

Refugees from Vietnam

The following statement has been issued by David Ushio, National Executive Director of the Japanese American Citizens League regarding the Vietnamese refugees.

San Francisco

The Japanese American Citizens League urges the American people to welcome the Vietnamese immigrants to the United States. Further, JACL urges Americans to extend to these newcomers the same positive spirit expressed to hundreds of thousands of people from war-torn countries in Eastern Europe, East Germany, Hungary, and Cuba. These refugees came to make America their home, and work toward the principles on which this nation was formed—life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

The democratic principles on which our country was formed are absolute and were not conceived by our forefathers to be manipulated by certain groups of people, or by shifts in the political and economic climate of the times. To support the immigration of the Vietnamese to the U.S. is to support those freedoms guaranteed to all people who make America their home.

The JACL deplores the racist and inhumane remarks made by some political figures who are more concerned with pleasing a few of their constituents, rather than standing for this nation's founding principles. Some of the slurs used to describe the Vietnamese refugees resemble the "yellow peril" campaign aimed at Chinese and Japanese immigrants around the turn of the century, which was used to deny jobs and

civil rights to Asians. So often this nation justifies racist actions by the state of the economy.

Since its inception over 40 years ago as a national human and civil rights organization, JACL has opposed such racist tactics and stereotyped portrayals of Asians as immoral and ruthless, because they are inaccurate and denigrate Chinese and Japanese Americans. Likewise, we strenuously object to those who prejudice the Vietnamese immigrants without giving them an opportunity to demonstrate their talents and make contributions.

JACL especially commends fair-minded leaders such as President Gerald Ford, Governor David Pryor of Arkansas, Governor George Ariyoshi of Hawaii, Mayor Joseph Alioto of San Francisco, union leader George Meany of the AFL-CIO, and the leadership of the American Jewish Committee. Their statements of reason repudiate racist remarks. These refugees deserve the same opportunities afforded other immigrants.

Throughout history, many refugees migrated to the United States for various reasons: famine, war, religious persecution. But nearly all have shared one great hope: the hope for personal freedom.

Much of the responsibility surrounding the displacement of Vietnamese refugees from their homeland lies with the United States' involvement in Indo-China. The Vietnamese refugees are a national concern of utmost urgency, and JACL calls on the U.S. Congress to appropriate funds for their resettlement.

Little Saigon in L.A. possible

By HARRY HONDA
(Ye Editor's Desk)

First there was widespread opposition toward the refugees from Vietnam, insensitive and hostile remarks about Orientals in America. This past week, mobilization of efforts to assist the expected 150,000 evacuees from Southeast Asia has been mushrooming. Programs are taking shape and the Congress was expected to pass President Ford's \$507 million aid request for refugees.

House Judiciary Committee chairman Peter Rodino (D-N.J.) declared, "When this country forgets its immigrant heritage and turns its back on

the oppressed and homeless, we will indeed have written fins to the American dream."

The President was "damned mad" and "very upset" at the way some Americans refused to welcome the war refugees at his televised news conference this past week (May 6). But looking at the brighter side, he was encouraged by the positive views endorsing the Administration's efforts to resettle the Vietnamese.

A number of governors were praised, including Gov. Ariyoshi of Hawaii. Not mentioned was California's Gov. Brown, who has been critical of the refugee program as his administration exemplified a Gallup Poll finding that 54%

of the Americans would not welcome them.

Those fears were laid to public misinformation: (1) that up to 2½-million refugees were coming, when the number now seems to near 150,000; (2) that most refugees were poor fishermen and farmers, interspersed with police spies and black marketers, who nit appear a large proportion are of the skilled middle-class, literate and many able to speak English; (3) that they would bring diseases, but health inspectors found them "remarkably healthy"; and (4) that many would take jobs from Americans, but the impact has since been revised so that some 30,000 out of the 150,000 would be in the market.

Asian American roundup

In Washington, the Asian American Federal Employees Caucus, at its monthly meeting (April 30), highlighted the Vietnamese refugees. Pat Okura of NIMH said his agency was checking to see where it can help.

In Los Angeles, the Presbyterian general council appointed the Rev. Donald Torumi of Altadena chairman of a task force to resettle refugees. At the 53rd annual convention of the Council for

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From JACL Nat'l Headquarters

Communication

HQ Bulletin wears new format

San Francisco JACL National Headquarters Bulletin, focusing on current projects and programs, was published under a new format with Barbara Fujimoto, secretary at Headquarters, as editor. The May issue was distributed this past week (April 30) to National Board members and chapter presidents.

As an alternative to the mountain of material now mailed by National staff in its weekly coordinated mailing, the Bulletin contains five sections: (a) National Issues—Where We Stand, (b) Spotlight (on Noby Nakamura, chairman of the JACL Development Committee), (c) Questions and Answers, (d) Projects, Programs and Campaigns, and (e) Calendar.

Information is to be regarded as "high priority feedback" that merits immediate attention of the membership. Mrs. Petino suggested, that can be raised for specific discussion at chapter meetings.

Topics in the Bulletin, both of national and internal significance, will be briefly presented to show how it relates specifically to each chapter and member. The May issue covers:

- 1—New filibuster rule in the U.S. Senate.
- 2—California gray whales.
- 3—Voting Rights Act extension.
- 4—Empress and Empress of Japan to Visit U.S.
- 5—Evacuee reparations.
- 6—Ethnic Heritage Project.
- 7—Membership campaign.
- 8—Headquarters Building.
- 9—Charter Flights to Japan.

JACL position paper on whaling

San Francisco In January, the National JACL issued a whaling issue paper to chapters, public figures and conservation groups. First replies were noted here two months ago (Mar. 28 PC).

Dr. Clifford Uyeda, chairman of the Whaling Issue Committee, in a second progress report dated April 19 acknowledged responses from conservation groups.

Christine Stevens, president of the Animal Welfare Institute, Washington, D.C., reaffirmed in no uncertain terms their organization is "completely opposed to racism in any form."

The New England Whale Coalition of the Fund for Animals, Inc., Boston, revealed they are rewriting their literature concerning the entire whale issue in order to point out the racist effects that was brought to their attention by the JACL position paper.

Joanna Gordon, Clark of London replied that the Friends of Earth are now pursuing selective boycott and do not endorse a blanket boycott.

Alice Harrington, president of Friends of Animals, Inc., New York, said they are "not party to the call for boycott of Japan and Russian products" because of the complexity of that form of protest.

Dr. Uyeda added people in Japanese university have also been asked to react to the JACL position paper. JACL district governors, in the meantime, have been asked to monitor the whale issue in their respective areas.

The American Cetacean Society in Los Angeles has alerted the JACL committee of the impending threat to the California gray whales, an endangered species, from Japanese whalers who are reportedly seeking permission of International Whaling Commission to harvest their mammal that migrates each winter from the Arctic feeding grounds to Baja, California to mate.

"It does not even make much sense economically," Dr. Uyeda said. "The already highly charted issue can easily explode into a violent anti-Japanese sentiment that can only harm economically to an extent far greater than the profits that will be realized by a handful of Japanese companies engaged in pelagic whaling."

The local Japanese consulate general has been asked to relate the serious and ominous nature of the intended action.

Legislation of interest noted

Washington Five legislative measures of interest to JACLers currently before the Congress were noted by Washington JACL Representative Wayne K. Horiuchi in his April 30 report.

1—Minority Small Business Investment Act by Sen. Hugh Scott (R-Pa.), S 1124.

