several occasions he expressed his admiration for Hawaii's Asian delegation to the Congress and for the wartime heroics of Japanese American troops.

Although as a Congressman he could not vote for the various post-World War II treaties involving Japan, I seem to remember that he spoke out in favor of most—if not all—of them. Moreover, as a member of the powerful Appropriations Committee, he voted for funds to rebuild Japan after the surrender and to provide security to Japan's defense more recently. Though he did deny some Japanese imports into this country from time to time, as I remember the votes, he did vote for the extension of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act and for the 1962 Trade Expansion Act.

Though he did vote for most civil rights legislation in the end, it seems to me that he more often than not voted for emasculating amendments first. He also favored the traditional Republican approach of voluntary action to legislate mandatory compliances.

He had about this same record on liberal legislation relating to the national economy, consumer protection, inner city and urban problems, etc.

He was a "hawk" on national defense issues, supporting the Vietnam War, as well as heavy military spending. Until recently too, he was vigorously anti-communist, being highly suspicious of both the Soviet Union and Mainland China.

Understanding Japan

Though President Ford has insisted that Henry Kissinger remain as his Secretary of State and has stated on numerous occasions that he will continue the basic foreign

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● Harry K. Honda

# Ye Editor's Desk

AN AUGUST MINI-VACATION

Were it not for the Asian American aspects, our mini-vacation this month helping our youngsters explore the by-ways of Northern California would pass unnoticed in these columns. In between, we continue to visit the California Missions—and one of these days we hope to say we've seen all 21 that string the coast from San Diego to San Rafael.

Principal points of interest this time were two state parks—Pt. Lobos near Monterey and Angel Island in San Francisco Bay. One of the picturesque areas at Pt. Lobos is known as China Cove, a reminder of the historic contribution of Chinese immigrants to the fishing industry of Monterey Bay. Angel Island served as an immigration detention center in the 1900s, housing thousands from China and Japan. PC readers may recall the story of the Sacramento Issei woman who found a picture of herself upon her arrival there 50 years ago on display at Park Headquarters.

My parents who both happen to come from the coastal areas of Fukuoka, on previous sightseeing trips of Monterey Peninsula, often remarked how much the two areas are similar with wind-bent cypress and pine trees near the shore. This we verified on our last trip to Japan though one stand of trees had been cleared by the military for the airbase at Ashiya.

Angel Island, with its colorful history as a base for Spanish explorers, British buccaners, and U.S. troops since the Civil War, struck us as a microcosm of California history packed on one little island. Presence of Chinese immigrants at the quarantine station—by carvings on the barrack walls—was also noted in a recent (Chinese American journal) East-West feature, which called attention to the efforts by the Committee to Save Angel Island Detention Center. The committee had heard the state wanted to demolish the detention area for a picnic ground. Admittedly the buildings, which were constructed in hopes of becoming the Ellis Island of the West after the Panama Canal was opened, are weather-worn and dilapidated. But so are the barracks to the south constructed during the Civil War, which are being restored for historical purposes. Other areas on Angel Island can be made into picnic areas.

While we took the guided bus tour around Angel Island, a hike around the base of the isle will take around two hours. And pack a bento. You won't regret it after seeing what's charged at the refreshment stand.

**TOUR TIDBITS:** At Castroville, we found artichokes are grown there the year-round . . . Photographs of Monterey's Chinatown (circa 1890s) when it occupied what is now Cannery Row at the compact Pacific Grove Museum are priceless . . . Watching a pelican dive into the sea to feed her brood at Half Moon Bay didn't seem to fluster the fishermen on the breakwater . . . With Mt. Tamalpais in clear view enroute to Tiburon (where we took the ferry to Angel Island), we couldn't resist from telling the story about that mountain profile, which appears as an Indian princess asleep . . . Only a city-body like me can get excited seeing a covey of quails feeding along the roadside near Muir Woods . . . Why is it a pizza in San Francisco country tastes better? . . . And to C.F.; we just didn't have time to get to Napa . . . Sight of trucks loaded with tomatoes for the cannery provided needed color to scenery along Interstate 5 . . . And it's always good to be back home, even if it means heavier traffic on the Los Angeles freeways because the bus drivers are on strike now.

**PEKIN HIGH 'DRAGONS'**

For thirty years, Pekin (Ill.) High School teams were known as the "Chinks", a term of insult to Chinese. Not until the Maryland-based Organization of Chinese Americans, Inc., sought to have the nickname substituted with "Dragons", a highly respected symbol for divine peace and harmony, this past spring was it generally known in Asian American communities outside central Illinois.

It attracted national attention after Illinois Gov. Walker intervened two months ago and instructed his human relations commission to assist OCA persuade Pekin High to drop its racist nickname. Till then, OCA efforts had been unsuccessful. OCA also objects to the coolie-type costume the school cheerleaders wear.

This coming week, OCA national president Kung-Lee Wang of Rockville, Md., is meeting with Pekin Mayor William Waldermeir and with Mrs. Connie Seals, executive director, Illinois Commission of Human Rights, toward settling this matter amicably. In the meantime, whatever support from JACL chapters and members should be communicated with OCA, 1940 Dundee Rd., Rockville, Md. 20850, and whatever protests to Mayor Waldermeir at the City Hall, Pekin, Ill. 61554.

OCA's campaign parallels JACL's anti-defamation efforts to rid "Japs", but goes one better by suggesting a suitable change, "Dragons", which Pekin should find to be logical and acceptable—since the dragon symbol already appears in the seal of the city. If Stanford can change its nickname from the Indians to the Cardinals without anyone suffering, Pekin High should have no difficulty either.

## 25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, Aug. 27, 1949

Refute temperance leaders Nisei witness in Kawakita "Tokyo Rose" defense witness will hear Fujii land law case contradicts own story; alleges . . . Ex-Kamikaze pilot seeks intimidation by FBI agents plan to bring family from Japan . . . Nisei Quaker (James) plan to urge Senator Lucas (Otsuki) faces jail for tax rate to take lead in securing pastoral . . . Federal court rules sage of Issei citizenship bill.



● From Our 60,000 Readers

# PC Letter Box

## Non-Nikkei JACLers

Dear Harry:

While catching up with my reading of the PC, I discovered a front page editorial by Harriet Kimura that was unusually interesting. The author certainly provoked thought. Some 15 years ago Frank Chuman invited me to become a member of JACL. He put the reasons for membership so eloquently, I joined the Downtown chapter and was a regular until I discovered that I was regarded as an outsider. I therefore dropped out until John Kaneke persuaded Pat and I that we should belong to the Valley Chapter where so many of our friends were affiliated. After some hesitation we did, a decision that has meant a great deal to our lives.

After participation in chapter activities for three years, I was invited to run for the Board. Since a number of the senior members of the chapter urged me to be a candidate I ran and served for two years—an experience which was enriching in every respect. At the end of that time, while I was absent in Japan and without my knowledge, I was elected chapter president, the first hakujin to be so honored in the entire history of the San Fernando Valley Chapter.

It was my great privilege to serve for two years. During this time the support that I received from everyone was so outstanding I became a total JACLer in everything but heritage. And this too, seemed to disappear almost never was I reminded of the fact that I did not share the honor of Japanese descent. I even received the accolade of an editorial in the PC. There were moments, of course, when a remark would pass, but such incidents were so few, and so remote, both Pat and I regarded the community as our community and the people who comprised it as the closest friends we had.

I am now a private citizen with the JACL, outranked by my wife who is currently the chapter secretary. I realize fully that I cannot advance farther within the organization since district and national offices are properly only for those who qualify for them by many high accomplishments as well as birthright. But I am permanently grateful for the opportunity to serve that I was granted, untarnished by any reservations whatever concerning my own ethnic origins. Perhaps there is prejudice still within the JACL, but in the San Fernando Valley chapter it is an obake long since banished by some of the most gifted and enlightened people I have ever known.

JOHN BALL  
San Fernando Valley JACL

## Testimonial for Hito

Dear Harry:

It has been a long time since I sat down with you at a banquet of the National JACL Convention so it was a very enjoyable evening at Portland. The honors given me at the Testimonial Luncheon (July 25) overwhelmed me and I had been wondering how I could thank the numerous people who were involved in making the occasion a memorable one. Your offer to let me use some space in the Pacific Citizen as a means of doing this solved my dilemma.

