

TO THE POINT: Shigeki Sugiyama

National Board

Washington
In the past, the JAEL National Board met once a year. This year, the Board will depart from past procedures and meet for the fourth time in November. The Board needs to convene more frequently to carry out its constitutionally mandated responsibility to implement the resolutions and decisions of the National Council as well as to cope with the increasing complexity and diversity of JAEL programs and to be more responsive to member needs and interests.
An earlier meeting soon after the National Convention would have been desirable. But a meeting would not have been useful before ratification of the By-Laws amendments, which will make official the new dues structure approved by the National Council. (As of this writing, the final results of the voting on the amendments have not been reported. But I am optimistic that the vote will be favorable and will assure JAEL the revenues needed to carry out essential programs.)

That the Board has not met as yet does not mean that new program actions have also been deferred. Funds have been disbursed to the Asian Law Caucus, Inc., to assist in financing further planning for the establishment of the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund. The Development Office and a Development Committee, both needed to obtain the funds for implementing many or most of the newly approved projects and new programs, are being established. The JAYs have been assured that their Projects of the Biennium will be funded. (These are three of the four top priority projects approved by the National Council.)

The Washington Office has been in close touch with the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights to follow-up on the pending action on the FCC broadcast licensing bill. Preliminary contacts on Capitol Hill have also been made in regard to possible reparations legislation. A preliminary paper on Japanese whaling and the impact of anti-whaling activities on Japanese Americans has

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OVER 3,400 GIVE \$301,000 TO JAEL BLDG. FUND

Carpenters at Site to Complete Roof Before Rains Come

SAN FRANCISCO—The National JAEL Headquarters Building Fund, as of Sept. 30, totaled \$301,202 with contributions from 3,480 individuals.
The original goal of \$250,000 announced at the Oct. 28, 1973, kickoff dinner was surpassed within eight months but as construction costs zoomed during the same period, the campaign committee recommended the goal be raised to \$375,000.
Groundbreaking was held in June and by mid-September, the foundation had been poured and builders are now rapidly completing the basic construction in hopes of having the roof completed to the three-story structure before the rains come.
Meantime, the final push among the chapters to complete the campaign this year is underway. Contributions to the JAEL Building Fund are tax deductible and should be forwarded to:
National JAEL Headquarters, 22 Peace Plaza, Japan Center, San Francisco 94115.

Breakdown

District (8 chps.)	Donor	Amt.
PNWDC (183)	1,229	\$15,090
NC-WNDC (27)	1,233	130,234
CCDC (9)	540	24,703
PSWDC (27)	322	29,830
IDC (17)	279	11,253
MPDC (5)	43	2,530
MDC (8)	380	20,738
EDC (4)	353	23,498
At-Large	151	41,939

Since the previous summary report (PC, Sept. 20), the percentages of contributors by dollar categories remain unchanged. Nearly five out of six donors were in the first (\$1-\$99) category, contributing or pledging \$52,976.
There are five \$10,000 and over contributors, two in the \$5,000-\$9,999 level; 97 in the \$1,000-\$4,999 level; 34 in the \$500-\$999 level; 62 in the \$250-\$499 level and 428 in the \$100-\$249 level.

Chicago JAEL Bldg. fund drive tops \$10,000

CHICAGO—As of Aug. 14, the Chicago JAEL Building Fund drive stood at \$10,302.50 from 164 contributors. The goal is \$40,000 for purchase of the two-story structure now serving as the JAEL Midwest and Chicago JAEL Office at 5415 N. Clark St.
It also serves its credit union and other JAEL activities.
The amount has been voluntarily forwarded, based upon news articles in the chapter newsletter and a solicitation brochure, fund committee chairman Kumeo Yoshinari noted. With the final calendar quarter on hand, those looking for an appropriate contribution for tax purposes are reminded Chicago JAEL Building Fund is tax deductible.

Total of \$5,000 in JAEL student aid given to 14

CINCINNATI—The National JAEL Student Aid Committee reviewed 43 applications and has selected 14 to share in the \$5,000 authorized for this year, it was announced by Gordon Yoshikawa, committee chairman.
Names of awardees are not released but the distribution of the awards are. All applicants have been informed. The work of the Student Aid committees in the eight JAEL district councils was also acknowledged.

Trade publication asked to use Jpn.

ST. PAUL, Minn.—The Dairy Record, monthly trade publication, apologized its use of the three-letter "Jap" in a headline to a Tokyo story appearing in its April publication.
Editor Donald Merlin, when advised by the Twin Cities JAEL that "Jan" or "Jpn" be used, questioned whether his readers would understand and also admitted he did not know of their existence until May Tanaka, chapter president, suggested them as substitutes for the racial epithet.
Merlin was also informed that the Minneapolis Star & Tribune and the St. Paul Pioneer Press & Dispatch somehow always manage to spell out "Japanese" in headlines and have a policy of refraining from use of the abbreviated form.
The "JAN" abbreviation was adopted by the U.S. Air Force judge advocates procedure (then known as JAP—and not referring to Japan or Japanese).

Mayor Alioto reported using racist epithet

SAN FRANCISCO—The Chronicle in a Sept. 24 report concerning the Sunol Valley golf course noted its lessee, Tony Romana, alleged Mayor Alioto as saying, "Don't worry, the Japs won't get it"—an apparent reference to a group of investors from Japan interested in obtaining the lease.
"There is no excuse for either of these honorable men to refer to another ethnic group in derogatory terms," Edison Uno said in his letter to the Chronicle. "It is inexcusable for those who hold the public trust to practice racism in the name of public service."

JACL-JWRO Fund Goal: \$15,000

Previous Reports

As of	Donors	Amt.	Total
July 10	129	\$1,645.50	\$1,645.50
July 26	107	1,294.20	2,939.70
Aug 2	77	313.20	4,252.90
Aug 9	57	370.00	4,622.90
Aug 16	34	415.00	5,037.90
Aug 23	21	508.00	5,545.90
Aug 30	10	100.00	5,645.90
Sept 6	12	150.00	5,795.90

Current Report

Sept. 13	8	15.00	5,810.90
Sept. 20	8	35.00	5,845.90
Oct. 4	9	103.00	5,948.90

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PRIORITIES FOR PNW-I REGIONAL DIRECTOR LISTED

Job Application Deadline Extended to Oct. 12

SAN FRANCISCO—The deadline for applications to fill the JAEL regional director's post covering the Pacific Northwest and Intermountain districts has been extended to Oct. 12, it was announced by National JAEL Headquarters.
The extension was requested by the Pacific Northwest District Council after it learned only one applicant had applied.
At the same time, the PNW-DC at its last district meeting in Seattle, reaffirmed that Seattle, Portland and Salt Lake City be "priority locations" for the regional office and that location of the applicants be considered in the final selection of an office site.

A similar policy was adopted in 1972 prior to its establishment at Portland.
Complete resumes, including salary history, community and volunteer activities should be sent to National JAEL Headquarters, 22 Peace Plaza, Suite 203, San Francisco 94115 (563-3202).

Priorities as developed by the PNWDC delineating the duties and responsibilities of the regional director for the two-district area are:
1—To help chapters and districts set program goals and objectives by providing information, resource and technical assistance in such areas as youth, aged, education, membership and leadership development.
2—To advocate for the Nikkei and other minorities in such areas as public relations, anti-defamation, out-reach to the broader ethnic and greater community, and liaison with other groups with interests in common with JAEL.
3—To facilitate communications between JAEL groups (chapters, districts, national) through quarterly reports, dissemination of JAEL activities and information, which would provide possible models and examples for chapter-district programs.

HAWAII POLITICS

Ariyoshi nominated

HONOLULU—Acting Governor George Ariyoshi won the Democratic nomination in the gubernatorial primaries Oct. 5 and will face Republican Randolph Crossley in the Nov. 5 general election. (Full details will be reported in the next issue.)