2—The so-called Hibakusha Aid bill by Rep. Edward Roybal (D-Calif.), HR 3897; provides reimbursement to atomic bomb survivors in the U.S. for medical relief for physical injury sustained in August 1945.

3—National Center for Asian Studies by Rep. Pat Mink (D-Hawaii), HR 6033.

4—Broadcast License Renewal Act, by Rep. John Murphy (D-N.Y.), HR 669.

5—Peace Act by Rep. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii), HR 1894; to establish a Dept. of Peace.

In the April 11 PC "Communications" column, Horiuchi reported on eight other measures.

Further information on any of the current JACL programs may be secured by writing or calling National Headquarters, 22 Peace Plaza Suite 203, San Francisco 94115, (415) 563-3202; or the local JACL chapter.

USHIO CALLS FOR NIKKEI SUPPORT OF VIET REFUGEES

Addresses NC-WNDC, Gains Confidence, Vote from Delegates

FREMONT, Calif. — Japanese Americans should support the Vietnamese refugee program by which many thousands are now being relocated in the United States, David Ushio, JACL national executive director, told the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council meeting May 4.

"It is incumbent on the JACL to approve the program on principle," he said to the delegates to the district's second quarterly 1975 meeting held at the Ohlone College campus here.

Ushio pointed out that the same issues which affected Japanese Americans throughout the years, including racial ones, are now being raised in regards to the Vietnamese. "We can't bury our heads in the sand."

"People who are complaining about the program are mostly racists and we can't go along with bigots," he said.

Ushio added that hundreds of thousands of Cubans came to the U.S. a decade ago and have been absorbed, many becoming American citizens. "Would there be the present outcry if the refugees were not Asians?" he asked.

Vote of confidence

Ushio, who was the meeting's main speaker, was given a vote of confidence by delegates, along with the current JACL national officers and staff.

Earlier this year, the Pacific Southwest District Council

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NC-WN approves text to Tule Lake landmark plaque

FREMONT, Calif. — Text for a plaque to go on a monument to be erected at Tule Lake at the wartime WRA center site was approved at the Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council meeting here May 4.

The delegates voted to accept the wording submitted by the Berkeley JACL in place of the draft proposed by the committee appointed for this task.

TULE LAKE

May 21, 1942-March 20, 1946
Population 18,800

Tule Lake was one of 10 concentration camps established during World War II to incarcerate 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry, of whom the majority were American citizens, behind barbed wire and guard towers without charge, trial or guilt.

These camps are reminders of how racism, economic and political exploitation and expediency undermined constitutional guarantees of United States citizens and aliens alike. May the injustices and humiliation suffered here never recur.

Yamasaki submits resignation as JACL legal counsel

SAN FRANCISCO—Local attorney George Yamasaki Jr. has tendered his resignation as National JACL legal counsel in a letter dated May 5 to national president Shigeki Sugiyama.

Yamasaki regretted differences over the continued service of the National Executive Director resulted in Sugiyama's verbal request to leave the National Board. The JACL legal counsel is appointed by the national president.

Yamasaki emphasized that he shared Sugiyama's desire to make JACL an organization which truly serves its members. Despite the pursuit of the same objective, "obviously, we have reached sharply different conclusions," Yamasaki continued.

He saw the basic issue with which the JACL must deal is that of integrity. "Membership must be secure in the belief that decisions reached under the democratic process will be followed by the National Executive Director," he explained.

Aware of specific instances of the National Executive Director's "deliberate refusal to carry out the clear instructions of the membership," Yamasaki said he would be willing to testify as to the facts within his personal knowledge of the National Executive body which may be convened in this crucial matter.

Once this controversy is cleared, "we look forward to a greater, more productive JACL" and Yamasaki hoped he is able to help in some way.

Quote of Note

Everybody thinks of changing humanity and nobody thinks of changing himself.—Leo Tolstoy.

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WITH OWN GUIDELINES

EDC hustles for its \$5,000

(Special to The Pacific Citizen)
ST. DAVIDS, Pa.—Chapter input was varied regarding use of a National JACL budget item of \$5,000 by the Eastern District Council for program and when EDC delegates, assembled here April 12 for its spring session found that was the sum for one year and not the biennium—there

was a general sigh of relief. EDC has a total of \$10,000 for its use.

But there was greater consternation over procedure to obtain the funds from the National treasury when the EDC rejected the guidelines proposed in a Jan. 15 memorandum from Headquarters and passed one of its own. The

text follows:

GUIDELINES FOR ALLOCATION OF \$5,000 FOR EDC (EDC April 12, 1975)

- 1—Projects must contribute toward furthering the purposes of JACL.
- 2—Projects must benefit more than one chapter and have the approval of the EDC.
- 3—Allocation of funds will be voted by the EDC and appropriate accounting of the funds expended should be made to both the EDC and National Office before the end of the biennium.
- 4—The National Office shall forward the requested \$5,000 on receipt of the budgeted request from the EDC.

Immediate past national president Henry Tanaka from Cleveland explained the background to the \$5,000 for EDC, in response to a query from Kaz Oshiki, Washington, D.C. Tanaka said the national budget had no money allocated to the EDC and that it had been turned over by the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council "with no strings attached".

Tanaka said, historically, there has been no separate appropriation for the EDC because the Washington Office was felt to be providing at least some services. The Washington Office has a current annual budget of about \$40,000. The NC-WNDC regional office budget was \$23,900—of which, \$5,000 has been parceled to EDC.

The EDC guidelines were drafted by Oshiki upon instruction of the district when the Headquarter proposed guidelines were rejected. There was more Headquarters involvement in the rejected version.

Use of \$5,000

Oshiki went on to suggest the New York proposal on public relations was another way of spending the sum though he noted "it is forbidden apparently to spend this money on an on-going program. The other was the Washington chapter proposal to form a study group which "gives a graduate student an assignment to research and prepare background papers" on legislative, social and other issues that affect Japanese Americans.

Mary Watanabe of Philadelphia also cautioned JACL should coordinate and work together with the Asian American Coalition to avoid duplication of research by other organizations with which

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HONOLULU—Gov. George Ariyoshi welcomes Queen Elizabeth upon arrival May 1 for a two-day rest before continuing on to state visits in Hong Kong and Japan.

QUEEN ELIZABETH, PRINCE PHILIP VISIT TO BE LIFETIME MEMORIES

(Special to The Pacific Citizen)

HONOLULU — Gov. George Ariyoshi was weathering a political storm over the pending state pay-increase bill before him for signature—if he signed it, he could retire at the end of his first term as Hawaii's governor at age 52 with an annual retirement income of \$37,000 for 24 years of public service.

But a change in plans, caused by the influx of thousands of Vietnamese refugees on Guam, found Britain's Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip resting two nights (May 1-2) at the Kahala Hilton, enroute from Jamaica to Hong Kong and a state visit of Japan.

It was an unanticipated and memorable change for the Nisei governor and his family.

The royal party arrived Thursday morning at the airport. While the queen rested at the hotel, Prince Philip

Jean Ariyoshi in a red, embroidered, full-length jacket over a white dress. The queen wore a full-length, long-sleeve dress with a floral pattern in pastel lavender and green while the prince wore his customary dark brown suit. In the foyer, the Ariyoshi children, Tedd, Don and Lynn were presented to the queen and prince, bowing and curtsying as was the governor's mother, Mrs. Mitsue Ariyoshi. An official group photograph was taken before proceeding to dinner.

24 for dinner

Reporters were informed by the caterers that the menu had "a lot of local flavor" but among the French-named delicacies it was hard to recognize.

