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NON-NUCLEAR PRINCIPLES

Concern the people in Japan express over A-bombs never ceases. As the only nation to suffer a nuclear attack in war, it has followed what is now known as the "three non-nuclear principles": Japan will not make nuclear weapons, Japan will not possess them, nor allow them to be introduced into the country.

Since the U.S.-Japan security treaty was revised in 1960, assuring that U.S. could not bring nuclear weapons into Japan without seeking Japan's specific approval under what has come to be known as the "prior consultation" system, then Prime Minister Eisaku Sato in 1968 enunciated an even more definite policy as one of the pillars of Japanese diplomacy: the three non-nuclear principles.

For this stance and for signing the nuclear non-proliferation treaty, Sato this past week was named a co-winner of the 1974 Nobel Peace Prize.

The same week out of Washington, a Japanese newsman perusing the Congressional Record of Sept. 10, reported a retired U.S. flag officer in testimony before Congress said: "At the time these nuclear-armed ships call at Japanese or other foreign ports, the nuclear weapons are not removed."

The testimony appeared to contradict 14 years of U.S. promises not to bring nuclear weapons into the country without prior consultations.

Admiral Gene LaRoque, former 7th Fleet commander and nuclear expert who now heads the Center for Defense Information, was urging Congress to tighten controls over American nuclear weapons against possible theft by terrorist groups.

The Japanese government asked Washington to officially clarify whether the U.S. has been keeping its long-standing agreement of prior consultation regarding any such movement of nuclear weapons into its ports.

What reply Ambassador Yasukawa in Washington may have received by now may be more elucidating than the press conference statement of the Defense Department this past week that held the security pact was being followed.

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 In the Pacific Citizen, Oct. 22, 1949

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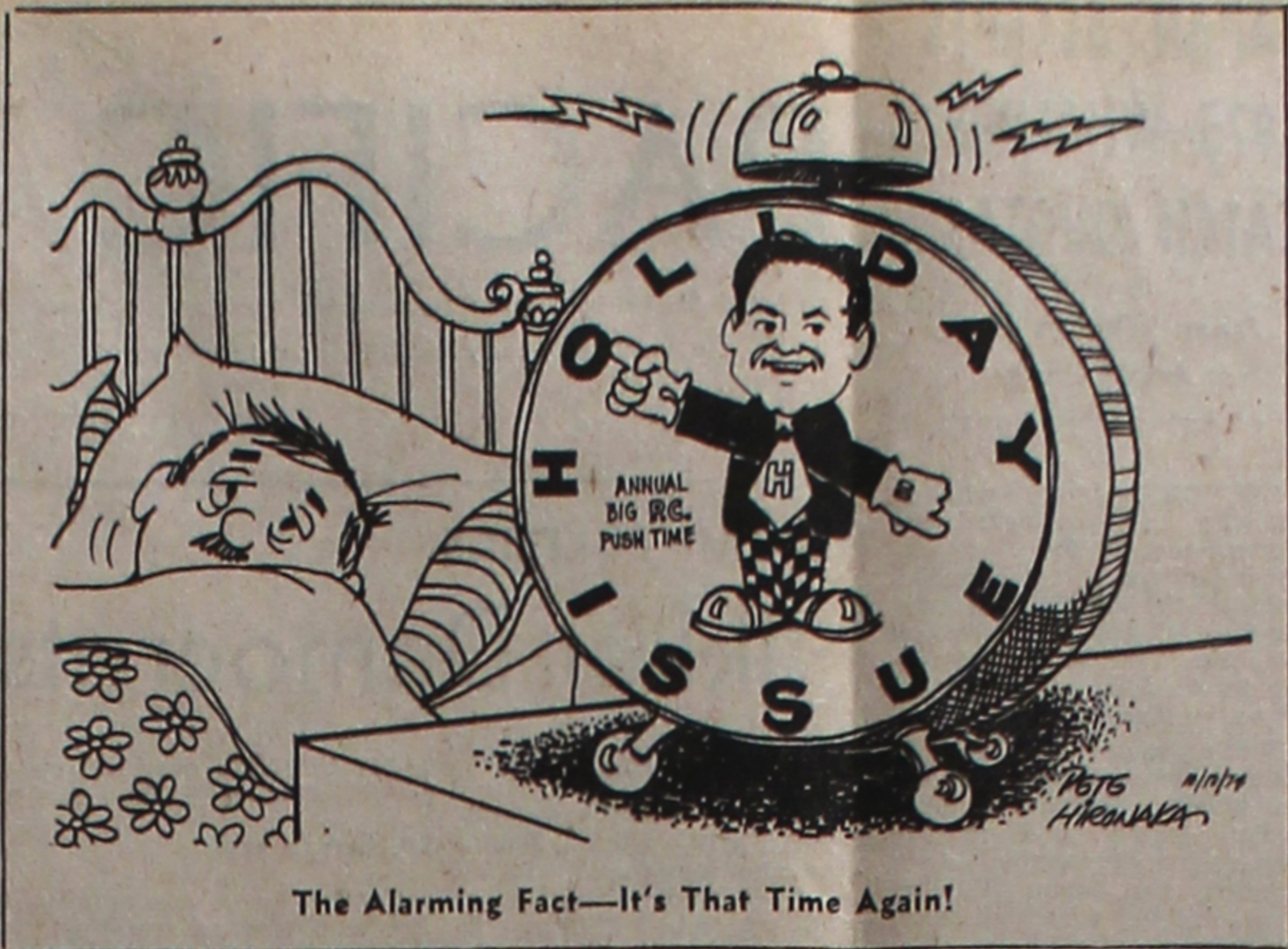
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JACL Convention

