

To Our Graduates

Washington June means graduation for many students. This is also when JACL chapters around the country honor these graduates. The Seabrook Chapter is one of the chapters which honors its graduates at an annual dinner and I was privileged this past weekend to be able to congratulate the young students and to see hard working and dedicated JACLers Mrs. Sunako ("Sun-kie") Oye of Vineland, N.J., installed as chapter president for a second consecutive term.

As I remarked at the Seabrook dinner, it is well that we continue to recognize and encourage the academic attainments of our youths—in keeping with traditional Japanese cultural values. After all, it was because the Issei recognized the value of education and insisted that the Nisei strive for academic achievement that most Nisei and Sansei today are able to share in the good things in life and to make substantial contributions to improving the quality of life of all Americans.

While we have always placed great value on education—many with the notion that "getting a good job" was assured by or dependent on a college degree—many graduates who are entering the job market now for the first time are finding that a college degree does not guarantee a job and that college training may be irrelevant or unnecessary for the types of jobs which may be available.

This shortage of jobs for college graduates has been spotlighted in a number of recent newspaper and magazine articles with forecasts that problem will be further aggravated in the future.

In the face of such present day reality, there seems to be emerging a questioning of the value of education, strictly from an economical viewpoint. There are also suggestions that academia should reexamine their teaching goals to determine whether changes shouldn't be made to obtain a closer fit between educational programming and labor market needs. I don't agree with these views since I don't believe that education (other than specialized professional training) does or needs to train people for particular

kinds of work. The educational process should train students to be better able to comprehend the complexities of the world in which we live and then be able to learn to do the kinds of work which will provide personal satisfaction, fulfill economic needs in return for some output wanted by somebody. Thus assuming that college training guarantees a job or necessarily leads to a "better" job is a mistaken notion. Education should be viewed as a process for sharpening a person's ability to learn how to do, what he or she wants to do in life and thus improve the chances of being able to do just that.

The view that continuing education under present job market conditions isn't worthwhile is also shortsighted. When the Issei were insisting that the Nisei go to college, it was clearly known that Nisei didn't have much chance of getting the better jobs—particularly during the depression years when everyone was having difficulty finding jobs.

Many Nisei who obtained college degrees still had to settle for menial jobs or decided to try their luck in Japan where, in reality, opportunities weren't much better or were worse. Nevertheless,

EVACUEE REPARATIONS THEME OF JOHN DEAN SPEECH AT JACL-TDC

ANAHEIM, Calif.—John Dean III, former White House Counsel to ex-President Nixon and a prominent figure in the Senate Watergate investigation, will be the main speaker at the JACL Tri-District Conference dinner on Sept. 13, 7 p.m. at the Grand Hotel, according to Henry Sakai, co-chairman of the meeting.

Dean will speak on reparations for evacuees in the American concentration camps set up for the Japanese residents of the West Coast during World War II. George Takei will be master of ceremonies for this dinner program.

Sakai also announced that Jerome Lamatch, director of education for the United Auto Worker, will be one of the



that early investment has paid off, perhaps not fully, but sufficiently that the Sansei are on the whole much better off socio-economically than they would be if their parents and grandparents had not put such high value on education.

Viewed more globally, the problems of mankind are becoming more and more complex with each passing day. The simplistic solutions of the past are not adequate for today or tomorrow's problems. The scope of knowledge needed to solve our problems is expanding rapidly. The only way in which we will be able to deal with the present and the future is to continue our emphasis on education and training to enlarge the reservoir of talent needed to meet mankind's needs of now and the future.

Thus, it is well that JACL at all levels continues to place great emphasis on educational achievement—for this is one way of investing for the future and assuring that the Sansei and Yonsei will not only reap personal benefits, but will also have active roles in making a better world for all of us.

speakers for the U.S.-Japan Trade Relations discussion. Jim Okazaki, Orange County attorney representing a number of Japanese corporations, will be responsible for a speaker representing Japanese interests.

The Tri-District conference will get underway with an informal mixer on Sept. 12, 8 p.m. The fast-rising Orange County Sansei group, Stonebridge led by Gerald Ishihashi will provide the musical background.

Delegates from Northern and Central Cal and all other points are reminded that they can make this conference a center of their vacation plans. Orange County with Disneyland, Lion Country Safari, nearby Marineland and San Diego is an ideal vacation spot for the whole family.

With a record crowd anticipated, delegates are urged to pre-register as soon as possible. More detailed information will be announced.

Senate passes U.S.-Jpn. Friendship act

WASHINGTON — The JACL hailed the Senate passage of the Japan-United States Friendship bill.

The measure (S824), to provide funds to promote scholarly, cultural, and artistic activities between Japan and the United States, was approved by the Senate June 13 without opposition and went to the House of Representatives.

The bill, authored by Sen. Jacob Javits (R-NY) would authorize a \$46 million trust fund financed from Japan's payments to the United States under the Okinawa Reversion agreement and from the CARIOA (Government and Relief in Occupied Areas) settlement with Japan in 1962.

The trust fund would support language studies, book collections, fellowships, scholarships, lectures, and other exchanges between the two countries.

A similar bill was passed by the Senate last year but it died in the House.