Other dinner guests included: Lt. Gov. and Mrs. Nelson Doi, House Speaker and Mrs. James Wakatsuki, Adm. and Mrs. Neel Gayler, Univ. of Hawaii President and Mrs. Fujio Matsuda; the two ladies-in-waiting, private secretary and her assistant, British Consul General and Mrs. T. W. Aston of Los Angeles, the Australian Consul General and Mrs. David Wadham of Honolulu.

After 50 hours in Hawaii, the Queen and her party departed Saturday morning for Hong Kong. The governor and

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Mtn-Plains District elects officers



Gov. Miits Kawamoto

OMAHA, Neb.—The Mountain-Plains District Council, once comprised of chapters from southern Montana to the southern tip of Texas (a distance of 2,000 miles), has regained its link with Texas—this time at Houston where a new JACL chapter is in process of formation.

Area-wise, MPDC is the largest in National JACL with five chapters in Colorado and Nebraska with a sixth one budding in Texas. During WW2 and the immediate postwar period, the district was served by a regional office based in Denver.

The MPDC, at its April 4 biennial convention here, elected Mitsuo Kawamoto, 53, of Omaha as district governor, succeeding Dr. Takashi Maeda of Denver who is remaining as vice-governor with Hiroshi Sakahara of Houston. Mrs. Haruyo Saito of Arkansas Valley is district secretary; Sam Kosho of Ft. Lupton, treasurer.

Kawamoto, who hails from Fowler, Calif., has been a pestwar Omaha urban planner

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THREE VACANCIES IN EEOC, URGE ONE FOR ASIAN

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Needs Major Overhaul

WASHINGTON — Created in 1974 to bring about desegregation of the American job market, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has been in disarray in recent months.

Chairman John H. Powell Jr., who resigned in March has left the commission effective April 30, leaving vacant a Republican seat. A black Nixon appointee, his vacancy clears the way for a major reorganization of the five-member commission by the Ford Administration as the vacancy of Luther Holcomb (a Democrat), whose term expired last June 30, was not filled and the term of Mrs. Ethel Bent Walsh, vice chairperson now in charge, expires next June 30.

General counsel William A. Carey, who feuded with chairman Powell on issues, has also resigned. The key staff position of executive director is also vacant.

(The National Asian Presbyterian Council at Mills College, Oakland, Calif., April 25-27, called upon President Ford to appoint an Asian American to be an EEOC commissioner. Their resolution pointed out to past and currently continuing employment discrimination against Asian Americans as individuals and a class of people.)

Considered racially the current body of commissioners consists of one black male (Lewis Colston), and two whites (Mrs. Walsh and Raymond Telles, a Spanish-surnamed member.)

New powers needed

Many observers of the Commission now feel it may require a new kind of structure and power for it to stabilize and catch up on its growing backlog of cases—about 120,000 or so cases plus a number of administrative hang-ups, which the Office of Management & Budget and the General Services Administration might assist in solving.

Most common criticism, noted the New York Times reporter Ernest Henderson, made of the EEOC—the primary government enforcement agency of the equal job provisions of the Civil Rights Act—is that "it has insufficient power, even though the agency gained the power in 1972 to sue private employers for noncompliance with equal employment laws."

The time-consuming process of suing private defendants, when efforts at conciliation fail, reportedly has been a factor in the rapid growth of the complaint backlog by employees. Some have recommended the case system in settling complaints when they involve the same issues but Commissioner Walsh said it was illegal under present law, which gives each citizen "the right to have his own case heard and investigated."

Another way of handling multiple complaints, chairman Powell said before he resigned, was for the Commission to continue working on the "AT&T-type" solutions where a court victory or consent agreement would be a powerful example to other companies.

Former EEOC chairman Clifford Alexander Jr. would give the commissioners power to issue cease & desist orders against a company found to be violating equal employment laws, much as a judge might.

Commissioners are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate for five-year terms. Chairman earns \$42,000 a year, compared to the \$38,000 by other commissioners. The general counsel directs a staff of 300 lawyers—one of the largest legal departments in the federal government.

Layoffs conflict

In recent months there has been open split between EEOC and the Labor Dept. over the conflict when layoffs occur. EEOC has said in some instances, seniority must yield; but the Labor Dept. says Title 7 of the Civil Rights Act, chief provision for promoting job equality, does not address itself to layoffs—just hiring policy.

Whether President Ford intends to keep the same racial and sexual make-up is not known but by law the commission must be bipartisan.

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Harry K. Honda

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(Continued from Previous Page) Exceptional Children, which drew 12,000 educators concerned with handicapped and gifted children, Jeanette M. Misaka, special education instructor at the Univ. of Utah, and Dr. Agnes Lin Burger (of Chinese ancestry), educational psychology professor at New York University, discussed potential problems of Vietnamese orphans relocated in the U.S. Both took a positive attitude toward the children's adjustment to a new kind of life.

In San Francisco, the Buddhist Churches of America assembled books and pamphlets for distribution at Camp Pendleton, while Viet priests were conducting Buddhist services on Sunday.

At San Luis Obispo, guest lecturer Edison Uno of San Francisco reacted (May 1) to Rep. Burt Talcott's controversial statement reported in the press earlier in the week instead of the scheduled speech in the Cal Poly convocation address on ethnic heritage. Uno questioned Talcott's claim the statement, "we have too many Orientals," reflected some of his constituents and reminded a similar hysteria preceded the 1942 Evacuation.

Washington JACL representative Wayne Horiuchi the same day (May 1) protested the same statement and called for a retraction. Rep. Talcott's response to the press issued the following day is carried in the PC Letterbox this week.

In Honolulu, Gov. Ariyoshi told his weekly news conference (May 1) he was relieved the refugee impact would not be as burdensome. The 300 who have come all have relatives in Hawaii and emergency services were not required.

Little Saigon?
In spite of the comment, for example Sen. McGovern said the Vietnamese would be better off back where they came from, people in Los Angeles took heart to John Pastier's piece in the Times. The paper's architectural critic hoped the new immigrants might settle in the East Hollywood area (Sunset and Vermont) where the Japanese and Filipino communities have recently added Thai shops and cafes and the only Vietnamese restaurant in town.

Visible ethnic populations with their cultures add vitality to cities that are for the most part dull and standardized. Pastier noted Los Angeles already has an estimated Vietnamese population of 8,000-1,000 students and the rest mostly war brides. Many of them believe Southern California is the best—since the climate is similar to their country's (minus the monsoons and humidity) and traditional food and produce, hard to obtain elsewhere, are readily available here.

This week's potpourri of choice bits of news makes up our comment on this matter. America's resources and talents are needed to assure a positive statement is made.

EDC—
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JACL would need to collaborate. Washington, D.C. president Mel Chiogioji felt the study program would require \$2,500 for the two years while Philadelphia president Tom Song thought it wouldn't be enough.

Warren Watanabe of Philadelphia wondered if preparing such research fell within the normal duties of the Washington Office. Some issues might not be national, he added.

National president Shig Sugiyama noted the one-man Washington Office could not be expected to do everything and added that anything of concern to the EDC was, of course, of concern to National. The new Washington representative Wayne Horiuchi, at this point, was introduced to the council.

Horiuchi said his priorities now were (1) public relations, (2) political education committee, (3) liaison with the EDC, and (4) research. He emphasized the out-front role of his office and added there was not enough time for research. Sugiyama said Horiuchi needed the assistance from EDC delegates to ascertain the "pressure points on many issues."