Editor:
 I've been reading with amusement some of the letters commenting on the Convention because I find that most people didn't understand the real issues at stake. Purpose of the Orange County JACL resolution (to reallocate the National budget to cover more regional needs, etc.) and the reason we went to caucus and talk to other districts were to let them know what was going on.

The PSWDC has been outspoken and critical of how the National Headquarters has operated the past two years. It seems, like in the past, other districts thought we were just giving National a bad time because we weren't getting everything down here, which is not the reason... As for Don Hayashi, I challenged him at the National Convention because he was deliberately making claims about the funds National had received that were not true to justify the existence of a

large headquarters staff... Although our resolution was defeated, and I can certainly understand why the Council could not agree with all of our points, the purpose of the resolution was served.
 HENRY S. SAKAI
 Orange County JACL

Several weeks have passed since the convention, and after the enthusiasm and euphoria have worn off, my succinct afterthought might be phrased as: "The song has ended but the melody lingers on."

Not to be too cynical but the malady in the form of apathy is the perennial disease of the JACL and it's probably here to stay. This was evident in the Nomination Committee meeting when the District representatives expressed their difficulty in coming up with candidates for National offices.

As I have been attending the conventions off and on for the past 26 years, I've noticed that the old timers are becoming fewer in number as the years pass by. But I must state that the old timers are still in command as they are endowed with perspective that age and experience can bring. However, I would not underestimate the power of the younger generation as they have the energy and drive to get things done. But unfortunately, the youth lack the interest and are not joining our organization.

In spite of our shortcomings, the positive note is that we have Shig Sugiyama to lead us toward our goals and objectives during the next two crucial years. How we make out these coming two years will determine the future of the JACL, but I have confidence in Shig and his supporting cast of newly elected officers.

As far as the Convention business goes, it is difficult to grasp the magnitude of the new budget with its greatly expanded program. I'm sure that the delegates were shell shocked by the spiraling rate of inflation during these past few months and adopted it after much thought.

Whether we can increase our membership with the \$3.00 increase in dues remains to be seen. However, we must remember that much of the increase will be diverted to the Districts to develop and expand their own kind of program on the local level. For example, we in the EDC have been allocated \$5,000. What needs to be done now is for us to make an assessment of the needs and priorities of our four chapters. Of course, there is the sum of \$41,000 for the Washington Office and perhaps we may have a public relations office in New York if and when funds are available.

One complaint I have about the past convention is that not enough time was allocated for the Council sessions, and it seems that much time was wasted in discussing irrelevant matters. The meeting of the ad hoc committee district governors to revise the budget was a step in the right direction. Perhaps, in the future, much of the business might be processed through small committees to later be acted on by the Council.

