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JACL–BUILDING FUND DRIVE

$300,000 topped; final appeal due

By TAD HIROTA
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Building Fund Campaign

San Francisco

What does $300,000 mean to the JACL National Headquarters Building Fund campaign? It means three stories of office space for the largest organization of Japanese Americans in America. It means a resource library that would chronicle the history and heritage of the Issei, the social and economic struggle of the Nisei, the awakening of the Sansei. It means a museum of accomplishments in print, art, and film, of the proud legacy to which all citizens may point with pride and respect.

It means, too, that the Building Fund campaign has yet $75,000 to go. The total just topped the $300,000 mark as of Sept. 23. And the campaign is now in its hopefully fast, final stages.

Mailers are going out once again to members, in the hopes that the drive for funds can be wound up by the end of this year.

JACL is confident that, with the continuing support of all members and friends, this mailing will be as successful and as gratifying as the ones in the recent past.

Realizing how annoying duplicate requests for donations can be, JACL has attempted to select from the mailing list those who have already contributed. Since the mailers are sent out according to ZIP codes, we stopped delivery to those ZIP code areas that represent chapters with close to or more than a 50% response (which indicates close to 100% membership participation). But, as some members live in areas scattered around Chapter locals, the attempt will probably not be 100% effective.

We ask that such duplicate requests be received with as much compassion and forgiveness as possible. JACL has found that the mailers really come in well from those chapters that are not conducting a door-to-door drive, and we do want to give everybody the opportunity to show his/her support for the campaign.

As all things must pass, perhaps members who have given and received and received again could pass the pledge cards around to potentially interested friends and neighbors. You might even make a member out of him/her/them!

Focus on NC-WNDC

Special thanks are in order. The Northern California-Western Nevada District is to be highlighted and congratulated this week. Dr. Charles Kubokawa has been the able chairperson for this district that has pulled in over $126,000 to date.

Contra Costa, Livingston-Merced, San Francisco, and San Mateo are seeing some of the biggest returns in total dollars. Kudos to the respective chairpersons: Ben Nakatani, and Tom Kawaguchi of Contra Costa; Kazuo Masuda of Livingston-Merced; Yo Hironaka of San Francisco; Yoshi Kojimoto, Kikuo Nakahara, and Sakae Yamaguchi of San Mateo.

Berkeley chapter headed up by Ike Nakamura and Sacramento chapter led by Bill Matsumoto are both closing in on a $10,000 chapter total.

In terms of percentages of membership participating in the campaign, Lloyd Narita's Cortez chapter, Lawson Sakai's Gilroy chapter, Frank Kageta's Placer County chapter, James Ihara's Reno chapter, Kenneth Tsuboi's Sequoia chapter, Edwin Ohki's Sonoma County chapter, and Ruth Oda's Stockton chapter are hitting close to every other family in the chapters. These chapters are seeing an average membership participation of 19 percent. Translated into real people, a 19 percent response indicates that generally, 38 out of every hundred persons are contributing to the Building Fund.

Marysville and San Jose are both pushing towards a $3,000 total under the chairmanship of Bill Tsuji and Tom Ta-

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Presidential emergency powers in 1950 Federal Civil Defense Act nixed

WASHINGTON, D.C. — On the motion of Rep. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii), the House Rules Committee Sept. 18 deferred indefinitely action on a bill which would have extended the extraordinary emergency powers granted to the President under the Federal Civil Defense Act of 1950.

The sweeping authority granted to the Chief Executive under Title III of the Act has never been used and expired on June 30, 1974. Under the Act's provisions, the President would be able to proclaim a civil defense emergency whenever an attack on the United States occurs or is anticipated. The Act would allow the President to censor the media, seize private property, freeze prices and wages, establish consumer rationing programs, control food production and distribution, control traffic, conscript scientists and engineers for government service, suspend judicial review of administrative actions, and spend public funds without congressional authorization, Matsunaga said.

"The law makes no provision for congresisonal review of the Chief Executive's actions, nor does it properly define a 'civil defense emergency' or 'anticipated' attack on the United States," he told his Rules Committee colleagues.

"In recent months, we have witnessed unparalleled abuses of the Bill of Rights in the name of 'national security,'" he continued. "If we vote to extend this bad law, we'll be inviting similar abuses of individual rights in the future, for his law permits the President to suspend the Constitution whenever he thinks a 'civil defense emergency' has occurred."

The Hawaii lawmaker compared the legislation to Title II of the Internal Security Act ("The Emergency Detention Act") which Congress repealed three years ago.

By referring action on the bill, the Rules Committee in effect killed it. The 93rd Congress hopes to adjourn in mid-October and it is highly unlikely that the measure will be reconsidered by the Committee before then because of the large amount of pending business.

Ground broken for 21-story L.A. hotel as pickets parade

By ELLEN ENDO
(Rafu Shimpo)

LOS ANGELES — Traditional Shinto prayers of purification were being recited last Friday (Sept. 27) at the groundbreaking ceremonies for the first high-rise hotel in Little Tokyo while chanting of a different sort was heard coming from outside the walled construction area.

Nearly 100 demonstrators were on hand to demonstrate their displeasure with the fact that the hotel ground breaking proceeded well before the senior citizens housing groundbreaking. And from a rooftop in full view of those witnessing the ceremonies was unfurled a banner which read, "Defend Little Tokyo".

There were chuckles and murmurs in the audience as two factions — East-West Development Corp., and the demonstrators organized by the Little Tokyo Anti-Eviction Task Force—vied for attention.

Takeo Atsumi, president of East-West Development Corp., seemed oblivious to the picketing several yards away, but his hands shook while reading his address.

"As our first undertaking, the hotel investment is not merely an economic and profit-minded venture but rather an important step in effecting international goodwill between the United States and Japan through the making of a contribution to the local community," Atsumi declared.

Demonstrators began to whistle the Col. Bogey March, theme from the film, "Bridge on the River Kwai".

Acknowledging their role with the Community Redevelopment Agency's program in Little Tokyo renewal, "we are dedicated to joining with the Little Tokyo community of business people and residents to make it as outstanding as possible for all who live and work here and for the many visitors from around the world we expect to stay here," Atsumi said.

To be known as the Hotel New Otani Los Angeles, the 21-story, 500-room structure will be built on a triangular 2.7-acre site on Los Angeles St. between 1st and 2nd Sts. Completion is expected in late 1976.

Nissan, Toyota give to L.A. community center

LOS ANGELES—Nissan Motor Corp. USA and Toyota Motors Sales USA each donated $20,000 to the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center building fund, it was announced last week, putting the fund nearer to its $400,000 preliminary goal.

"We are grateful to Nissan president Yutaka Katayama and Toyota president Iwao Kodaira for taking leadership among Japanese corporations in the U.S. in supporting the center," declared George Doizaki, president of the center board of directors.

E. O. 9066 exhibit due in St. Louis Dec. 4-Jan. 10

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Washington University and St. Louis JACL are co-sponsors of the Executive Order 9066 photographic display of the Evacuation from Dec. 4 through Jan. 10 at the university's Steinbergh Hall Gallery of Art.

COUNTY FAIR EXHIBITOR DONATES TO HONDURAS

POMONA, Calif. — A successful Japanese concessionaire at the L.A. County Fair, whose display was judged as one of the finest of the county fair that closed Sept. 29, said he would donate profits from his sales to victims of Hurricane Fifi in Honduras.

Tom Kemper was appointed to handle the funds since the Japanese businessman requested his name not be published. His display was described as being more outstanding than the Japaense exhibit at the World's Fair in Spokane.

Jpn. trade unions oppose Ford's visit

TOKYO—Japan's most powerful organization plans demonstrations to oppose President Gerald Ford's forthcoming visit to Japan in November.

The General Council of Trade Unions (Sohyo), which claims a membership of 4.3 million, said the plan was included in the "autumn struggle action" program approved at its executive meeting Sept. 19.

Sohyo, backed by the Japan Socialist Party, opposed the U.S.-Japan security treaty and claimed Ford's visit is designed to strengthen military ties between the two countries. Massive demonstrations forced the late President Eisenhower to cancel his visit to Japan in 1960.

Ford's trip to Japan is scheduled for Nov. 19-21.

Osano through buying overseas

TOKYO — Japanese financier Kenji Osano has declared he was through buying hotels and investing in the United States. He told the press here Sept. 18 that "if we expand further, we won't be able to keep a sharp eye on our operation."

(His recent purchase of three Sheraton hotels in Hawaii stirred one Pennsylvania congressman to wonder if a second Pearl Harbor attack was underway. The statement was blasted as being racist by the JACL district council in Northern California).

With the latest acquisitions, along with the Princess Kaiulani, Moana and Surfrider hotels on Waikiki, Osano is said to control about a quarter of all the hotel rooms in Waikiki.

—Fight Inflation,
Save Energy—

PENSION REPEAL BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

Bannai Criticizes Partisan Bickering To Delay Action

GARDENA, Calif. — Assemblyman Paul Bannai (R-Gardena) criticized Assembly Democrats for refusing to end the $5.7 mililon early retirement bonanza for reapportioned legislators during special session called by the Governor.

The State Legislature recessed until Monday (Sept. 30) after extensive partisan bickering in both houses. Several repeal bills, however, were introduced.

Assembly Speaker Leo McCarthy (D-San Francisco) insisted the repeal bills have a committee hearing in the coming week. Nine repeal bills were scheduled to be heard in the Public Employees and Retirement Committee, headed by Chula Vista Democrat, Assemblyman Wadie Deddeh.

Four bills introduced in the Senate were referred to the Rules Committee, chaired by Senate President pro-tem James R. Mill of San Diego.

"We were in Sacramento yesterday (Sept. 25) for only one reason — to put an immediate stop to these lavish retirement benefits for defeated politicans," said Bannai, who was one of the first to co-author legislation to stop the retirement windfall that allows some legislators to collect generous pensions for the rest of their lives once they leave office, regardless of their age.

After several hours of bitter debate, Assembly Democrats successfully blocked all efforts to end the costly program despite strong Republican insistence that it be halted immediately.

"There is just no reason why this program could not have been ended yesterday in a matter of hours," said Bannai, noting that the cost to taxpayers is nearly $7,000 each day the lawmakers are in special session.

"It's wrong that the Democrats decided to make this a partisan issue," said Bannai. "There is just no reason for it. Repeal of this program is something that's going to benefit all Californians, regardless of their party."

Bannai ended by saying he would continue fighting to "stop this outrageous taxpayer abuse."

War history of 442nd and 100th Inf. suggested be included at 'Punchbowl'

WASHINGTON—Sen. Hiram L. Fong last week backed a suggestion that the war history of the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team be included in the expansion of the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl).

The suggestion was made by the 442nd Veterans Club and the Club 100 upon learning that the Veterans Administration is considering expansion of the "carrying" capacity of the cemetery.

In a letter to Rufus H. Wilson, Director of the National Cemetery System (40), Senator Fong noted that the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team were two of the most decorated units of World War II and said the inclusion of their war history would be a meaningful project in the proposed expansion of the cemetery.

"I strongly support the idea," Senator Fong said.

The presidents of the two veterans clus, in submitting their recent suggestion to the cemetery system director said.

"The name of the Cemetery (National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific) implies that

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Textbook selection needs revamping

(Special to The Pacific Citizen)

SAN FRANCISCO — The current system of textbook selection for California public schools fails to eliminate books that violate State Equality Guidelines on minorities and women, according to a recent statement by Wilson Riles, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, before the State Board of Education.

Riles called the present system of selection a cumbersome, inefficient process that needs revamping. He further proposed a reorganization of the 16-member State Curriculum Commission, which is charged with the selection of books.

A new policy has also been proposed prohibiting curriculum commissioners, who screen books for adoption by the state Board of Education, from accepting any "meal, beverage, entertainment or other valuable things" from anyone whose materials are under consideration for adoption. Question had been raised of improper influence on commisioners' recommendations when they are wined and dined by publishers.

Riles also asked that the ban on entertaining be incorporated into the Education Code by the legislation, giving it the force of law and making its violation a misdemeanor.

What the commission recommends and the state board adopts is used for the approximately 3 million students in kindergarten through eighth grade in California.

The state board greeted Riles' proposals warmly and took them under study for probable action within the coming months.

In the past, the commissioners have been at odds with minority and women's rights leaders and sometimes have been divided among themselves.

Riles also called for reduction in the amount of books and materials recommended to the board for adoption. He also recommended the commission appoint committees to evaluate proposed books in various subject fields rather than allowing each commissioner to name his own evaluators as is now the practice.

Minority report

Riles' statement of Sept. 12 comes on the heels of the concerns expressed this summer and last fall by a number of individuals and groups, among them the Japanese American Citizens League.

In the fall of 1973, National JACL Staff was asked to serve on the Legal and Factual Analysis Committee, an advisory body to the State Education Department's Curriculum Development and Supplemental Materials Commisison. David Ushio, National JACL Executive Director, and Patricia J. Nakano, Assistant Director for Program Development, alternately attended meetings of the committee.

Not satisfied with the outcome of those sessions, Ushio and Ms. Nakano prepared a minority position paper and Ushio delivered it to the Curriculum Commission on Nov. 1, 1973.

The two main areas of concern cited by the paper were general non-compliance with the State Education Code in the preliminary screening of educational materials and failure on the part of the Curriculum Commission and state Board of Education to provide for clearly defined guidelines for the Committee regarding its organization and functions. The paper later won support from several members of the Committee.

Guide prepared

During hearings on textbooks on language arts in Los Angeles in June of this year, JACL and many other minority groups and individuals appeared before the state Board of Education to voice their protest (see June 28 PC). In spite of these objections, the Board in a 7 to 3 vote approved the list of books in question.

Undaunted by this rebuff, a number of community groups in the Northern California area formed the Task Force for the Evaluation of Instructional Materials and pooled their resources to produce a 53-page report, entitled "A Guide to Textbook Evaluation." Co-editors for the guide were Ms. Nakano and Jeannette Arakawa of Palo Alto.

Designed to "encourage students, parents and other interested persons to become actively involved in the selection of instructional materials for use in their local schools", the report has been distributed to various community groups throughout the state. Copies are available at National JACL Headquarters, San Francisco.

In its introduction, the booklet refers to the Board of Education adoption of a list of materials and further states "your school will be using this list from which to purchase instructional materials this fall, despite the fact that many individuals and organizations found these materials to be racially, ethnically, culturally and sexually imbalanced by omission or stereotypic and inaccurate portrayal."

Groups represented on the Task Force include a Committee of the Palo Alto PTA Council, National JACL, Santa Clara County Human Relations Commission, the Indian Center of San Jose, Inc., Palo Alto Human Relations Council, Palo Alto Lodge of B'nai B'rith, Asian Americans for Community Involvement of Santa Clara County, Inc., Mt. Diablo Task Force on Sexism, Public Advocates, Santa Clara County Commission on the Status of Women, Midpeninsula YWCA and the Palo Alto NAACP Chapter.

Social studies next area up for review

SAN FRANCISCO—JACL has been asked to continue as a primary evaluator and will soon be in the process of reviewing textbooks in social studies for adoption in 1975.