George Inagaki and I got together the morning of the luncheon and both of us being rather sentimental anticipated that the luncheon might turn out to be a tear-jerker and we both did not want this to happen. George asked me if it would be all right with me if he became the Mother of the 1000 Club and I acquiesced. I did not know that he would come out with a wig to make the part realistic. In any event it broke up the luncheon into a very happy occasion. I believe that George's "mother act" will make it so that the Testimonial will be remembered. It is very difficult for me to accept the many compliments and best wishes extended to me as the activities in which I was involved were done not in anticipation of any reward. The gifts negate the feeling of having done a good deed. It still must be acknowledged that it left me with a very warm feeling that my endeavor had helped someone.

As I remember over the past 40 years I wonder how and when I got involved in JACL so that it became a major part of my life. I thought it might have been the first time I went to a JACL chapter meeting in Portland and subsequently becoming its President. It might have been my interest in Jimmy Sakamoto's "Seed and Generation Development Program" that brought me into the National JACL picture. I thought it might have been my decision to go to Salt Lake City and help in the financial problems facing National Headquarters.

I thought the fact that the National JACL Credio Union was still in its growing stages might have been the reason for my involvement. In 1946 I was asked to be a nominee for the office of President of the National Japanese American Citizens League, my plans called for return to Portland to pick up the threads of life where I left them. The Portland returning evacuees were having difficulties getting business licenses.

Then I remembered the meeting in our office in the old Beason Building on a day in May 1942. The assembled staff of Mike Masaoka, George Inagaki, Teiko Ishida (Kuroiwa), Larry Tajiri and Marian Tajiri made the decision to make the \$23,000 entrusted to me to last two years. The \$150 per month salary was cut to \$75 a month in order to make the money last two years. Mike's and George's expense report of breakfast of orange juice and hotdogs, still after thirty some years makes sentimental me misty-eyed. Then there were days that I couldn't pay the \$75 a month salary, but rubbing Hotel's tummy always answered with money in the mail.

I remember the November 1942 meeting in Salt Lake City at the Japanese Christian Church when representatives from the War Relocation Centers met with the representatives of the Intermountain District Council. It was a brave decision and resolution that was passed at this meeting, asking our country to open up the armed services to the Nisei. The delegates from the Relocation Centers knew that their lives were in danger when they returned to the Relocation Centers. Saburo Kido was severely attacked and beaten on his return to Poston. The rioters at Manzanar were looking for Fred Tayama to behead him but they were unsuccessful. I voted for the resolution which meant eventually that our Nisei would be accepted and many of them would make the supreme sacrifice for their country. I felt that I had the responsibility on my shoulder of having sent them to their destiny.

I visited the Relocation Centers at Minidoka, Topaz and Heart Mountain and remember the conditions under which the evacuees lived. The barbed wire fence in which the area was enclosed still ranks in my mind. The young had the problems of continuing their schooling and the adults the return to their homes.

The loss sustained in the evacuation and the reimbursement for the losses was still a rallying point and not in the Pacific Citizen as a reality. This also was my concern.

I feel that my commitment to serve the JACL was made in 1946 at the Denver National Convention of the JACL when the National Council elected me their President. I could not refuse the nomination. This was the least I could do. The continuation of service to the JACL and my fellow-man was my destiny, a destiny that I enjoyed, trying in my own way to help my fellow-man. The friendships that I made, the events that came with the friendship, they made my life meaningful and worthwhile.

I take this opportunity to thank the Portland and Gresham-Troutdale Chapters for sponsoring the Testimonial Luncheon, the 1000 Club for the generous offer for the trip to Japan for myself and Alko, and the Testimonial Album of Letters compiled by Tom Shimazaki of Lindsay, California, and the presentation to me of a check for \$4,000 to defray the other expenses of the trip, and I understand that Shigeki Ushio

of Murray, Utah had charge of this part of the testimonial.

All of these are symbolic representations of appreciation by my friends, however, the climax of the occasion was that I was able to meet so many of my Portland friends and also of the JACL from other territories. This would not have been possible without the groundwork laid down by the JACL to have the Testimonial Luncheon for me at the Portland National Convention.

I also wish to thank the Pacific Citizen for the articles about me as I noted that at the convention there was a preponderance of young people in attendance and they were in many instances of the age that were not even around at the time of my activities in the JACL or were at a very tender age. Without the articles in the Pacific Citizen I would have just been a name, but a number of them came to congratulate me and even one extended his greetings in behalf of his father.

I shall cherish the occasion in my memory for a long time. To those who pick up the torch "Get Involved" it is a great feeling of doing.

HITO OKADA  
Salt Lake City

## JACL Convention

Editor:

May I express my sincere gratitude for the recognition bestowed on me and my family during the recent National JACL Convention held at Portland.

In expressing my sincerest thoughts, I accept this award on behalf of the people of Kittitas County. To be elected from a county with a total minority population of less than 3% indicates the fairness of the electorate majority. My confidence that given time and benefit of education and reason, the emotional barriers of prejudice will dissipate which gives me a degree of confidence for the future.

CARL M. OOKA  
Ellensburg, Wash.

## Evacuee reparation

Editor:

From recent PC publications, it is good to know that there are other members of JACL who believe that JACL is dragging its feet in the area of legislation. Legislation is the most effective vehicle for minorities by which they obtain their basic freedoms and rights, and I too believe that JACL is not doing enough in this area.

In terms of reparations for internment, I believe the focus should first be on some form of compensation to the needy, elderly Issei and Nisei. The U.S. Government should be asked to provide reparations in the form of food, shelter, clothing and health care. Perhaps these could be in the form of a home just for evacuees. The U.S. government can single them out again and provide some badly needed shelter and health care.

JACL should work to get help for our elderly who need it now.

MORT KUROTORI  
Tucson, Ariz.

## Friends of evacuees

Editor:

The charming story of the Otsuke Takizawa (PC, July 26) reminded me of other white citizens who befriended Japanese Americans during that internment period.

One is my mother who then lived at Rupert, Idaho, and close to the Minidoka camp. She repeatedly went to the camp with her church friends and invited many to her home for Sunday dinners. She is now 93 years old, a resident at a Puyallup nursing home. We still have a little notebook containing the names of those beautiful Issei and Nisei.

The other white American is a retired Methodist minister now living in Salem, Ore., who was then minister at the Rupert church. He went to the camp Sunday afternoons to hold services and most sensitive to the terrible injustice being carried on in the camps.

The gesture of the Takizawa memorial garden is beautiful to behold.

MARGARET BECKWITH  
Puyallup Valley JACL

● Raymond S. Uno.

# U-no Bar

LIGHTING CANDLES

Having knocked around this country, this state and particularly this community, for several years past, I find we are circumscribed by a multitude of prohibitions and restrictions either in the form of social or behavioral conduct, rules, regulations, ordinances, laws and economic circumstances, to name a few of the heavy ones.

Everyday we are slowly crushed a little more with additional social compression, legal and economic sanctions, etc. There seems to be no end in sight. It is no wonder that our young people have so many questions about our system, be it political, economic, religious or social.

Our young, being exposed to these invisible chains, many for the first time, have extreme difficulty understanding the reasons undergirding these restraints. Hopefully, there are those who will help light candles for these young people, and for that matter, anyone, regardless of age or sex, rather than teach them to curse the darkness. To make changes, we are all aware, takes time and patience. It is not time and patience we must teach, but that changes can be made.

## CONVENTION REVIEW—

Dr. Jim Tadjimura, JACLer of the Biennium, and Henry Kato, past PNWDC Governor, co-chairmen of the Convention, can now rest (hopefully) for a splendid job well done.

I know it takes a lot of people to make a convention successful and were it not for the support of the Portland Chapter and the Gresham-Troutdale Chapter, their respective presidents, Al Abe and Shig Nagae, Dave Ushio, National Executive Director, the entire JACL staff including indispensable Don Hayashi and inconspicuous Harry Honda and mountains of others, the convention would not have taken place at all.

Meeting so many old friends who did more than their part for the convention was an exciting and heartwarming experience, among these were Nobie Tsuboi, Dr. Min Masuda, Dr. Homer Yasui, Mayor Norman Mineta, Rowe Sumida and loads of others.

It is good to know the staunch JACLers like Mike Masaoka, Bill Marutani, Min Yasui, Pat Okura, Shig Wakamatsu, Kumeo Yoshinari, Alice & Roy Nishikawa, George Inagaki, Tak Kubota, Emi Somekawa and others still pack their weight (not in pounds) around.