The total sample of 1,197 voters shows Frank Fasi leading with 29.1%, followed by George Ariyoshi 28.2% and Thomas Gill 27.5%. Of the sample, 74 per cent said they expect to vote, 18 pct. might not and 8 pct. uncertain. And when only the "expect to vote" category was counted, the leads shifted: Ariyoshi, 31.1; Gill, 30.2 and Fasi, 28.7. But the percentages are all within the poll's announced margin for error calculated at 3.5%.



HONOLULU—The Advertiser Hawaii Poll appearing Sunday before primary election indicates the race for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination to be a close three-way race.

OUT OF 15,000 SENIORS 85 Japanese Americans designated as National Merit semi-finalist scholars

EVANSTON, Ill.—Eighty-five Japanese Americans among approximately 15,000 high school seniors have been named semi-finalists in the 1975 National Merit scholarship.
"The semi-finalists represent the top one-half of one per cent of the nation's most academically talented young people," said Edward C. Smith, president of the National Merit Scholarship Corp.
The qualifying test was administered to over one million students in about 17,000 schools nationwide finalists

HAWAII
Honolulu—Warren H. Muraoka, Iolani, lawyer; Wayne T. Shinoki, Iolani, computer systems; Tod Z. Tanaka, Iolani; Owen T. Terada, Iolani; Robin Matsunaga, Kaimuki, meteorologist; Ina M. Isobe, Kaimuki, physician; Lisa A. Shigekawa, Roosevelt, liberal arts; Martha E. Kikawa, Mid Pacific Institute, botany; Susan L. Arinaga, Punahou, liberal arts; Chris Y. Morikawa, Punahou, Susan Tamura, Punahou; Larry T. Harada, Radford, sciences; Lorena H. Abe, Roosevelt; Randall H. Kikukawa, Roosevelt, liberal arts; Jo Ann K. Kitagawa, Roosevelt, lawyer; Kyle T. Sakamoto, Roosevelt, journalist; Eather C. Shimazu, elementary teacher.

ILLINOIS
Chicago—James C. Fujimoto, Lane Technical.
Glen Ellyn—James S. Yoshimura, Glenbard South, scientist.
Hinsdale—Makoto R. Arai, Hinsdale, biochemist.
Marengo—Lisa G. Uyeda, Marengo, social worker.
Naperville—Steven J. Sowa, Naperville Central, forestry conservationist.
Park Ridge—Joann M. Takehara, Main Township South, science.
Skokie—Amy Tao, Niles Township West, physician.

MASSACHUSETTS
Falmouth—Charles S. Tashiro, Lawrence, actor, director.

MICHIGAN
Berrien Springs—Calvin J. Kubo, Andrews University Academy, physician.
Detroit—Leslie A. Sowa, University of Detroit.

MONTANA
Great Falls—Dan S. Shorick, Great Falls, scientist.

NEW HAMPSHIRE
Hanover—Haruiko H. Gaski, Hanover, biological scientist.

NEW MEXICO
Albuquerque—Nancy Nakayama, Sandia.

NEW YORK
Penfield—Michio Okumura, Penfield Central.
Stillwater—Henry Uehara, Don-art, science.

OREGON
Hood River—Jamae J. Hamada, Hood River Valley, statistician.

RYUKYU ISLANDS
Kubasaki—Tina Katayama, Kubasaki; Terri N. Shimomura, Kubasaki, political scientist.

UTAH
Murray—Aaron L. Morishita, Murray, actor, director.

Virginia
Arlington—Jeff H. Matsuura, Yorktown, lawyer.
Richmond—Richard A. Ikeda, George Washington, biologist.

SOUTH CAROLINA
Charleston—William L. Hirata, Porter Gaud.
Bellevue—Joey A. Akamine, Bellevue Christian; John M. Ishimaru, Interlake, computer systems.
Renton—Rene M. Tamada, Renton, actuary.
Seattle—Louise C. Kato, Franklin, statistician.

WISCONSIN
Schofield—Mark S. Kita, Everett, physician.

by Advertiser politics writer Gerry Keir who recently returned from a year's study at Univ. of Michigan Survey Research Center and its Center for Political Studies and the Rick Egged interviewing firm, noted Ariyoshi shows up better among those people who are most interested in politics and thus more likely to vote.

The undecided voters (5.4% among the likely voters) appear to have a big voice in the outcome and, when pressed, opt for either Gill or Ariyoshi.
The voting patterns among ethnic groups did not change in the Sept. 20-24 survey since the August poll. Ariyoshi still leads among his own group, which is the largest single ethnic group voting in the Democratic primary. Gill and Fasi lead among haoles, the second largest group. Fasi is in front among Filipino voters and other groups including Hawaiians, part-Hawaiians and Chinese.

The major change since August is that Ariyoshi was picking up the bulk of the formerly undecided voters among those of Japanese ancestry. The percentages:

	J	W	F	O
Ariyoshi	41	13	23	23
Fasi	25	35	32	30
Gill	23	36	25	27
McClung	2	7	8	7
deRries	—	—	—	—
(Undecided)	—	9	11	11
Voters	—	477	189	234
Voter Pctg	—	42	23	21

The new survey also confirmed the August findings that Fasi and Gill hold slim leads on Oahu while Ariyoshi leads in the Neighbor Islands. Ariyoshi runs better among party regulars and Fasi runs best among independents who say they'll vote Democratic.

Ariyoshi holds a wide lead among island-born voters. Gill and Fasi have the edge among mainland-born—not surprising in view of their strength among haole voters.
While union endorsements have been split, Ariyoshi runs better in labor households while Fasi leads in the non-union households. Union households comprised 35% in the survey, nonunions 65%.

CHARLES T. NAGAO: Seabrook JAELer

A financial first in South Jersey

Southern New Jersey Council district board of the Boy Scouts of America. For nearly 10 years, he served with the juvenile conference committee, working with the Cumberland County courts assisting first-time juvenile offenders.
He worships at the Deerfield Presbyterian Church and served on its board of elders for 10 years. He is married and has three children, two married daughters and one son, presently studying and teaching in Japan.

HIROSHIMA SPECIALIST ARRIVES TO SURVEY HEALTH OF HIBAKUSHA

ALAMEDA, Calif.—At the invitation of the Atomic Energy Commission at Oak Ridge, Tenn., a specialist from Japan's Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission (ABCC) will undertake a survey of Hibakusha in the U.S. to determine their health and analyze each individual's Exposure Dose, it was announced here by Kanji Kuramoto, chairman of the No. Calif. Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors in the U.S.
Hiroyuki Yamada, field section chief with the ABCC in Hiroshima, will undertake the year's research. He reports at Oak Ridge upon arrival and will return in late October to California where up to 500 Hibakusha currently reside.
Kuramoto estimates between 800 and 1,000 Hibakusha are living in the U.S., most of them American citizens by birth, marriage or naturalization.
While Hibakusha in Japan are provided free medical care and financial aid for their unique health problem, similar assistance is unavailable in the U.S.
The California Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors is currently seeking some type of public assistance. The same committee was responsible for having Oak Ridge invite Yamada, who is fluent in both English and Japanese and has done extensive work in statistics and knowledgeable of exposure conditions in Hiroshima.
Kuramoto hopes the study will enable the Hibakusha aid bill in Congress to secure wide American support for passage.
Hibakusha in California can assist in the survey by writing to the No. Calif. Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors, 1109 Shell Gate Pl., Alameda, Calif. 94501 (523-5617 after 5 p.m.).

Mrs. Ford illness won't upset tour

WASHINGTON—White House press secretary Ron Nessen last week (Oct. 2) said Mrs. Ford's illness would not interfere with President Ford's scheduled visit to Japan and Korea in mid-November.
Ford has announced that he will arrive in Japan on Nov. 18 for a three-day visit and then will travel to South Korea for a couple of days before returning to Washington.
Sources said that Ford may change his mind before mid-November, and that much depends on his wife's progress in the future weeks.