Four years ago, when the same subject was under review, the Japanese American Curriculum Project, a group of San Francisco Bay Area instructors, was unsuccessful in having their "Japanese Americans: the Untold Story" adopted. It was published to meet a growing demand for a book for use in elementary schools.

Both the JACL and the Buddhist Churches of America found the material to be deficient and protested its adoption by the state Board of Education, despite some revisions. The conflict between the JACP and National JACL Board became so intense that the JACL board eventually rendered a "hands-off" stance.

Out of this incident, Dr. Junji Kumamoto of Riverside JACL who was deeply interested in having some book on Japanese in America adopted for school use was eventually appointed to serve on the curriculum commission.

JACP continues to prepare audio-visual material for use in the schools, reflecting on the contributions of Japanese in America.

Multi-cultural text book evaluation guide printed

SAN FRANCISCO — "A Guide to Textbook Evaluation", a newly published document, is available at JACL Headquarters to organizations, community groups and individuals concerned about textbooks used in the California public schools.

It was prepared by the Task Force for the Evaluation of Instructional Materials, an ad hoc coalition of parents, community, civil rights and educational organizations of various racial and ethnic groups in Santa Clara and San Francisco Counties.

A free copy is available by writing to JACL National Headquarters, 22 Peace Plaza, Suite 203, San Francisco, Calif. 94115.

The manual explains the selection process used for instructional materials, legal requirements of the State Education Code, suggested procedures to follow in working with school district and state officials, etc. Included are suggested guidelines for evaluating materials regarding omission, inaccurate and stereotypic portrayals along with specific concerns of minority groups members, i.e., Native Americans, Mexican Americans, Black Americans, Jewish Americans and Asian Americans as well as women.

The appendices include sample evaluations and recommendations, sample evaluation forms, the California State adopted matrix or list of instructional materials and a listing of names and addresses of State Education officials.

The specific focus is on the recent language arts adoption approved by the State Board of Education in June, 1974, however, the approach may be adapted for evaluation of materials in the content areas of social science, math, music and science for grades K-12. These content areas will be evaluated during the next three months and recommendations will be made to members of the California Curriculum and Supplemental Materials Commission and State Board of Education, Dec. 5-6.

STATE EDUCATION CODE ON TEXTBOOKS OUTLINED

SACRAMENTO — The state education code requires materials adopted for use in schools "must accurately portray the cultural and racial diversity in our society, including contributions and roles of both men and women, American Indians, American Negroes, Mexican Americans, Asian Americans and members of other ethnic and cultural groups".

Material and instructional activities which adversely portray persons because of their race, sex, color, creed, national origin or ancestry are prohibited.

Local school districts are also expected to encourage teacher and parent involvement, as well as community, in the selection of instructional materials.

Amerasia Journal

LOS ANGELES—Manuscripts on the general subject of Asian Americans and law-civil rights from 15-40 typewritten pages probing specific issues are being sought by Dick Osumi or Don Nakanishi at Amerasia Journal, 3232 Campbell Hall, UCLA (825-1006).

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: Mike Masaoka

Amnesty for Vietnam war resisters recalls tragic Nisei WW2 cases

WASHINGTON—When President Gerald Ford granted a "free, full, and absolute pardon" to Richard Nixon for any and all crimes and wrongdoing that he (Nixon) may have committed during the five and a half years of his (Nixon's) Administration, and when he (Ford), as the Chief Executive and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, subsequently announced his program for "conditional amnesty", through "earned reentry" into general society, to Vietnam era draft evaders and deserters, my mind recalled that then President Harry Truman had granted amnesty to World War II Nisei who had refused induction because of the Evacuation and detention experiences.

Nowadays, when one thinks of the World War II record of the Nisei, it is one of great gallantry and sacrifice in either the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in the European Theater or in Military Intelligence in the Pacific.

Almost forgotten by most and unknown to many is the tragic story of less than 500 young Japanese Americans who refused to be inducted into the armed forces when in the spring of 1944 the Selective Service System reopened the so-called draft to all qualified Americans of Japanese ancestry, including those then confined to what have come to be called Concentration Camps, American-style.

Although, as the then Legislative Director of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee in the immediate post-World War II years, I became involved in a small way in the discussions leading to the presidential amnesty of December 23, 1947, in actual fact I was not personally too well acquainted with the facts of the case since I was a member of the 442nd when most of this draft evasion took place.

So, in order to prepare this Newsletter on this particular subject for readers of the Pacific Citizen, I not only had to "jog" my memory but also to hurriedly "look through" the chapter on "Japanese Americans" in the Final Report of the Selective Service System (SSS) and through the bound volumes of the Pacific Citizen through the war years and up through 1948.

Early WW2 draft

The story is not a clear and easy one to put together, for there are many gaps in the information available in both the Pacific Citizen and SSS Report, not to mention my memory. It may well be a possible research project for some doctoral dissertation, for it is among the least known aspects of the Evacuation saga.

In any event, prior to Dec. 7, 1941, qualified Nisei and Sansei were inducted into the Army on the same basis as other Americans, except that they were not eligible for service in the air corps of the Army, the Marine Corps, the Navy, and the Merchant Marine, although—as usual—a few did serve in all branches due to "administrative slip-ups".

From Nov. 1, 1940, to Pearl Harbor, some 3,188 had been inducted into the Army through the Selective Service System. There were many other Japanese Americans in the armed forces, though, as members of the National Guard, the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC), etc., perhaps — including the National Guard of the then Territory of Hawaii—an additional 4,000 or so.

After Dec. 7, 1941, Selective Service advised the various State Directors to stop inducting Japanese Americans and the War Department authorized various military commanders in their discretion to provide "honorable discharges" to the Nisei and the Sansei in their commands "for the convenience of the Government". Most, but not all, of the Japanese Americans then in the Army were "honorably discharged", although a few were given "blue" discharges, "less than honorable conditions".

The Nisei and Sansei who remained in the Army were transferred mostly into the quartermaster corps. Subsequently, they became the cadre for the 442nd when it was organized in Camp Shelby, Miss., Feb. 1, 1943.

Following the issuance of Executive Order No. 9066 on Feb. 19, 1942, that authorized the Evacuation and Exclusion of all persons of Japanese ancestry, aliens and "nonaliens" alike, from their homes and associations on the West Coast, Selective Service ordered that all qualified Nisei and Sansei be reclassified, first as Class IV-F, "physically, mentally, or morally unfit" for induction, and then as Class IV-C, registrants "not acceptable to the armed forces because of nationality or ancestry". This particular classification originally was reserved for "enemy aliens and nondeclarant aliens".

Selective Service reopened

It is a matter of record that the JACL was in the forefront of those objecting to this classification and urging that Selective Seervice be reopened to qualified Japanese Americans. The same opposition and plea was expressed by thousands of others, from the then Territory of Hawaii as well as from the Concentration Camps, American-style.

Because of such requests, on Jan. 31, 1943, then President Franklin Roosevelt announced that the Army would accept volunteer Japanese Americans for military service. The response was such that the 442nd Regimental Combat Team was organized for most of the volunteers from the camps and from Hawaii and those who were proficient in Japanese were assigned to the Military Intelligence Language School at Camp Savage, Minnesota.

In the meantime, the 100th Infantry Battalion, composed of Japanese Americans in the Hawaiian National Guard, was sent to the continental mainland (Camp McCoy, Wis.) for training and then into combat in North Africa and the invasion of Italy.

No doubt there are many who still remember the controversial clearance program involving the so-called loyalty questions that were carried out in the ten relocation centers immediately following the call for volunteer Nisei and Sansei for military service. Although these individual "clearances" were part of the determination as to whether certain Japanese Americans were qualified for military service or not, in fact they were not conducted by the Selective Service.

Because of the combat performance of the 100th Infantry Battalion at the Rapido River and at Cassino in Italy and the training record of the 442nd in Mississippi, Selective Service reopened the draft to all qualified Japanese Americans on Nov. 24, 1943, whether such draftees were in WRA camps or not.

According to the SSS Report, "Over 25,500 registrants of Japanese extraction were processed by Selective Service during World War II. More than 21,000 of these were inducted. In the light of the total number who served in the Army, even considering the size of the Japanese American population group, these figures were impressive. Nor can statistics measure the quality of patriotic service rendered by Nisei citizens, only one generation removed from the rice paddies and tempres of an Oriental island empire . . . Altogether 33,300 Nisei, more than half from the continental United States, served in World War II, almost equally divided between Europe and the Pacific . . . Selective Service may take pride in the making of such soldiery."

The few who refused

After Selective Service was restored to those of Japanese ancestry, it was discovered that the overwhelming majority of qualified Nisei and Sansei, including those from the camps, reported for induction without incident. Most of these inductees were sent to Europe as replacements for the 442nd, which suffered some 309% in casualties to win fame as the Purple Heart Regiment, or—if they understood Japanese—to G-2 (Military Intelligence) in the Pacific.

A relative few, as might be expected, refused to report for induction. Most of these few declared that if their civil and constitutional rights were restored they would report for induction. Others declared that since they had "dual citizenship" they could not be called into the United States Army to fight against Japan, the country of their "other" citizenship. Still others "renounced" their United States citizenship through procedures established by law and requested that they be "deported" to Japan, thereby becoming ineligible for military service. A personal estimate, based on recollection, on Pacific Citizen accounts, and on the SSS Report, is that far fewer than 500 were involved in this particular type of action.

In a War Department memorandum dated March 30, 1944, it was stated that requests for repatriation or expatriation to Japan made by Nisei or Sansei who were liable for military service would be considered an effort to evade military duty if filed after Jan. 21, 1944, or when the registrant's induction was imminent.

In a subsequent memorandum dated Dec. 28, 1944, a policy was clearly set forth (for transmittal to the Imperial Japanese Government through the "protecting power" of Spain) that "no Japanese alien would be inducted against his will but that all United States citizens, including Nisei, would be required to serve if found acceptable to the armed forces."

Tule Lake resisters

By the spring of 1944, the War Relocation Authority had selected its Tule Lake Center in Northern California as its "segregation camp" for Japanese nationals and Japanese Americans, mostly renunciants, who had formally requested that they be sent to Japan. Selective Service was not supposed to order the induction of any of these Tule Lakers.

Nevertheless, a few local boards inadvertently or otherwise ordered Tule Lake registrants, most of whom had apparently registered for the draft while in other WRA camps, to report for induction. Without exception, these men refused to comply and 26 of them were indicted for violation of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940. They were subsequently brought to trial in a Federal District Court.

It was contended in their defense that these individuals were interned at the center

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SOME FUNNY STORIES

One Nisei writer who purveys funny stories quite often is George Yoshinaga, conductor of the "Horse's Mouth" in the Kashu Mainichi. Sports is his mainline, but his peeves about places and people often bear an amusing twist. Our contributing columnist Bill Hosokawa rightfully plumbs PC has little or no humor and has a contest going for anecdotes (several have been forwarded to him as of Yom Kippur). But we'll take a jump on him with some yarns from Yoshinaga.

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As one testing ESP, betting on a name that jumps out at you, instead of the Racing Form in selecting horses running atDel Mar and attracted by one named "Idahodown", he mused: "What a beautiful name on the day that Evel Knievel was jumping across the river in Idaho. Unfortunately, like Evel's unsuccessful jump, Idahodown also fell short of its mark and finished down the track. So much for ESP."

Not intended to be humorous but what happened at a funeral tickled him. "Seems Gabby Sasaki's friend, sitting in the chapel for about 30 minutes, wondered why she didn't see anyone she knew. She suddenly realized that she was at the wrong funeral The rather humorous part is that she had to go back to the entrance and ask rather sheepishly for the return of the koden. I mean, how do you ask for the return of a koden gracefully?" (Koden is an obituary gift.)

Reading about the swarm of squids hitting the local beaches, "the closest thing to a squid I found on the sand was a doggie dung. This is an amazing discovery in itself because there is a sign which clearly states, 'No dogs on the beach'. Of course, this is a silly sign because I haven't met a dog yet who could read signs."

About Japanese male tourists getting ripped-off by women in such places as Honolulu and San Francisco, George reasons the men from Japan on the prowl are no match for the hustlers. Honolulu police are quite alarmed at the high rate of crime victimizing the Japanese tourists. Police warn that tourist looking for a little action are going to get burned. We couldn't determine whether it was a quip by the police or by George, but he adds: "After Disneyland, the most popular request made by the Japanese male tourist is 'a little action'."

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On the economy round-trip airfare between L.A. and Tokyo going over $1,000: "I guess there is nothing one can do about the fares going up but I suggest that the airlines find another name for this category. Somehow, anything which costs over $1,000 is not 'economy' in my books . . . They might rename it the 'optional' fare. Why, optional? Well, the traveler can take it or leave it."

Here's a tip to Nisei visiting Japan and ordering ham & eggs with rice for breakfast. "When the order came, I took my fork and mixed the egg and rice together and poured shoyu on it. The people seemed appalled by such 'hyakusho' manners. Seems that it's not good manners to make such a mishmash and then, heaven forbid, eat the mess. However, I had been doing the same thing at home for years. It's one of my favorites. I told the people, 'You slurp your soup and noodles and I'll mix my eggs and rice'."

In the quaint Japanese custom category, George discovered while driving a friend's car in Tokyo why other drivers were so courteous, allowing him a wide berth in which to operate. "Now, how could these people know that I was a foreigner who was not too familiar with driving in Tokyo . . . I found out that a person in Japan with less than one year's driving experience must attach a large green and yellow sticker on the bumper (on his friend's car) to let people know that the driver is a greenhorn. The law stipulates that if an experienced driver collides with a vehicle bearing such a sticker, the experienced driver will be deemed to be at fault . . . If they only knew that the nut behind this wheel is a veteran of the Los Angeles freeways, they would probably cuss me out rather than waive their right-of-way."

In a postscript he added in the next column: "One thing a trip to Japan (and he's made many of them over the years) does for me is to make me appreciate Los Angeles. When I find myself getting down on our fair city, the best cure for that is a quick trip to Japan."

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Reading where an attempt was made to patch a radiation leak in Japan's new nuclear ship with a rice ball—onigiri: "If an onigiri can stop a leak in a nuclear ship, it is little wonder that too many of these little delicacies can cause a bulge in one's waistline."

In the category of "warui kuse" among certain Japanese Americans besides saying something without really saying anything is, George believes, "for a small group to take some action on behalf of certain individuals or causes and make it sound as if the majority of the community feels that way". (Warui kuse is nasty habit.)

George fans his skepticism in a story appearing in the Rafu Shimpo where a Chinese woman charges a California Highway Patrolman with attempted rape. There were no witnesses yet the Asian Law Collective, according to the story, has decided her story is to be believed. "Is it that they feel that a fellow Asian can tell no lie and that the patrolman is automatically the culprit in the case?"

Aside from his politics or personal peeves, Yoshinaga's touch can be light and witty. His scampers in print, if roguishly brief, have the makings of a Nisei "Will Rogers".