Henry Tanaka had a tough job to do as well as Jim Murakami, Frank Iwama, Otto Furuta, Tad Hirota, Al Hatake and Shig Sugiyama, and they accomplished a great deal, in spite of many almost insurmountable obstacles. Believe me, Hank did a great job and deserves a lot of credit. The new team of Sugiyama, Ueyehara, Kawagoe, Taniguchi, Hirota, Moriguchi, and Yamasaki, have many challenges and an enormous task before them, but I am confident they will succeed.

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## RULES OF ORDER —

It took a while to pass the rules of order. It is new to the convention, but not a novel procedure for any convention. We were needed and now that we have a set of procedures passed, the next time around should be a little easier. In spite of the criticism received on the length of time it required to pass the rules of business, in the long run and from hereon out, it will save a great deal of time in the future.

The intent is not that one person has his unlimited right to say what he wants at the expense of all others, but that all have a right to say something in an orderly manner; otherwise, there would be no democracy. That, in a nutshell, is the price of liberty.

## SPECIAL PEOPLE —

There were several people who were very special to JACL. Of course, none other than Mas Satow, our past national director, and Hito Okada, who needs no introduction after this convention (a very special person who has, in his quiet and humble way, advised me subtly, in a way only Hito can do, over the many, many years I have known him).

And, there were some very extra special people to Yo and myself, people who have been more than kind and considerate in every way possible, starting from our trip to Japan last October. Bill and Mary Sakai, chaperoned Yo and the kids during some of the events, gave us a tour around the City of Portland and an opportunity to see their very beautiful home. Finally, they packed "bento" for us which lasted until we were part way through Canada.

## CREED AND CITIZENSHIP

Two items which generated a great deal of heat and smoke, but no fire, were the matters of creed and citizenship. Some people felt it wasted a lot of time, but I felt it was a symbolic debate over the basic philosophy of JACL. We were needed and it provided the forum for people to act and react, and where else better than on the National Council floors where the fundamental policies of

Salt Lake City

The National JACL must be formed and mandated to be implemented for the next biennium.

A very clear cut division of the organization was manifested and the work for the proponents and opponents for the next biennium and bienniums to come is obviously spelled out.

The work starts from the day after the last convention and not the day before the next convention in Sacramento.

## SOMETHING MISSING —

Although many new faces appeared for this convention, there were some I missed for the first time since I started attending conventions in 1964.

The life of the party PSW group in Betty Yumori, Mary Yusa, Ritz Kawakami and Dave Miura, among others, who have always been gracious and hospitable hosts for any JACL gathering in PSW (although Dr. Kiyoshi and Mitsuo Sonoda, I am glad, were there); and from other areas: Ross and Cheryl Harano, Otto Furuta, Alice Endo, and Jerry Enomoto were conspicuous by their absence.

Many of us missed them and hope they will be in Sacramento in 1976, the Bicentennial of our country.

## FIRST TRY —

Margret Hasegawa, Idaho Falls, and Harriet Kimura, Salt Lake, both were concerned about their Inter-marriage Resolution. I talked to them at some lengths in the hall way outside the convention floors. They inquired what they should do. After listening to them, I said, "Just tell them on the council floor like you just told me and you won't have any trouble."

I wasn't present when the resolution came on the floor, but I am sure they did a good job. The resolution passed without dissent. It was their first national convention and both are the so-called JACL designation "other", for white, married to Nisei.

## NISEI OF THE BIENNium

I would like to offer my most sincere congratulations to the Silver Medallion winners. Ruth Asawa Lanier and Yukus Inouye. The eloquence of their work speaks for itself.

Harry Honda mentions in the past PC about my silent acceptance. Never dreaming any work I have done was worthy of any recognition the mere thanks I got from my many friends and associates was more satisfaction than I believed necessary. Consequently, my attendance at the convention was as an invitational addressee committee—Ed.

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Thanks to all the people who have given so much to JACL in so many different ways and whose contributions are every bit as important, if not more so, than anything I might have done for JACL or the community. Everyone has been so kind and considerate in so many ways during my association with JACL. I shall forever be indebted to all of you sincerely and humbly.

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Raymond Uno's middle name is Sonji (not Shonji). There were some other modifications in the Personal Profiles which appeared in the Aug. 9 PC and these have been noted in our files. Of the groups listed in the final paragraph, he has not served as chairman. His proper associations with ACLU has been as member of its Utah affiliate and national advisory committee—Ed.

## Bill Marutani

# East Wind

## Philadelphia

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# Frying Pan

**GATHERING OF THE CLAN**—What finally took place last Sunday began some months ago when Mike, our Number One son, telephoned to say he was resigning from the faculty of the University of Oregon to take a job at the University of Missouri. Give up emerald-green Oregon, its fir-clad hills and fishing streams and ocean beaches for Missouri? Well, there were some extenuating circumstances. The new job represented a nice promotion. Mike would be supervising a program designed to produce men and women with master's degrees in public health, an increasingly more important field. And what do you suppose keeps Oregon green? Rain. Lots of rain. Sometimes a month of sodden skies without ever seeing the sun. So perhaps Missouri's mugginess wouldn't be all that bad.

Last week, after the movers had cleaned out their home, Mike and his wife and the two children packed what remained of their worldly possessions, including a gimpy-legged dog and one small goldfish, and headed southeastward. They were able to stop in Denver only one day and two nights because of their critical schedule, so we made the most of it.

What startled us, although it shouldn't have, was that Ashlyn and little Mike have sprouted into very presentable youngsters since last we saw them. Ashlyn will be 10 years old in a few days—was it a whole decade ago that we drove up to Portland to view newborn Grandchild Number One with a combination of wonder and delight? Little Mike is 8, and both are beyond the whining, fussing, complaining stage that is the lot of all children. We found them alert and thoughtful and articulate and just a little bit mischievous. And adventurous enough to try the strange Oriental goodies grandma had prepared for their father.

Sunday evening, after the hamburgers and boiled sweet corn had been downed and the cool descended over Aunt Susan and Uncle Warren's grassy back yard, the youngsters took a crack at badminton. Then, when we tired of that, Ashlyn demonstrated her skills as a gymnast, or tumbler, or acrobat or whatever it is they call that sport these days. She was slim and graceful, and showed the results of many hours of drill and practice.

Earlier that day we had wandered through the Denver zoo, an expedition decided upon partly because zoos fascinate all children, and partly because grandfathers aren't quite sure about what will entertain them. Little Mike took his camera along and displayed remarkable patience in waiting until the elephants and giraffes and lions in their outdoor compounds were posed just right before snapping the shutter. We will be anxious to see his pictures.

On Monday morning, too soon after their arrival, our visitors awoke before the sun, loaded their sedan once again, and headed eastward once more. Many chores await them in Columbia, a quiet, tree-shaded little town in the heart of the rolling Missouri farm country. They must rent or buy a suitable home, and with interest rates being what they are, it could be a traumatic experience. Big Mike must settle down to learning what his new job is all about, and little Mike and his sister must enroll in a new school and make all the adjustments of play and study and friendships that a move entails. There is a different climate to cope with, and new challenges at every turn. It is fortunate that the family is young. I was 31 when my family and I pulled up roots that had been sunk into the hospitable Iowa soil during the war years and came out to Denver. Mike is already several years beyond that milestone as he moves back to the Midwest.

Later this fall, perhaps, we will drive to Missouri to see Mike and his family, to cluck over their new home and get a report on how matters have progressed. We were looking forward to that pleasure even as their car pulled out of the drive and headed down the street and beyond sight. The house, if in a bit of disarray, was beyond concern. The house, if in a bit of disarray, was beyond concern. The house, if in a bit of disarray, was beyond concern.

# Sakura P.S.

**NEWSMAKERS**—Private papers of Britain's giant, the late Winston Churchill, might soon be made available for public inspection. It's been learned in London that they'll indicate that Churchill, then prime minister, had convinced President Franklin D. Roosevelt to bring the United States into the war months before Pearl Harbor.

The 135-member states of the U.N. and the Secretariat spend around \$100 million a year on social events—while millions are starving in underdeveloped countries. After witnessing the elderly statesmen on the cocktail circuit, Secretary of State Kissinger said: "The U.N. is composed of protocol, alcohol, and Geritol."

The diplomatic pace is killing. Heard about a Japanese delegate whose presence was required one fantastic night, at three cocktail parties and three dinners. He surmounted the latter dilemma by eating the fruit cocktail at the first, the roast at the second, and the dessert at the third.

Former U.N. Secretary-General U. Thant, whose face became known to a generation of TV watchers, is living it up in New York. He gets a \$30,000-a-year tax-free U.N. pension, a large hunk of that is paid for by U.S. taxpayers.

Any mistake in this issue, consider it intentional. We publish something for everyone.

