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Harry K. Honda

# Ye Editor's Desk

## TOKYO'S 'WATERGATE'

In wake of President Ford's visit to Japan—the first ever for an American President while in office (though we recall Grant visited Japan as ex-President and hired a Japanese lad to be a servant at his Galena, Ill. home), speculation that Premier Kakuei Tanaka would step down from office reached its heights this week.

The prime minister has been the subject of an eye-popping article in the monthly magazine (Bungei Shunju) geared to the middle class intelligentsia. Titled the "Research on Kakuei Tanaka—His Money Sources and His Friends", the 61-page article questions the vast flow of money surrounding his political activities. When the magazine hit the stands, reaction was either Tanaka must go if the facts are true or he should explain his innocence.

After addressing the Foreign Correspondents Club Oct. 22 before going on his 12-day tour earlier this month to Australia, New Zealand and Burma, Tanaka was quizzed about the controversial article but he neither affirmed nor denied the authenticity of the piece. Unlike Vice President-designate Nelson Rockefeller, he cut short the questions about his income after a fifth query on the subject was foisted.

The article said Tanaka owns six chemical and transportation companies, \$8 million worth of downtown Tokyo real estate, had bought three villas in the Karuzawa resort area in Nagano-ken with money left over from his 1972 campaign for premiership and that in the pond of his private Tokyo mansion are carp costing \$1 million (\$3,333 apiece).

Responding to the article's criticism that he was a tax dodger, Tanaka said his returns had always been checked by tax officers so that there be no errors or omissions. Had the carps, for instance, been a gift, a gift tax should have been paid.

Suspicion also exists because of the gifts worth \$1-billion to his party is reported when the reported income as prime minister was only \$70 million. The article relates Tanaka's use of dummy corporations, manipulation of stocks, land and goods to gather his funds to adroitly dispense his largess to acquire strength in the party and premiership.

Tanaka told the foreign correspondents American politicians often reveal their personal property to the public (in reality, a recent practice since the Watergate) but that it was not done and felt no need to in Japan. The severe checks by the tax office on the income of individuals was enough, he added.

Tanaka was guarded in his comments on whether to take any legal action against Bun-

cannery groups AWOL Nisei soldier (Eddie Okawari) turns out to be Filipino barboy  
Happy ending seen for Tsukasa Kiyonos family of Alabama after long litigation in U.S. tax court.

## 25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, Dec. 3, 1949

Mike Masaoka confers in Canada on evacuation claims situation  
Citizens of Bruyeres recall heroism of Nisei at ceremony on anniversary of liberation  
Advice Japanese Canadians to take care in accepting loans from