25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, Oct. 8, 1949

Iva d'Aquino given 10-year sentence on treason count; faces $10,000 fine, loss of citizenship . . . State marriage laws force Idaho Nisei and Caucasian to travel 2,800 miles to get married . . . Sen. McCarran (Nev.) favors Issei citizenship bill . . . JACL charges L.A. county housing officials discriminate on minorities . . . JACL protests extension of "white Australian policy" at rest areas in occupied Japan . . . National Director Satow starts 26-day visitation of 26 chapters in Northern California . . . Ex-U.S. Army Sgt. John Provoo trial of collaborating as PW with Japanese during war postponed until Oct. 28.

JACLers raise over $300,000 in less than a year

By DAVE USHIO

San Francisco

It was a beautiful banquet. The location was excellent. The food was superb. The company was delightful. The speeches were inspiring. Those who had been to similar affairs said that the JACL Headquarters Building Fund Campaign kick-off dinner was the best.

We left that night with a good feeling . . . with a sense of confidence and a spirit of "can-do."

The following day was different. The hard realization struck home. We had committed ourselves to raising at least a quarter of a million dollars. (As it turned out later — thanks largely to an incredible inflation spiral — the targeted goal would be closer to half a million dollars!) Most of us agreed that the purpose was entirely worthwhile. But it was still an awful lot of money. Who would have believed it could be done?

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The JACL is noted for many things. But not for having a surfeit of millionaires among its membership. Most of us bring home fairly ordinary incomes. In the U.S. socio-economic strata, we generally fit somewhere in the middle. Thus, the challenge was clearly before us. Since very few of us could contribute large sums, a great many of us would have to give small sums.

We had one thing going for us . . . a long and proud history of being up to any challenge regardless of how difficult it might be, regardless of the sacrifices required of each person.

And so the work began. A volunteer structure was established that would surpass anything the JACL had known before. At the national level, scores of prominent JACLers enlisted in the effort. More important, at the district and chapter levels the membership responded with unstoppable enthusiasm. Even the EDC, which initially opposed the project, joined in with a spirit that would set an example for many of us.

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During the ensuing year of the campaign thousands of members were canvassed, countless calls were made, meetings were held and speeches were made, articles and editorials appeared in the PC and other publications, and the mailings went out. We would like to say it was easy. But we have learned from past experience that nothing worthwhile is easy.

But though the work was hard, it has paid off. As of this writing, we have raised $300,000. Who would have believed it could be done?

We believed.

We in the JACL believed. The National officers believed. The National Board believed. The Campaign Committee volunteers believed. The National staff believed. The Chapter and District Chairmen and Presidents believed. And key to the Campaign's success, JACL members throughout the nation believed.

We — all of us in the JACL — believed. We believed in our heritage, we believed in our ability, we believed in our resources. We believed in ourselves.

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But before we pat ourselves on the back, let's not forget that the Campaign isn't over yet. We still have a ways to go. About $75,000 to go.

There are many members who haven't yet contributed. To them, we ask your aid in pushing the fund drive over the top. Now and years from now, let it be said by you and about you that you believed as much as anyone else. And that you backed your belief with a gift. Send your contribution today.

Thank you and thanks to all the believers for your generous contributions and wonderful support.

NAT'L DIALOGUE

Bldg. fund—

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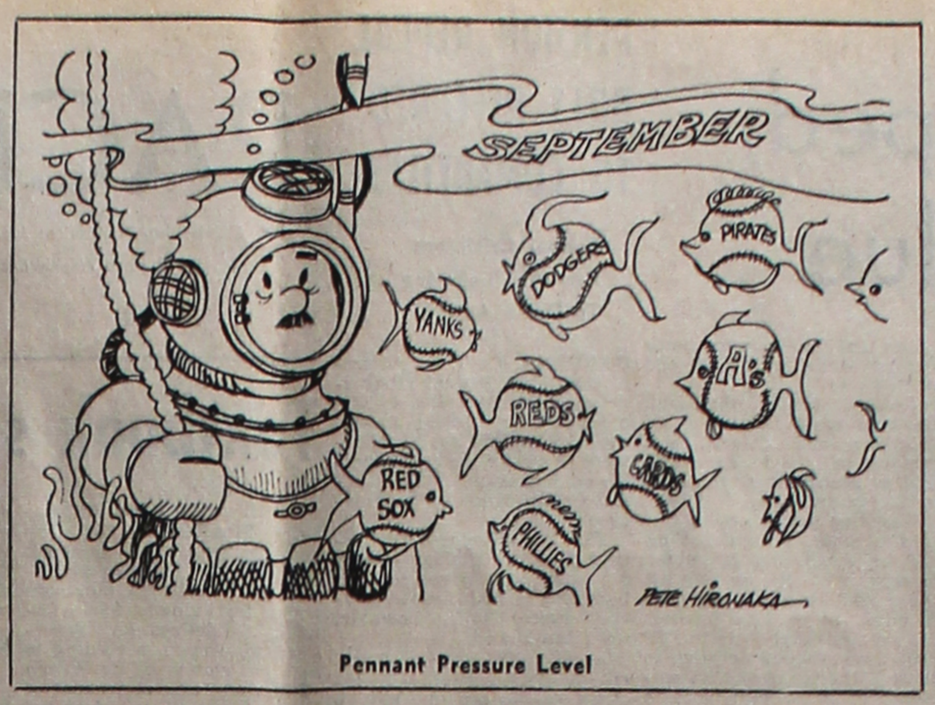
keta, respectively. Heromu Akagi of the Alameda chapter, Ted Kitayama of the Eden Township chapter, Fujio Yamamoto, Ted Inouye, Harry Tanouye, co-chairmen of the Fremont chapter, and Ernest Ura of the Watsonville chapter have been hustling to get each of their totals close to the $1,500 mark.

Florin, under direction of its chairman Dave Asahara, is really trying to get its relatively small membership moving, as are the French Camp, Monterey Peninsula, Salinas Valley, and West Valley chapters, under the respective leadership of Mats Murata, James Fukuhara, Tom "Lefty" Miyanaga, and Don Sakamoto.

Recognition

JACL thanks all persons who have donated so much of their time, efforts, and moneys to the Building Fund campaign. Chairpersons, your efforts have not gone unnoticed or unappreciated. Thank you all, and thank you, members and friends, for having made the JACL National Headquarters Building Fund the successful campaign that it is.



Pennant Pressure Level

● From Our 60,000 Readers

PC Letter Box

'Our Korean Cousins'

Editor:

After considerable thought I decided to write to you concerning Kats Kunitsugu's "Our Korean Cousins", (PC, Aug. 16). It is obvious to me that she is trying to correct prejudice against Koreans expressed by some Japanese Prejudice is often based on mis-information or mistaken impression. It has nothin to do with a person's good intentions. But, I respect her good intention. Here is my dilemma. I shall try my best to tell which part of the column is wrong.

She says that before the war Koreans were labeled "Third Country People". This is not correct. Until the end of WW2, Koreans were Japanese citizens. It was a form of colonialism, which many powerful European nations also practiced. The colonial rule is unfair to those who are colonized, regardless whether it was Japanese rule of Korea or Allied occupation of Japan.

The term "Third Country People" — San-Koku-Jin — was used *after* the WW2, during the Allied occupation. It was an official terminology and thus, it was in accordance with the directive by the occupation forces and it was sanctioned by the GHQ. The term was applied to former Japanese citizens but those whose citizenship and nationality became question. The most of them were former Japanese citizens of Korean and Taiwan background. Because persons of European background living in Japan were "protected" by the occupation forces and the jurisprudence of the occupied Japan could not be applied to them, they were in one category. But, how about a large number of people who were well integrated in Japanese society and some of them did indeed eventually choose to become Japanese. In order to take care of the temporary situation an ingenious terminology was created. Eventually those who wished to return to their home lands were sent back. And those who wished to remain in Japan were given a chance to become Japanese citizens. It was a delicate problem. A case-by-case situation may still not completely be solved. For example, there are cases of former Japanese citizens before the end of WW2, who repatriated to their home land after the war and then, illegally re-entered into Japan.

I wonder where Mrs. Kunitsugu got an idea that "many, like the Blacks here, had no other choice but to turn to the underworld and crime". I would like to protest against this type of fabrication. Only cursory examination is suffice to find out that there is hardly any resemblance between Blacks in the United States and Koreans in anywhere at any time.

Furthermore, there were no underground Korean organizations in Japan before the end of the war. There are organizations of Korean residents in Japan today, but they are not underground. Koreans did not and do not turn to crime. They are responsible, law-abiding citizens.

The incident involving Hitachi was very regrettable. But, here again, Mrs. Kunitsugu makes error. The man involved was not a young Korean as she reports. He is a Japanese of Korean ancestry, just as we are citizens of the United States of Japanese ancestry. Hitachi refused to hire him on the ground that he concealed a part of his background, i.e., his Korean ancestry. Mrs. Kunitsugu is in error saying that the man falsely represented himself as a Japanese. He is a Japanese. I am personally pleased that the court upheld his case.

Mrs. Kunitsugu's expression that Koreans were "relentlessly discriminated against" is very inappropriate, because it does not reflect specific facts. Although there is no denying that there was a strong discrimination until the end of the WW2 against those who were under colonial rule, at the same time Japanese government made much effort to assimilate and equalize the status of Japanese of Korean background. There were professors in the national university, colonels in the army and of course, royal families, all of Korean origin. I went to a grade school in Kobe with children of Korean background. Many of them were bright and also very athletic, the greatness of Earl Warren the latter made them often even though he had been inheroes among the children. strumental in the internment

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Prejudice is ugly and very harmful, but it is very difficult to rectify, because it is one's own prejudice that we fail to see. Perhaps it is the best to point out each other's error. For this reason I am writing this letter because I see a mote in Mrs. Kunitsugu's eye, although I fail to see a beam in mine.

NOBUYUKI NAKAJIMA
Sheffield Lake, Ohio

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JACL Convention

(Reports and comments by chapter delegates shall be gleaned from chapter newsletters. Chapters without newsletters should urge their delegates to submit brief remarks direct to PC.—Ed.)

Editor:

As my first trip to a National JACL Convention, it was a most educational experience. Many may not have the opportunity to attend a national convention and others ask, "What does JACL do and what have they accomplished?" I urge them to take the time to attend the next national JACL convention (at Sacramento in 1976).

The convention format gives everyone the opportunity to make their points heard. If one sees any glaring faulits within the organization, this would be the time to make any and all constructive criticisms.

As I view the JACL, if it is not doing what one wants to see it accomplish, then it must be his fault. To the critics, I urge you to get involved and do something about it . . .

I am more sold on what this organization is capable of accomplishing. Many proposals and resolutions were presented, some were adopted. Fortunately for this chapter, we had a most competent delegate in Gerrold Mukai and together Wasatch Front North made its presence known. For those who attended our board meeting before the Convention and who knew what was contained in the proposals and resolutions, I can assure them their views were voiced.

Our choice for the No. 1 priority was the one submitted by Gerrold, sponsored by our chapter and the Intermountain District. The purpose of our proposal was to secure grant monies to support financially most of the other proposals as passed. In time, it may be the first time National Headquarters will not have to be operated in the red. This should be good news to all JACLers. It is the only salvation to accomplishing the many tasks in spite of the modest numbers of memberships.

TOM HORI
President
Wasatch Front North JACL

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Sac'to's Warren Center

Editor:

It's an unfortunate incident for Sacramentans that the new convention and community center and the death of Earl Warren coincided. Upon the insistence of the Sacramento Bee to rename the Sacramento Community Center to Earl Warren Center, the matter was brought before the city council and was defeated (Aug. 1) with a vote of 6 to 3 with Councilman Robert Matsui voting against the change as was reported in the PC Aug. 23 News Capsules.

Some days later several councilmen indicated that there had been a change of mind and asked for a revote. According to a Sacramento Union reporter, several minority members had received "friendly advice" from prominent "Bee" men and other people.

Over 2,000 signatures opposing the name change were submitted the night (Aug. 29) of the revote, their reasons being that the community center belonged to the people of Sacramento. One by one our men switched their votes: Ferrales, a Chicano, Lawson, a Black, and Matsui, who with great eloquence and emotion told the council he wanted his son to remember the greatness of Earl Warren even though he had been instrumental in the internment of his parents. I felt as if we'd been sold down the river. Granted, Warren made some important decisions, but he knew that too much was against him if he hadn't. In 1942, he knew that public sentiment was too much against him if he had.

Was this the case with our councilmen? Was it a deep commitment to the principles of democracy or was it political opportunism? Will I, too, succumb to such political pressure? Personally, I can't endorse the name of a man who in his political adulthood would trample over 120,000 people and strip them naked of all human rights in order to reach his political goal.

History will soon forget the injustices suffered by minorities as it has done with the Indians. I shall never forget the shock of learning that the Poston Camp on the Arizona desert where I was interned was on an Indian reservation. High school history had taught me that Indians were in an enviable position of being cared for on the beautiful reservations.

Will this also be the case with us? Were we placed into "relocation" camps for our own protection or at worst because of "military necessity"? A reporter wrote in 1942, "they are not to be confused with the usual concentration camps"; they are "typical American summer camps". Just last week, a member of the local World Affairs Council stated that "as an officer, I've been in much worse places than that."

We need to see to it that our children will get the right historical perspective and be forever vigilant to human injustices.

KIYO VIACRUCIS
Sacramento

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Mixed Marriages

Editor:

Why don't you all leave us alone and keep your noses in your own business. We don't need to be discussed nor solved as a problem. Mixed marriages along with their children in the community is a fact whether anyone likes it or not.

During 27 years of marriage, my wife and I go anywhere we want to and do anything we want to. We make reservations wherever we wish which are honored without trouble. If we are being discriminated against, persecuted or slighted, we aren't aware of it. Perhaps we are naive not knowing what we should look for to complain about. We don't bother others and others don't bother us. We don't seek the limelight of being an oddity needing special attention. We are happy in our ignorance—not being aware of the sinister forces directed against us.

Our friends are about thirds —one-third mixed marriage, one-third Japanese and one-third white. We are in social communication with about a hundred people. We feel quite accepted among these people. When we go outside our group, we feel free. Proper courtesies are extended to us, and we accept them as our due. In return, we are courteous toward others.

Apparently our kids (two boys and two girls) aren't suffering any great trauma of wondering who they are or what their identity is. What with the telephone ringing as many as 20 times in 30 minutes, all from their friends seeking them—I am telling you I am wishing they had an enemy or two. They are bright kids who do indeed enjoy living. Their friends are nice young people, both Japanese and white of whom I approve.

To the community, one gets out what one puts in. My family came from England to Jamestown in 1686. After all that time, we don't have any place to come from. Consequently, any place in this country is our home. We are responsible people who intend to hold this country together.

To all those simpering, whimpering souls who find the "burden of mixed marriage" too heavy, I recommend divorce without delay. People who continue to live in an unhappy situation do so because they like it. Mixed marriage is a problem only if one wishes to make it so.

HARRY L. GROVES
Pacific Grove, Calif.

● Jerry Enomoto

Perspectives

Tehachapi

OCTOBER OUTBURST—Just to prove that the wilds of Tehachapi have not swallowed us up, I thought I would "come down out of the mountains" to share again some thoughts and feelings with you.