Gov. Reagan signs Song newspaper shield law

SACRAMENTO—The legislation for a newspaper shield law, introduced by State Sen. Alfred Song (D-Monterey Park), was signed by Gov. Reagan on Sept. 27. The law prevents a reporter who refuses to turn over his notes to a judge or grand jury from being cited for contempt of court.

Charles Nagao

Asian American Education Commission nominees given approval by City Board of Education

LOS ANGELES—Fourteen new commissioners have been chosen by the Asian American Education Commission of the Los Angeles school district.
The new commissioners, seven by election and seven by appointment, plus six incumbents who were reelected, were approved Sept. 12 by the Board of Education. Ten incumbents rounded out the 30-member commission, created by the board in 1971 to increase community involvement in the educational program for the 30,000 Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean and Samoan pupils in the district.
There are two similar groups in the city schools—the Black Education Commission and the Mexican American Education Commission.
All three of the commissions serve as a liaison between the community and the board.

The commissions have the freedom within the limits of the Education Code and board rules, to define their objectives, obtain information from schools, initiate various forms of research, develop teacher training and curriculum programs for their constituencies, and engage the services of professional experts in certain fields.
Board approval is required for programs recommended for schools and for contracts or services which would be paid by the school district.

\$194,000 KEYS project

One of the main projects in which the Asian American commission is currently involved is Knowledge of English Yields Success (KEYS) to develop background content for teachers, educational aides and other paraprofessionals working in Asian American communities.
Emphasis is placed on a continuing program of step-by-step in-service training in bilingual education and teaching standard English to students.
KEYS is supported by a \$194,000 federal grant under Title III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.
Other objectives of the Asian American commission are

Asian American Student Census in L.A. drops

LOS ANGELES—Enrollment of minority students in the Los Angeles City Schools increased 1.8 pct. over the previous year, but Asian Americans dropped from 4.7 (29,234) to 4.5 pct. (27,350).
Overall minority enrollment was 55.6 pct. of 607,107 students registered for 1973-74 as compared with 52.3 pct. of 615,673 in 1972-73.
Enrollment breakdown and percentages by the 12 administrative areas follow:

Area	Total Pctg.
A—Banning, Carson, Gardena, Norborne, San Pedro	2.98
B—Bell, Buena Park, Jefferson, Jordan, So. Gate	3.43
C—Fremont, Locke, Washington, Westchester	3.75
D—Hamilton, University, Venice, Palmdale	2.20
E—Crenshaw, Dorsey, Fairfax, L.A. West	3.91
F—Belmont, Hollywood, Manual Arts	3.92
G—Garfield, Roosevelt	3.50
H—Wilson	1.25
I—Eagle Rock, Franklin, Lincoln, Marshall	3.20
J—Grant, No. Hollywood, Poly, Verdugo Hills	1.84
K—Brimingham, Monroeville, Reseda, Van Nuys	1.92
L—Granada Hills, Kennedy, San Gabriel, San Fernando	3.96
M—Covina, Chatsworth, East, Cleveland, El Cerrito	3.80
Real	3.80

N.C. multicultural meet

BURLINGAME, Calif.—A Japanese American mini-conference was held this week in conjunction with the Northern California bilingual multicultural conference sponsored by the San Mateo county office of education Oct. 10-12 at the Airport Marina hotel here. The mini-conference included a working session for educators on Japanese American curriculum led by Leland Shimada, Oakland, and Florence Yoshihara of San Mateo.

developing bilingual and bicultural programs, creating an awareness and understanding of the various racial and ethnic cultures among all students in the school district, and providing in-service training that could lead to the professional advancement of Asian American teachers.
The various commissioners of the Asian American Education Commission are chosen from complexes which bear the name of a senior high school in a given geographical area and include the junior-high and elementary schools within the attendance boundaries of the senior high school.

30-member group

Commissioners are chosen from among parents, educators, students and community and professional representatives.
The newly-elected commissioners approved by the board include:

Parent—Dr. Stuart Y. Lee, Mrs. Felicitas D. Thorne, both of the Belmont Complex; Buck Miyoshi, Gardena Complex; Educators—Dr. Yong Mok Kim and Ms. Mary Lee Shan, both of the Franklin Complex; Dr. John Doo Song, Hollywood Complex; Professional—Dr. Changsoo Lee, Manual Arts Complex.

APPOINTED—Palafu F. Till, Carson Complex, parent; Roger K. Nakazawa, Venice Complex, educator; Yara T. Aoiu, Banning Complex; Ms. Patricia Iwataki, Dorsey Complex; Stephen Nagano, Roosevelt Complex, and Jess L. Fromm, Wilson Complex, all four community representatives, and Leslie Suzumoto, Los Angeles Complex, student rep.

RELECTED—Mrs. June Chow, Banning Complex; Irving R. Lal, Dorsey Complex; Stanley Mu, El Camino Complex, and Dr. James D. Wong, all parents; Mr. Louise Leong, Wilson Complex, educator, and Herbert Wong, Garfield Complex, community representative.

Others serving as commissioners include:

Parents—David Y. Lee, Los Angeles Complex, and Anthony Trias, Franklin-Eagle Rock complexes.
Educators—Mrs. Vistacion P. Bayan, Mrs. Julia Li We, both of the Belmont Complex, Mrs. Elizabeth Kwon, Los Angeles Complex.
Community—Jerald Chan, Belmont Complex; Mrs. Lydia Dacanay, San Pedro Complex; Albert O. Lee, Los Angeles Complex, and Dennis N. Nishikawa, Roosevelt Complex.
Professional—Keith S. Kim, Los Angeles Complex.

The commission, at its last meeting, elected Anthony Trias as president. David Lee is v.p. and Vistacion P. Bayan is secretary. While AAEC meetings will be held in various communities, it will meet on the third Wednesdays of the month. The Oct. 16 session is slated at the Board of Education office, 450 N. Grand Ave., Room H-163 at 7:30 p.m.

School administrators visit Little Tokyo

LOS ANGELES—City school administrators will be "students" in a program designed to sensitize them to people of Asian American cultural backgrounds. Last year, a similar program was held on the

Wash. State Rep. Eng re-elected in primary

SEATTLE, Wash.—Rep. John Eng (D-37th Dist.) was re-elected to the state legislature in the Sept. 17 primary by virtue of 4,255 votes (78.5%) in a three-man race. There were no Republican candidates.
Eng, 32, is a Seattle JAEL member and was the first Asian American elected to the Washington state legislature in November 1972. An accountant with a development firm, he was a Peace Corps volunteer in Nepal, active with the International District Improvement Assn., Young Asians for Action, and downtown civic groups.
Other Seattle-area Asian Americans, however, did not succeed. Robert Santos, Filipino American who switched from Republican to Democrat for the 35th State Senate seat trailed in a 4-way race with 1,190 (19.5%). Rubye Pang had 222 votes (9.4%) in the Republican primary in the 41st District House seat. No. 2, third in a three-way contest.

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● **Harry K. Honda**

Ye Editor's Desk

A CONTROVERSIAL PRO-ARIYOSHI SPEECH

Two weeks before the primary election day in Hawaii (which was last Saturday), a speech delivered for Acting Governor George Ariyoshi sparked a controversy that screamed racism in politics. That speech was reprinted in toto in the local press. Probably no other campaign speech was afforded such prominence.

And judging from the heat generated throughout the campaign, Democratic candidates in the gubernatorial primaries regarded nomination as tantamount to victory in November. Ariyoshi, according to the polls, was the front runner through September and the fact that he is the first Japanese American seeking that office found him fending charges of racial bloc voting.

The latest controversy surfaced at the Univ. of Hawaii where Ariyoshi was a guest at a question and answer session on campus. Student Paul Murakami who heard a campaign speech earlier at a meeting of the Club 100, a Nisei WW2 veterans organization, told Ariyoshi: "It sounds like you and your campaign people are trying to bring race into the campaign. Is the color of my skin tied to my vote?"