Oshiki moved \$3,200 be allocated per year to the Washington, D.C. JACL "for research program", which the EDC unanimously approved. Budget calls for \$2,500 for a research person, \$400 for travel.

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Warera-Ni

We hope Craig can live with the choice we made for his column title ending with the Japanese particle "ni" — as the other regional directors have. — Ed.

SB 821 (Calif.)
Los Angeles
On Tuesday (May 6) I flew to Sacramento to testify on behalf of Senate Bill 821, as introduced by State Senator Alex P. Garcia. The bill would create a nine-member state commission for persons of Asian and Pacific Island heritage and would establish a Coordinating Council consisting of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State and other key administrators.

The bill has just passed the Senate Governmental Organization Committee and will now go to the Finance Committee. SB 821 must pass in the Finance Committee. I urge you to write in support of SB 821 to the Committee and to all members of the Legislature. The Chair for the Committee is Sen. Anthony C. Beilenson.

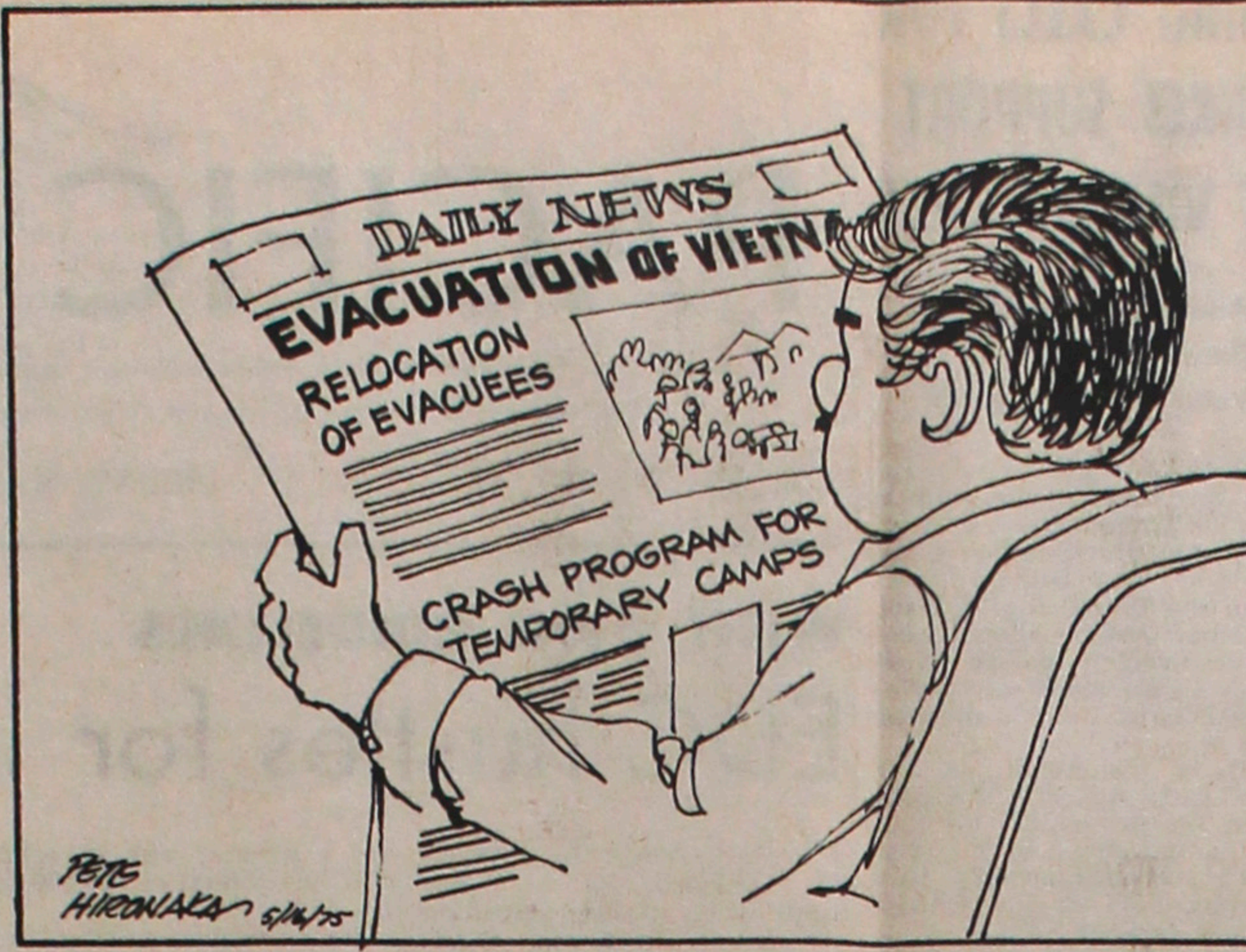
School desegregation
May 17 marks the 21st anniversary of the Brown vs. Topeka Board of Education, where the United States Supreme Court outlawed the doctrine of "separate but equal" education. Today we still find ourselves embroiled in the desegregation issue. Recent events in Boston, Pasadena, and Los Angeles attest to this fact.

Recently Roy Wilkins, National Executive Director of the NAACP, asked for a nationwide demonstration on May 17 to support the continuing struggle for equal and integrated education. The L.A. branch president, Henry B. Dotson, Jr., is asking for our active support and contributions. The rally will be held in Los Angeles at Exposition Park at 9 p.m. following a march from Lindero Park, which is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m.

I would strongly urge all JACL members to actively support this effort. For more information, call your local branch of the NAACP. For those in the L.A. area contact:

May 17 Committee, L.A. Branch NAACP, 5921 W. Vernon Ave., Suite 206 Los Angeles 90008, (213) 368 or 395-3650.

25 Years Ago
In the PC, May 13, 1950
May 3—No evidence of prejudice reported in use of Nisei enmeshers in battle census, says district supervisor.
May 8—Impachment may be started against Honolulu Supervisor Richard Kageyama, indicted by grand jury for perjury.
May 8—Washington, D.C. JACL and JACL-ADC protest "Jim Crow" policy in nation's capital.
May 8—JACL-ADC supports Glendale Convention.
May 12—American Bowling Congress drops ban against non-whites adopted in 1916. JACL campaigned three years for this.



Reminiscent Headlines

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LEARNING — AN EVERYDAY PROCESS

Portland Before coming to JACL I was most fortunate having gained the ability to be myself, to be recognized as an average guy and not creating a "know-it-all," "save-the-world" attitude. This lesson was learned quite painfully while dealing with low-income individuals in the area of child development.

I've tried to perpetuate that image within JACL, although stereotypes and attitudes about staff dictate otherwise. To many people I am different and treated with extreme courtesy as if I have, by some means, attained superhuman qualities and have all the answers. Unfortunately I don't have all of the answers, nor do I try to convey that image. This lesson adapts very well to JACL because we are dealing with people, not a product or piece of merchandise that is to be sold or traded.

National Treasurer Tomio Moriguchi of Seattle once told me that a regional director is an individual that we want to work with the chapters and communities and relate to them, not someone who will talk down to them, kiss babies and maintain a superficial role. That statement only confirms my philosophy of people, and establishes strength in my direction.

I look deeper into our organization and see the commitment and experience of people like Ed Yamamoto, Jack Ogami, Emi Smeekawa, Eira Nagaoaka, Shake Ushio, Kik Hoki, Paul Ellis, Masa Tsukamoto, and learn from them the experiences, knowledge, and drive that they possess.