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Reading of the events at the Portland Convention provoked some nostalgia, considering that it was the first JACL Biennial that we had missed since 1954. What I pick up strictly from the PC, since I see literally (almost) no "Nihonjin" (if I haven't lost my Japanese culture, I have certainly lost my JACL culture), suggests that a lot of business got taken care of, and that the JACL budget has assumed awesome proportions.

It is gratifying that support continue to come from JACLers who don't mind paying an increased membership fee for increased services. The work of an expanded and organized staff will hopefully be diversified and viable enough to sustain that kind of membership support.

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Just as I felt that JACL's position on the impeachment inquiry was proper, I feel that the editorial (PC, Sept. 20) concerning the pardon issue is right on the money. I cannot conceive of an action more ill-timed than the pardon. A rehash of all the pros and cons will bore everyone.

Suffice it to say that compassion is a quality that I value over many things, but compassion alone doesn't keep law breakers out of prisons. In this instance the exercise of compassion may have harmed its "beneficiary" by confirming the worst about Mr. Nixon, and harmed the country by depriving it of the truth. In any event, I hope that the example will at least remind us that compassion is a too often ignored human quality, when the poor, and minorities of our land are at the "bar of justice".

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A couple of weeks ago I played a guest-expert bit in the State of Kansas for a week, to look at a part of its correctional system and suggest possible changes. Enroute to the State Reformatory at Hutchinson, we briefly visited the Eisenhower Center in Abilene, where Ike is buried. Outside of that stop, the trip was strictly business, with even the medicinal resources of "demon rum" unavailable—Kansas being a "dry state". While there I heard via radio that snow was falling in neighboring Colorado, giving me visions of Bill Hosokawa already donning skis.

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The draft of a long, interesting interview with Dick Osumi, Judy Chu and Jesse Quinsaat of the Amerasia Journal in August just arrived in the mail. As I reviewed it, I was struck with how odd or inconsistent some things read, like when you see what you said in print. Most interviews are reported without any chance for review, so this opportunity is both interesting and welcome.

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Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.

AUTUMN—The high, bare peaks west of Denver—the spine of the Rockies—have been frosted by snow a couple of times already this season. And each time the warm Colorado sun has emerged to melt off the unseasonal snowfall. But it is approaching the time of year when the snow will cling to the crags and lofty slopes, and inexorably the white will inch down the mountainside toward timberline. In Denver the hardier ski enthusiasts have mounted "Think Snow" stickers on the bumpers of their cars, but at this altitude the flowers still bloom and the tomato vines continue to be vigorous.

Those who have never lived in this area find it hard to understand that even as winter has gripped the Rockies, the plains just to the east continue to bask for many weeks in the glorious season known as Indian summer. An errant storm may dump snow on Denver early in September, but when that happens the chances are good that the weather will warm up again and we may not have a hard freeze until early December or thereabouts.

But we who have lived in these parts for many years also realize that the weather can be as fickle as, excuse me, a woman. And so this is the time to see that the snow tires are in good shape, that the furnace is working properly, and that the antifreeze in the radiator is up to snuff.

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Most of the vegetable gardens are through bearing for the year, or else they might as well be. Not long ago Susan and Warren were cleaning up their patch and came on a monstrous, almost obscenely large zucchini, bigger than any watermelon. Their land is sandy and most of the things they planted this year turned up puny because they neglected to fertilize properly. But the zucchinis prosper, no matter what.

The first year Susan and Warren in their innocence put in eight or ten hills of zucchinis, or maybe it was a dozen. The plants produced enough to feed the neighborhood and then some. The second year they reduced the planting by half and still they had more zucchinis than anyone wanted. This year they put in what they considered to be a bare minimum—just enough to supply themselves—and still the plants waxed fruitful beyond all expectation, producing zucchini squash by the dozen whereas the cucumbers were stunted, the corn wilted, the tomatoes shriveled and the leaf lettuce promptly went to seed.

Desperately searching for ways of utilizing zucchinis, Warren ran across a recipe for zucchini bread. Zucchini bread? Yes, in the same manner as carrots in cake, even sauerkraut in cake. So, even though he does not profess to know anything about baking, he made some zucchini bread, and it wasn't bad at all.

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The world is faced by food shortages, and perhaps the reason is that we have cultivated a taste for the scarce and hard-to-grow items. Take wheat, for instance. There's a worldwide shortage of wheat because more and more people are eating it in the form of bread, cereals, noodles and the like. Out on the arid eastern plains of Colorado a harvest of 30 bushels or so of wheat to the acre is considered exceptional. We can eat this wheat in the forms described above. We can also turn it into feed for cattle and chickens (along with corn, soybeans and oats) and eat the meat. But it takes about ten pounds of grain to produce one pound of meat, and if more and more people have enough money and develop a taste for meat, there's all that additional demand for wheat.

Now, it occurred to me that if we could find ways to turn zucchini into feed for livestock, and used more of it in our cakes and pies and bread to stretch the wheat supply, we might go a long way toward solving food shortages because zucchinis seem to produce abundantly in almost any kind of soil no matter how you neglect them.

As I started to say before my mind began to wander, winter isn't far off, so I'll have plenty of time to think about ways of using up the zucchini glut and overcoming a very serious worldwide food shortage.

WW2 amnesty

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and no plea they might make in a court proceeding would be considered voluntary so long as they were so detained. In dismissing the case of one Kuwabara, agreed to be dispositive of all cases, Federal Judge Goodman stated:

"The Government urges that the question of 'due process' is not reachable at this time but only by writ of habeas corpus after compliance with the order of the local board. However, it is clear that defendant is under the circumstances not a free agent, nor is any plea that he may make, free or voluntary, and hence he is not accorded 'due process' in this proceeding."

The Selective Service report also noted another case, that of Shigeru Fujii who also failed to report for induction. SSS admits that he represented "a large group of Japanese Americans guility of no disloyalty to the United States, but unequivocally indignant because he and others like himself had been displaced and were compelled to live in relocation centers. For his offense, he was indicted and tried."

He argued that because of removal from his home and subsequent confinement "be hind barbed wire and under guard, he had been deprived of his liberty and property without due process of law and that therefore he ought not to be required to render military service until his rights were restored."

Unlike in the Kuwabara decision, this defendant, along with 62 others, was found guilty of 'wilfully refusing and failure to report for induction into the Armed Forces of the United States pursuant to an order of his local draft board" and was duly sentenced.

Based on the apparent conflict between this decision and that in the Kuwabara case, petition was made to the Supreme Court of the United States for a writ of certiorari, but this was denied. Thus, claimed the SSS, the courts upheld the principle established in the Falbo case regarding the finality of Selective Service determinations and the necessity of compliance before recourse to relief measures might be had in the courts.

The SSS Report ordered qualified Japanese Americans to be reclassified again, on Jan. 25, 1945, not automatically as Class IV-C, but in the same manner as all other qualified Americans. Once again, the SSS recognized that the representations of JACL were noteworthy in this particular decision.

Heart Mountain cases

Many of us who volunteered to serve early in 1943 discovered that there were some in the various camps who were so opposed to evacuees volunteering to serve in the same Army as that which evacuated and excluded them that they resorted to all manner of means, including violence, to prevent those who wanted to volunteer from doing so.

As far as I am aware, not one of these "anti-volunteers" were ever indicted and convicted of "obstructing" the operation of the Army's program for the voluntary induction of qualfied Japanese Americans. I could be wrong in this recollection, though.

Then, a number of so-called Fair Play Committees were organized in some of the camps after Selective Service was reopened to Japanese Americans. I remember that an "effective" committee was organized in the Heart Mountain WRA camp in Wyoming, led by some pro-Japan Issei, Kibei, and perhaps a Nisei or two. They tried to persuade draft age Nisei and Sansei to refuse to report for induction on the grounds that since they had been deprived of their civil rights, they had no obligation to serve in the armed forces of the country that had placed them behind barbed wire, etc.

Incidentally, in the volunteer-stage of military service, I remember that many non-Japanese, especially among the religious and civil rights leaders, who had been most helpful and friendly to those of Japanese ancestry and who opposed the Evacuation itself shared and expressed this opinion. Almost without exception, however, once Selective Service became operative again for Japanese Americans, they urged compliance.

As I recall, some 50 Nisei and Sansei in Heart Mountain refused to report for induction largely because of the activities of its Fair Play Committee. Tried and convicted, several were sent to prison, with the majority agreeing to accept induction in lieu of imprisonment.

Early in 1945, the Department of Justice decided on a policy of dismissing delinquency cases involving Japanese Americans where the registrant was willing to present himself for induction under the same procedures as other selectees.

About a year earlier, on May 10, 1944, a Federal District Judge in Oklahoma found seven Issei, Nisei, and Kibei who were allegedly leaders of the Heart Mountain Fair Play Committee, guilty of conspiracy to evade the draft.

Almost a year later, Feb. 12, 1945, the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver reversed the lower court decision and remanded all of the defendants for appropriate action. On motion of the United States District Attorney, all seven were ordered released.

Poston resisters

In October 1946, a Federal District Judge in Phoenix imposed a fine of one cent each on 101 Americans of Japanese ancestary who had failed to respond to Selective Service calls while at the Colorado River WRA camp at Poston, Arizona. The 101 defendants claimed that they had refused to answer their induction calls because their rights as citizens had been violated by the Evacuation and subsequent detention in a "concentration camp."

In a ruling that severely criticized the wartime treatment of Japancese Americans, the Federal Judge noted that the Army had carried out the Evacuation because of fear of espionage and sabotage by Japanese Americans. He said that drafting these same Evacuees while they were still in detention camps was "inconsistent" with the Evacuation program. He agreed with defense counsel that, because of the unjust treatment accorded them, failure to report for induction was a "natural reaction." He also ruled that detention in the camps was "punishment in advance for any offense which they may have committed by refusing to accept induction."

The court, in an unusual action, also granted stays of execution for six months to three defendants who were tried, convicted, and sentenced to one year in test cases in 1945 before the end of war.

"That will give them time to apply for executive clemency from the President of the United States, which will be no doubt granted," the Judge declared.

Defense counsel stated that all of the defendants were not unwilling to serve in the Army if they were released from Poston, and that 12 of the number had already volunteered and were serving in the Army at that time.

Historical profile

It seems that amnesty is in the American tradition, beginning with the first President George Washington. It has been maintained and reinforced by many of our "great" Chief Executives — Jefferson, Jackson, Lincoln, the two Roosevelts, and Wilson.

President Franklin Roosevelt terminated the problems created by World War I draft "dodgers" with a 1933 Christmas restoration of all rights of citizenship. This amnesty was applicable to all those who had violated either the draft or espionage laws, other than those who had fled the United States.

President Harry Truman, in a series of Christmas amnesty actions, gradually broadened the exercise of his pardoning power to grant leniency to those convicted of World War II related crimes.

On Christmas eve 1945, he granted amnesty, with full restoration of political and civil rights, to those who had deserted, provided that they had at least one year of honorable service. On Dec. 23, 1946, he announced the creation of an Amnesty Board similar to that created by President Woodrow Wilson after World War I, to examine the individual cases of those convicted under the Selective Service laws.

On Dec. 24, 1947, the Board recommended the release and pardon of some 3,000 of the approximately 15,000 convicted of violations of the draft laws. The Board, incidentally, recommended against amnesty for those who had objected to the war "for political or sociological grounds."

Included in this Dec. 24, 1947, "pardon" by President Truman were 282 American-born Japanese, as the release noted. They were granted "full pardons", along with 1,523 other Americans who for "conscientious religious reasons" had evaded the draft, "draft dodgers" who had subsequently served in the armed forces, and others who had failed to report for reasons of "ignorance."

Chairman of this Amnesty Board was former Associate Justice of the Supreme Court Owen Roberts who, perhaps by coincidence, also headed up the first presidential investigation of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Others on the Board were James F. O'Neill, National Commander of the American Legion, and Willis Smith, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Duke University and a former President of the American Bar Association.

In its report recommending amnest for the 1,523 Selective Service law violators, including the 282 Nisei and Sansei, the Board commented on the war time dilemma of a number of Japanese Americans who had been convicted of law violations.

"Closely analogous to conscientious objectors, and yet not within the fair interpretation of the phrase, were a smaller, though not inconsequential number of American citizens of Japanese ancestry, who were removed in the early stages of the war from their homes in defense coastal areas and placed in war relocation centers.

"Although we recognize the urgent necessities of military defense, we fully appreciate the nature of their feelings and their reactions to orders from the local Selective Service Boards.

"Prior to their removal from their homes, they had been law-abiding and loyal citizens. They deeply resent classification as undesirables. Most of them remained loyal to the United States and indicated a desire to remain in this country and to fight for its defense, provided that their rights of citizenship were recognized. For these we have recommended pardons, in the belief that they will justify our confidence in their loyalty."

Since this particular pardon was granted toward the end of 1947, practically all those involved either served their military or jail sentences; and, therefore, this presidential amnesty was in reality a pardon restoring their civil and political rights.

282 Nikkei

Among the 282 Nisei who received pardons was Gordon Hirabayashi, a Nisei Quaker from Seattle, who was convicted for failure to report for induction. He served a year in jail, when his plea that he was a conscientious objector was rejected by the jury..

Earlier, Hirabayashi had figured in a principal so-called Evacuation test case when he challenged the constitutionality of the curfew and travel restrictions imposed by the Western Defense Command as a preliminary to its Evacuation orders. Nisei attorney Minoru Yasui of Hood River, Oregon, was a defendant in a companion test case. Both military orders were ruled by the Supreme Court as constitutional exercises of the war powers of the President.

A few months later, the Army announced that it was willing to exchange the "blue discharges" issued to certain Nisei and Sansei then in the Army but who were discharged following December 7, 1941. The Army would exchange these "blue discharges" for "honorable discharge" certificates.

Saburo Kido, then National JACL President, was presented with a congressional citation for his efforts to secure "equality and justice" for Japanese Americans in the administration of the Selective Service System and in the Army itself.

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Since there probably are no data to indicate the number of Japanese Americans who may have refused, for one reason or another, to serve in the so-called Vietnam War, I have no idea at all as to how many Sansei and Yonsei, and a few Nisei, might be the beneficiaries of President Ford's "conditional amnesty" program. Nor do I have any idea at all as to the number who might be willing to accept the conditions imposed by the President as prerequisites for this amnesty.

And yet, just as it is remarkable that so few Nisei and Sansei refused to report for induction in World War II in spite of their unprecedented mistreatment and sacrifices, so it is my personal guess that relatively few Americans of Japanese ancestry failed to respond to Selective Service when they were called recently for duty during the Southeast Asian conflict.

Central Cal's Heartbeat survey shows Nikkei living on abundant 'rich' diet

FRESNO, Calif. — What were the striking findings of the Nikkei who have participated in the recent Heartbeat clinics here? The Fresno Nikkei population definitely shows the effect of an abundant "rich" diet, the Fresno JACL newsletter, ALL Reporter, noted this past week.

Most Americans in the U.S. eat foods that are high in calories with a 40-45 pct. of the calories in total fats, 15-20 pct. in saturated fats and over 700 mg. of dietary cholesterol.