Ariyoshi responded by first denying any knowledge of a racially aimed campaign effort by his supporters. He added "a lot of racism has been thrown around in this campaign—I've heard many racial slurs thrown my way."

Thrust of the Club 100 speech was that the time has come in Hawaii when someone from any race can be elected governor. Dan Aoki, who delivered the speech, said it was written by campaign organizer Robert Oshiro to be a "philosophical" speech aimed at burying the spectre of racism in Hawaii politics—the point being that anyone can be elected Governor today and election of Ariyoshi would constitute another "breakthrough". It says how man can be governor if he's qualified.

The Oshiro speech contains excerpts from the 1969 State-of-the-State speech by Gov. Burns challenging the sons and daughters of immigrant families to achieve an amicable accommodation of a diversity of views through understanding of their respective backgrounds and heritage.

History familiar to the Hawaiian Nikkel and Club 100 members is mentioned—how they returned from the war, got into politics and flowered "during the past 12 years of the Burns era". The speech then asks: "After Burns, what?" And the pitch continues for Ariyoshi to insure an "open society"—and not a transplant "of Mainland democracy where racism (between the blacks-whites) may become a part of a society that can develop Hawaii into a 'Watts'."

The breakthrough Oshiro is referring to is cracking the psychological barrier that holds "we are not ready for a Japanese governor or that no Japanese can be elected a governor". (That line, were it



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● From Our 60,000 Readers

PC Letter Box

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.)

I was impressed with the inspirational spirit of the working cooperation between the members of the Portland and Gresham-Troutdale chapters. At times the two chapters may have their ups and downs, but when there is work to be done, the two chapters have proven that they can slug it out together. With the united cooperation of the two chapters, no project is insurmountable.

Never let it be said that one chapter is greater than the other, but nationally the Portland and Gresham-Troutdale chapters are second to none.

AL ABE
Chapter President
Portland JACL

I want to add a few remarks to those made by Al ABE.

All during the convention from early morning to the wee hours, Al was there as host, handy man, detail-man as well as official delegate.

Had some chattering duties going after National President Henry Tanaka at the airport and feeling honored at being the first to meet the top man during Convention Week. To my disappointment, he did not arrive. Someone forgot to inform me of the change in his schedule. He was delayed because he had to coach a Little League team that day . . .

It was an experience of a lifetime, hosting such a national event. Didn't realize the myriad of unforeseen details involved which popped up during the Convention . . .

What is special in Al's case, however, is the enormous amount of physical energy he expends in carrying out the chapter's business. A few cases in point:

What chapter president regularly runs around picking up beer and soad pop and ice, as in the Kah-nee-ta outing during the convention?

What chapter president keeps a volleyball setup—consisting, in part, of heavy pipes and inflated automobiles tires designed and assembled by him—in his garage, as in the recent Japanese Community picnic?

What chapter president buys lumber, nails and screws; hauls his own tools; then helps build the storage closet and shelves at the Regional Office?

What chapter president actually goes out and buys pro-saic items such as peanuts and chapter stationery and mimeograph paper, and then physically helps in the dissemination of information, as in this Newsletter?

These examples are only a few of the things that Al and his entire family really has done for more than nine months, all for the benefit of Portland JACL. I'm sure that he neither expects nor particularly wants any reward or recognition for the efforts of Abe family. Nevertheless, that recognition is very much due, and even before Al's term of office expires—to Al, to Patsy, to Debbie, to John—I believe that our chapter membership should and does say to them, "Thanks you for your dedicated efforts. Well Done!"

HOMER YASU
Portland JACL

tee chairman, co-chairmen and member, my everlasting gratitude. Yours was truly the ultimate of volunteerism and personal sacrifice. Due recognition for your individual and vital role could never be fully conveyed; perhaps partially acknowledged by your final outstanding achievement in knowing that the 23rd Biennial National Convention has been recognized as "the most innovative and the most successful, in terms of participation, in recent years."

It has been a privilege and an honor to have had the opportunity to work with all of you. I am confident that Henry Kato shares my feeling. Thank you for your cooperation and allowing me to serve as one of your convention co-chairmen.

JIM TSUJIMURA
Portland Chapter President

This very obviously and frankly is a letter of praise for our chapter president Albert ABE.

It is well known by one and all that the job of a president may have some fringe benefits, such as prestige, but that mainly it is just plain hard work. This is the major reason why our JACL chapter has such difficulty in electing a new president year after year.

In Al we have a person who without pay, spends part of every single day thinking about our chapter, and planning for future events and programs. But maybe that's what a president is supposed to do. If so, okay. We can write that off as being part of the president's—any president's—job. Nothing special about that.

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What chapter president keeps a volleyball setup—consisting, in part, of heavy pipes and inflated automobiles tires designed and assembled by him—in his garage, as in the recent Japanese Community picnic?

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What chapter president actually goes out and buys pro-saic items such as peanuts and chapter stationery and mimeograph paper, and then physically helps in the dissemination of information, as in this Newsletter?

These examples are only a few of the things that Al and his entire family really has done for more than nine months, all for the benefit of Portland JACL. I'm sure that he neither expects nor particularly wants any reward or recognition for the efforts of Abe family. Nevertheless, that recognition is very much due, and even before Al's term of office expires—to Al, to Patsy, to Debbie, to John—I believe that our chapter membership should and does say to them, "Thanks you for your dedicated efforts. Well Done!"

HOMER YASU
Portland JACL

Mr. Nixon
 Editor:
 It was a strange juxtaposition, if not an editorial game plan, to place the JACL National President's rationalization of the unconditional Nixon pardon as an act of jus-

intended for Mainland audiences would have clarified the antecedent as 'Japanese American'—while those in the Islands apparently have no hang-ups on this point; the term 'American' being understood.)

Some may regard another line in the speech racist-appealing; others might call it ethnic pride. "Didn't the election of Dan Inouye to the U.S. Senate and Spark Matsunaga to the U.S. Congress also represent a breakthrough? I think all of us can be proud of Hawaii's delegation in Congress as they have brought pride to all of us." (School children on the Mainland are taught not all people in Congress are white—citing legislators as Fong, Inouye, Mink and Matsunaga to Asian American students, for instance.)

Because the governorship is the most important political office in the state, the speech goes on to say that Ariyoshi not only understands "my feelings, my culture, and my heritage" and "to whom I can relate", but if he's qualified, why shouldn't he have a chance. The converse thought, it would seem, says don't vote against Ariyoshi because of his ancestry. But there will be many who consider a person's ancestry first to either vote for or against.

In mid-August, the leading Republican gubernatorial candidate Randolph Crossley spoke on ethnic voting and regarded it as "a fact of life" but one task of political campaigns to break people out of an ethnic mold by giving them "other reasons and other motivations". The issue had come up because his ticket is all-haole with Ben Dillingham as his running mate for lieutenant governor.

People are "naturally going to vote ethnic". Crossley said, if when looking at a ballot they know nothing about the names they see except the obvious ethnic ties. "It's not just Orientals and haoles. As a matter of fact, there are greater hang-ups between ethnic groups."

Crossley also admits the problem he has, as a wealthy businessman (head of the \$100-million Hawaii Corp.), to attract a person in the low-income bracket or a different ethnic or sociological background.

The issue of ethnic bloc voting may be inevitable but those who vote will further weigh the candidate's personality, style and views of the issues that affect them most. Inflation, unemployment and no taxes know no race, color or creed.

25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, Oct. 15, 1949

Judge Roche refuses bail request for Mrs. d'Alquino, pending result of appeal . . . Judiciary group's action gives hope for Senate vote on Issei Naturalization measure before adjournment . . . Teru Shimada wins praise for acting in Bogart's "Tokyo Joe" . . . City of Milwaukee approves resolution supporting passage of equality in naturalization . . . Calif. Democratic leader assured Bendetesen nomination for post will not be revived.