## Evacuee home in Denver to be kept

DENVER, Colo.—A time-worn, gabled house at 2240 Tremont Pl. that once belonged to K. and Victor Tawara, was spared from demolition by a recent federal court order.

It had been suggested the few homes still standing in the Denver Urban Renewal Authority's Eastside Centennial-Bicentennial housing project area have historic or architectural significance.

The 19-block area, roughly bounded by E. 20th Ave., Welton and Washington Sts., on the northern edge of downtown Denver was populated by Japanese American evacuees from the West Coast during WW2.

DURA was ordered to board up the selected homes to protect them against vandalism and refrain from demolishing them.

## NIMH grants SSG \$200,000 per year for AAMH research

LOS ANGELES—Special Service for Groups, Inc., 2400 S. Western Ave., has been awarded a five-year development-research grant from the National Institute of Mental Health's center for minority group mental health programs to establish a Pacific-Asian American mental health research center.

A culmination of some two years work at the national level by an ad hoc group to assist Asian American and Pacific Island communities establish a community-based and community-directed research center "to identify and define their needs in mental health," the NIMH grant consists of \$200,000 per year.

Dr. James Ralph, center program chief, said it was a "deliberate (NIMH) effort" to assist the endeavor which is unique in that it will be community-controlled.

Its 12-member national community board will meet in September, according to SSG, which is providing technical assistance and serving as fiscal project manager.

## Pekin High—

Senate minority leader, Everett McK. Dirksen, suggestions for change often do not sit well.

School Supt. William Holman said any effort to change the nickname would need the entire community's support and that he was not particularly in favor of a change. He also denied the name was intended to be derogatory. "Our fans have used the term with affection and pride for the teams," he said.

Mrs. Seals, however, explained some Pekin students are now protesting the name after they learned of the derogatory nature of the racial epithet.

NBC correspondent Garrick Utley last year interviewed some Pekin residents when President Nixon went to Pekin in 1973 and then reported nationally the use of "Chinks" by the local high school.

Chicago Atty. Marian Ming, OCA representative, hoped the matter is solved quickly. Otherwise, Chinese Americans "can rightfully claim legal and moral damages for this

## JACL Bldg. Fund Pledges and Contributions

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## Masaoka—

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policies established by the Nixon Administration. It is hoped that he will be more conscious of the vital role that Japan plays in the Pacific, in Asia, and in the United Nations.

It is hoped that he will not surprise and shock the Japanese by suddenly reversing basic American policy of the past two decades without consulting Japan, or in imposing—again without consultation or advance notice—import surcharges on Japanese goods entering the United States, or in threatening resort to the Trading with the Enemy Act to force the Japanese to restrict certain of its exports to this country.

That the new Chief Executive understands the Japanese better than his predecessor may be evidenced in several recent happenings. Following his inauguration, President Ford met with Ambassador Yasukawa right after he met with group of envoys representing the NATO bloc. The Japanese diplomat was the first envoy to meet with the new President on an individual basis. Next in line was the Ambassador from the USSR.

Then, in his maiden address to the Congress and to the people on Aug. 12, he seemed to be reasserting the so-called Johnson Doctrine, not of Europe first but of Europe-and Japan equally when he identified his first international "guidepost" as "To our allies of a generation, in the Atlantic community and Japan, I pledge continuity in the loyal collaboration on our many mutual endeavors."

There are reports from Tokyo to the effect that Prime Minister Tanaka hopes to receive an invitation soon to meet with President Ford to discuss mutual problems and concerns in Washington.

Though there are few truly outstanding bilateral issues between the United States and Japan at the moment, it is hoped that the new Chief Executive will receive the Japanese Prime Minister as a sign of the continuing good relations and comity that exist between these two Pacific powers.

This past week, it was announced that President Ford will visit Japan "before the end of the year" to fulfill the commitment of his predecessor and to become the first American President to visit Japan while in office. Such a visit would do much to per-

sue the Japanese of America's continuing interest in its growth, development, and well being.

Finally, President Ford might give serious consideration to the appointment of an outstanding Japanese American to be the next American Ambassador to Japan. Two South American nations now have ambassadors in Tokyo who are of Japanese ancestry and there is no understandable reason that the United States, which has the greatest stake of any nation in Japan's future position, should not also have an American Japanese envoy in Tokyo.

We know that there are several Nisei who are more than qualified to serve the United States as our Ambassador to Japan. Indeed, this could well be JACL's priority concern insofar as United States-Japan relations are concerned in the coming years.

Aug. 12 speech

While the President mentioned Asia in outlining his foreign policy objectives, he failed to mention the "yellow" race when he claimed to be the "people's man" in his Aug. 12 address.

Mr. Ford concluded his 30-minute televised speech with these words, "To the limits of my strength and ability, I will be the President of the black, brown, red, and white Americans, of old and young, or women's liberationists and male chauvinists, and all the rest of us in between, of the poor and the rich, of native sons and new refugees, of those who work at lathes or at desks or in mines or in the fields, and of Christians, Jews, Moslems, Buddhists, and atheists, if there really are any atheists after what we have all been through."

It may be that President Ford, sensitive to the "bad" connotations and implications of the word "yellow" to some people, may have consciously refrained from including that designation among the peoples of color to which he referred. And it may well be that he was prodded into including Buddhists among the major religions of America because the Buddhist Churches of America recently requested greetings from him, then as the Vice President, to its 75th Anniversary Conference to be held in San Francisco Aug. 24 to Sept. 1.

At any rate, as President Ford begins his unprecedented service as the first Chief

Executive to replace one who has resigned and as the first President not elected by the people to his high responsibility, it seems appropriate that the JACL, among others, should develop immediately some meaningful contacts with the White House in order that our special needs and concerns may be properly recognized and appropriately implemented, and not ignored by default.

## Richard M. Nixon

Though Richard M. Nixon was forced to resign within less than two years after he received the biggest popular mandate in elective history in this country because of his infamous involvement in what has come to be known as Watergate, for the record and as a benchmark for the new Administration of President Ford may I, from the top of my head, note some "firsts" for the Nixon years insofar as Japanese Americans and Asians are concerned.

He appointed the first Asian, Herbert Y. C. Choy, to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, next only to the Supreme Court in the American judicial system.

He named the first Nisei to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force, F. Robert Naka.

He nominated the first Nisei to be an Assistant Attorney General of the United States (Justice Department) Shiro Kashiwa. Subsequently, he named this sub-cabinet level official to be the first Nisei on the Federal Bench, Judge of the Court of Claims of the United States.

He also promoted the first Nisei to be a Staff Assistant to the President in the White House, William "Mo" Marumoto.

He named more Japanese Americans and Asian Americans to be members of Honorary and Advisory Boards and Commissions of the national government than any other Chief Executive in history.

There may be those who suspect his motives for advancing qualified Japanese Americans to these high offices. Regardless, he is the first American President to do so, and for this he deserves some credit and commendation.

## Thought for the Week

If I listen, I have the advantage. If I speak, others have it.—Arabic Saying.

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**THE VIEW FROM THE OTHER SIDE**—In past years, I really enjoyed Nisei Week, the annual summer festival in the Japanese American community—Little Tokyo, to be more specific. In pre-World War II days, I could hardly wait for the thump of the Rafu Shimpo, folded and bent like a twig or branch off an old tree, as it hit our porch in Boyle Heights before I would eagerly peruse the latest vote counts in the queen contest in the days when votes were available, one to a dollar's purchase in Little Tokyo shops.

In more recent years, I have enjoyed the art shows at which beautiful ceramic bowls by Carol Funai were available for what seemed a fraction of their worth, the age-old tea ceremony enacted in simple dignity at the Union Church, the asymmetrical beauty of the flower arrangements in the same location which made art of plants we may find in our own back yard, the cold perfection of the Japanese swords on display, the rollicking good humor of the Japanese amateur song contest, the painstaking discipline evident in such arts as calligraphy, roketsu-zome, kamon, bonsai et al and of course the climax of it all, the Ondo Parade—the lump in my throat as the Nisei veterans of World War II go by with Old Glory, the excitement of hand music and the powerful drum of the Suwa drummers, the pretty girls on the floats and of course the Ondo dancers, vying in the imagination and beauty of their costumes.

This year, I am looking at all of it from a slightly different vantage point—that of a participant, rather than a careless, unthinking observer. I am seeing the nuts and bolts of the props that hold up what is known as the Nisei Week Japanese Festival as the newest member of the corps of volunteers who put on the show year after year, and ladies and gentlemen, the wonder of it all is that there are still men and women who are willing to sacrifice their work, family and even their annual vacation helping to put on our town's Omatsuri.