The average cholesterol level in the non-Nikkei population is about 226 mg/100 ml of blood serum, but 60 pct. of the Fresno Nikkei had cholesterol levels of over 232 mg. Included in this finding were 46.3 pct. with cholesterol levels over 240 mg., 24.5 pct. with levels over 260 mg. and 7.7 pct. with levels over 300 mg. The coronary risk factor increases four times in those who have 260 mg. as compared with those who have less than 200 mg.

About 13 pct. of the Fresno Nikkei had triglycerides over the optimum 170 mg/100 ml of blood serum. Of these 5 pct. were over 250 mg and the highest was over 500 mg. Most common cause of high trigiycerides is obesity, which is frequently associated with diabetes mellitus, high blood pressure and high cholesterol. These factors tends to increase the risk of coronary disease.

The two-hour postprandial blood sugar was abnormal in about 33 pct. of those tested. Seventy-four had over 120 mg/100 ml, including 54 persons who had readings over 130 mg.

Diabetics are more likely to prematurely develop atherosclerotic disease than nondiabetics and even persons who are symptom-free except by an abnormal glucose tolerance test are more susceptible to atherosclerosis than persons who have normal values. Approximately 18 pct. tested were unaware of having abnormal blood sugar level.

The Central California Nikkei Heartbeat Survey is aimed for early detection of persons who have abnormal blood levels and seek follow-up care with their private physicians.

To date, a total of 1,932 persons participated in the program, including the 490 attended the two clinics here in Fresno.

Rodda-Short bill signed to provide state employment credit to evacuees

SACRAMENTO — Japanese Americans working for the State now can claim credit for breaks in service caused by their forceful evacuation and relocation during World War II, as a result of legislation signed into law by Governor Reagan on Sept. 20.

The legislation, sponsored by State Senators Albert S. Rodda (D-Sacramento) and Alan Short (D-Stockton), covers any employee of Japanese descent with a break in state employment because of evacuation and relocation resulting from orders issued by the Western Defense Command in 1942. The new law directs that the time of absence during the period when the orders were in effect shall be counted in building up service credits against possible layoff. The specific period covered is from March 5, 1942 to Dec. 31, 1949.

Computation of service credit has become important during the past months because some State departments have had to reduce the size of their staffs due to reduced funding.

The section concerning Japanese Americans was included in the Rodda-Short bill after the problem was brought to their attention by Sacramento JACLer Frank H. Hiyama, a senior bridge engineer with the State Dept. of Transportation (CALTRANS).

U.S.-Japan symposium

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Economic relations between U.S. and Japan will be reviewed, especially with reference to the local area, by 200 Japanese and U.S. businesses at a symposium Oct. 16 at El Cortez Hotel. Kelichi Tachibana, Japanese consul general at Los Angeles, will deliver the main luncheon address.

Japanese Proverb

Suzume no sengoe yori tsuru no hitogoe. (One word from a wise man is far better than a thousand from a fool.)

Sacramento center renamed for Warren

SACRAMENTO — A referendum has been urged to block the City Council's latest decision (of Aug. 29) to rename the Community Center after the late U.S. Chief Justice Earl Warren.

Walter Christensen, chairman of the Community Center Authority, said the public is opposed to changing the Sacramento Community Center to any name. "The public is satisfied with a dedication to Warren and a plaque," he added.

The council reversed an Aug. 1 decision on a 5-3 vote with Ritz Naygrow abstaining. Mayor Richard Marriott, Michael Sands and Anne Rudin voted against the resolution.

When the council first voted on the issue, the vote was 6-3 to reject the renaming the center and instead to place a memorial marker in dedication of the late chief justice. Burnett Miller, Phillip Isenberg and Naygrow, who were urging the name change, voted against the memorial plaque proposal.

But by the time the matter was being reconsidered, the situation had changed. Manuel Ferrales, Herman Lawson and Robert Matsui switched their vote in favor of the renaming. The Thursday evening council meeting was marked by highly emotional speeches by Matsui and Lawson whose voices at times quavered and whose eyes welled with tears.

Christensen, however, said the two were citing personal reasons for their vote switch and were not representing the wishes of the people. "It's the people who should decide," he said.

City Attorney James Jackson and City Clerk Jaci Deford said the council's action was in the form of a resolution—a matter which may cause technical problems for Christensen's proposal. They said the city charter makes provision for using referendums and initiatives to change ordinances but not to change resolutions. Cost for a special election would be about $30,000, according to the city clerk. Cost of replacing the Community Center signs will be about $25,000, according to city project engineer Chris Delgado. But the city manager, Richard Rathfon, said the present signs might be altered at a lower cost.

Black Caucus Calls

In a related matter, County Supervisor Ted Sheedy said Lawson indicated to him the previous day he would "definitely" vote against the renaming. Lawson confirmed Sheedy's remarks.

Lawson said he received calls about the name change from State Sen. Mervyn Dymally (D-Los Angeles) and from Assembly Black Caucus. He denied, however, that they influenced him to change to his vote. The calls from the legislators, he said, were among many others. He said he was out at the time the black caucus called and tried unsuccessfully twice to return the call.

Lawson said he did speak with Dymally, who asked him to consider what Warren had done for blacks.

"But I wasn't influenced by what Dymally was saying," Lawson emphasized, "but by what all the people were saying. I wanted to vote for the Warren name from the beginning."

He sad he favored the renaming when it first came up but didn't want to make the issue "a racial thing by jumping in for Warren simply because I'm a black man."

Lawson said he supported a substitute motion at the Aug. 1 council meeting in order to block a "minor controversy which developed with the Community Center Authority". Ultimately, however, Lawson said, he had to face "a gut issue", which "hit 400 years of me"—referring to black slavery. "Is it Warren and me together?" he asked rhetorically.

Naygrow, according to his wife, received a telephone call from C. K. McClatchey, executive editor of the Sacramento Bee.

The Bee first suggested in editorial that the Community Center be named in honor of Warren.

The county board of supervisors had endorsed the Bee suggestion in a 3 to 1 vote.

Councilman Matsui was also reported as recipient of some friendly advice, though the parties were not named in the Sacramento Union report of Aug. 12 by staff writer Manuel Valencia. But Ferrales and Lawson said they had been given some friendly advice from Supervisor Sheedy, attorney Nat Colley, former vice mayor Milt McGhee and others.

Pressure on Council

Valencia reminded that pressure is continually placed on the council, which in itself is not bad as pros and cons can be debated, scrutinized by those affected by the issue. with arguments, petitions and phone calls, the council knows what public sentiment is on a given issue.

But the basic question, Valencia pointed out, is: "In the final analysis, whom does the council listen to?"

"Do 250 names on a petition carry the same clout as a resolution written by an ambitious county supervisor? Several council members have already answered that question," Valencia concluded.

—Sacramento Union.

Prospects good for Seattle cultural center

SEATTLE, Wash. — The Japanese Cultural-Service Center, being proposed through the Economic Development Administration, has been given a "high preference" by the Seattle-King County EDA district prioritizing committee, according to the Seattle JACL newsletter.

With Seattle being a gateway city to the Orient, the need to establish greater social and cultural linkage exists and the JACL proposal for the JC-SC has improved, the Center committee feels.

A major internal issue, it was reported, concerns the maintenance and operation of a center after it has been constructed. Guidelines are being sought to assist in the management, preparing job descriptions and defining lines of authority within the project.

Tamura & Co.

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. —Tamura & Co. of Los Angeles will open a branch store here this month at 8881 Warner Blvd. with Kay Kawafuchi as manager. Approximately 35,000 square feet in size, the total inventory will be in excess of $1,250,000.

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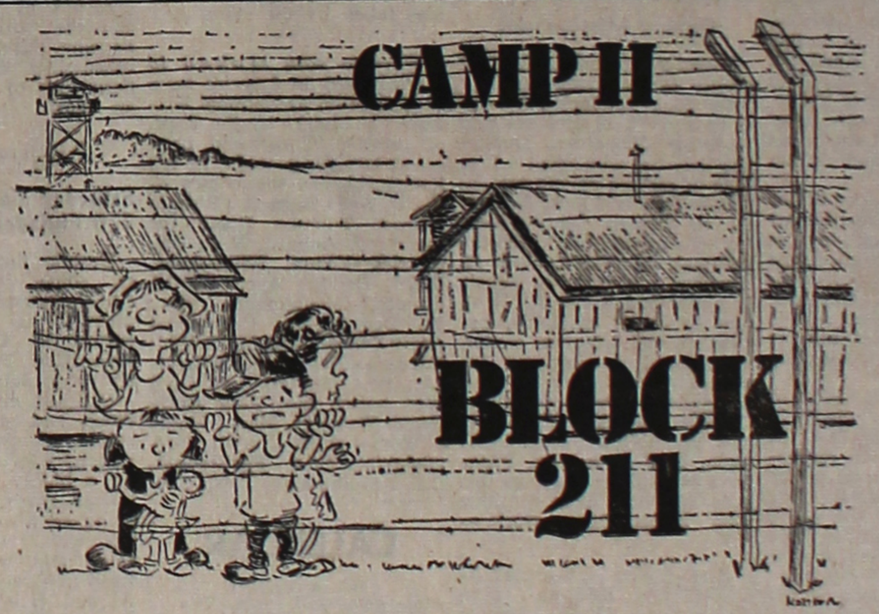

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CMI: a tough row to hoe

Continuous Membership Increase (CMI) is a recognition that the Pacific Citizen has noted from time to time.

Monterey Peninsula JACL hung up a 13-year CMI in 1966. It began in 1954 with 136 members and it was extended to 403.

Meanwhile, San Fernando Valley JACL had its CMI string alive. It passed the 13-year CMI record in 1972 and sports a 16-year CMI thus far. San Fernando valley must top 872 members signed up last year. As of Aug. 31, National Headquarters reports 679 (or about 80%).

If San Fernando Valley falters, Alameda JACL will assume the lead with its 11-year CMI, a skein that began in 1964 with 177 members. Their 444 members as of Aug. 31 surpasses the 1973 chapter all-time high of 395.

And Gardena Valley JACL is very much alive with a 9-year CMI which dates from 1966. The PC Office, this past month, has received additional memberships to insure a new chapter all-time in excess of its 1,244 members as of 1973 for Gardena.

Two chapters, which have yet to falter in their CMI string since activation, are San Gabriel Valley and West Valley chapters. San Gabriel was reactivated in 1969 and West Valley in 1970. The CMI string starts the following year.

Riverside JACL, another chapter which has yet to falter since activation, may still burst through in the coming weeks to keep its CMI alive since 1968.

Eden Township and Fresno JACL have a 7-year CMI string that can be stretched to eight this year.

Sanger, East Los Angeles, San Mateo and Twin Cities chapters have 6-year CMI records that can be converted to seven.

Tulare County JACL has already completed its 6-year CMI as of August. Puyallup Valley and Sonoma County chapters have five CMI years thus far.

Other notable CMI streaks in years past include:

Eight Years — Arizona (1962-69); Orange County (1963-70); Mt. Olympus (1952-59).

Seven Years — Hollywood (1964-70); Venice-Culver (1963-69); Portland (1961-67).

Six Years — Contra Costa (1965-70); Detroit (1952-57).

Five Years — Seattle (1964-68); Philadelphia (1962-66); Washington, D.C. (1962-66); Sacramento (1968-72).

At least 13 chapters have attained new All Time Highs (ATH) this year out of the 38 chapters which have surpassed their last year's enrollment as of Aug. 30. The new ATH chapters are:

PNWDC—Mid-Columbia, Puyallup Valley, Spokane.
NC-WNDC — Alameda, Contra Costa, Monterey, Sequoia, West Valley.
CCDC—Clovis, Tulare County.
PSWDC—Metropolitan L.A., San Diego, South Bay.

The other chapters which have exceeded last year's enrollment are:

NC-WNDC—Florin, Fremont, Livingston - Merced, Placer County, Sacramento, San Benito, San Jose, Sonoma County.
CCDC—Delano, Fowler, Parlier, Selma.
PSWDC—Imperial Valley, North San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, West Los Angeles.
IDC—Boise Valley, Pocatello-Blackfoot.
MPDC — Arkansas Valley, Ft Lupton, San Luis Valley.
MDC—Cleveland.
EDC—Seabrook.

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1974 Membership

Goal: 35,000

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Aug. 31—27,380 (78.2%)

Goal	District	Curr	Pctg
2,328	PNWDC	1,780	76.5
13,823	NC-WNDC	10,916	79.0
1,928	CCDC	1,544	80.0
10,610	PSDDC	8,397	79.1
1,580	IDC	1,269	80.3
546	MPDC	449	82.2
3,122	MDC	2,076	66.5
1,295	EDC	949	73.3

TOP TEN CHAPTERS

S Fran	1,321	Chicago	859
Gardena	1,221	Sn Mateo	825
West L.A.	1,133	Sequoia	820
Sn Jose	1,125	Sn Fern	679
Sac'to	954	Orange Cy.	666

CHAPTER PULSE

October Events

Alameda Issei Night to honor centenarian

Mrs. Misa Tajima, who celebrates her 100th birthday on Oct. 23, will be special guest of honor at the annual **Alameda JACL** Issei Night festivities Oct. 5, 5:30 p.m., at the Buena Vista United Methodist Church. Vice president Ray Hamae will be in charge.

Mrs. Tajima arrived in California in 1913. Her family first settled in Irvington in southern Alameda county. She and her husband Ruikichi, who succumbed in 1956, have two sons Hikoichi and Tatsumi and a daughter Namie. She credits her longevity to hard work, abiding faith in Buddhism and exercises which she still does daily.

For the special occasion, Alameda Mayor and Mrs. Terry LaCroix, Alameda Time Star publisher and Mrs. Abe Kofman, the Rev. and Mrs. Emery Flemming and the Rev. and Mrs. Hideo Terao have been invited. Kiyoshi Naito will be emcee. The Michiya Hanayagi dancers will entertain. To ensure a record turnout, the roast beef dinner will be served at $3 per person, $2 for students.

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November Events

Milwaukee Folk Fair planning underway

Milwaukee JACL is gearing for the annual Holiday Folk Fair held annually preceding the Thanksgiving holidays. It is set for the new MECCA Bldg. on Nov. 22-24.

Charlie Matsumoto, chairman of the JACL operation at Folk Fair, will be assisted by:

Vic Heinemeyer, Chick Tanouye, exhibit; Kimi Johnson, Sei Pramenko, arts; Hank Date, construction; and Mickey Mukai, children's program.

Mrs. Masae Tucker will represent the chapter in the program at the Pabst Beer Gardens with her Japanese dancing. Mrs. Mukai is now rehearsing the children on Saturdays to also perform in an odori.

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August Events

Saturday picnic attracts 170 Philadelphians

Despite threatening weather, some 160 **Philadelphia JACL** members and friends attended its annual August outing at Carson Simpson Recreation Farm in Willow Grove on Saturday, Aug. 17.