I see the many technical skills and expertise of individuals such as Dr. Jim Tsujimura, Don Kazama, Tatsi Misaka, Jerry Mukai, Ray Uno, Ron Yokota, Dr. Min Masuda, Dr. Lindy Sata, Al Abe, Dr. James Watanabe, Dave Yamamoto, Saige Aramaki to guide our organization in the many areas of involvement.

There is a new attitude developing within JACL, energetic youthful and committed to the growth and development of JACL and Asian American community. I see John Tameno, Vern Nakada, Ben and Mako Nakagawa, Tom Hori, Jack Suekawa, Glen Morinaka, Yas Tokita, Ted Nagata, Harold Onishi bringing to JACL those talents and direction to begin moving the organization.

I have mentioned only a very minute portion of individuals that make up our organization in the Northwest-Intermountain area, and I regret that space will not allow mentioning of all members. It is from these individuals that I have mentioned that I myself have been educated both directly and indirectly. It is when I can no longer learn from people that my function with JACL must cease.

I see this learning process with JACL, to meet and work as my personal satisfaction with the wide range of talents, personalities and ideals. I can see, before me, the task of connecting those many talents, personalities and ideals, and facilitate the process necessary to strengthen our organization and to educate society.

Hawaii —
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his wife were there to see them off.
For Hawaii's first family, the two-day Island visit by British royalty will consist of numerous stories to share and remember a lifetime.

Kissed him twice
Mrs. Ariyoshi perhaps will tell of slipping a triple-strand pikake lei over the prince's head and of kissing him twice. The governor's smeday may recall that smile the queen flashed when he presented her with a bouquet of anthuriums for her journey westward. At home is an autographed picture signed "Elizabeth and Philip".

The Ariyoshi's also presented the queen a hand-made woven carving and the prince several aloha shirts.
Ariyoshi said the queen is "such a gracious lady, I can understand why her subjects love her so much—a very easy person to talk to, one who makes you feel very much at ease". He described Prince Philip as "such a down-to-earth person, jovial, charming and suave".

Mrs. Ariyoshi put it this way: "Prince Philip is Prince Charming. And the nicest part of it was that he was so very informal. He made you feel so comfortable and relaxed."
What does one discuss with royalty?
"We discussed all kinds of things," Ariyoshi said. "We talked about children—after all—we're both parents."

While no formal invitation was issued to visit Buckingham Palace, Prince Phillip told Mrs. Ariyoshi that if she's "ever in the area" he would be happy to show her around and "give her as much information about Buckingham Palace as she had given him about Washington Palace."

Ariyoshi said the queen told him before she left that she had enjoyed her stay very much. "I think all of the people in our State felt very honored by their presence here," he added. "And the queen felt our people were very kind. They weren't unruly and they did not try to intrude on her privacy. She wanted a chance to relax and she had that opportunity."

There were about 200 gathered at the airport Saturday. Some waved British flags, some shouted, "Queen Elizabeth, we love you!"
P.S.—The Governor skipped the traditional lei and presented her with a special bouquet on the queen's arrival. By rearrangement, the lei was rejected because it would have been clumsy for the queen. Ariyoshi was back in give and take of politics when one rapped him for knuckling under English protocol and for compounding the injury to Hawaiian feelings by not presenting the lei on Lei Day.

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Wayne Horiuchi
Plain Speaking

EVACUEES FROM VIETNAM

The American involvement in Indochina has been tragic and disheartening. The scenes of the past few weeks tear the fiber of America's beliefs and pit American against American again. We are questioning whether to welcome more than 100,000 refugees from South Vietnam and Cambodia onto our soil.

The United States Congress is now debating a bill to appropriate funds for temporary resettlement of the refugees. How large the appropriation will be is anyone's guess, but it will be determined largely by constituent letters, telegrams and phone calls. Let your Congressman know your feelings. It will go a long way in reflecting a mandate.

The decisions ahead are tough. The United States unemployment figures may creep above 9 per cent. The economy is unsteady. This is not a good time for the doors of the U.S. Immigration office to swing open. But, what are we to do?

Like it or not, the United States became entrenched in South Vietnam; the United States trained their Army; the United States hired Vietnamese personnel; and, the United States must now live with the consequences of that war. The people that have been evacuated to the United States are the people that AFL-CIO President George Meany said "would have surely been stung up." These evacuees would have been in grave danger because of their various associations with the United States.

It is apparent that some Americans do not wish these foreigners to enter the country. We have all seen on television and read in the newspapers the cool reception at some tent cities, such as at Fort Chaffee in Arkansas where a few of the local citizenry decided to call the camp "Gookville." There have been racial slurs on posters and incant statements from the mouths of people who should know better.

Though the circumstances are much different, the situation is reminiscent of a hatred once pointed at Japanese Americans. I was not alive during the days of relocation, but my parents were and I grew up knowing part of that experience.

The stories are vivid of the community members who helped Japanese Americans feel at home after release from the relocation centers. These people personified hospitality and compassion to help a group of homeless people feel important to a strange new community. We have only to remember our past to know what we must do today.

We must be compassionate. This is the only way we can behave. The time to question the evacuation was before the people were evacuated. The people are in the United States now. To a very large extent, America is responsible for them and we must not turn away.

NC-WNDC —
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cil called for the impeachment of Sugiyama and dismissal of Ushio as national executive director on the basis of dissatisfaction expressed by a member of one of the chapters in the district.

Although no formal charges were leveled, both PSW and Midwest District Councils recently asked for an investigation by the JACL national board.

Pointing out that fact that no specific charges have been made, the NC-WN delegates voted to approve a statement (see Apr. 25 PC) adopted last month by the district's executive board which read:

The Northern California-Western Nevada District Council reaffirms its support of national president Shig Sugiyama and national director David Ushio and his staff and urge their full attention to their assigned responsibilities and provide leadership for the organization and continue to pursue the national council-mandated programs and projects which benefit the JACL membership and the Japanese American community.

New chapters
Possibility of two new chapters for the present 27-unit district was reported. A group met recently in Marin County where 300 Japanese American families now reside to form a new chapter.

It was also reported that the Lodi Nisei Civic League, which has been active since before WW II, scheduled a meeting to vote on the question of a chapter there. Many Lodi residents are currently Stockton JACL members.

MPDC —
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and landscape architectural director and consultant for the past 25 years, initially with the Leo A. Daly Co. and organizing his own firm in 1963. He graduated from Michigan State in 1949, did graduate work at Iowa State and Georgia Tech, and affiliated with various professional groups, including the Nebraska State Board of Landscape Architects.

Shig Sugiyama, national president, indicated in his April 25 PC column that delegates were optimistic new chapters could be organized in Dallas, New Orleans and in Manhattan, Kansas. He was guest speaker at the district installation dinner.

Other dinner participants included: Jeff Jordan, KMTV newscaster, hostmaster; Robert Tahli, pledge; Robert Cunningham, Omaha city council president; Peter Suzuki, Omaha JACL pres-elect; and Robin Hirabayashi, Omaha JAY pres. greetings: Carolyn Jordan, "JACL Hymn"; program—Em Nakadot, Mits Kawamoto, Gladys Hirabayashi, Fern Watanabe, Micki Allen and Walter Allen.

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HOW MANY ORIENTALS IS TOO MANY?

Denver, Colo. It was another warm and soft May, fragrant with the smells of spring, that the great upheaval took place. 1942. How could 33 years—

The old fears, dormant all these years, are responsible for these remarks. The Vietnamese are competition for American jobs. There are many unemployed across the land in this year of recession and the Vietnamese, hungering for opportunity, working with an Oriental single-mindedness, will take jobs from Americans.