Where the public sees Koshiro Torii in the company of a flock of pretty young things making the rounds of Little Tokyo, I see the manager of Marukyo store close his eyes in a moment of sheer exhaustion as he snatches a bit of rest between rounds of collecting donations for both Nisei Week and the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center this year.

Where the public sees Al Hatate shepherding the same flock of pretty young things to one "free" dinner and another, I see the Merits S and L veep in old tee shirt and pants, sweating like a horse setting up the folding seats at the Queen's Reception.

Where the public sees Harry Yamamoto, resplendent in his new yellow and white outfit as he directs the parade traffic, I see the same Harry counting happi coats, convertibles, floats, Ondo dancers, bands while the petty complaints and carplings by self-important vernacular columnists assault his ears. Harry would be much happier just counting the sales of Asahi and Schlitz beers sold in Little Tokyo during Nisei Week.

Where the public sees a suave Matao Uwate emceeing the amateur song contest with his usual aplomb, I see the producer of Radio Li'l Tokyo "donating" a \$400 deficit from the show to Nisei Week.

The list could go on and on. So what makes people do it—volunteer, year after year? It's not money and it's not fame—there is too little of either to be worth it. It's something in a man or woman that gives them a sense of responsibility about the community that I'm square and sentimental enough to call community spirit.

Maybe Little Tokyo can survive without Nisei Week, but I for one would miss it. God bless the volunteers, every one!

## Whales -

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da added, has not publicly endorsed Project Monitor, the conservationist movement to boycott all Japanese goods until their whaling is stopped. The Sierra Club and Audubon Society, on the other hand, has.

The L.A.-based group called the boycott backlash affecting those of Japanese descent in California, especially, as "unfair". It also hoped that Japan would respond in a positive way for the public concern of the whale so that boycotts would not be necessary.

**New quotas offer hope for survival of whales**

WASHINGTON—Whales may have a better chance of survival, following the latest international efforts to save them from extinction. Japan and Soviet Russia—the only pelagic whaling nations—have agreed to partial conservation. "We saw a real change in the attitude of the Japanese at (the International Whaling Commission) meeting in London," according to Prudence Fox, foreign affairs officer of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, a branch of the Commerce Dept.

The 15-nation IWC, in not adopting a 10-year moratorium on whaling, set lower quotas for 1975 for the fin and sei, which were acceptable to both Japan and Soviet Russia (which together kills about 80 per cent of the nearly 40,000 whales taken yearly).

Number of fin whales which may be taken in the Antarctic has been reduced from 1,450 to 1,000. The North Pacific fin quota is down from 550 last year to 300. The sei whale quota is down from 4,500 to 4,000 in the Antarctic; from 3,000 to 2,000 in the North Pacific.

Quota for sperm whales remains the same—8,000 male and 5,000 female in the southern hemisphere; 6,000 male and 4,000 female in the North Pacific.

Quota for minke whales has been increased from 5,000 to 7,000.

If the two nations agree to the 1975 quotas, the Commerce Dept. may not appeal to the President to invoke a boycott of Soviet and Japanese fish products. Fish imports can be stopped from nations which defy international fishing agreements.

**Sea Law Conference—**  
**a more critical issue**

CARACAS, Venezuela — The third U.N. Conference on the Law of Sea, in a 10-week session since June 20, to which 148 nations have sent 5,000 delegates is the largest international conference of any kind in history. Fishing, ocean pollution and mining at sea are the big issues. Since 50 per cent of the fish is harvested from continental shelf, extending 200 miles from shore, establishment of such a zone would seriously affect American, Soviet, Japanese and other fishing fleets. Currently Japan follows the three-mile rule, many other nations the 12-mile "territorial waters" rule.

Besides dumping of sewage and industrial wastes in the

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## CHAPTER PULSE

### August Events

**All-male crew to stage Washington, D.C. picnic**

A tradition catching hold in the Washington, D.C. JACL calendar is the annual picnic where men are in charge with the woman folk all treated to a day of rest and relaxation, according to Mel Chigioji and Harry Takai, Jr., co-chairmen of the Sept. 21 event at Viers Mill Recreation Center, Garrett Park, Md.

In case of rain, the center building will accommodate 180 persons. Tab will be free for all JACLers while non-JACLers will be asked to pay \$2. Reservations should be made with Harry Takagi (451-9487) or the JACL Office (223-1240).

**Contra Costa schedules Aug. 22 as circus day**

Contra Costa JACL invited area aged Issei to be their guests to witness the Ringling Bros.-Barnum & Bailey circus performance at the Oakland Coliseum on Aug. 22. Groups rates were available to others accompanying the Issei.

### September Events

**New locale set for Contra Costa barbecue**

Reservations must be made by Aug. 31 for the annual Contra Costa JACL barbecue party, which will be held Sept. 14, 3-8 p.m. at the El Cerrito Community Center, Dan Usugi, 703 Hancock Way, El Cerrito 94530 is accepting reservations at \$2.75 adult, \$1.50 child under 10.

**Sacramento slow pitch softball meet slated**

The fifth annual Sumitomo-Sacramento JACL invitational slow pitch softball tournament will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 7 and 8, at the William Land Park diamonds.

Teams interested in entering the tournament should contact Jerry Sasaki at Sumitomo Bank, P.O. Box 268, Sacramento 95802. Entry fee will be \$25 for a men's team and \$10 for a women's team.

The deadline for entries is Saturday, Aug. 24.

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### July Events

**WDC bids farewell to board member Yoshihara**

Washington, D.C. JACL hosted a farewell dinner July 9 at the Golden Pagoda for Navy Capt. and Mrs. Takeshi Yoshihara, who are moving to Honolulu where the retired naval officer will be teaching engineering at the Univ. of Hawaii in the fall.

Yoshihara, recording secretary on the chapter board, is being succeeded by Dr. Alley Watada, research scientist at the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture center at Beltsville, Md., it was announced by chapter chairman Sus Uyeda. Watada halls from Ft. Lupton, Colo., and 'once taught horticulture at Univ. of West Virginia.

### JACL-JWRO Fund

LOS ANGELES—The PSW-DC JACL Office acknowledged 24 more contributions totaling \$415 during the week of Aug. 12 for the JWRO Fund drive. Overall total stands at \$5,268.70.

**Gardena Valley JCI fund drive underway**

GARDENA, Calif. — Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute fund drive has exceeded \$100,000, according to campaign chairman Ken Nakakoa on July 26. With approximately 1,000 families within the organization membership, an average pledge of \$300 is being sought to attain its million-dollar goal. Among the top donors were: \$5,000 and over—Ray Miyamoto, Three Star Nursery; \$3,000-5,000—Frank Yonemura, Shigetoshi Fujii, Gardena Judo Club, Kalamo Hawaii, Y. Miyadi Nursery, Dr. Norman Kobayashi, \$1,000-3,000—Gardena Nisei Club, Nobuichi Wada, Mannosuke Nishida, Gerald Kobayashi, Paul Koga, Ken Nakakoa, Golden Nursery, Isao Haga.

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TOKYO — Foreign couples planning to adopt a Japanese baby will find the wait is long and the babies few. Welfare ministry figures show only 3,843 infants up to age two in some 131 licensed infant homes as of Dec. 31, 1973 and not all are up for adoption.

International Social Service (ISS) last year placed five newborn babies with foreign parents and younger couples (in their 20s or 30s) are preferred. Average waiting time is from 12 to 18 months, according to ISS case worker Diane Kage. Child of older age (up to age 10 and of "mixed" blood) are placed quicker with foreign families in Tokyo.

Whales —

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ocean, the most menacing pollution is the increase of undersea oil wells and the oversized tankers flushing their oil residue. Industrial pollution has destroyed many fishing grounds in local Japanese waters.

Because of the ocean beds being mineral rich, the subject has consumed over half of the 10-week schedule with little progress on how these sources are to be exploited. An international sea-bed authority may be established.

Other issues involve rights of unimpeded shipping through straits and archipelagos as sought by the maritime powers.

Whether a Caracas Declaration can be published by Aug. 29, when the conference ends, remains to be seen.

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HONOLULU—Japanese tourists suffer from hotel and tour-operator unfairness and are victims of extensive crime, claim certain industry officials.

Kinshiro Hiroe, Japan Hawaii Travel Assn. president and head of Japan Travel Bureau, has accused some tour operators of overcharging Japanese and said Oahu hotels limit their percentage of Japanese occupants to 15-20 pct. The high Oahu crime rates against Japanese may mean they can go safely only to a few places here, he told a travel magazine.