Children enjoyed the many races and games plus the prizes. Adults frolicked in various sport events, including a highly competitive volleyball game. Afternoon was climaxed with a barbecue dinner with sweet white corn, salad and watermelon. The fresh produce was donated by Al and Helen Yamamoto of Newton. Koge Suto and Jack Simmons distributed the door prizes, which were contributed by Chopsticks Restaurant, Oriental Food Mart, Haruko's Oriental Bazaar and many chapter friends.

Aki Yoshida, picnic chairman, was assisted by:

Co-chairman—George K. Higuchi; food preparation—Gladys S. Kamihira, Mas and Fumiko Miyazaki, and Ruth K. Higuchi; beverage and ice—Sumio Okabayashi; games—Larry Moy, Ray Masters, and Mike Kijesky; flyer artwork—Debra Kamihira; athletic equipment—A. Bunji Ikeda; and registration—Hatsumi Harada and Lisa Kamihira.

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July Events

Spokane JACLers assist at Folk Life Festival

One of the major Expo '74 highlights was the Japanese American Folk Life Festival held in mid-July (the week prior to the National JACL Convention at Portland), coordinated by Yoshiko Omoto, Miyo Akiyama, Mas Akiyama, Dr. Min Masuda (of Seattle) and Folklife officials.

The **Spokane JACL** and members of the local Japanese community participated in the various presentations during the week that featured the contribution and history of the Japanese Americans of the Northwest in the Folklife Area of the world's fair. There were paper carps fluttering from the high poles and various cultural arts, craft and entertainment featured at the many kiosks within the Folklife site. Participants included:

Bankei: Mari Yamauchi, Portland; origami: Emi Suemori, Spokane; tsumami-e: Nobuko Leech, Por; kusadama: Masako Ono, Spo; calligraphy: Michiko Sato, Japan; Japanese cooking: Chizue Mondoux, Keiko von Holt, Spo; ikebana: Kazuko Henjyoji, Por, and Yoriko Hayashi, Spo; sumi-e, Fumiko Kimura, Tacoma; pottery: Yogi Kan, Manchester, Wash.; paper doll art: Haruko Utsumi, Jpn; ribbon art, Kaz Yamamoto, Mary Takami, Spo; sushi, Taeko Kayahara, Mary Terao, Spo.

Over 100 local and Northwest entertainers with Iku Matsumoto as the interlocutor also presented two three-hour shows daily for a week in the Folklife amphitheater. Thousands were entertained by a kendo and aikido group from Seattle and Tacoma; karate from Arizona; Hanayagi Dancers and musicians of Seattle; Fujihana Dancers and musicians of Spokane; and 60 Bonodori dancers of Spokane.

JACL here was grateful that many Nisei and Sansei of the Northwest were willing to share their talents during Japanese Summer Festival at Folklife with thousands of EXPO visitors throughout the United States and the world. It was a once-in-a-lifetime "thrilling experience!"

Minority Week

A FIRST—For the first time in VFW's 75-year history, a black, New York state supreme court justice Franklin W. Morton Jr., 54, was elected to national leadership position as judge advocate general (or chief legal adviser) at its national encampment at Chicago. He previously served as VFW judge advocate in New York.

A landmark case argued this summer at Portland, Me., is certain to have important ramifications for nearly all American Indians east of the Mississippi, who are regarded as the "invisible" Eastern Indians. The 2,000-member Passamaquoddy tribe of eastern Maine charged that in 1794 the state of Maine took several million acres of tribal and in violation of the federal Indian Non-Intercourse Act of 1790, which voids any attempt by a state or private individual to obtain Indian land without the consent of the federal government. The Congress has given the federal government until July, 1977, to institute damage actions on behalf of Indian tribes interested in filing old land claims. The Passamaquoddy action is suing for $150 million in damages. The Penebscots in central Maine asked for similar damages for land also taken by the state.

Thirteen sites linked to black history in America have been selected as National Historic Landmarks by the Dept. of Interior. Three had been previously designated. The ten landmarks are the homes of Ida B. Wells-Barnett, Chicago; Harriet Tubman Home for the Aged, Auburn, N.Y.; Col. Charles Young, Wilberforce, Ohio; Dexter Ave. Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala.; Ft. Des Moines Provisional Army Officer Training School; Yucca Plantation, Melrose, La.; Port Hudson, La., Civil War battle site; Paul Cuffe Farm, Westport, Mass.; Mother Bethel AME Church, Philadelphia; and Portsmouth, R.I., Revolutionary battle site.

CALENDAR

Oct. 4 (Friday)
Sacramento—Golf tourn, Yolo Flyer's Country Club.
Oct. 5 (Saturday)
Salt Lake City—Monte Carlo Night, Buddhist Church 6 p.m.
Sequoia—Keirokai, Palo Alto Buddhist Church.
Alameda—Issei Night, Buena Vista United Methodist Church, 5:30 p.m.
Oct. 6 (Sunday)
Milwaukee—JAY Mtg, Kamikawa res, 1 p.m.
Seattle—1000 Club golf tourn, Jefferson Park, 9 a.m.; award dnr, Bush Garden, 6:30 p.m.
NC-WNDC—Exec Bd Mtg.
Philadelphia—Issei Appreciation dnr.
Oct. 8 (Tuesday)
San Mateo—Bus Mtg, Sturge Presbyterian Church, 8 p.m.
Salt Lake— Board Mtg, Sumner School annex, 7 p.m.
Oct. 9 (Wednesday)
Orange County—Board Mtg, Bank of Tokyo, Santa Ana, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 10 (Thursday)
East Los Angeles—Gen Mtg.
Oct. 11—13
MDC—St. Louis hosts: Fall Mtg, Stix House, 6470 Forsyth, Clayton.
Oct. 12 (Saturday)
Milwaukee—Bridge party.
Riverside—Gen Mtg.
San Francisco—Keiro picnic, Serra Park, San Bruno.
West Valley—Family potluck, Grace Methodist Church, Saratoga, 6 p.m.; Comm. Richard Stratton, USN, spkr.
Oct. 15 (Tuesday)
CCDC—Council Mtg.
Oct. 18 (Friday)
St. Louis—Bd Mtg.
Oct. 19 (Saturday)
New York—Inst Dnr, Sheraton, 870-7th Ave at 56th St., 7 p.m.
EDC—New York hosts: Fall Mtg. New York Sheraton 10 a.m.
Oct. 20 (Sunday)
East Los Angeles—Issei Night.
Oct. 26 (Saturday)
St. Louis—Japanese movies.
Nov. 1—2
West Valley—Chicken teriyaki sale.
Nov. 3 (Sunday)
NC-WNDC—Election session.
Nov. 7—10
Nat'l JACL—Nat'l Board Mtg, San Francisco.

• Allan Beekman

Book Review

EARLY WORKS OF AN ESTEEMED AUTHOR

TEN NIGHTS OF DREAM, HEARING THINGS, THE HEREDITY OF TASTE, by Soseki Natsume. Tuttle, 203 pp., $6.95.

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In January 1903, Kinnosuke Natsume returned to Japan from two years spent in England on a government scholarship. The Ministry of Education had awarded him the scholarship on condition that he teach for four years after returning; he faced the uncongenial task of teaching at the First National College in Tokyo and lecturing in English literature — succeeding Lafcadio Hearn — at Tokyo Imperial University.

The scholarship having been too meager to permit formal study, he had spent most of his time in squalid quarters in London, eating sparingly and poring over English books.

In 1894, he had suffered a form of nervous breakdown; life in London had fostered a recurrence. A reputation for eccentricity, even madness, had preceded his return to Tokyo.

Though even his family regarded him as suffering from nervous exhaustion and symptoms of insantity, he strove to direct the disorder into a profitable channel. He even expressed hope the disorder might continue. ". . . nervous breakdowns and insanity drive me ruthlessly into creative activity."

The creative activity into which it drove him include the three offerings in this small book, all impressed with the stamp of the supernatural, all narrated in the first person.

Early Efforts

He wrote "Hearing Things" (Koto no Sorane: literally, Sound of a Koto) in a few weeks, finishing it April 29, 1905, when he was 38. It is a humorous account of Yasuo, a middle-class Tokyoite beset by phenomena that shake his belief in his freedom from superstition.

Fears of his superstitious housekeeper and the portents that frighten her put him in panic about the welfare of his fiancee, Tsuyuko. Ghost stories, howling dogs, flickering flame against darkness, shadows moving on the ceiling excite and disorder his imagination.

He wrote "The Heredity of Taste" (Shumi no Iden) in eight days, finishing Dec. 11, 1905. Rambling and discursive, the story is inspired by the sight of a beautiful young woman praying at the grave of a soldier, known to the author, who had died at Port Arthur more than a year before. The author believes the woman to be unacquainted with the soldier for whom she prays.

Why, then, does she grieve for him? He recounts his efforts to resolve the mystery, establishing an occult theory based on belief in reincarnation.

Publishing under the pen name Soseki Natsume he acquired a reputation through these and other contributions. Between 1907 and 1908, he wrote "Ten Nights of Dream" (Yume Juya). In July and August 1908, the Asahi Newspaper published the story serially.

Dreams may have inspired this work; it may be an account of actual dreams.

In the first dream, rendered poetically, he sits by the grave of a woman who had promised to return to him after 100 years. In the second, sitting in a Zen posture, he strives for Nirvana against lust for revenge. In the third, he carries a blind six-year-old through paddy fields. And so on.

Asahi Novelist

Three stories show the fledgling writer still trying to find himself. But even his early work, including the novels, *I Am a Cat* (Wagahai wa Neko de Aru, PC Aug. 25, 1972) and *Young Master* (Botchan, PC Dec. 7, 1973) gained such popularity for him that the Asahi offered him a salary of 200 yen a month, with bonuses, to publish his novels, in serial form, in its columns.

With four daughters and another child expected, he welcomed the promised income. Privately he expressed doubts. To give up his academic post for a career as writer appeared reckless; he knew neither how much nor how well he might write.

His fears proved groundless. To the end of his life he remained a professional writer. Even today he is the most read and most loved of Japanese authors.

BOOK SHELF

Quaker Missionaries

Directly or indirectly, few people of Japanese ancestry have gone unaffected by the tireless work of Herbert and Madeline Nicholson, Quaker missionaries, who spent a lifetime of service among the Japanese here and abroad. They set up hostels for evacuees from Terminal Island with the outbreak of World War II, launched a continuous shuttle in a flat-bed truck that took him to every assembly, relocation and detention center, and helped war-ravaged Japanese villages after the war. A Japanese translation, YAGI-NO OJI-SAN ($2.50), is now available, c/o Rev. Nicholson, 1639 Locust St., Pasadena 91108. Receipts from this book will help them continue their humanitarian work. — N.K.

Packed with pictures, FUNDAMENTAL KENDO (Japan Publications, $12.50) compiled by the All-Japan Kendo Federation has the reader who may have never seen a kendo match in his life gain some appreciation of the oldest of martial arts from Japan. Basic techniques for the beginner, making self-teaching possible, and introduction to the philosophy to the "way of the sword" add to the rich material contained therein. —H.H.

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Tulare County plans for 40th anniversary fete

DINUBA, Calif. — The 40th anniversary banquet of the Tulare County JACL has been confirmed for Saturday, Feb. 8, 1975, at the Dinuba Memorial Hall.

Delano JACL, then a part of the Tulare County JACL, will assist in the planning. Reedley and Parlier JACL chapters, also formed in 1935, will participate in the program.

A charter member list of the four chapters is being sought. Persons who may be able to assist should forward the information to Tom T. Shimasaki, P.O. Box 876, Lindsay 93247.

Kotowaza (Proverbs)

Fude ni wa ken ni masaru chikara ari. (The brush-pen has a power stronger than the sword. The pen is mightier than the sword.)

TOM TAKENOUCHI: Hollywood JACLer

Serving city councilman as liaison with Asians and project coordinator

LOS ANGELES — City Councilman David S. Cunningham has announced the selection of Tom Takenouchi, 27, as project coordinator and Asian community liaison for the 10th councilmanic district.

A recent graduate of the University of Southern California School of Law, Takenouchi also holds a bachelor of arts degree in government from California State University at Los Angeles and a master's degree in public administration from USC.

While at USC, he served as president of the Student Bar

Tom Takenouchi

Association and was honored with the American Jurisprudence Award for scholastic achievement.

He currently serves as preter of the Japanese American sident of the Hollywood chap-Citizens League.

Takenouchi began working for the Councilman in late August.

He resides in the Silver Lake area and is the son of Mine and Seiichi Takenouchi of L.A.

"Tom has tremendous skill," Councilman Cunningham said of his newest staff member. "He brings with him degrees in both law and public administration, and he's a good research man."

According to Cunningham, Takenouchi will help in developing legislation.

Two other Asian Americans are employed by the 10th District lawmaker. They are Leslie Song Winner, daughter of State Senator Alfred Song of Monterey Park, and Nancy Morgan, secretary to Mrs. Winner, a consultant.

Punchbowl –

Continued from Front Page

this may be a memorial to those who died in the Pacific Theater. However, since so many of Hawaii's men died in the European Theater and are interred here, we think it fitting that some of the art work in the expanded portion show battle maps of portions of the European Theatre."

The 442nd Club and the Club 100 suggested the project include:

1—Maps of Italy and France showing the battle routes taken by the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team;

2—Markers on the maps showing the battles in which a company, Battalion or the Regiment earned Distinguished Unit citations;

3—Perhaps markers on the maps to show where Congressional Medals of Honor were awarded to soldiers of the 100th and the 442nd;

4—Appropriate plaques briefly listing the deed of valor for which the Medals of Honor were awarded.

Another suggestion was that veterans of the 100th and 442nd be interred, as much as possible, in one section of the cemetery and/or columbarium to "make our special memorial ceremonies which we hold annually in addition to the regular Memorial Day ceremony much more impressive."

San Francisco site of Poston reunion '75

SAN FRANCISCO—Students in the 1943-44-45 classes of Canal High School at Poston, Ariz., will have a joint reunion next summer, Aug. 9-10, here. Dinner-dance at Bimbo's 365 Club will be held Saturday, followed by a family brunch Sunday. All former Canal High students are invited. In charge are:

Julia Seiji Neishi, 1546 Darius Ct, San Leandro 94577; Kimi Doi Toji, 1261 Delaware St, Berkeley 94702; Kaz Deguchi Nishita, 2152 Oregon St, Berkeley 94705.

St. Louis directory

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — The St. Louis JACL directory has been published. It is available at 50 cents per copy from Nikki Hara, 904 Penny Lane, St. Louis 63011.

Senior citizens meet

LOS ANGELES — U.S. Commissioner on Aging Arthur Flemming will present the major address at the sixth biennial International Senior Citizens Congress Oct. 8, 9 a.m., at the Biltmore Hotel. (Dr. Flemming was a recent JACL Convention speaker at Portland.)

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Japan Today

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MUSIC — A primary school in Mitsukaido (Ibaraki) has a Steinway grand piano, which was purchased in 1932. When the secondhand instrument went on the blink recently, a Tokyo piano firm found its serial number 11013 inside — making it the oldest Steinway in Japan, much older than the Steinway, number 62058, presented by the German Kaiser to the Imperial Household in 1895. Steinway in New York offered a brand new grand piano in exchange for the museum piece but there are those at the school who want to retain it as a cultural asset now . . . Leonard Bernstein and the New York Philharmonic enthralled the audience Sept. 1 at Tokyo Metropolitan Festival Hall. It was the opener of the eight concerts for the orchestra's third tour of Japan. Pierre Boulez, music director for the past three years, conducted four of the concerts.