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and mercy next to the National JACL Director Ushio's flat-out statement (PC, Sept. 20) that the JACL protests this action as a violation of the principle of equal justice for all citizens.

One wonders if this reflects the schizophrenic nature of the Nisei psyche. On the one hand we are establishment-oriented with distaste for divisive dissent. On the other hand as victims of a massive racial injustice in our early years, we feel indignant about the underhanded and oppressive misuse of authoritarian power.

To our misguided JACL National President, we ask if he can comprehend compassion and justice for the wronged, in this case the millions of Americans who live by the American faith. We point out, too, that Ford has now abandoned the justice and mercy argument in favor of the dubious assertion that the pardon will heal the nation's festering wounds over the Watergate caper.

To our forthright National Director we express our thanks for succinctly and straightforwardly stating what surely is the feeling of the large majority of the Nisei.

GEORGE YASUKOCHI
Berkeley, Calif.

Short notes

Editor:
 When I moved Long Beach from Milwaukee, I thought I'd support the local. All I ever received was a membership card—unsigned. Shall continue to support the Milwaukee chapter instead.

RYO
Long Beach

Editor:
 My friend in Durham, N.H., gets your little news of Hawaii. She lived in Honolulu for a long time, so enjoys Richard Gima's "Aloha from Hawaii" in the PC.

T.T.
San Francisco.

PC w/Membership

Editor:
 As a JACL Blue Shield group policy holder, we were told the PC was free to us. We have been a member for over two years. If the policy of the free deal has changed, just discontinue sending the PC . . .

G. YAMADA
Hollywood JACL

JACL members are subscribers on a one-per-household basis and it is not free. Payment of \$3.50 is taken from dues. In the event, a member does not wish to subscribe, such wishes are honored and the National JACL treasury is that much richer. However, the PC sent the letter soliciting a subscription since his membership had expired. Without membership, in this reader's case, his interest in JACL group health plan is in serious jeopardy—Ed.

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OAKLAND, Calif.—Bank of Tokyo of Oakland branch manager Ben Matsui is offering a coupon good for \$1 purchase at any McDonald's and a crisp \$10 bill for \$10-worth of rolled pennies.

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● **Bill Hosokawa**

Frying Pan

Quebec City, Canada
NEW FRANCE—The handsome, new Quebec Hilton stands near the crest of a steep hill looking out over the St. Lawrence River. Just across the street is the provincial parliament building, its stone walls stained by the grime of centuries, and beyond is the Citadel which the British seized in pre-Revolutionary times, thus ending France's foothold in the New World. But the French influence persists to this day in Quebec, as we quickly discovered at our first breakfast in this city.

The Quebec Hilton's coffee shop is operated cafeteria style. The guest goes through a line to pick out the dishes he wishes. At the end of the line is a bevy of bright-eyed young ladies who appear to be no more than junior high school age. Their job is to carry your tray to a suitable table and pour the coffee. But not one of them speaks English, or at any rate they don't appear to, although if one talks slowly and distinctly they seem to understand that it is water, and not another cup of coffee, that we wish.

Why, after centuries in a predominantly English-speaking country, does this minority cling so tenaciously to the French language and the French culture? We asked this question many times and got many interesting answers.

In the first place, French is recognized as an official language in Quebec Province and its existence is protected by law. Members of the legislature may speak in either language during their debates and deliberations, and many speak in both, switching from one to the other as the occasion seems to demand. (Some older Nisei can do the same with Japanese and English, using whichever language seems to be most expressive at the time.)

Beyond that, we were told, the French-speaking portion of the Canadian population—about one-third of the total—is convinced that the French culture is superior to any other and fosters it with Gallic fervor. Most of them have no particular love for the country of France. In fact, many Parisians consider French-Canadians as something of country hicks and look down their long Gallic noses at them. So when well-to-do French Canadians vacation in Europe they are likely to plan longer stays in London rather than Paris.

Still, Old Quebec, that part of the city within the ancient stone walls, is unmistakably French. In many places the bilingual signs, which are part of the Canadian way of life, are missing; if you can't read

French you're out of luck. The old architecture has been preserved, the streets winding and narrow, and one almost expects to see dishwasher being thrown out of third story windows as happens in some of the back streets of Paris.

From time to time small minorities within the French Canadian body politic launch a move to secede from Canada. Several English-speaking politicians assured us that if the separatists ever should gain enough power to take the province of Quebec out of the union, the other provinces would not fight a war to keep them in the fold. (This would be comparable to the Northern States in the Civil War permitting the South to establish a Confederate nation without opposition.) But other politicians assured us such a matter was purely academic—that Quebec never would walk out.

Oh yes, there is a Japanese angle to this column. One night, while a group of us were walking through Old Quebec, I noticed a bearded young Japanese in bluejeans and carrying a backpack. He was stopping various pedestrians with questions and apparently not getting much satisfaction. He approached our group and asked in heavily accented English where he could find the youth hostel. His accent was so bad no one could understand him, so I undertook the role of interpreter. I asked an English-speaking Canadian who knew the answer. Then we reversed the process and our Japanese visitor was directed to the hostel in little old Quebec. Bon jour, and ooh la la.

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SAN FRANCISCO — Craftsmen are being sought to take part in a national open competition sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution's Department of American Arts and Crafts. The department is sponsoring a quality craft competition in areas of the country where quality craft exhibitions are normally not available.

The competition is open to craftsmen in the United States who produce multiple works (editions of at least 10 copies of the same design). Between 50 and 100 works will be selected for a seven-

Japanese firms

in U.S. out-do U.S. counterparts

NEW YORK — Interviews with more than 20 Japanese companies operating in the United States "suggest that in many instances they are outperforming American companies in the same industries," according to the Harvard Business Review this past week.

The periodical attributes their success to some superior features of Japanese management techniques over American practice.

The magazine cited the case of a U.S. firm with a transistor assembly line in Atlanta that produces 15% less than an identical plant which the same U.S. firm operates in Tokyo.

Meanwhile, Sony Corp. has a television factory in San Diego identical with its typical assembly line in Japan. However, under Japanese management, the American workers produce as much for Sony in San Diego as the Japanese assemblers do for Sony in Tokyo.

The article cites five reasons why Japanese management is successful, among them: closer attention to the personal well-being of its employees, stressing of consensus as the way of making decision, emphasis on flow of information, and initiative from the bottom up.

EEC on Harlem Heights

By DR. LESLIE S. HIRAOKA (New York JACL)

NEW YORK — Since the dawn of the American Republic, Harlem Heights in uptown Manhattan has continuously been the site of both historical events and great injustices. In its current high-rise, congested state, typical of densely-populated New York, one can hardly recognize the heights-aspect of Harlem Heights; it does, however, overlook the Hudson River on one side and on the other, Harlem, the world's most renowned ghetto.

In 1964, the year of the Harlem riots, Congress passed a landmark Civil Rights Act primarily confronting discrimination in employment.

This commended a stream of legislative activity establishing the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and affirmative action programs. Many states and municipalities followed with human rights divisions of their own. The institutions on Harlem Heights, however, remained nonplussed by the black civil rights movement.

In 1968, Columbia, without consulting its black neighbors, began building a gym in Morningside Park. As an Ivy League university of prestige and influence, Columbia rarely consulted with anyone, let alone the poverty-stricken community whose park it was invading. It was the Columbia way. Years of pomp and circumstance, the production of Nobel Prize winners and Chief Justices, the awarding of Pulitzer and Bancroft Prizes all had a way of conferring a smug arrogance on the University. The noble pursuits, however, failed to hide the uglier aspects: ghetto landlord, principal military researcher of A-bombs and napalm, perpetrator of racist and sexist policies. . . The students saw and were started.