The Hawaii Visitors Bureau felt these accusations were overplayed but promised greater efforts to improve tourist conditions for visitors from Japan.

HVB director Hiromu Nojima said he believes the Japanese market is as important as the domestic one. "Maybe more important, because Japanese expenditures here are invisible exports that help the U.S. as a whole," Nojima said.

Nojima stressed that hotels mainly are worried about filling rooms rather than who fills them and hostellers more naturally give priority to longer tours, which incidentally originate in the U.S. and last on the average of 10 days. The Japanese tourists get second priority because they stay only four days.

JTB asst. manager Sho Tabei said tourists have complained to him about the excessive charges of tour operators. A \$10-tour of Chinatown, for example, turned out only to be a cab ride. Another operator charged \$140 for a tour of Kauai that normally sells for \$85—although these examples do not happen when Japanese stay as a group.

Honolulu police said most Japanese are surprised at the amount of crime here because "they are trusting (and) of the low incidence of crime in Japan." The tourist-related crime rate is high for all visitors—not just those from Japan, the police pointed out.

may be never.

Other Sports. American football is another sport in which the Japanese haven't a chance against top-rate U.S. teams because of the lack of brawn.

In January this year, the University of Wake Forest eleven visited Japan and handed the Kansai College All-Stars a 28-3 defeat in Osaka and the Kanto College All-Stars a 35-0 beating in Tokyo. And Wake Forest is not Notre Dame.

Baseball remains the best game for Japan-U.S. competition. The third U.S.-Japan college world series that wound up in Tokyo early in July was really a close affair.

With the collegiate all-star teams of the two nations deadlocked at three victories apiece in their best of seven series, the U.S. won the deciding game 2-1 with a 10th-inning home run.

In five of the seven games played, the margin of victory was only one run. The series victory was the second for the Americans who won last year after losing to the Japanese in 1972.

Among other sports, the Japanese no doubt are superior in volleyball, in which they won the gold medal at the Munich Olympics in 1972. And they might beat the U.S. in soccer, in which Japan won the bronze medal in the 1968 Olympics in Mexico.

Of course, it would be a different story if volleyball, played mostly in California, and soccer became a major sport in the U.S., as they are in Japan.

Soccer, it appears, will be getting a boost in the U.S. as famed West German-born coach Dettmar Cramer has signed a four-year contract to help develop soccer in the U.S.

Cramer has given the Japanese coaching.

At the Asian Games, the Communist Chinese, competing for the first time, will have a basketball team entered and it may be a threat.

Outside of Asia, Japan is a small frog in a big pool in basketball. The Japanese will not be able to give good U.S. cage teams a real battle until this country has plenty of seven-footers to choose from. This, of course,

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Names in the News

Allee Takehara has been sworn in as the newest member of the City Planning Commission. Reappointed to five-year terms on the Commission on Culture and the Arts were Roberta Fraser and Curtis Otani. Shikuro Sueno, 75, head of the printing department of the Hawaii Hochi for many years, retired in early July. He began his association with the newspaper in 1931 and except for five years had been with the printing staff of the paper.

Univ. of Hawaii

Dr. Fujio Matsuda, newly named president of the Univ. of Hawaii, received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Rose Polytechnic Institute, Indiana, in 1949.

Prior to that he had served with the 442nd Infantry Regiment. In 1952 he received a doctor of science degree in civil engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He joined the engineering faculty of the Univ. of Hawaii in 1955; in 1963 he became head of the department. That same year Matsuda was appointed director of the State Dept. of Transportation by Gov. John Burns.

Matsuda is married to the former Amy Salki, and they have six children.

Crime File

Ronald Gomes 30, and Eleanor Elliott 21, have been arranged in district court on two counts of kidnapping Mrs. Amy Nagamine, 36, and her daughter, Melonie, 11, both of Kaneohe. Gomes and Elliott were charged with luring Mrs. Nagamine and Melonie away from their home to the suspects' homes at 45-661 Halekolu Rd. The two were told someone in the house was badly injured. When they entered the house, they were held at gun point, police said. But Mrs. Nagamine had called for an ambulance before leaving home and it arrived with police who made the arrests.

The Nevada Gaming Control Board after hearing of payoffs to alleged underworld figures in Hawaii has refused to approve three operators of junkies to Nevada casinos. The trio are David Mizuno, Katsumi Kazama and Ernest Pacarro. They had been providing customers via air travel promotions to Las Vegas Strip hotels. They were denied permission for further operations pending final action by the Nevada gaming commission.

Courtroom

A mistrial has been declared in the double kidnapping and murder conspiracy case against five alleged island crime syndicate members. Circuit Judge Walter Heen regretted declaring a mistrial but was compelled to do so. The prosecution, he said, did not begin within the statute of limitations set forth in either the old Hawaii Revised Statutes or the new Hawaii Penal Code. The alleged syndicate members are Wilford Pulawa, 37; Alvin Kaohu, 34; Robert Wilson 35; Henry Hulihui, 35; and Mrs. Danelle Leota, 35.

Federal Judge Martin Penn has allowed Hawaiian Real Estate Corp. to plead "no contest" to real estate fraud charges but not its president, Mung Yee. Penn said Yee "openly and knowingly" paid other people to get them involved in a crooked deal. Eighteen persons were indicted by the federal grand jury on felony counts last April 18. The

FIJIAN IN HAWAII FACE DEPORTATION. HONOLULU—Six striking Fijians picketing the Polynesian Cultural Center since July 22 for better working conditions and higher wages may be deported, the U.S. Immigration service said as foreigners with work permit entries must leave once employment has ended.

The Fijians, however, believe the Immigration service will not allow itself "to be used" by the Polynesian Cultural Center to effect their premature departure. The Fijians also contend their contract ends in February, while the Cultural Center said the contract ended Aug. 5.

HOUSE DAMAGES — Two years ago, police cornered an armed bank robber who had ducked into the cellar of Mike Sokugawa's home. Vowing he would never be taken alive, the robber shot himself as police lobbed many cans of tear gas. To this date, the damages done his house by the police action have not been paid by the city and when the weather changes, Sokugawa claims he can still sniff the tear gas. His counsel is now pressuring the provincial attorney general for some type of compensation (about \$9,000) since the insurance firm says the damage done on the house doesn't fit any of the categories in their policy.

SPORTS — A Samsel Winnipeg lass, Debbie Suzuki, 16, finished 14 strokes ahead of her nearest competitor to become the Manitoba Junior Ladies golf champion. She was looking forward to her next competition at Edmonton. Japanese pro-wrestler "Tokyo Joe" (T. Daigo) lost his right leg in a serious traffic accident near Calgary during a snowstorm last March. The Calgary Buddhist Church has started a fund for his medical expenses.

NIPPONIA HOME — The home of the Issei aged at Beamsville, Ont., has been the locale for visitors and friends who come to enjoy the beautiful grounds surrounding the Home. In the summertime, there are no vacancies, according to administrator Joe Miyachi. Study for extended nursing care for residents is underway. Volunteers are also asked to come and help maintain the grounds. The cherry trees on the grounds have not borne fruit this year because destructive rains and hailstorm early in the season.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MINAMI KEIRO HOME. LOS ANGELES — Volunteers are needed to help the patients who will be cared in the new Minami Keiro Home, which will open soon, according to Susie Dobashi, volunteer director (225-1394).

Some will be needed to work a few hours each week, some to become involved once or twice a year and others who can do work at home (like knitting), it was explained.

Political Scene

Honolulu. Nelson Doi, Democratic candidate for Lt. governor, has told newsmen he has ruled out a bid for the governor's post. There had been speculation that Doi eventually would try for the chief executive's job instead. "I will tell you now, I will not announce for governor, period," Doi said.

Toshio Serikawa, former state legislator, has taken out nomination papers for both the state senate and the state house in a move to launch a political comeback. Serikawa, 58, has been Gov. John Burns' agricultural program coordinator for three years. Daniel Akaka, 49, director of the Hawaii Office of Economic Opportunity and younger brother of the Rev. Abraham Akaka, is a potential new candidate for Lt. governor of Hawaii.

Congressional Score. Passage of a U.S. Senate bill to protect Hawaii from the effects of the West Coast shipping strike has been hailed by both Senators Hiram Fong and Daniel Inouye. Inouye, the sponsor of the bill in the Senate, said the measure is "Hawaii's economic declaration of independence." Fong said he was "extremely happy" that the Senate acted favorably. The bill would enable the governors of Hawaii, Guam and American Samoa and the commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands to seek an injunction or temporary restraining order to assure continued normal commerce for 180 days in event of a West Coast dock strike or lockout.