Aloha from Hawaii

By RICHARD GIMA

Honolulu Since April 26, 50 Vietnamese refugees have decided to make Hawaii their home. These include U.S. citizens with Vietnamese dependents, U.S. I&NS district director John O'Shea estimates 2,000 former Vietnamese residents may eventually reside in the Islands.

Japanese tourism to Hawaii is expected to stabilize between 10 and 15% annually of the total number of visitors, according to JTB executive adviser Teshio Nishio. An estimated 380,000 Japanese visitors came in 1974 among the 2.8 million total, the Hawaii Visitors Bureau reported.

Honolulu Scene

Residential water bills on Oahu are scheduled to go up on the average of 23% from July 1 (66¢ to \$1.21), says Honolulu Board of Water Supply chief engineer and board manager Edward Hirata.

Names in the News

Seren Nakane, honor student at Princeton and daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Jiro Nakano of Hilo, has been offered a summer internship in Rep. Matsunaga's office in Washington. Her father was former professor of medicine at the Univ. of Oklahoma.

Sports Scene

The \$27-million stadium at Hawaii was officially named "Aloha Stadium" with opening scheduled in late November. Malcolm Love, 25, was named head basketball coach at his alma mater, St. Louis High.

Univ. of Hawaii

Former Republican state legislator Hebben Porteus says his father, the late Dr. Stanley Porteus, was not a racist, although the Univ. of Hawaii board of regents has faced 300 protestors who contend otherwise and want the new social science hall named in recognition at UH renamed.

Japan Today

HERE AND THERE—Japan has demanded extradition of a U.S. Marine, accused of raping two junior high school girls on a beach in Okinawa April 19. Under the Status of Forces Agreement between the two countries, U.S. military is entitled to detain but Japan maintains jurisdiction over trial in a Japanese court.

Japan Today

Eighty descendants of the one time discredited Heike Clan gathered at Akama Shrine, Shimane-ken, last month in memory of their ancestors who drowned at Dan-no-ura in 1184. The once mighty Taira clan which dominated the Imperial Court in Kyoto was swept out of power by the rival Genji (Minamoto) Clan on Japan's first nuclear-powered ship Mutsu, which developed a radiation leak during a test run last summer off Aomori and blocked by protesting fishermen from re-entering the home port of Mutsu, will be based at Koshikijima, a tiny isle west of Kagoshima, the Mainichi learned. Over 700 Japanese firms, most of them joint ventures, were operating in South Korea as of June, 1974. They account for 8.6% of the total industrial production in 1973. Ventures began with the signing of the 1965 Japan-South Korean Treaty.



PHILADELPHIA JACL—Most of the members of the 1975 Philadelphia JACL board of governors installed April 12 pictured are (from left) Howard Omoto, EDC vp; Koson Kuroda, Hatsumi Harada, Raymond Masters, Nobu Miyoshi, Thomas Song (chap chmn);

Nikkei have historic commitment to protect civil liberties: Mineta

By KOGE SUTO JR.

ST. DAVIDS, Pa.—Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), guest speaker at the Philadelphia JACL installation dinner here April 12, drew a round of applause in remarks on President Ford's State of the World address delivered April 10.

While the President called for further military aid in Asia, Mineta commented: "I believe the most moral decision we can make is to oppose any further military aid to Cambodia and South Vietnam. Our only moral obligation, after such a dark period in our own nation's history, is to stop the killing. The way to do that is to stop providing the bombs and ammunition that kill."

The audience interrupted here with applause. "We must, on the other hand," continued Mineta, "extend humanitarian aid in the way of food and medical supplies, and ensure that such aid reaches the people."

We must acknowledge the human obligation all people bear to one another, but we cannot allow ourselves to be misled once again, to believe that to prolong a war is to win it. The realities of Southeast Asia are just too harsh."

Mineta then went on to his main theme — civil liberties and the political process. "As Japanese Americans, we share a historic commitment to, and a unique responsibility for, the protection of the civil liberties and constitutional rights of all Americans."

In addition to reforms already made by the 94th Congress, Mineta outlined the following as minimum reforms still needed: (1) Full public disclosure of lobbying activities and expenditures; (2) Opening up to the public of congressional party caucus meetings; (3) Full public financial disclosure annually by high officials; and (4) Reforms of the electoral process.

As Japanese Americans, we will continue to be vulnerable until the great U.S. public accepts the fact that America is made up of immigrants from all points of the compass — not just Europe alone — and all shades of skin color and facial configuration, and those who set foot on these shores yesterday are just as much entitled to the opportunity of making their way in this land as those who have been here for numerous generations.

The plight and confusion of the Vietnamese refugees being processed through military camps, humane as the intent may be, is all too painfully reminiscent even after all these years. What are we as a group doing to give them a hand?

Allen Okamoto, K-ge Suto Jr (imm past chmn); Thomas Kashiwara, S. Sim Endo and Hiroshi Ueyehara. Missing are Russell Mesi, John Briscoe, Gladys Kamihira and Grayce Ueyehara, nat'l vp.

were recognized and presented copies of "AIEEE: Asian American Writers," edited by Roberta Tom. A desk pen stand fashioned by master woodcrafter George Nakashima was presented to Tetsu Iwasaki, first chairman of Philadelphia JACL, in recognition of his long years of devoted service to JACL.

Vernon Ichisaka, EDC governor, presided over the installation ceremony of the 1975 cabinet, headed by Thomas Song, chairman. Another highlight were the vocal selections by Mrs. Yuko Takashima, soprano, including "Fujisan Mitara" and "Komoriuta."

1975 JACL Chapter Officers

- HOLLYWOOD JACL: Tomoo Ogita, pres; Don Rundstrom, Wiley Higuchi, treas; Franke Yokoyama, sec; Helen Kagiwawa, memb; Toshio Ogita, prog; Sue Embrey, Ken Honda, Dr. Leslie Hiraoka, pub rel/civ rts; George Yuzawa, sr cit.
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WEST L.A. AUX'Y NETS 1,750 AT WINE-TASTING: LOS ANGELES — The West Los Angeles JACL Auxiliary announced May 9 that \$1,750 has been donated to March of Dimes and American Cancer Society from proceeds of the recent wine-tasting benefit at Yamato Restaurant.

A joint chapter-auxiliary dinner May 20, 7 p.m., at Ponderosa Restaurant, Culver City, will feature a lecture-slide by Sue Kunitomi Embrey of her trip to the People's Republic of China. On June 1, the Auxiliary tea at Felicia Mahood Center is to introduce the chapter candidate for the Nisei Week queen contest. A bus is being chartered July 28 for the parent at the Laguna Art Festival.

Minority Week

The B'nai B'rith, which sponsors the Hillel Foundations and the Anti-Defamation League, has reduced its 1975 budget to \$20.3-million for community programs and projects—what was raised last year with no margin to compensate for cost increases due to inflation. The 1974 report indicated income fell short by \$750,000.

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Chapter Pulse

Scholarship

Sanita Maria Valley JACL honored 10 Sanel—all daughters of chapter members—at its annual scholarship dinner May 2 at the Santa Maria Club. Awardees sharing in the \$900 worth of scholarships were:

\$250—Lisa Miyoshi (of the Toru Miyoshi); \$150—Brenda Yasutomi (of the Akisuke Yasutomi); \$100 each—Joyce Dendo (of the Takeshi Dendo), Grace Hamane (of the Noboru Hamane), Patricia Henri (of the Peter Henri); \$50 each—Margaret Shigenaka (of the Tak Shigenaka), Susan Miyoshi (of the Jun Miyoshi), Pamela Koga (of the Masanori Kogas) and Betty Kurokawa (of the Paul Kurokawas).