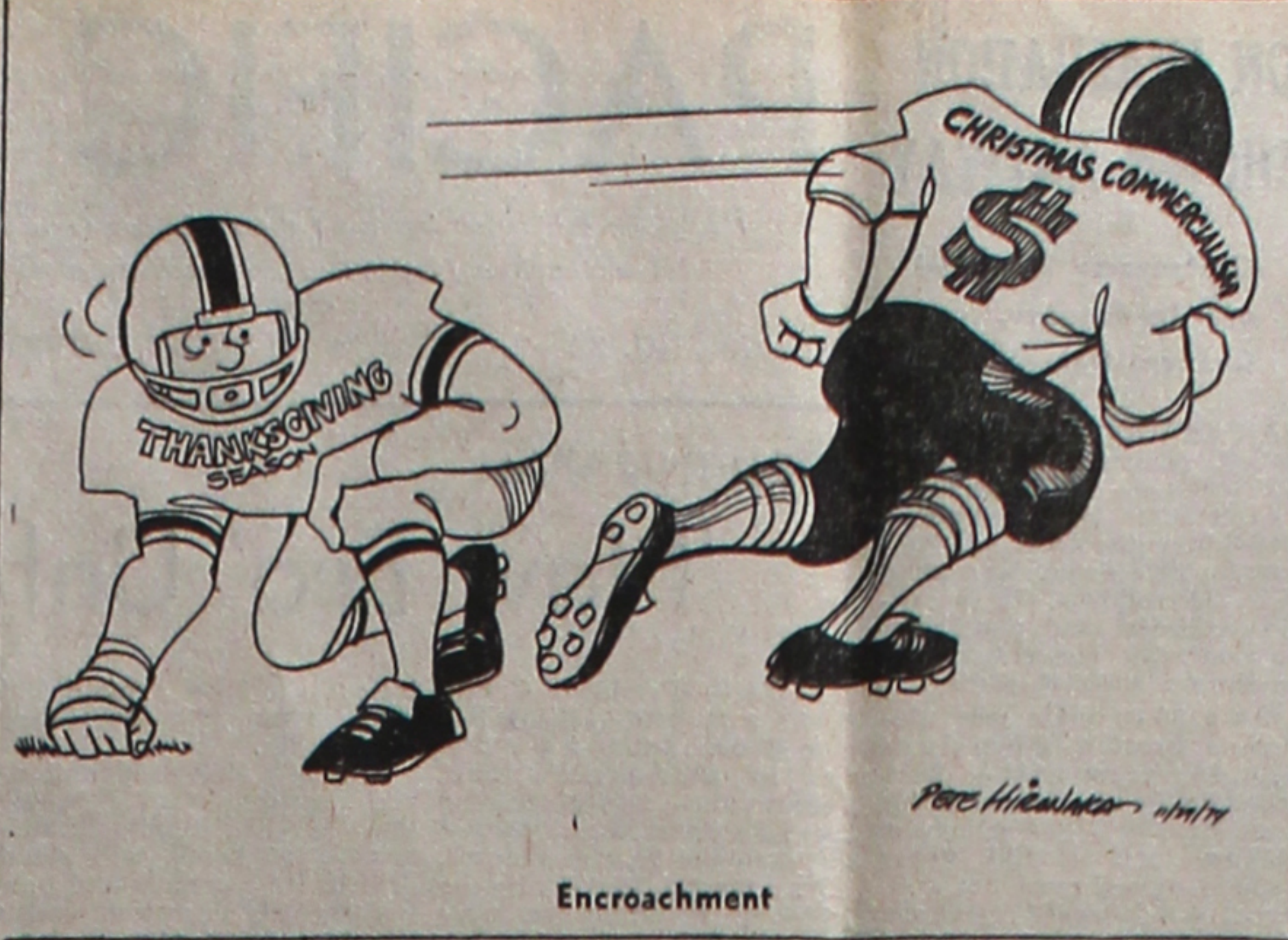
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BY THE BOARD: Masamune Kojima

# Headquarter Personnel

"By the Board" is reserved for members of the National JACL Board, who write at will and as a particular issue moves them. Kojima, the PS-WDC governor, has penned three of the six "By the Board" columns which have appeared in the PC this year.—Ed.

Los Angeles Due to unusual interest in the most recent National Board meeting Nov. 7-9 engendered by lack of any real information in the Pacific Citizen concerning JACL personnel, I was requested by my constituents in the Pacific Southwest District to write my views on this issue. It is quite unfortunate that the Board had to involve itself in personnel matters which, if handled correctly from its inception, would have remained within the exclusive purview of the National Director.

The Board should not have to waste its precious time on such mundane matters as hiring and firing lower-level personnel. However, due to a series of poor advice and ill-timed actions by our National officers, the National Director was left in an untenable position.

The personnel matters concerned the Development Officer, Northwest-Intermountain Regional Director, Assistant Director for Program Development, Washington Representative and the undesignated position at National Headquarters.

The discussion started with a background on the National Convention's selection of program priorities and budgetary items for the coming biennium. The Development Office and Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF) were given the highest priority but funded with only \$30,000—certainly not enough to fund any decent program of legal assistance.

### Director of Development

At the post-Convention National Board meeting on July 28, 1974, the entire Board was given the impression by both the presiding officer and the National Director that most programs would not be initiated until the ratification by the chapters of the new by-laws. Board did instruct the National Staff to commence search for funds as per Development Office. In reply to my question as to whether anyone had been contacted or selected for this office, a reply from the Presiding Officer was in the negative.

Then in September, the Presiding Officer Shig Sugiyama released a memo stating that Ray Bendiner had been hired as our Development Officer. Following this disclosure, there was a flurry of memos and messages from various Board members questioning the activities and motives of those involved in the selection of this Development Officer.