In 1968, the highly publicized student riots crippled Columbia and its administration, bringing to a halt the Spring Semester and construction of the gym. Like the preceding Harlem riots, the campus riots, in themselves, did very little towards preventing discrimination. However, their effects on the Congress, courts and American people, particularly via discussions in the media, paved the way for major political action. Strangely enough, neither Harlem nor Columbia has changed much since upheaval days; one is still a poor ghetto and the other a smug university with an all-white male faculty. Nevertheless, a recent EEO Conference at Columbia represents the way the University is being forced to integrate its activities.

Ten years after the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission set out to commemorate the event by holding a series of symposia in major cities throughout the nation. The New York Symposium included four workshops: (1) equal opportunity and affirmative action laws as they affect public and private educational institutions; (2) voluntary programs — corporate responsibility; (3) an overview of EEOC's com-

pliance function and its judicial impact; (4) positive approach to equal opportunity for women.

I was invited to be a member of the education panel (#1); I was further surprised to learn that the Symposium was to convene in Low Memorial Library of my Alma Mater. While obtaining my master's and doctorate at Columbia, I came to experience the institution's attitude towards minorities.

The Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures was a classic example. According to the 1971 Catalogue, one of the twelve associates and full professors bore an East Asian surname. On the other hand, five of the six lecturers (low-paid and non-tenured) were Asian.

I enrolled in the Japanese language program at Columbia for two years. Prior to that, I had developed an ear for Japanese because my parents spoke it at home in Hawaii and I had taken it for several years in an afternoon language school.

My lecturer at Columbia turned out to be white with the most pathetic Japanese accent. He furthermore had the gall to tell me that Hawaiians spoke a "low-class" Japanese. This was indicative of the gross attitudes the white male professors held and advanced. Needless to say, the rationalizations helped promote them, while keeping the low classes as serfs. Nice for them, but it's not lasting.

At one time, educational institutions were exempt from the equal employment provisions of the Civil Rights Act. But because of their bigoted practices in hiring and promoting, Congress, in 1972, amended the Civil Rights Act, to specifically include all educational institutions. Quite a blow to centers of learning whose mottoes are "Truth," "Truth and Light," and "In the Light, You Shall See the Light." Apparently, Congress had seen neither truth nor light in the employment practices of our major universities; the law was amended to per-

mit aggrieved individuals the right to take a campus to Federal court.

The Executive Branch also added teeth to the concept of equal employment opportunity when President Lyndon Johnson issued Executive Order 11246 prohibiting employment discrimination in any institution or enterprise that holds a federal contract. As recipients of large sums of Federal grants, the major universities were forced to submit and receive HEW approval of affirmative action plans in hiring and promoting. The threat for noncompliance was grant-money suspension or termination.

Columbia and a few other universities, which receive millions in Federal aid, found themselves under sharp attack for their white, male faculties. Despite the obvious grumblings by these same faculties about a drop in quality, Columbia, like Harvard and Berkeley, will comply with the HEW Guidelines because it has no legal or moral alternative. The holding of the EEOC Symposium at Columbia is indicative of the new compliance attitude of the University.

On the morning of the Symposium, I entered Low Memorial Library, its rotunda splendidly ornate with Ionic columns, statues of Socrates and Aristotle, and portraits of past university presidents, among them, Nicholas Murray Butler and Dwight David Eisenhower, symbols of Western culture.

In contrast, the gathering had more black and brown faces than I had ever seen in my five years on the Ivy League campus. De facto integration was coming to Harlem Heights.

Of some interest to Asian Americans at the Symposium was the answer given by Eleanor Holmes Norton, Chairwoman of New York City's Commission on Human Rights, to the question: "Do you consider the Asian American a minority?" Her answer was affirmative; any racial group, with physical traits used by the majority for discriminatory purposes, was considered a minority. (The HEW Guidelines are quite ex-

plific: "Minorities are defined by the Department of Labor as Negroes, Spanish-surnamed, American Indians, and Orientals.")

Ms. Holmes cautioned, however, that the law is evolving specific definitions of the term, minority, to fit specific cases. This was particularly true in the major court cases recently won by women and blacks against AT&T, the steel industry, and Detroit Edison. In these cases, the only complainants were blacks and women and hence, they were declared minorities, and only they shared in the settlements. In other words, as far as the courts and EEOC are concerned, it is incumbent that a minority group charge discriminatory practices before redress can be effected.

During lunch, I sat next to the New York Vice Chairwoman of the National Organization of Women (NOW). I had heard about NOW's step-by-step pamphlet on how to sue one's employer on the basis of sex discrimination. I asked her to send me a copy of the publication, and she readily agreed.

In the banter over the roast beef, I congratulated her on NOW's success in the recent court cases, and we agreed that all minorities and women were in the same boat. She then remarked in a friendly yet constructive manner, that the Asian community was really too quiet.

As Columbia's motto goes: In the light, you shall see the light.

S.F. Asians expect \$257,000 NIMH help

SAN FRANCISCO — A \$257,000 staffing grant from the National Institute of Mental Health is anticipated for the San Francisco Richmond district. Among the 60,000 residents to be serviced will be more than 10,000 Asians.

A Richmond District Asian Caucus, established in May, has been meeting frequently to assess and express their particular needs and last August proposed a model for a multi-center, to be staffed by the Richmond Asian Multi-Services, Inc.

Japan Today

HERE & THERE—Okinawa on the tiny Taketomi Island in the Yaeyama group (closest to Taiwan) don't want tourists anymore. Last summer, nearly 700 a day came, about twice the island's population, leaving behind their trash, empty cans and garbage. The residents also endured water shortage and must now pay additional taxes to cope with the garbage collection.

The season's first snowfall on Fujiyama was recorded Sept. 13—five days later than last year. . . . A Tokyo firm, Pacific Consultants, won the Suez Canal Authority bid to work out the structure of ship tolls when the canal reopens next spring. It has been closed for the past seven years.

WOMEN—The all-male tradition of the Maritime Self-Defense Force was broken when seven women enrolled at the MDSF officer school in Etajima, Hiroshima (which had been Japan's "Annapolis" before WW2). Their training will conclude Nov. 15.

SUMMER NOTES—For the first time in 20 years, beer consumption dropped during June-July-August by 2.6%. Mood for thriftiness, the prolonged rainy season and brief and cool summer were cited by the National Tax Administration as causes for the decline. . . . An adventurous gambler paddled from Shimodake to Maizuru in his plastic kayak—600-mile voyage that took 16 days, putting ashore when seas became rough and at night. He was disgusted by the amount of rubbish littering the shores facing Japan Sea. . . . Amateur rock musicians, in search of a place to practice freely without disturbing others, have established a "rock village" in Iizakamachi—a mountain village about 20 miles from Fukushima where an old lonely farmhouse, long vacant, has been taken over. This past summer, thousands of rock fans converged on Koriyama in the same prefecture for a One-Step Festival.

FLORA - FAUNA — Knotweed seeds found in an earthenware in Akita have been germinated by an agronomist in Okayama. The seeds were estimated to be 4,000 years old—from the mid-Jomon period. . . . Fireflies from Kumamoto are to be raised in a concrete aquarium under construction at Tokyo's Gyosen Park, where they thrived till pollution came. . . . Some 20,000 homes in Tokyo's Koto-ku were invaded by flies in mid-September. The flies were believed to have been bred at a reclaimed land site in the western area of the ward. . . . Amid the boom in herb medicine, villagers in eastern Nagano-ken are in Takai-gun are raising mummies as a pep-producing elixir. (A mummies is a pit viper). . . . Ten thousand cherry tree seeds from Hiroaki (Aomori) were presented to Winnepeg as a centennial gift from the Japan Sakura-no-Kai.

Chapter Pulse

Installation
New York installation slated for Oct. 19

New York JACL will conduct its 1974-75 installation dinner on Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Conditin Room on the 26th floor of New York Sheraton Hotel, 7th Ave. and 56th St.