Rep. Spark Matsunaga introduced legislation to encourage the utilization of licensed nurses as independent practitioners which, he said, "has far reaching implications for totally changing the way medical care is provided in this country." Legislation did set the stage for changing the entire method of primary care delivery. Parallel legislation has been introduced in the Senate by Sen. Daniel Inouye.

Sports Scene. The Univ. of Hawaii board of regents has acted legally in extending the contract of head football coach Larry Price without a formal recommendation from UH president Harlan Cleveland, the state attorney general's office has announced. Thomas Wood, a deputy attorney general, wrote the opinion on the constitutionality of the board's action.

Football season ticket renewals have surpassed the mark set at the Univ. of Hawaii. Mike Nagafuchi, assistant athletic business manager, has announced, "We're right around \$207,000," he said, and "this is well ahead of the \$170,000 we took in about this time last year." The UH Rainbow Warriors will be playing a University division schedule for

There are five major political parties in Japan: Liberal Democratic Party (LDP, Jiminto); Japan Socialist Party (JSP, Nihon Shakaito); Clean Government Party (Komeito); Japan Communist Party (JCP, Nihon Kyosanto); and Democratic-Socialist Party (DSP, Minshato). But it's basically LDP ("conservatives") and non-LDP ("renovationists") or you may prefer "liberal." The LDP, unlike its U.S. counterpart, has definite ties with big business, which it doesn't deny.

The thing to keep in mind about a Japanese political party are the intra-party factions — and the most obvious within the ruling LDP, Tanaka was the choice for prime minister because of a coalition of five major factions within LDP one headed by Tanaka, and others headed by foreign minister Fukuda, former deputy prime minister Miki, finance minister Ohira and international trade and industry minister Nakasone.

Unfortunately, Tanaka has not appeared to have strengthened this coalition. The poor election results (from the LDP's standpoint) have caused Fukuda and Miki to resign from the party, both saying they want to modernize the party though there has to be more to it than that.

In the election, Tanaka had put up his own candidate against an LDP incumbent who was in the Miki faction and in Miki's electorate of Tokushima. The party executives backed Tanaka, forcing the incumbent to run an independent, who won by the way.

Stage and media celebrities ran as "talent" candidates (shades of Ronald Reagan), some as independents. Nisei will recognize one winner, former movie star Yoshiko Yamaguchi (LDP), whose real name is Yoshiko Otaka. But the Guam holdout Shochi Yokoi (Ind.) of Nagoya conceded defeat in his bid to be among the top 34 "at-large" winners.

While newspapers predicted an easy LDP win by capturing more than half of the 130 seats up for election, the final results were a "shokoku" LDP only managed to take 62 — thus, holding 126 out of the total 252 seats in the upper house. They lost eight seats.

The election summaries (H/O—hold over): Party Local Nat'l Total H/O LDP 43 19 62 64 JSP 18 10 28 34 Komeito 28 1 29 1 JCP 5 8 13 7 DSP 1 4 5 5 Minor 1 1 2 0 (Ind.) 3 4 7 0

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Predictably, Prime Minister Tanaka looked grim the day after elections. There is no question whether he can survive his own re-election next year in view of the LDP factionalism, mounting anti-LDP feelings and escalation of the cost of living.

Papers are also saying things will get worse. The political weather will be rough but LDP with its barest majority will try to form a new coalition with other parties to see Japan through as well as realign the factions within the LDP.

The voting age in Japan, by the way, is 20. Most of the campaigners were young people. Not many of the over-30 types were hitting the streets passing out leaflets with a polite "dozo" or "onagashimashi" — even upon this Samsel "galjin" (foreigner).

Lincoln School reunion. OAKLAND, Calif.—Graduates of Lincoln School, 225 - 11th St., which marking its 100th anniversary this year will gather Oct. 12 for an all-out class reunion. Reservations at \$10 per person are being accepted by Anna Tsang, 1226 E. 20th St., Oakland 94609.

Even before sailing an ominous note had sounded. Head of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, in Europe, and dedicated to aiding the victims of Nazism, Morris Troper had phoned the Hamburg Line for reassurance. Was the director sure Cuba would accept such a

large consignment of refugees? The shipping director had reassured Troper. But the question was to arise again and again, each time buttressed by information that made the doubt more and more difficult to dispel.

From London, a telegram warned the shipping director that great difficulties might arise to prevent the entry of the refugees to Cuba. The director informed the captain, now at sea, that English and French ships, carrying refugees, were also bound for Havana; and to be sure of being able to land his passengers, the captain of the St. Louis must beat these other two ships to port.

Difficulties mount and complications multiply. At sea there is a suicide and a natural death. Arriving off Havana, May 26, the ship was ordered to anchor outside the harbor. The spirits of passengers began to sink: bit by bit it became clear they would not be permitted to disembark.

Not only would they be unable to land in Cuba, they would be unable to land anywhere in the western hemisphere. Even America rejected them. As the ship cruised back and forth between Florida and Cuba, and the world watched, German Propaganda Minister Goebbels trumpeted that not only Germany but the whole world rejected Jews.

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## PEPPERMINT WHIRL

## Vacation Crisis

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Washington

Last June, my wife Lily and I joined an American Express tour group of Spain and Portugal. The group consisted of 42 people whose ages ranged from 14 to 79. The incident which occurred Friday afternoon (June 14) between Madrid and Granada is one which we shall not long forget.

The lunch stop at Belmonte was one of the more enjoyable stops of the tour and soon the tour leader wanted to know if we wanted a 3 p.m. coffee break. Anxious to get on to Granada as soon as possible, the group wished to continue on.

About 3:15, it started to drizzle and when the bus attempted to make a turn on the road, it skidded, gliding across the center line and crashed into an oncoming small panel truck.

The impact had completely demolished the front end of the truck. The truck driver was pinned tightly behind the steering wheel. His lone passenger on the right side was partly thrown out, dangling from the wreckage, bleeding. Our bus driver, who sustained facial cuts, was in a state of shock and continued crying.

Fortunately, there were two nurses in the tour group. I immediately asked them to assist the man who was hanging outside of the smashed truck. We succeeded in pulling him out, laying him prone on the ground. A flat board torn loose from the wreckage was placed under his hips and back. A bundle of newspapers served as a headrest, which the nurse had asked for. Pressure was applied to stop bleeding. As the victim started to go into shock, the nurses covered him with more newspapers we found in the bus and with a raincoat from one of the tour group — thus preventing shock.

As for the driver in the truck, there was no way to extricate him. There was no way to reverse the bus as its gears were jammed. Our tour guide, a somewhat excitable lady, hailed a passing car and proceeded to the nearest town for help.

A half-hour later, the local police car and ambulance arrived. The wounded passenger was placed in the ambulance, which incidentally had no first-aid kit or a cot. Meanwhile, I had kept feeling the pulse at the neck of the pinned driver. He was unconscious. The pulse kept getting weaker. By the time the police came, they could not detect his pulse. In all probability, the driver had bled to death internally. I was to learn later it required an acetylene torch to extricate the body from the wreckage.

A local bus had: finally come to allow the tourists to continue — the men in the group standing up all the way to Granada. It was inevitable that some group members began to feel that had we stopped

## NEWS CAPSULES

## Elections

Filing nomination papers to run in the state of Washington primaries were several Asian Americans: State Rep. John Eng (Incumbent, 37th Dist.); Robert Santos (a Filipino) for State Senate, 35th Dist.; and Mary Fung Koehler, King County district court, Shoreline No. 2.

## Courtroom

Westside Builders, owners of an apartment in Mar Vista (near Venice, Calif.), last month paid \$500 to Mr. and Mrs. Takio Shikada to settle out-of-court a suit alleging racial discrimination in the rental. The Westside Fair Housing Council volunteers three days later (Nov. 7, 1972) had found the apartment available which the Shikada couple were denied. The Shikadas were represented by Dennis Pearlmuter, Beverly Hills attorney.

The California legislature's new joint committee on the structure of the judiciary will be headed by State Sen. Alfred H. Song (D-Monterey Park), who is also senate judiciary committee chairman. The joint committee's task to produce a comprehensive plan for court reform is due June 30, 1976. Among the advisers to the joint committee headed by Justice James Cobey, appellate court, Los Angeles, are attorney David Kwan of Los Angeles and Municipal Judge Robert M. Takasugi of East Los Angeles.