At the November Board meeting, National Director David Ushio explained that he had been in contact with various fund-raising organizations and individuals and had received an introduction to Bendiner who was available at our salary range. The urgency of employing him at this particular moment in time was that the entire sequence of employment or contracting of fund-raisers was based upon the academic school year. Thus the next period of employment would have been the start of the next spring semester or the following fall.

Believing time to be of essence, Ushio then contacted the National Officers and received permission to initiate the employment of Ray Bendiner. But the Personnel Manual procedure was not follow-

ed; short-cuts were utilized to get Bendiner on the payroll as quickly as possible to accommodate his desire for finalization of his employment future before the academic year began.

The National Board severely castigated both the National Officers and the National Director for such extreme departures from established personnel procedure. The main objection was the lack of opportunity for some qualified Asian Americans to apply for this position of possible contact with the power structure.

Most of the passion in this Board meeting was spent on recounting the numerous instances of refusal by the majority society to give Asian Americans chances at jobs like this and the irony of our mainly Japanese organization similarly freezing out Asian Americans on the basis of expediency and urgency of finding additional funds to improve the quality of Asian American life.

The Board recognized the futility of refusing to confirm the appointment of Bendiner and went on record as being dissatisfied with the prior action of the National Officers and the National Director. Additionally, the Board insisted upon the close adherence to the procedure set forth in the Personnel Manual as long as it was in effect.

Personally, I felt that the National Director had the responsibility and authority to keep in close contact with persons who might be a future employee. The only objection that I raised was the possible deceptive reply to my query at the July Board meeting. I also felt that the National Director should keep track of possible Asian American candidates with various skills required by this organization as it increases staff. Hence, he would be able to employ minority who do have difficulty in the employment world of the majority society.

### Regional Director

I did not enter into the discussion of the Northwest-Intermountain regional director because I felt this was a local conflict. There were many expressions voicing dissatisfaction with the method of selection of the Regional Director. (The vacancy had occurred due to the resignation of then regional director Don Hayashi, who was a subject of another dispute).

My opinion has always been that the Regional Director should be selected by the National Director and subject to a veto by the appropriate District(s).

### Undesignated Position

The dispute concerning the position of Assistant Director for Program Development and the undesignated position at National Headquarters and former regional director Don Hayashi raised the most confusion and emotion.

As explained by National Director Ushio, Hayashi had expressed his desire to resign his regional director post in Portland and relocate in the San Francisco Bay Area. At the same time, Pat Nakano had resigned her post of Assistant Director for Program Development to accept the post of acting director of ethnic heritage grant.

Since the Personnel Manual had no provisions for inter-office transfer or promotion, the National Director conferred with the proper National Officers and received a go-ahead to accept Don's resignation as regional director and hire him at National Headquarters. Thus, the National Director could not offer to the Board any job

# Isshoni

GEN. GEORGE S. BROWN

Chicago The Japanese American Citizens League, a national human rights organization, has always been concerned with the welfare of all Americans. Towards this end we find General George S. Brown's recent remarks that Jews "own... the banks in this country (and) the newspapers," to be inaccurate, injudicious and, in his own words, "insidiously stated." These kinds of generalizations of entire ethnic groups are misleading at best and, at worse, can lead to serious ramifications.

Japanese Americans remember clearly the situation during World War II when another general, John L. De-

Witt referred to all Japanese Americans by saying: "A Jap's a Jap... It makes no difference whether he is an American citizen." His attitude coupled with his high military position had a direct influence on the infamous decision to remove all Japanese Americans from the West Coast, regardless of their individual rights.

The continued existence of prejudice in this country in many individuals including General Brown remains an unchallenged fact.

Although we can never hope to eliminate prejudice entirely, we do question the necessity of retaining a man with these publicly-stated attitudes in the nation's top military position.

## PLACER COUNTY JACL SANSEI FINDING NATIONAL JACL NOT 'FUDDY-DUDDY' ORGANIZATION

By ROY YOSHIDA

AUBURN, Calif. — National JACL Executive Director David E. Ushio lived up to his reputation of expressing outspoken views with a disarming smile in delivering the principal address, "Youth and the JACL", at the 34th annual Placer County JACL goodwill dinner Nov. 2 at the 20th District Fairgrounds Home Economics Bldg. here.