Chapter president Ellen Kishiyama, who served as emcee, presented the president's trophy to Michelle Crandall, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Fred Crandall, who will major in pre-med at BYU, Provo, Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE SHIROMA, who co-chaired the teriyaki benefit to make the scholarship awards possible, was also recognized. Shig Yamaguchi was scholarship chairman.

Chicago JACL honors all graduating Nikkei high school seniors as guests of honor at its scholarship dinner May 31, 6:30 p.m., at the Marriott Motor Hotel. Reservations are being accepted until May 21 by the JACL Office (728-7171) and Mrs. Masako Inouye (evening 935-9294. Tickets are \$12 per person.

Mike Masooka will be keynote speaker. Shig Wakamatsu will emcee. During the evening, four scholarships will be awarded: (1) \$500 Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe Perpetual; (2) \$250 Dr. Bill Hiura Memorial; and (3) \$200 Chicago Japanese American Assn. Special awards by the American Legion Nisei Post 1183 will also be presented.

Both the Yatabe and Hiura scholarships are being presented for the first time. Yatabe, known as the Grandfather of JACL, helped organize the American Loyalty League in 1919, which eventually became National JACL a decade later. The Hiura memorial is being donated by the widow of the late Dr. Hiura, a prominent Chicago optometrist and active JACLer.

Milwaukee JACL set May 15 as their deadline for the \$300 Elizabeth Campbell scholarship for college prep students whose parents have been JACL members for the past five years. Another award is being given to a college student, under age 35, a JACL member for three years and not previously awarded a Milwaukee JACL scholarship, according to Roy Mukai, scholarship chairman.

May Events

Sequoia JACL and the Palo Alto YABA potluck dinner May 17 will start an hour later at 6:30 p.m. at the Palo Alto Buddhist Church. Evening will see basketball awards and several JACL chapter scholarships, which this year total \$500, being presented.

Eastern

(Continued from Previous Page) el to enable chapter representatives to determine the area of research at a Washington, D.C. meeting; \$300 for printing. During the morning half of the EDC business session, with Gov. Vernon Ichisaka of Seabrook presiding, chapter and committee reports were rendered.

On legislation, Oshiki, said the extent to which National gets involved is a problem for JACL's tax-exempt status and said "JACL must not jeopardize it." During the Tanaka administration, IRS had posed this problem but it was resolved in JACL's favor, Oshiki revealed.

On youth and JAYs, Kaia Kitagawa of Washington reported on the recent weekend in the Poconos but no other chapter youth attended. A better turnout was requested for the Labor Day weekend trip on the Shenandoah.

At the chapter level, Ruby Schaar of New York reported many New York JACLers are spending hours on PR work for JACL. She related the JACL support of New York-born Leslie Sural, who has alleged racial discrimination against WNBC-TV (see Feb. 21 PC) over a job.

Ellen Nakamura of Seabrook said the annual chow mein dinners involving 200 people was successful and enabled her chapter to distribute \$700 a year in scholarships. The 30-minute FM radio program in Japanese on Sundays, initiated with \$600 seed money, is now self-sustaining as it enters its second year, she added.

Ichisaka said the chapter is cooperating with the New Jersey Ethnic Council, involving 52 ethnic groups, implementing four ethnic studies program at the Rutgers University graduating school. Japanese was among the selected

member for three years and not previously awarded a Milwaukee JACL scholarship, according to Roy Mukai, scholarship chairman. Philadelphia will attempt to present a cultural program of films and lectures in cooperation with Bryn Mawr and Haverford colleges, according to Song. He also found very few people willing to volunteer their time to manage chapter programs and said his chapter survival was at stake. Past President Koge Suto noted Philadelphia chapter might not be in the 1976 Folk Fair because of the same problem of securing volunteer committee help. He called for more members participation and recruitment of younger people for whom the "Japanese American image is a problem."

Washington, D.C. said it would like to organize a study group on certain issues, legislative, social, etc., affecting Nikkei as minorities. Oshiki explained the issues could be discussed at other chapters and at the district level to develop briefing papers. Suto noted with the arrival of many immigrants from Asia, a study on public attitudes here could strengthen JACL's ability to assist the newcomers. The Vietnam refugee issue was yet to come.

At the national level, Grayce Ueyehara reported 200 JACL scholarship applications were submitted by the April 1 deadline. This is a new high, but the number of applicants, but the complaint has been taken away many activities that properly belonged to chapters—such as nominating candidates for national scholarship, Mrs. Ueyehara said.

A program planning expense account of \$1,800 was established for EDC representatives to defray incidental expenses, particularly those types of activities which staff would normally perform if staff were assigned. The EDC also voted \$2,000 toward the New York PR Office, using \$1,000 contributed from the Tak Moriuchi and \$250 each from the four chapters.

Tanaka presented a progress report on the EDC-MDC conference being hosted by Cleveland at Baldwin-Wallace College Aug. 21-24. An EDC-New York JACL Tom Hayashi memorial scholarship was approved with Mike Masooka as committee chairman.

Mary Watanabe very briefly described the status and potential problems of the JACL ethnic heritage program and Japanese American research project.

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Conning Tower

San Francisco Convention '76 - The Twin Cities JACL JAYs have announced their bid for the 1975 Cultural Heritage Fellowship...

A MIXING - The JAYs will gather with JACLers at the Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea. Cause for such a flocking is the EDYC-MDYC and EDC-MDC Odd-Year Convention...

'SUMMER MADNESS' - The Northern California-Western Nevada District Youth Council will host a Tri-District Convention planning meeting on June 29.

NEWEST CHAPTER - The JAYs are happy to welcome the Pocatello-Blackfoot JACL JAYs as the newest duly recognized JAYs chapter.

BOOK REVIEW: Allan Beekman Powers Peak in Final Novel

BEAUTY AND SADNESS, by Yasunari Kawabata, Alfred A. Knopf, New York, tr. by Howard Hibbett, 206 pp., \$7.95.

The "beauty and sadness" (Utsumohisa to Kanashimi) expressed by the title, specifically refers to the love Otoko Ueno bears Toshio Oki.

Patrons of Japanese movies may recall a Shechiku production of ten years ago portraying this beauty and sadness against the backdrop of Tokyo, Kamakura, Enoshima and Kyoto.

Portrayed by So Yamamura in the movie, Oki, 54, novelist, has come to Kyoto to hear the famous Kyoto temple bells ring out the old year and ring in the new.

But he hopes to hear the bells in the company of a woman he had loved and parted from 24 years before, Otoko, portrayed by Kaoru Yachiusa.

The father of Otoko had died when she was 11. Oki had seduced her when she was 15. He had then been 30, married and the father of a son.

After parting from her, Oki had commended their love to a novel, "A Girl of Sixteen", which was to become one of his most popular and enduring works.

Recently, Oki has seen a photograph of Otoko in an art magazine and learned from the accompanying article that she has become a successful painter.

The photograph awakens memories and longings; he decides to renew their acquaintance. With customary skill, Kawabata employs his gambit of making a sound evoke a memory, the memory leading to another memory that flows into the current of the story.