SOVIET FISH — Said to be tasty, whether raw, boiled or fried, the Lake Baikal finny by the name of "omul" (which is unlisted in our unabridged Webster's—Ed.) are being hatched and grown by the Aomori Prefecture Fisheries Experiment Station. Thus far after four years, the fish are about 16 inches long and are expected to attain full growth in another four years. Hope is for commercial breeding of the Siberian trout-like fish in Lake Towada, where rainbow trouts are being raised. The omul roe (100,000) was sent in exchange for 100 Japanese carp and goldfish.

GUEST HOUSE—Belgium's King Badouin and his wife will be the first guests to stay in the remodeled Akasaka Detached Palace, now guest house for state visitors. The royal couple are due in Tokyo for three days starting Nov. 2 . . . U.S. President and Mrs. Gerald Ford will probably be the second party to stay at the house, which has been refurbished at a cost of about ¥10-billion.

INFLATION — Consumer prices have zoomed past 20 pct. for fiscal 1974, beyond the 10 pct. the government estimate. The Economic Planning Agency fears no let-up in and after October as the prices on rice, utilities, transportation, tobacco and medicine continue to climb. Rice will go up by 32%, tobacco by 60%, gas by 47%, transportation by 23% (Shinkansen fare between Tokyo-Osaka goes from ¥4,030 to ¥5,010) . . . Even the airmal bundle of newspapers the PC receives from Tokyo will go up from ¥750 to ¥950.

KYOTO—The Gion Odori and Kyo Odori, traditional autumn dances performed by the dancers, have been suspended this year because of the difficulty of teahouses selling tickets to the performances and business depression . . . A pair of grassland eagles, which inhabit the Himalayas and southern Siberia mountains, were presented to the Kyoto Zoo from the Kiev Zoo. These eagles are the first of its kind in Japan.

MOBILE BATH — Nishinomiya (Spokane's Sister City) has launched a mobile bath project to benefit the city's bed-ridden elderly, who astonished municipal welfare officials what they wanted most after an old people's hospital and home visits was transportation to take them to baths. Sixty per cent of those questioned noted they couldn't bathe themselves. A special van equipped with a water heater and bath tub is being rigged to meet this plight. Also proposed was to use portable baths and give bedside baths.

In Canada

(From the New Canadian)

TANAKA VISIT — Canada and Japan have agreed to a 02 million program to promote academic relations between the two nations, Prime Minister Trudeau and visiting Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka said in their joint communique concluding two-days of talk Sept. 24. The 20-year-old agreement on commerce was also in the process of revision, the communique added.

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Aloha from Hawaii

Hawaii Today

Honolulu

Military barracks have gone "co-ed" in Hawaii. Both the Army and Navy in Hawaii have instituted the "mixed-but-separate" living facilities. The Air Force is planning similar housing by the end of the year.

The First Hawaiian Bank in its "Economic Indicators" for August reports that the Bureau of Labor Statistics "finds Anchorage, the highest **cost of living area**, Honoludu second, Boston close behind Honolulu, and New York, Chicago, and San Francisco well above the average. The latest study showed Honolulu to be 15.7 per cent above the average of the 40 areas." The bank gives five reasons for Hawaii's high cost of living, as follows: (1) housing; (2) state personal income taxes (The Tax Foundation of Hawaii report shows that on a per capita basis, Hawaii's is the highest in the nation.); (3) import costs; (4) inventories (because of the constant threat of dock strikes, it is conceded that inventories must be kept at a much higher level in Hawaii than in other parts of the country); (5) excise taxes (we are the only state that levies an excise tax at the rate of one-half of 1 per cent on all producing, processing, wholesaling, and importing, plus a 4 per cent retail tax on all retail sales).

Almost 45,000 students have returned to the Univ. of Hawaii and other island colleges, as follows: **UH, Manoa**, 22,500; **Brigham Young, Lale branch**, 1,000; **Hawaii Pacific College**, 600; HPC, part-time students, 750; **Chaminade College**, evening program, 1,100; regular program, 700; **Hawaii Loa College**, 250; **Hilo College**, 1,700; **Leeward Community College**, 5,-240; **Kapiolani CC**, 3,500; **Honolulu CC**, 3,050; **Hawaii CC**, 1,380; **Maui CC**, 1,280; **Kauai CC**, 1,040; **Windward CC**, 1,020.

State Capitol

The state supreme court unanimously ruled that a legislator may not be held for libel or slander when commenting on issues "of legitimate legislative concern." The court has ruled that even statements that are slanderous must be considered privileged if the legislator makes the statements "in the exercise of his legislative function." The decision followed **Sen. David McClung's** appeal to the supreme court to consider a $500,000 libel suit filed against him in 1971 by **Neil Abercrombie**, a Univ. of Hawaii instructor.

Business Ticker

Stanley Fujiura has been promoted to financial operations officer of Pioneer Federal Savings & Loan Assn. . . . **Claude Matsumoto**, who resigned from the Teamsters Union in July, has been appointed labor relations adviser at the Hawaii Employers Council . . . Western Airlines has promoted **Susan Yoshie Molmen** to assistant manager of reservations.

A local hui which includes **Senator Hiram Fong** has sold more than 1,100 acres of fee simple land at Pupukea to a Japanese group, Ohbayashi Hawaii Corp., for $7.5 million. With Fong on the deal are his wife, Ellyn Fong; Mun On Chun, president of Finance Realty; and Chun's wife, Patsy Chun. Ohbayashi is part of Japan's Ohbayashi-Gumi, which owns the Sheraton-Kauai Hotel, and has been involved in construction in Honolulu.

Bank of Honolulu, Hawaii's youngest and smallest bank, has been growing solidly at a time when other institutions are suffering minimal growth. Frank Cooper, bank president, said his bank already has reached the level it projected for four years ahead when it started. It opened on Apr. 9, 1973, with $2.4 million in assets. The figure at June 30 this year June 30, 1973, were $5.4 million, was $21.9 million. Deposits on They rose to $11.1 million by Dec. 31, 1973, and $18.5 million by June 30 this year.

Castle & Cooke, Inc., has sod **Mililani Memorial Park** on Oahu to a firm headed by **Rex Kuwasaki**, former executive vice president of the Hawaii Corp. The memorial park was started by Castle & Cooke in 1961 as part of its central Oahu land development.

Courtroom

The State Supreme Court has reversed the conviction of gangsters **James Pokini** and **William Moore** for the 1972 armed robbery of the Oahu Sugar Co. offices in Waipahu. The ruling, however, does not affect any other cases in which Pokini and Moore have been convicted. The ruling criticized Circuit Judge Robert Chang for his conduct during the Oahu Sugar Co. robbery trial.

Murder charges against **Richard Parr**, a surfboard shop owner, have been dismissed in district court by Judge Wendell Huddy. The judge's ruling indicated a finding of justifiable homicide, court sources said. Parr had been charged with the deaths of Vincent Tavares, 24, of Maili and Marvis Bush, Jr., 30, of Palolo.

Names in the News

Andrew Chang was sworn in as interim director of the Dept. of Social Services Sept. 3 by associate supreme court justice Thomas Ogata. Also sworn in was **Nadao Yoshinaga** as a member of the Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board. Chang has replaced Myron Thompson who resigned to become a trustee of the Bishop Estate.

Neighbor Islands

Residents from Kihei to Ulupalakua on the island of Maui say they will settle for an airdrop of poisoned oats to control a massive **infestation of mice**. The infestation of "millions of mice" has caused crop damage and harassed home owners in the area. The state health dept. has treated homes for the rodents, but eradication of mice by this method has proved ineffective, said Dr. Alice Broadhurst, Maui district health officer.

Jim Hackleman, former sports editor of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin, has been made vice president-public relations for the Hawaii Islanders baseball team. Hackleman joins the Islander staff after a 25-year career as a wire service and newspaper reporter.

Political Scene

Rep. Patsy Mink celebrated her 10 years in Congress in Hilo Aug. 31 with an overflow gathering of 450 persons that heard her praise the style of President Ford. She called the President on "incredibly diligent individual". Mrs. Mink described Mr. Ford's early day as "a complete change in attitude toward Congress."

The State's Republican party has picked businessman **Kent Bowman**, better known as K. K. Kaumanua, as its new acting chairman. Bowman replace Mrs. Carla Coray who is contesting Congresswoman Patsy Mink for a seat in the House.

A Honolulu Advertiser survey shows that a tight race for governor of Hawaii is shaping up for the coming fall elections. An Advertiser poll shows that **Mayor Frank Fasi** (29 per cent), attorney **Thomas Gill** (26) and acting Gov. **George Ariyoshi** (26) each has a chance to pull out victory in the weeks before Oct. 5, primary election day. The poll also shows **David McClung**, state senate president, with 4 per cent, **Henry deFries**, 1 per cent, and undecided, 14 per cent.

Employees of Kyo-ya Japanese restaurant, Waikiki, complained Sept. 3 that had been listed as contributors to Mayor Frank Fasi's 1972 re-election campaign although they had made no such contributions. Their names were included in a list provided by Fasi to the State Campaign Spending Commission. Francis Kawamura, a Kyo-ya bartender who was credited with a $450 contribution, said he is not even a Fasi supporter.

Sports Scene

Charles Bessette, former Univ. of Hawaii grid star, has been named new manager of the old Honolulu Stadium. He will succeed Mackay Yanagisawa, who has been named manager of the new stadium at Halawa. The old stadium will be shut down soon, but just when no one knows for sure.

Waianae High School football team, coached by **Larry Ginoza**, defeated St. Louis High School, 26-12, in an exhibition game Aug. 30 at Honolulu Stadium . . . Other pre-season grid scores: Kailua High School beat Leilehua, 14-12; Punahou 13, Radford 6; Iolani 35, Maui High 7; Kamehameha 41, Konowaena High, 0.

Honolulu Scene

Frank Jackell, manager of the Hawaiian Wax Museum, says his museum may have to close its doors soon because he has lost its lease from the Princess Kaiulani Hotel. The hotel, owned by Kenji Osano of Japan, has refused to renew the lease for the famed attraction. This, according to Jackell, is because the museum has not been making enough money for the company, which bought the hotel from Sheraton in 1963.

The City Dept. of General Planning has recommended that Leeward Oahu, Ewa especially, as the **most desirable location** outside Honolulu to accommodate the bulk of Oahu's future growth.

The **Honolulu Symphony Orchestra** finished its year ending May 31 with a deficit of $61,000—the largest in its history. "Higher than planned expenses, particularly for the opera productions, largely accounted for this financial shortfall," said Laurence Gay, president of the Honolulu Symphony Society . . . **Telephone rates** for Oahu residents were lowered by 25 cents a month while those of business firms went up by $1. Residential and business phone rates on the other islands, however, were not affected.

Deaths

Kazuko Afuso, 11-year-old Kalihi girl, drowned Aug. 23 at Maili Beach Park during an outing to gather shells for necklaces. She was the daughter of the Susumu Afusos of 1634 Owawa St.

Lawrence Lau, 52, board chairman of American Security Bank, died Aug. 28 after a brief illness. He is survived by his wife, Elaine, and five sons . . . **Dr. Frederick Lam, Sr.**, a prominent Honolulu physician, died Aug. 29 after a lengthy illness. Lam, a one-time Univ. of Hawaii regent, was the first Oriental to be elected president of the Honolulu County Medical Society.

Former Honolulu **Jack Wilkinson**, chairman of the art department of Louisiana State Univ. in Baton Rouge, died Aug. 4 of a heart attack in Long Island, N.Y. Wilkinson, 61, was a native of Honolulu.

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L.A. City Recreation and Park Dept. ranger Frank Nakatani discusses seashells with youngsters from a city school.

FRANK NAKATANI: Park Ranger

Tide pool tour proves popular

LOS ANGELES — Thousands of school children are learning about marine ecology under a program conducted by park rangers of the Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department.

Park ranger Frank Nakatani, a resident of the Crenshaw district, has been conducting tours of the Royal Palms Beach tide pools (once known as White Point, near San Pedro) for youngsters in the Los Angeles school system for the past four years.

And the program he started has become so popular that word has spread to other school systems in Southern California.

Nakatani points out that young people enjoy learning about the sea animals found in the tide pool.

"They are particularly excited about the prospects of finding sea urchins, sea stars, hermit crabs, striped shore crab and sea anemones" he said. "We teach them not to remove them—only to look and to touch."

His lectures to more than 150 school children daily includes discussions of common sea shells found near the tide pools, how sea life relates to ecology and the importance of not allowing the marine environment to be destroyed by pollution and other factors.

Nakatani started his career with the City of Los Angeles as a caretaker eight years ago with the Water and Power Department and transferred to the Recreation and Parks Department.

In addition to guided tours of Royal Palms Beach, rangers conduct a nature walk of the ecology pond at Averill Park, the wildlife and bird sanctuary at Harbor Regional Park, a tree walk in Banning Park, a canyon walk at Peck Park and a nature walk at Point Fermin Park.

Nakatani says that youngsters are generally aware of the need for preserving our environment. "I merely show them how sea life relates to our environment. I'm constantly doing research myself to stay ahead of the youngsters. It's a learning process for all of us."

Oregon storms yield Japan fishing floats

PORT ORFORD, Ore.—Oregon receives a bigger helping of glass fishing floats, torn loose from Japanese nets and riding the Kuroshio (Black Stream) until a local storm deposits them on shore. Port Orford, some 60 miles north the California border, is one of the choicest spots for collecting.

Floats range in size from golf-ball dimensions to a circumference of more than five feet. They have been drifting since the early years of this century from Alaska to Mexico.

West Covina Matsuri

WEST COVINA, Calif.—East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente, presents its annual Aki Matsuri Oct. 5-6 with a display of Japanese culture, customs color and sound. Food booths, games and martial art demonstrations are planned.

JAN MINAGAWA: TV Newscaster

Converts from pre-med to media

LOS ANGELES — Jan Shu-ichi Minagawa, 24, has been appearing on the local TV newscasts for some two years, first at KABC (7) and now with KTLA (5). He had been a pre-med student at UCLA in 1971 who worked on the campus radio station as a hobby and later became its news director and representative to the Pacific Coast college radio network.

After a year at KABC, which "discovered" him on the air at KLA (the campus station at UCLA), he joined the KTLA news staff last November.

Born in Chicago of a jazz-playing father of French-Portuguese descent and a Nisei mother, his father died when Jan was 5 and his mother resumed her maiden name. Her father, Shuichi Minagawa, was English editor of the prewar Rafu Nichibei.

Jan was raised in Houston, Tex., and at Santa Clara, Calif.

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With its New England architecture to cobblestone streets more than 200 years old, Bostonians must be excused for snickering when the homes of Richard and Pat are declared historical monuments.

(How does one compare Archie Bunker on television with Walden's Pond—the Dodgers pennant chase with Thoreau writing "I went to the country . . ."?)