Speaking with a blunt, "tell it like it is" manner, the Sansei JACL executive pictured his fellow Sansei as being spoiled adolescents for the most part, lacking drive to get involved in things that are difficult and shying away from the tough issues of the day.

There is a wide range of attitude among the Sansei, he said. At one end of the spectrum there are the "I don't give a damn about anything" defiants and on the other are the very, very concerned young people who are really turned on about Nikkei problems of the day. The speaker was seemingly chiding the former to wake up to reality, while rallying the latter to become activists, to speak up and start taking stands.

Hopefully there are encouraging signs, Ushio went on, in that many Sansei have discovered that "something that goes on in this organization (JACL) can be really meaningful" and, furthermore, many have already taken up the gauntlet of JACL leadership at all levels of the organization. All of a sudden what was to them years ago a dying fuddy-duddy organization they now find to be a much alive vehicle of opportunity for community service and betterment.

With more and more of their marriages being interracial, Sansei are becoming acutely aware of the need for multicultural society, continued Ushio. They are particularly worried about the lack of educational materials in schools

that depict the history of Japanese Americans and their contributions to America's socio-economic progress. They want their offerings to inherit and learn about their cultural heritage so that they may take just pride in the make-up of that part of their Sansei lineage.

Most Sansei today have security in the life style of their choosing, due primarily to opportunity and comfort provided by their Nisei parents, the director reported. In fact, the Japanese American economic status is well above the national average. However, he added, we must realize when we have security we have further obligation and responsibility to society at large.

The guest speaker was introduced by National JACL President-elect Jim Murakami of Sonoma County.

### Kay Takemoto

In the program's surprise "this is your life" mini-presentation, Kay Katsumi Takemoto of Lincoln, one of the founding fathers of Placer County JACL, was given a well deserved, long overdue testimonial for his dedicated, continuous service to the local chapter since it was founded on Aug. 28, 1928.

A charter member and the organization's second president, who in later years served four more terms, Takemoto has worked diligently for Nikkei progress and community betterment through JACL program and activities.

Takemoto's life history, which began on Feb. 1, 1904, on the Paradise Isles of the Pacific and dangerously jolted by the big San Francisco earthquake in April 1906 enroute to the family's eventual settlement in Placer County in 1908, was interestingly unfolded by Jim Makimoto, program chairman and producer.

Venerable Richard Lee, re-

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Bill Hosokawa
Frying Pan

OUTPOST IN THE MIDLANDS—The pleasant little town of Columbia, Missouri, just about midway between St. Louis and Kansas City, is the most unlikely place for a concentration of teachers named Hosokawa.

new home. Now they seemed taller, more self-assured, less like little children. The only pall over the weekend was the miserable showing of the University of Colorado football team which was offered victory by the University of Missouri Tigers, and declined.

But to find three of them in one small community deep in the American Midlands, and all of them in the teaching business, may be noteworthy.

Thus it was that a few weeks ago we set out to visit them. We knew that while they were living out there in catfish and hog row country, their taste for Oriental food hasn't diminished.

The expense and bother of taking the food with us proved more than worthwhile as we watched the Missouri Hosokawas attack it with gusto, putting more of it away than we thought possible.

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Acupuncture law
LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Della Walker of Norfolk, Va., was denied a license to practice acupuncture, is suing to have the state acupuncture licensing law declared unconstitutional.

Richard Gima

Aloha from Hawaii

Hawaii Today

Honolulu
The Alaska Federation of Natives Inc. reports Kekoa Kaapu, has voted to support the Hawaiian natives' claim for \$1 billion in reparations from the U.S. Government.

Michael McGuire, chief negotiator for the firemen of four counties, has announced that firemen tentatively have agreed on wage issues and, as a result, will not take part in a strike planned for the immediate future.

Japan Today

OKINAWA — Senior U.S. military men were worried their days were numbered on Okinawa when the island was returned to Japan two years ago.

Ushio—

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tired Lincoln High School (honoree's alma mater) principal and athletic coach, fellow alumnus Lowell Sparks, retired Superior Court judge, and Farrell Wrenn, long time friend and fruit shipper-employer, assisted in the presentation as surprise participants.