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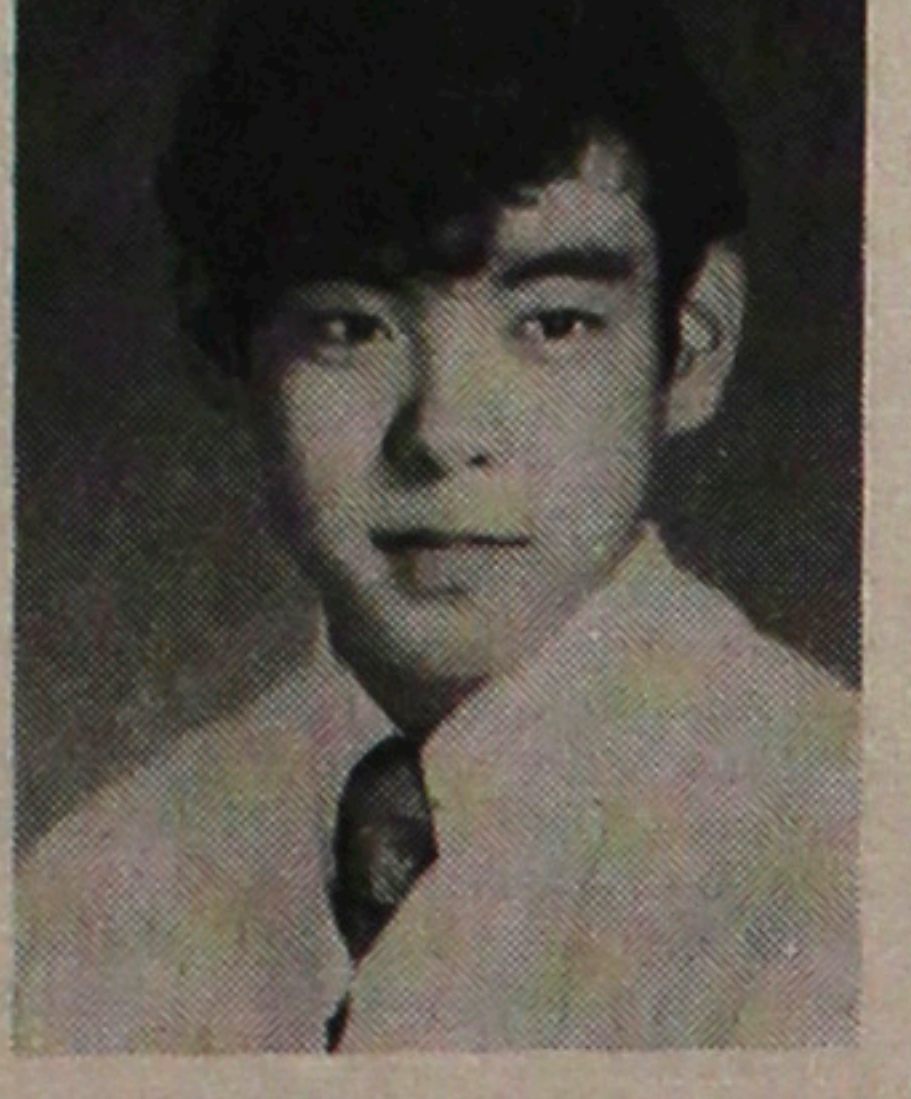
WASHINGTON - The House Judiciary Committee last week (May 2) approved a bill by a 27-7 vote to extend the Voting Rights Act through 1985 and to broaden it to protect Spanish-speaking Americans, American Indians and Asian Americans.

As applied to Asian Americans, parts of Hawaii and San Francisco would be covered by the law, which affects areas whose populations are at least 5% non-English speaking and where voter registration has been less than 50% among minorities.

The Act bans use of literacy tests in voter registration and permits federal registrars to register minority voters. The original Act, passed in 1965, affected seven Southern states - Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia - which saw sizeable increases in black voter registration and black officials being elected.

PC's People

Military David Yoshihara



Rep. Brock Adams (D-Wash.) announced his candidate, David G'erg Yoshihara, senior at Oakton (Va.) High School, was appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy. Candidates compete for congressional district appointments and Adams had nominated ten. David's father, Takeshi, incidentally was the first Nisei to be appointed to Annapolis in 1950, recently retiring as captain and is currently teaching at the Univ. of Hawaii. David is active in football, basketball and track, an honor student and member of the concert band. He also was favored with Presidential appointments to both West Point and the Air Force Academy, an NROTC scholarship to UCLA - but decision to follow his father's footsteps was not a difficult choice as it had been his first choice as it was the very beginning.

Richard Narasaki, formerly of Santa Clara, Calif., who served with Co. F, 442nd, was installed Seattle NVJF chairman. He is a graduate of UW and a Boeing Co. engineer.

Courtroom Honolulu attorney Dick Yin Wong, 54, was confirmed Apr. 24 by the U.S. Senate as a federal judge of the U.S. District Court in Hawaii. Graduate from Univ. of Hawaii and Northwestern University Law School, Wong was judge on the state tax appeal court and first circuit court.

Elections Alyce Sato, active Pocatello-Blackfoot JACLer, mother of six children and nursing director at St. Anthony Community Hospital, is a zone 3 candidate for the Pocatello school board May 20. Her husband Joe is a truck salesman for a local Chevrolet dealer.

Book Asian American consultants for book publishers Silver Burdette Co., Morristown, N.J., Edison Uno of San Francisco and Dr. John Young, chairman of the Education Dept. at Seton Hall University, participated in a company seminar April 10-11 designed to assure fair representation of women and ethnic minorities in all Burdett publications.

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- Headquarters acknowledged 92 new and renewal memberships in the 1000 Club during the last half of April for a current total of 1,416. CORPORATE CLUB (First Year) Hotel New Otani (Nat'l) 1-1416

Local Scene

Los Angeles Bank of Tokyo of California will open its 25th statewide office this summer at 1816 S. Griddle Rd., Artesia, across from the Los Cerritos Center in southeast Los Angeles county-north Orange county (Selanoco JACL county). A hospitality room for community events will be a popular feature of the building, according to Hsiao Tsuyama, BOT president.

The L.A. Bonsai Club holds its annual exhibition May 31-June 1 at the Nishi Hongwanji.

Little Tokyo businessmen last week (May 8) greeted the removal of "No Parking" signs along certain sections during morning and evening rush hours along 1st, 3rd and San Pedro St. Campaign was instigated by Larry Nitta with help of Councilman Lindsay.

Nisei Pioneers turned over \$1,000 to the Japanese Home for Aged (since renamed Japanese Retirement Home) following a benefit dinner-dance held Mar. 15 at Los Coyotes Country Club chaired by Clarence Arima. The home was renamed since its board of trustees found some interpreted "home for the aged" as a place to go when beset with disability or chronic illness when primary reason was to provide residential care and planned activities for the elderly.

Orange County Council of Orange County Asian Americans (COCAA) established outreach posts for job recruitment and referral.

During the open houses and reception sponsored by the Stockton JACL, many former friends and farmers of the Issei pioneer were recalling memories from old photographs and films of his early accomplishments.

The naming of the Shima Center may be one of the first recognitions by a public educational institution at the collegiate level for the accomplishments and contributions by an Issei in America. The San Joaquin Delta Community College, located at 5151 Pacific Ave., has a student enrollment of 16,000.

Nisei Week exhibit on handicrafts planned LOS ANGELES - The Nisei Week Festival exhibits committee met this week to develop a handicraft or folk art show that would expand participation beyond classical or contemporary art lines, according to Hiroshi Saisho, committee chairman, (625-8485). Saisho called for artisans and craftsmen, of varying capabilities, to suggest the format for the show.

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