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Andover, Mass. — Some 23 miles north of Boston lies a sleepy borough surrounding 500 acres known as Phillips Academy. (By comparison the UCLA campus embraces 411). The impact and history of prep school heredity can be partially visualized when you realize the Academy is 196 years old. Andover, Exeter, Choate — a triumvirate from whence came presidents, diplomats, politicians, Supreme Court judges, business giants, boobs and nondescripts alike.

It is here, virtually the cradle of American civilization, where my youngest became a high school sophomore.

Proud to the point of obnoxiousness? Maybe. Bpt having been one of the chosen few destined to complete the high school educational cycle in Poston Relocation Center, anything past East Los Angeles would be impressive!

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Enrollment day dawned overcast following a refreshing September rain. A rented Chevy II comes to a stop next to a chauffeur-driven limousine. Upperclassmen and faculty members are everywhere seeking to reassure, to help, to guide.

But this is New Student Day and the faces and actions of the youngsters show uncertain grams have been completed, most students have paired off and display an eagerness and freshness that only youth can exude. Then it becomes only the parents who linger, longing for some sort of magical reassurance, understandably reluctant to leave their youthful offspring in the hands of the unknown so many miles removed from home.

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By 6 p.m. the students have concluuded their programming and are scheduled for their first meal—leaving no time for lingering goodbyes or emotional embraces.

"I have to go to the benjoe" the last words from The Baby, 15 years young, but nevertheless and always The Baby.

The tears well now, as they did then: But somewhere along the line you have to cut the umbilical cord. Yes, true. But . . .

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Letters have arrived since. Typical correspondence from a typically naive young man away from home for the first time.

"I haven't received any letters yet, please write . . .

"Please send envelopes, postage and addresses . . .

"I could have made the JV football team but I signed up too late. (To which his older brother retorts: "Who would he play? Girls?!?!") . . .

"We have to be in our dorms by 10 p.m. and never in the girls dorms after 8 or else face suspension. There's no worry about that—yet! . . .

"Yeah, Dad, the guy named Updike we met does have a father named John . . .

"And there is another kid who's father is J. D. Salinger . . .

"Tell Russell (his middle brother) he owes me $2 . . .

"They put us in a bus blindfolded on the first day, drove 20 miles away, dumped us off and instructed us to 'find your way back to school—without asking anyone for instructions' . . .

"We attend classes five days one week and six days the next . . .

"I've been assigned to work in the mail room for one hour every day so I get to read all the magazines . . .

"I went to town with a new friend, Bill Stevens, and had a big steak dinner . . .

"I'm not even a little bit homesick . . .

"Tell Russ he owes me two bucks!!!"

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So no longer is there a cheerful "Hi, Dad," when work allowed brief encounter. And no longer can I wake him up after working hours merely to say "Hi, Jeff," for his bed is empty.

A boy leaves home—as they all must someday—never to return. For when he does, he will never be a "boy" again.

So long, Son. Study hard and enjoy yourself. The opportunity you have earned is tremendous. Make the most of it.

Today Phillips of Andover—Tomorrow the World!

PHOTOGRAPHY WEST—One of the prize winners in the annual Photography West 74 exhibit, now showing until Nov. 17 at the Los Angeles State Museum of Science of Industry, is by Aki Okumoto of Mitchell Studios, L.A. Over 200 pictures, black and white and in color, were selected out of 500 submitted by the county's professional photographers.

Local Scene

Los Angeles

The old building which housed the Eastern Noodle Co. for the past 50 years at 312 E. 2nd St. is being razed to make way for a new office building. Owners Gim Lew and Ho Lew sold the property to Kingston-USA Co.

The Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute building fund drive, as of Aug. 30, topped the $200,000 mark, according to campaign chairman Ken Nakaoka. The goal is $1 million.

Fresno

Japanese conversation class for beginners is being taught by Mrs. Keiko Weitzman (224-0836) on Tuesday at CSU-Fresno Social Science Bldg., Rm. 201B from 7-9 p.m.

Fresno Nisei Golf Club hosts the 18th annual Valley Nisei golf tournament Oct. 13 at Riverside Golf Club overlooking the San Joaquin River. A field of 175 is expected. Award banquet follows at the Luau Restaurant.

NEWS CAPSULES

Awards

Five Nikkei were among 806 named Fulbright-Hays scholarship winners for the 1974-75 academic year to study overseas. They are: in Japan—**Robert Osaki,** CSU-Hayward, in economics; **Kiichiro C. Kogiku,** UC Riverside, in economics; In Europe—**Audrey Y. Ichinose,** UC Berkeley, German history; **Jane A. Yokoyama,** UC Santa Barbara, Spanish literature; and **Karen Yamamoto,** (of Bridgeton, N.J.), College of Wm & Mary, Va., comparative literature in Austria . . . The Japan Foundation, Tokyo, presented **Sen. J. William Fulbright** its 1974 Award for promoting international understanding between Japan and other nations. He headed the congressional group visiting Peking in early September.

Education

San Jose State ombudsman **Michael M. Honda** has left his post to become program associate of urban-rural II project at Stanford. He is currently San Jose JACL president.

Military

Herbert Wunar was elected commander of the Chicago Nisei Post 1183, American Legion, succeeding Howard Hieshima. George Oka, 3rd District past commander, was named installing officer.

Organizations

Newly-installed Optimist International Zone 1 lieutenant governor **Ken Kiwata** of San Francisco assumed office Sept. 14 at the 28th district convention at Santa Cruz . . . The Crown City Optimists of Pasadena will be headed by **Kazuji Goya,** principal park foreman with the Los Angeles city parks and recreation department, succeeding **Nobu T. Kawai** of Pasadena. Goya was a prewar Azusa-Glendora resident.

Prominent attorney **George Yamaoka** was re-elected president of the Japanese American Assn. of New York at its Aug. 29 general meeting.

Book

"Farewell to Manzanar" by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston & James Houston will be published as a paperback by Bantam Books ($1.25) as a November release. It was published last fall by Houghton Miffin ($5.95).

Courtroom

An undercover Los Angeles policewoman testified Sept. 26 at the preliminary hearing of **Hiroyuki Rick Hashimoto,** 35, of Hawthorne, who is charged with pandering or solicitation for prostitution.

He is employed by Japan Travel Bureau International. Arraignment in superior court has been scheduled for Oct. 10. Defense was able to establish that Hashimoto, at no time, had to encourage or convince the policewoman, Coleen Moriarti, to agree to the sex acts. Defense pointed out the police had gone to the JTBI office July 18 to investigate. Deputy District Attorney Wayne Denton, outside the courtroom, commented he had three cases of prostitution where a Japanese tourist was involved in one week and doubted if Hashimoto were found guilty would be given a jail sentence.

Convicted of first-degree murder, King County (Wash.) Superior Court Judge James A. Noe has sentenced Vern L. Herd and Michael W. Kimball, both 21, to life imprisonment for the fatal stabbing of **June Yonekawa,** 46, of Seattle last May 26. Shipyard worker Charles Kiyonaga, who witnessed the downtown stabbing, was lauded by police for cornering Herd until police made the arrest. Kimball was picked up two days later.

Entertainment

Actress / singer **Virginia Wing** has been signed as a cast member for the upcoming production of C. Bernard Jackson's musical, "The Second Earthquake" premiering Oct. 18 at the Los Angeles Inner City Cultural Center.

Of Chinese ancestry, she was born and bred in the Delta of Mississippi. Her stage roles have included playing Maria in "West Side Story" and as Mei Li in "Flower Drum Song".

An undisputed hit at the Monterey (Calif.) Jazz Festival over the Sept. 20-22 weekend was the spirited 18-piece band from Japan, The New Herd, headed by **Toshiyuki Miyami.** Their debut Friday night radiated so much energy that it seemed to dispel the penetrating damp chill of the Monterey County fairgrounds, one critic said. Their contemporary bop was improvised with traditional Japanese concepts.

Science

Taiwan-born research chemist **Dr. Yih-Shen Hwang,** who earned his doctorate in entomology at Tokyo University, and his colleagues at UC Riverside have found a way to curb insect population. Their research shows older mosquitos produce a chemical only in overcrowded conditions to reduce the number of young mosquitos while both are in larvae state and that chemical has been snythesized. Their work, which began in 1968, will be presented at the Americal Chemical Society convention at Atlantic City this month.

Press Row

Wall St. Journal staff reporter **William Wong,** in the Sept. 18 WSJ, tells of the Chinese for Affirmative Action, a San Francisco/Chinatown-based organization founded four years ago to protest construction of the Holiday Inn. Under Ling-chi Wang, CAA executive director and college instructor, it finally extracted a promise that 80 pct. of the hotel staff would be Chinese American. Since then, CAA has pursued other community problems, especially in employment and education.

The San Francisco **Hokubei Mainichi** announced its publication schedule would be reduced from six to five days a week, suspending operations on Saturday, from Oct. 5 to meet rising costs and dearth of newsprint. "It is hoped the current difficulty is temporary," the paper said.

Yale Daily News press photographer **Tricia Takemoto,** 19, of Los Angeles was barred from the Sept. 22 New York Giants-New England Patriots NFL football game at Yale Bowl for "safety reasons", the Giants spokesman said. She charged the rule was discriminatory. She had been issued a field photo pass but not permitted beyond the fence separating the field from the track. Women are barred by NFL rules from the sidelines because of a possible risk of injury when on-field play spills out of bounds.

Government

Washington Gov. Dan Evans appointed six to be state real estate commissioners. Among them was **Frank H. Hattori,** Seattle JACLer and onetime national 1000 Club chairman.

Milestones

Reiko Inouye, 55, of Los Angeles and professionally known as Rokuka Hanayagi, instructor of classical Japanese dancing, died of cancer Sept. 23. She reigned as Nisei Week queen in 1941. She is survived by her mother and three br Jack, Frank and Robert.

DURING SEPTEMBER

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FLORENCE PIERCE—IN RETROSPECT

Sakura tree blooms

By ALICE KASAI

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — During the dark years of the World War II, Florence Pierce was to me like Florence Nightingale, the "Lady with the Lamp", lighting my pathway with encouragement and guidance. The successful transition of the Japanese in Salt Lake may well be attributed in large measure to her unique capacity to understand and appreciate our plight at that time.

First of all, on the day Pearl Harbor was bombed, the Japanese communities throughout the country were thrown into the maelstrom of chaotic events. About a dozen of our Issei leaders here were arrested by the FBI as enemy aliens. Not that they were charged with any crime or disloyalty, but the government planned to keep the Japanese communities leaderless and helpless.

My Issei husband was among the first taken into custody. Being bilingual, he had participated in a number of panels and speeches, defending the Japanese position in the Manchurian conflict. Naturally being a Japanese, he had sympathetic feelings for his native country, but most of his information came from Senator Elbert Thomas, who was considered an authority on the subject. He had also received material from the Harvard University Library.

Our guns, cameras and radios were confiscated, and a 7:30 p.m. curfew was enforced upon us the first year "for our protection".

Then came the phase of voluntary Evacuation. Those who had funds to travel and a place to go were encouraged to leave the west coast on their own. This brought in hundreds to Utah. Our state legislators were alarmed and immediately passed the Anti-Alien Land Law — prohibiting us from purchasing land or property. Our city commissioners were petitioned to stop issuance of any further new business license regardless of citizenship status.

Utahns panic-stricken

Just before the war, the Japanese population in Utah was only about 3,000. With the relocation of 10,000 to Utah—mainly to Topaz, the people of Utah became panic stricken. Acts of violence, such as beating and shooting into homes from passing cars were reported all over the state.

A colony of about 90 Southern Californians came to Fisher's Ranch in Wasatch County and cleared 3,800 acres of sage brush land and converted the valley into a productive farm. They were victims of a super-patriot who blasted a dynamite on the ranch. Fortunately, no one was killed, but it did serve as a warning.

In the midst of all the chaos, Helen Eto, one of the voluntary YWCA evacuees, came to live in our "Y" residence. Several other young girls found refuge and temporary headquarters here at that time. Florence Pierce personally befriended these girls and started a "Friendship and Service" Club for Japanese Americans. Florence was criticized for permitting a segregated group when the Y policy was for integration, but "Mother Hen" Florence realized that these girls needed each other with mutual ties as their families were all in relocation camps.

At that time, the National JACL Headquarters moved to Salt Lake City from San Francisco and settled in the old Beason Bldg. on the corner of Regent and Second South, now a Walker Bank parking lot.

The JACL called for a special conference was representatives from all ten relocation centers. The Army was not accepting Nisei draftees so a resolution petitioning the Army to open up to at least the volunteers was sent to Washington. Mike Masaoka, who was then serving as Field Secretary, bid to be the first volunteer — and was accepted.

This historic conference was held at the Japanese Church of Christ, but the conference dinner was prepared and served at the Y by the "Friendship and Service" Club.

As our boys followed suit and volunteered by the hundreds, they were all trained and processed at Ft. Douglas. When GIs were readied for transfer to Italy, France and Germany, they were brought by the bus loads to our Y. This girls club gave them send-off parties with Japanese rice cakes, record dancing and games.

USO activities

Florence Pierce was then a member of the local USO Board, and saw the need for USO activities extended to our boys. So this nucleus of girls broadened out into a "Nisei Victory Committee" with Advisory Board members from the entire community. We were the only group giving this type of social services to boost the morale of young Nisei boys going overseas. We maintained communication and sent them comfort packages and Christmas presents. We kept a scrapbook of activities and signature of the boys we entertained.

I remember well the surprise gift we gave the soldier whose name was the 1,000th signature on the Guest Book. I forgot what the gift was, but he also got to dance with the girl of his choice.

This group of boys then joined the famed 442nd Infantry that became the most decorated unit in American history.

Because of these activities, Florence was reprimanded by her friends and members, accusing her of turning the YWCA into a "Little Tokyo". However, Florence stood her ground and kept the Y door open and welcome. She saw this particular need as all other doors, even the church wards and social halls were off limits to us.

One of our favorite social centers was the Memorial House in Memory Park. It was closed after Joe Masaoka held his wedding there as they had some of the friends and relatives released from the Relocation Centers to attend the ceremony. Newspaper headlines next morning decried that the "Japs from Concentration Camp desecrated the memory of their beloved sons enshrined in the park".

After the war, I attended one of their meetings, read to them the Japanese American Creed as written by Mike Masaoka, and got them to open their door to us again.

A quarter of a century has passed since the World War II years. Florence Pierce is no longer with us physically, but spiritually, she is very much alive. "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die." As I looked around to see how many are here to remember all that she had done for us—very few are left.

But I noticed that there still blooms each spring the Japanese Cherry Tree on the west side of the building, the last of the several trees that were planted by the JACL in dedication to Florence at the time of her retirement before she left our community. I remember how all the club girls came to make cherry blossoms as we turned the barren gymnasium into a colorful garden, and several of us danced the Sakura odori in kimonos, carrying a branch of blossoms.

May the memorial donation from the Salt Lake Japanese American Citizens League serve in some small measure to perpetuate a lasting tribute in her honor by the dedication of this West Lounge as the "Florence Pierce Room".

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