With time having run out, I'm sure there were many unanswered questions hanging in the minds of the delegates. I was disappointed that there were no policy statements of the National towards our elderly. Although a few chapters have projects and programs for the Issei, it seems that the National has a "don't give a damn" attitude of the general society toward our senior citizens. We're all gung ho for the youth but as far as I'm concerned, the elderly should have priority over the

To the David Ushio, a second daughter Jocelyn was born on Wednesday, Oct. 2. She weighed 7 lb. 10 oz.—Ed.

Bill Hosokawa
Frying Pan

THE MAN WHO KNOWS AMERICA—Kaname Saruya, professor of American history at Tokyo Woman's College, undoubtedly is one of Japan's leading experts on the United States. He is in great demand as a commentator and panelist on television, newspaper and magazine editors best

him for articles. This past summer he spent two months in the U.S. to gather material on the Japanese Americans for a series of articles in the Asahi. These are scheduled to be expanded into a book to be published by Asahi.

What makes Professor Saruya's work worth of note is that he probes into America at a level that few Japanese scholars would consider, or are capable of doing. Two years ago he bought a used Toyota in California, drove all the way to New York and then back to California again. He was accompanied by his wife Shima, and they drove cross-country like any American tourists. They stopped at motels along the way and most of the time they would pick up the makings of sandwiches at supermarkets for lunch. They talked with people they met—gas station attendants, fellow tourists, city officials, newspapermen, scholars at colleges they visited.

Although the Saruyas read and write English quite adequately, they have a bit of difficulty at times making their wishes known. Once, at the University of Colorado, they were trying to explain that many of their lunches were eaten at McDonald's hamburger stands. Somehow their audience couldn't catch the word McDonald's, they kept hearing it as "doughnuts." Another time, in Arkansas, they couldn't get over to a service station attendant that they wanted to fill up with regular gas. Finally, in exasperation, Saruya shouted: "Full tank," and that got the job done.

Driving across this vast land in a used car is not an undertaking to be tackled lightly. On this last trip they had one of their most disheartening experiences. Professor Saruya's ulcers began to act up on the long drive from Portland, Ore., to Salt Lake City. Finally, at Mountain Home, Idaho, the pain became more than he could stand. He pulled into a motel and promptly climbed into bed.

They were in Mountain Home for three days, without friends, in pain and wracked by mounting apprehensions. Since Mrs. Saruya doesn't drive, there was no prospect of going on until he felt better. And all day long she had nothing to do but sit in the motel room and try to care for her husband as best she could. At night, she recalls, the lonely wail of locomotive whistles—"the saddest sound I have ever heard"—added to the melancholy. For a while they even thought of getting someone to take them to the airport at Boise so they could fly back to their base with friends Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Kai in Fresno, Calif., and have the car shipped back. But eventually the pains subsided and they were able to make their way on to Salt Lake City and Denver.

On one of their earlier trips the Saruyas made friends with a Nisei named Shogo Yamaguchi who is on the faculty of Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. Yamaguchi, who is originally from Southern California, urged the Saruyas to be sure and look up his brother Frank if they ever happened to visit Colorado. So one of their objectives during their Denver stay was to call on Frank and Shigeko Yamaguchi who farm at Platteville, a 45-minute drive to the north.

This proved to be one of their most interesting afternoons, and we'll fill you in on the details in next week's column. For now, it might be sufficient to say Saruya was extremely taken with Frank Yamaguchi's cowboy boots and Stetson hat. Mrs. Saruya had bought a pair of cowboy boots while killing time in Mountain Home, and it seemed only proper that Saruya also should have some Western souvenir. So, back in Denver, we picked up a genuine Stetson which delighted him. At the time he expressed doubt that he would have the courage to wear it around Tokyo, but wouldn't he look great discussing U.S. affairs on Japanese television wearing his cowboy hat?

There's one more point that ought to be mentioned. This Japanese who loves America so much was a kamikaze pilot in World War II. Only the fact that he was assigned as a flight instructor saved his life, for many of his classmates went off on one-way trips. Even so, he did crash once on a training flight and was hospitalized during the final months of the war.

(Hosokawa will be guest speaker Nov. 8 at the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre in Toronto.—Ed.)

Whales
 Editor:
 To save Japanese American children from racist taunts, why oppose any campaign to stop killing whales? Wouldn't it be more effective to have the Japanese nation stop slaughtering whales?
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