Jr. JACL movement

Realizing the importance of having an organization to represent the local Sansei populace, Kevin Dunn, spokesman for the ad hoc youth group, announced the contemplated reactivation of Placer Jr. JACL, listing three-fold purposes of the movement, as follows:

- 1.—To support, if needed, any program or activity initiated by a Sansei or a Sansei group.
2.—To improve relationship between Sansei and Sr. JACL.
3.—To reopen the line of communication between Sansei and Nisei in Placer County.

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Chapter Pulse

Installation

Puyallup Valley sets date for Dec. 14

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December Events

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September Events

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Univ. of Hawaii

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Names in the News

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Installation

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Grants administrator speaks at Gardena fete

Karl Nobuyuki, grants administrator for the City of Gardena, was guest speaker at the Gardena Valley JACL installation dinner Nov. 16 at Gung Hay restaurant.

December Events

N.Y. scholarship fund fair-dinner scheduled

To raise funds for its scholarship program, New York JACL will hold a fund-raiser dinner Dec. 14, 3-9 p.m., at the Japanese American United Church, 255 - 7th Ave.

September Events

Delano JACLers help at Kern County Fair

Japanese Heritage Day was celebrated Sept. 24 during Kern County Fair week with Joe Ono in charge and a number of Delano JACL members participating with the Bakersfield Nikkei in odori numbers taught by Mrs. Chris Ogawa Swartzell.

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A different kind of installation dinner is due for Orange County JACL, which will have Sansei poet Lawson Inada of Southern Oregon College vocalize his talent.

Washington, D.C. family picnic attracts 200

The third annual Washington, D.C. JACL family picnic held on Saturday, Sept. 21 at Viers Mill Recreation Center was enjoyed by close to 200 hungry and thirsty people.

Chicago to mark 30th annual inaugural

Chicago JACL celebrates its 30th annual inaugural dinner-dance on Saturday, Dec. 14, at the Grand Ballroom of the McCormick Inn at 23rd Street and Lake Shore Drive.

Univ. of Hawaii

School of Asian Studies has been proposed at the Manoa campus on the belief that it would strengthen the University's position to compete for private and governmental funding.

Names in the News

The Japanese government has announced the following awards to 11 Hawaii residents on the occasion of Culture Day, Nov. 3.

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DR. WILLIAM HIURA: 1914-74:

An Early Nisei Bridge Life Master

PALO ALTO, Calif. — Dr. He received his doctorate in optometry in Chicago in 1944. Upon establishing his practice in the Southside of Chicago at 1454 East 53rd St., from 1944 to June of this year, he taught in the field of optometry at the Chicago College of Optometry during his practice.

He was a life member of the JACL 1966 Club, and one of the first Nisei to become a life master in bridge in 1938, and is listed in the Encyclopedia of Bridge for his exploits.

An article appeared in the Reader's Digest exemplifying the success of one Japanese family — the Hiura's six brothers, Frank, a Watsonville apple grower; Charles, a Chicago businessman; Dr. George, Palo Alto dentist; Dr. William, Dr. Pearce and Dr. Willard, San Francisco optometrists, and Dr. Thomas, a San Jose dentist, and two sisters, Mrs. Pansy Nagase and Mrs. Anna Nagase, both of San Francisco, in the year 1948.

Dr. William Hiura just recently acquired a home in Palo Alto, at 777 San Antonio Road, and had planned to retire.

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JACP exhibits Nikkei curriculum aids at national, regional conferences

CHICAGO — An exhibit of curriculum material relating to Japanese Americans was on display at the 54th annual meeting of the National Council for the Social Studies here this week (Nov. 26-30).

The Japanese American Curriculum Project (P.O. Box 367, San Mateo, Calif.), which has been invited again to participate, was assisted by the Midwest JACL regional office for convention booth and support services.

JACP was organized six years ago to develop curriculum materials relating to Japanese Americans. Their successful award-winning film strip for secondary students, "Prejudice in America: The Japanese Americans" has already sold over 500 programs.

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In its resolution, the JACL Board stated that it believes that these individuals should be allowed their choice of citizenship and that it supports "the enactment of (U.S.) legislation ... to make possible the entry into the United States of those potential stateless children of American fathers and Japanese mothers currently living in Japan who wish to reside in the United States including, without limitation, the provision of transportation for such persons so that they may meet the residency requirement which would enable them to become United States citizens."

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