Murray Sprung, EDC vice-governor, is handling reservations at \$15 per person. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

The Eastern District Council will meet during the day at the same hotel in the Classroom from 10 a.m. In addition to the business session will be a workshop on education, according to EDC Gov. Grayce Uehara.

Dr. Robert Suzuki, asst. dean of administration at the Univ. of Massachusetts college of education, will be main speaker on "Ethnic Heritage Studies". Onetime national JACL education commission chairman, he is nationally regarded for his innovative approaches to creative and multi-ethnic education.

Reservations may be made by Oct. 14 with Ruby Schaar (SCA-5205).

Scholarship

Wasatch Front North awards \$100 scholarship

Wasatch Front North JACL presented a \$100 chapter scholarship to a college sophomore, Louis Sugimoto, majoring in business administration at Weber State.

Announcement was made at the Sept. 28 general membership dinner meeting at Ramada Inn by chapter president Tom Hori and scholarship chairman and v.p. Gerold Mukai.

Awardee is the son of the Ray Sugimotos of Roy, active in scouting and the Ogden Japanese Christian Church.

October Events

'Sponsor a Senior' for picnic, S.F. asks

A call to "Sponsor a Senior"

Pension bonus

repeal passed by Calif. legislature

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The legislature last week (Oct. 2) passed the bill repealing its early pension bonus and the Governor said he would sign it even though he and other constitutional officers will have their pensions cut.

Passage of the repeal ended a public outcry that began last June when an AP story named young legislators would be eligible for lifetime pensions under the early retirement law passed in 1965.

The 40-member Senate passed the measure by the bare two-thirds majority needed, 27-1. The 80-member Assembly concurred 65-0.

Assemblyman Paul Bannai (R-Gardena) was among the few who sought to have the pension bonus repealed during the regular session in August and later urged the Governor to call a special session after the Legislature had adjourned Sept. 20.

Philadelphians hold

sing-along for Issei

A Chinese dinner and a sing-along led by Mrs. Takakashi marked the Philadelphia JACL party for the senior members at China City Restaurant last Saturday afternoon (Oct. 5). Mrs. Kondo accompanied at the piano.

Riverside JACL to hear

Convention report

Riverside JACL will hold its general meeting Oct. 12 at UC Riverside's International Lounge in the Commons. Board members will convene at 6:30 and the general meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

Chapter president Peter Sasaki and his wife Chiyo will report on the National JACL Convention, which they found fascinating. "Every member of the JACL must go to a National Convention at least once," they declared. "Imperfect as it is, it is better than not trying at all. And most reassuring is that at every session, most of the delegates were present, which to us indicated the positive, cooperative feeling among Japanese Americans."

The recently completed chapter directory is expected to be available at the meeting.

Two films planned for

Issei appreciation fete

Eden Township JACL will honor local area Issei at a potluck supper Oct. 11, 6 p.m., at Eden Japanese Community Center, followed by two Japanese films (with English subtitles). "Giri" (with Bamboo Leaves) and "Ken", a story about kendo.

Mas Yokota is Issei appreciation night chairman. Those unable to attend the dinner are welcome to see the films, scheduled to start from 7:30. No admission is being charged.

Thought for the Week

No king ever wielded a scepter more powerful than a 10c pencil in the hands of an American citizen when he sits down to write his Representative (in Legislature).—Rep. Ed Derwinski.

Congressional Scene

Rep. Spark Matsunaga has introduced a bill in the House which promises to provide major benefits for the welfare of America's newest citizens. The bill would provide for grants to "gateway cities" for the provision of new and innovative health services for the benefit of immigrants. The bill calls for providing new kinds of demonstrations which will enable immigrants to avail themselves of the same benefits which everyone else enjoys.

Health Notes

The State Dept. of Health, which rained a ton of poisoned oat seeds in the Kihai, Maui, area Sept. 4, has reaped a crop of thousands of dead mice. The poison seeds were directed at a massive infestation of mice that had been causing serious crop damage as well as harassing residents.

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NEWS CAPSULES

On Margin

THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON—By reckoning of the Oriental Zodiac, this is the Year of the Tiger, but a brilliant young Asian American playwright gives notice that it will go out as the "Year of the Dragon," if the West Coast premiere of his new play is any indication.

Frank Chin's funny-sad play about sons and fathers and the East-West twin bumping into each other like cars in an amusement park ride is the third play in the ninth season of the East-West Players, and it looks like a critical and popular success, if the enthusiasm of the knowledgeable opening night audience on Wednesday, October 2, is any indication.

The play is set in San Francisco's Chinatown, but it flumps the heart of a Chinese American family, in comparison to which "Flower Drum Song" only skimmed the frothy surface.

Ma—a cyclonic combination of tigress and little girl—adds her own zany touch to Freddy's life, which is further complicated by a gun-toting younger brother who feels he belongs when he guns the getaway car down Grant Ave. for a gang of thieves, glibly talking a Chinese that he barely understands.

Enter his sister Sissy, who has married a white man, who is promoting his wife as Mama Foo Foo, author of a cookbook, possible teacher of Chinese cooking on TV, with marvelous vistas of frozen Chinese food and nationwide franchises dancing in the sky. Not to mention the silent enigma, China Mama, who arrives in answer to a summons from Pa, who wants his Chinese family around him when he prepares to bid farewell to this incarnation.

It is all slightly bizarre, wildly funny, uneasily true and tenderly touching. The three tour de force parts of

Fred, Pa and Ma are done with great professional skill by veteran actor James Hong, Dana Lee, who displays giant strides in his portrayal of Pa, and Pat Li, who etches a memorable, full-bodied Ma.

Both Sachiko Penny Lee and Tom Bellin had a bit of trouble in the first act settling into their roles as Sissy and her husband Ross, but were more credible toward the end.

Ralph Brennan created a believable Johnny, although he needs a bit more seasoning for his siliquy. Shizuko Hoshi did a masterly job of China Mama, a Noh-like role in which she moved very little but had to sustain a character the entire time she was on stage, which was practically all the time.

The usual love and care which go into the sets of any East-West Player production were evident again in "The Year of the Dragon," with producer, set designer and lighting director Rae Creevey contributing the lion's share of the background efforts.

The play is rich in imagery and language, truly an Asian actor's dream play. Fred, Pa and Ma are destined to be classic parts which will take the measure of many an upcoming Asian actor or actress.

Mako has directed this production with great feeling for the poetry lavished on it by Chin. It is a play for which many of us who have been waiting for a major playwright from among our ranks can call out with pride, "Author! Author!"

Metropolitan Opera NEW YORK—The Metropolitan Opera's tour of Japan next spring will cost about \$2 million and tickets there will be priced from \$23-\$53. Chubu Nippon (JOAR, Nagoya) invited the company as part of its 25th anniversary celebration.

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Allan Beekman

Book Review

ANALYSIS OF MISHIMA SUICIDE

THE LIFE AND DEATH OF YUKIO MISHIMA, by Henry Scott-Stokes Farrar, Straus and Giroux, New York, 344 pp., \$10.

Shortly after midday, Nov. 25, 1970, Yukio Mishima stepped down from the parapet of the balcony of the eastern army headquarters, Tokyo, and retired to the office behind. While ambulances had carried away a general, five colonels and a sergeant he had wounded with his razor-sharp 17th century sword, he had harangued the garrison assembled below.

The garrison had jeered. Disappointed but resolute, Mishima began the final scene of his performance. Beneath the gaze of the commander of the garrison, trussed to a chair, and backed by four uniformed members of his private army, the Shield Society (Tatenokai), Mishima began to strip off his clothes.

One of the Shield Society members present was Masatsugu Morita. Another was Hiroyasu Koga. Stripped almost naked, Mishima knelt, dagger in hand; Morita raised the 17th century sword. Mishima plunged the dagger into his belly and drew it sideways. As Morita swung to behold him, Mishima topped forward; the sword slashed the fallen man's shoulders and back.