## Health

Univ. of Tokyo medical school graduate, Dr. M. Masafumi Nakakuki, of Englewood, Colo., was appointed staff psychiatrist of Arapahoe Mental Health Center. He was formerly associated with Fort Logan Mental Health Center. He previously studied at the Univ. of Pittsburgh as a Fulbright scholar and taught at Univ. of Colorado between 1969-1973.

## Business

Dennis Fukai, Aspen (Colo.) architect, is board member of a newly formed construction firm and has been on the Colorado Mountain College teaching staff.

## Education

No less than six Nikkei teach at Univ. of New Mexico, largest of the eight collegiate institutions in the state with an enrollment of 19,000. They include Yoshimi Takeda, music (also conductor of the Albuquerque Symphony); Dr. Albert M. Kudo, geology; John H. Sakai, M.D. medicine; Dale A. Koike, modern and classical languages; Yoshio Kobayashi, phys. ed.; and Perry T. Mori, business administration.

## Music

The Tokyo Kid Brothers were back in New York on La Mama Experimental Theater stage with their rock musical, "The City," the first week of August. The most moving situation, according to Christian Science Monitor writer John Beaufort, concerns Paul Waki, the illegitimate son of a black GI and a Japanese mother, as he reflects in broken English his own plight in Japan and his American father from South Carolina.

## SANSEI GOLF PRO APPOINTED AT MESA MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

MESA, Ariz. — When Mesa opens its first municipal golf course in the fall it will be with a native born golf professional at the helm.

Fillmore Hirohata was named head golf professional at the new Dobson Ranch Golf Course recently at a regular meeting of the Mesa City Council. He had been recommended for the position by the Golf Course Committee named recently by the Council to oversee the operation of the new course.

The committee had 39 applicants for the job. Hirohata has been in golf since his high school days when he played for Westwood High, graduating in 1966. He attended Mesa College and also Arizona State, majoring in sociology and minoring in business. While still in high school he got into the golf business working on the range and in the shop at Apache

## Travel



Taeko Shimizu

The Brazilian airlines Varig hosts Taeko Shimizu, whose parents live in Sao Paulo, is based in Los Angeles for Varig's trans-Pacific hop to Tokyo, where she is home with her husband, Kazuo Shimizu, Varig sales representative in Tokyo, three days a week. Once a month she manages to visit her parents, who are postwar immigrants from Japan. She joined Varig five years ago.

Pan American World Airways reimbursed the Los Angeles County \$16,045.76 on July 30 to cover expenses of having Dr. Thomas T. Noguchi work and identify the bodies brought to Los Angeles after the Jan. 31 crash near Pago Pago. The amount was considered a gift and placed in the general fund since Noguchi's work was in the line of official duty.

## Redevelopment

Sachiye Hirotsu, recently appointed to succeed as Little Tokyo Redevelopment Project Office director, will assume the post Oct. 1. Kango Kunitatsu, who was asked by Community Redevelopment Authority administrator Richard Mitchell to remain in order to complete certain phases of the project.

## Organizations

Dennis Nishikawa, administrative assistant to State Assemblyman Alex Garcia (D-Los Angeles), was elected president of the Council of Oriental Organizations (COO) for the coming two years. COO, formed seven years ago, is a coalition of Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Filipino, Samoan, Sri Lankan and Thai community groups concerned with mutual problems confronting them.

Mike Funakoshi, 24, of Spokane has become the state's first Nikkei professional scout, assigned to the Chief Seattle Council as associate district executive. A graduate of Eastern Washington State, he taught for two years before joining the Boy Scouts of America staff.

## Government

Hiroji Yamaguchi, newly assigned Japanese consul general at Chicago, previously served as minister at the Japanese embassy in Ottawa and concurrent Japan representative to the International Civil Aviation Organization, Montreal.

Robert Oshima is acting city clerk at Commerce City, Colo., and its municipal director of finance.

Dr. S. I. Hayakawa president emeritus of San Francisco State, heads the citizens committee for quality law enforcement standards to assist

## DURING JULY

## 1000 Club Membership

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JACL Headquarters acknowledged 61 new 1000 Club members and renewing memberships in the 1000 Club for the second half of July. The month-end total was 2,970 as compared with 2,804 this time last year.

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the Civil Service Commission attain a "racial balance" in law enforcement agencies. But Hayakawa, in his speech before the International Conference of Police Assn. in Chicago, said he was against a quota system and noted his committee would study methods to improve promotion and recruitment methods through valid, non-discriminatory standards.

San Jose State ombudsman Michael Honda, 33, was unanimously chosen chairman of the city's planning commission for the coming year. On the commission since 1972, he is the first Nisei to head the group. He has a master's degree in educational psychology and served with the Peace Corps in El Salvador from 1965-67.

Dr. Melvin T. Takaki, president of the Tule (Colo.) city council, testified before the Senate Armed Services Committee in late July against expansion of Ft. Carson into Pueblo County. The 4th Infantry is said to need additional maneuver grounds (80,000 acres). The Sansei dentist reported the negative impact of expansion embraces detrimental effects upon vegetation, cover, wildlife and environment.

Sacramento City Councilman Robert Matsui joined the majority in the 6-3 vote Aug. 1 to retain the name of the new Sacramento Community Center instead of memorializing it as the Earl Warren community center. A marker in the center, however, will be dedicated in his memory. The suggestion for renaming the center became controversial after Asian Youth Alliance member Randy Shirol urged the new project be "dedicated to everyone and not just one individual". Besides the alliance was against renaming the center for Warren because of his involvement in the 1942 Evacuation.

## Military

Capt. Takeshi Yoshihara, USN, a Washington, D.C. JACL board member and the first Nisei to enter and graduate from Annapolis, has retired from active service and begins a new career as a professor in the school of engineering at the Univ. of Hawaii.

## Milestones

Mrs. Tokuko Kobayashi, 87, of New York died July 23. Noted for her contributions in social work among the Issei

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## Local Scene

## Los Angeles

The telephone number for persons inquiring with Jane Yoshimoto, 1232 W. 146th St., Gardena, with regard to the SCYPC Labor Day weekend at Cuchuma Church Camp is 329-6089.

## San Francisco

What served as the U.S. Armed Forces police station at 646 Clay St., on the edge of Chinatown, was turned over Aug. 12 by the federal government's Dept. of HEW to the S.F. Unified School District for its Chinese Education Center. Its present facility is being vacated because of earthquake safety. The new center can accommodate 300 students, double the number handled at the existing facility.

## Sacramento

Sacramento City Unified School District's affirmative action policy calls for minority secondary (mostly junior high) teachers for the 1974-75 year in the areas of science, math, typing, general business, etc., according to Rene Barrios (454-8112).

## San Jose

San Jose State will show "Boxer from Shanghai", a kung-fu film Sept. 7 at Morris Dailey Auditorium. It is the first of five other notable pieces of martial arts from Japan and China, the Asian American Studies Program (277-2894) revealed. Curtain dates film titles are: Sept. 19 (7 p.m.)—"Under the Banner of the Samurai"; Oct. 5—"The One Armed Swordsman"; Oct. 26—"Return of the One Armed Swordsman"; Nov. 7 (7 p.m.)—"Red Beard"; Nov. 23—"Dual of Fists".

## Seattle

Nisei Veterans Committee's annual scholarship benefit chow mein dinner will be held Sept. 14 at the NVC Memorial Hall. Tickets are \$2.50 adults, \$1.50 for children 12 and under. The NVC awards a \$400 scholarship to a high school graduate whose immediate relative is an NVC member.

## Klamath Falls Indians

## end dispute with police

SAN FRANCISCO — The long-standing dispute between Klamath Falls (Ore.) Indian community and local law enforcement agencies was resolved July 25 by signing of an agreement the Justice Department here said. Discriminatory treatment of Indians who were arrested as compared with white arrestees had been alleged.

Agreement calls for prompt investigation of all written complaints by the Citizens Community Relations Committee, representing the concerns of Indians and other minorities.

## Calif. Assembly passes

## farmworker safety bill

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The Assembly passed Assemblywoman March Fong's bill (AB 4113) appropriating \$800,000 for enforcement of the laws relating to pesticides and farmworker safety. It now goes to the Senate.

The Alameda County Democrat said the mill-tax on sale of pesticides did not generate sufficient funds for agricultural commissioners to fulfill their task with respect to the enforcing the farmworker safety law.

## Thought for the Week

To a quick question, give a slow answer.—Italian Saying.

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