As Mishima waltzed in his blood, his entrails spilling on the floor, Morita slashed twice more. The third blow almost severed the neck from which blood spouted as the head cocked at an angle from the body. Taking the sword, Koga completed the beheading.

After prayers for Mishima, Morita tried to disembowel himself but bungled. Koga beheaded him. The haranguing and suicide had been filmed by newsmen and police. The grisly, dramatic end of the man once considered likely to win the Nobel prize for literature caught the attention of the world. What had caused Mishima to do the deed?

According to a manifesto Mishima and his followers

had distributed from the balcony, and according to his haranguing, Mishima had been dramatizing his objection to the Constitution of Japan, which outlaws war and a standing army. According to the author of this biography, a London Times bureau chief in Tokyo at the time who arrived at the scene minutes after the suicide, the publicly stated motive is minor or even irrelevant. The real motives are found in the life and writings of Mishima.

The author tells of his first glimpse of Mishima, their first meeting and their blossoming friendship. Then comes a beautifully written chapter detailing the last day in the life of Mishima. Thereafter, the author probes for clues to the bizarre suicide.

Mishima won fame in 1949, at age 24, with his candid autobiographical novel Confessions of a Mask (Kamen no Kokuhaku) "the best of Mishima's many works" and the biographer relies on it heavily. Mishima delineates his awakening sexuality; bisexual, he preferred men. "The book describes the genesis of a romantic idea which impinges directly on his eventual decision to commit suicide: the notion that violent death is ultimate beauty, provided that he who dies is young."

By 1970 he may have felt his work as a writer was done. He had made a fetish of body-building; he must have feared his body must succumb to deterioration. He was besotted with dreams of suicide, narcissist, masochist and exhibitionist, he went to the Self-Defense headquarters that fateful day only incidentally to protest the Constitution; he went primarily because his instincts bade him die and his flair for showmanship directed method and place.

Well-researched and well-written, the biography gives new and valuable insights into the life and work of his tormented author. Glossary, chronology, index and a bibliography of Mishima's works make the volume handy for reference.

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'MEALS A LA CAR'

Sacramento Nikkei directs project laking meals to aged, handicapped

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—The Calif. Office of Aging July 2 announced a renewed grant of \$10,018 was made to Meals a la Car, Inc., a Sacramento project directed by Elsie Taketchuchi. Program started last year involves delivering meals two times a day, five days a week, to some 68 elderly persons who cannot leave their homes, are handicapped or heart-attack patients. A hot lunch and cold sandwich supper is being provided free at a cost of \$2.50 maximum per day.

Meals a la Car had applied with the U.S. Office of Aging, Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare for funding and membership in United Way to sustain the program. Dr. J. M. Stubblebine, state director on aging, said the grant was based on the basis the county or community in due time will be able to finance the program when their continued need is established.

Last spring when Miss Taketchuchi had applied for funding, she told the Sacramento Union her eyes were opened to the neglect of old people in America during her stint as project director. Four clients on the program were found unconscious, she said, when a volunteer came with a noon meal one Monday. "A lot don't eat weekends and by Monday, they

are quite weak. There are a lot of dizzy spells. They don't like to bother people and just ask someone to get milk and bread from the store. Many lose 50% of their weekly nutrition by skipping breakfast and weekend meals. We are just keeping them from starving to death," she said.

There were 20 state grants made in all, amounting to \$800,000 for projects in 17 counties.

Kimochi serves nearly 100 hot lunches daily

SAN FRANCISCO — Kimochi Nutrition and Hot Meals program is currently serving an average of 85 senior citizens a day at the Konko Church hall. While a \$51,690 grant covers cost of food and salaries for eight staff positions, rental of the church hall is not and Kimochi will soon initiate a fund drive to meet this cost as well as implementing new workshops and classes at the Kimochi Lounge.

The nutrition program was created with two main objectives: (1) to provide lunches at a very low cost to elderly persons, 60 years and older, give days a week; and (2) to emphasize the importance of nutrition to the elderly with an emphasis on Japanese food.

Guests who are under 60 may come to the luncheon program once a month for a

Local Scene

Los Angeles Japanese Welfare Rights Organization and Japanese community Pioneer Center will sponsor a flu clinic on Sunday, Oct. 13, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Sun Bldg lobby. Vaccination will be administered at 50 cents.

Asian Rehabilitation Services, 1921 E. 7th St., (627-3288) is having a lamp sale Oct. 12-13 (all day p.m.) to raise funds to assist disabled and handicapped workers.

Sacramento The Sacramento Buddhist Betsuin, now at its third site at 2401 Riverside, commemorated its 75th anniversary Sept. 29. It was founded in 1877 by Rev. Shuye Sonoda and Kakuryo Nishijima at 1221 Third St. and a larger site at 410 O St. was acquired in 1900. During the evacuation period, the church was city property and returned to the congregation upon their return after WW2. With downtown redevelopment, the present locale was selected in 1958.

Chicago Author James Michener will be guest speaker at the Chicago Public Library fall books and author luncheon at Ambassador West Oct. 11 at noon. Veteran newspaperwoman Adele Rogers St. Johns will also be guest speaker.

The 1976 Nisei Veterans Reunion committee will have a Las Vegas Night Oct. 26 at Lincoln Square American Legion Hall, 1657 Irving Park Rd., to raise funds for the national Nisei reunion here. Admission \$2.25 for adults, \$1.25 for children under 12 entitles participants to a spaghetti feed and \$5 fun money for the games. Jack Isoda and Harry Kato are co-chairmen.

Churches The Rev. Takaya Ishii, the recently appointed minister of Fresno Japanese Congregational Church, hails from Tokyo, graduated from Meiji Gakuin and the McCormick Seminary in Chicago where he was ordained.

Health St. Louis JACLer Betty Uchiyama is the originator of a puppet show that teaches grade school children the principles of dental hygiene. The show is presented by the St. Louis Dental Society women's auxiliary. The So. Calif. Japanese Dental Society honored Dr. Yoriyuki Kikuchi, 88, its founder and charter president for three years (1915-1917) at a testimonial Sept. 21. The Kyotoborn dentist graduated from USC in 1914 and has been in continuous practice. He volunteered to go to Manzanar in 1942 and headed the dental clinic. In 1965, he was named a fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry. He is also active in Sister City affairs and the Omote Senke Tea Ceremony Society. He holds the Order of the Sacred Treasure, 4th Class.

Dr. Yosh Maruyama, physician, is chairman of the radiation medicine at the Univ. of Kentucky College of Medical Sciences at Lexington. A UC Berkeley graduate and UC Medical School, he is considered an authority on cell radiobiology and on the treatment technique of Hodgkin's disease, according to the 38th edition of Who's Who in America. He is the son of the Edward Y. Maruyamas of Pasadena.

CALENDAR Oct. 11-13 MDC—St. Anselm's: Fall Mtg. Stix House, 6470 Forsyth, Clayton. Oct. 11 (Friday) Eden Township—Case Night, Eden Japanese Comm Center, 6 p.m. Oct. 12 (Saturday) Milwaukee—Bridle party. Riverside—Gen Mtg. UCR Commons Int'l Lounge 7:30 p.m. San Francisco—Keiro picnic, Serra Park, San Bruno. West Valley—Family potluck, Grace Methodist Church, Saratoga, 6 p.m.; Comm. Richard Nixon USN; spkr. Oct. 13 (Sunday) Pocatello—Gen Mtg. JACL Bldg. 7:30 p.m. Oct. 15 (Tuesday) CCDC—Council Mtg. Oct. 18 (Friday) St. Louis—Ed Mtg. Oct. 19 (Saturday) New York—Ins Dnr, Sheraton, 870-7th Ave at 80th St., 7 p.m. Dr. Robt Suzuki, spkr. "Ethnic Heritage Studies" program. EDC—New York hosts: Fall Mtg. New York Sheraton 10 a.m. Oct. 20 (Sunday) East Los Angeles—Issei Night.

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