MARIANA ISLANDERS TO BE U.S. CITIZENS

SAIPAN—The 3,000 voters of Northern Mariana Islands in the internationally-supervised June 17 plebiscite chose overwhelmingly for commonwealth status with the U.S. (similar to the agreement with Puerto Rico), which also means its residents (about 13,000) will be U.S. citizens. The covenant needs ratification by the Congress and United Nations. It would mark the first acquisition of territory by the U.S. since the Virgin Islands in 1917. The Northern Marianas are comprised of 14 volcanic islands extending 500 miles north of Guam, the largest in the chain being Saipan.

Retirement credit for evacuees sought

WASHINGTON — Rep. William M. Ketchum (R-Calif.) of Bakersfield introduced a federal civil service retirement credit bill (HR 5954) for Japanese Americans who were in evacuee camps during World War II. The measure would also cover aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence.

"Civil service employees who would gain by passage of HR 5954 should not expect it to pass without some effort on their part," I. S. (Mort) Kurotori of China Lake, Calif., declared this past week.

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JACL—SPECIAL BOARD MEETING: Part 2

Opening topics on agenda heated

By HARRY HONDA (Ye Ed's Desk)

San Francisco What appeared as Part I in last week's issue relating the inquiry of the national JACL leadership at the special June 7-8 meeting of the National Board here at Headquarters involved two sides of a C-90 cassette or 1½ hour — up to the point where the agenda was accepted.

Before us remain 8½-hours on tape. By the time this story is completed in the PC in two more installments, the court reporter's transcript can be expected to be ready for distribution to the chapters.

While we intend to present as complete a story of what transpired, it must be reminded that conditions were adverse in the taping so that some board members who had made comments and who ought to have been mentioned here are not — because their voices were hard to copy.

Abstract

The first five topics are covered in Part II — matters from the last biennium and three board members — as follows:

1-Ray Nagai Case. Counsel for the insurance firm representing JACL advised David Ushio not to comment and discussion was tabled.

2-Sugiyama testimony before the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Apparently satisfied with the explanation given in the Pacific Southwest District Council transcripts of the March 9 meeting, the Midwest District Council withdrew this question.

3-Travel Program. The Board found no irregularities in the operation and staff administration and referred questions to Travel Committee.

4-Personnel Manual. Responses by David Ushio were accepted regarding hiring practices.

5-Development. Since this matter was thoroughly aired at the last National Board meeting in November and reviewed at the Mar. 9 meeting as noted in PSW transcript, the Board held the November action was still adequate.

MDC memo/PSW transcript

Two basic documents responsible for the call of the special National Board meeting three weekends ago came under scrutiny after the 18-part agenda was accepted.

The May 20 MDC memorandum was distributed after the Midwest District Council passed its April 6 resolution calling for investigation of the charges against the JACL leadership. It consisted of about 50 questions encompassing 15 areas of concern (See June 6 PC).

The PSWDC transcript of about 100 pages was distributed to back its resolution of the Mar. 9 special meeting, calling the board to investigate the charges and concerns against the National President and National Executive Director "as recorded in the minutes". (See Mar. 21 and 28 PC).

But the validity of the PSW transcript was questioned when it was found four participants had prior access before distribution while others were not provided that opportunity to make corrections.

PSW alternate Mike Ishikawa, among the four who worked on the PSW transcript, said much of the iden-

tification of speakers was lacking, names were misspelled in an atrocious manner which had to be inserted or corrected. The PSW secretary's tape recordings were transcribed — clearly not intended for an outside firm to transcribe in proper fashion.

Helen Kawage objected adamantly to acceptance of the PSW transcripts as "official information" since she found part of her testimony missing. Mikio Uchiyama didn't think it was important to know who the speakers were.

"We are only interested in what the contentions were," Frank Iwama raised the question: "Why wasn't the same opportunity given to everyone that participated, particularly the two individuals who are being accused of wrong conduct? Those two actually had more to lose at stake than the four people who were allowed to make their corrections."

While the board accepted the agenda, based upon questions raised in the MDC memo, Masamune Kojima reminded the concerns expressed in the PSWDC transcript would be brought up at the proper time.

The Kojima motion, which initiated the discussion on the status of the MDC memo and PSW transcript, was whether the National Board convene as an investigative committee and allow the MDC or any other persons with complaints against the national officers, national board or national JACL structure to present their case. The motion was carried with the understanding that the meeting would not be an inquisition and at the same time resolve the questions raised.

Pro-tem chairman Jerry Enomoto said the body would discuss the various areas of concerns and if grounds develop that indicates a need for "an investigation," such procedures would be fashioned.

Ray Nagai case

Though the motion to table discussion on the Ray Nagai case (see Feb. 14 PC) was quickly passed because the matter is currently in litigation, it troubled Kojima to ask why the attorney on the case for JACL was not summoned to address the Board. Kojima declared:

"The Board is ultimately liable. The lawyer representing the organization must tell us what is happening because we ultimately must decide whether we are going to pursue it or give it up or compromise. Until that is discussed by the Board, I feel that I cannot go back to my (PSW) district and tell them I had done my duty as a board member by tabling the motion simply because one of the defendants in this particular case (Ushio) comes up and say, 'I can't talk about it because my lawyer told me to.'"

"In that case, we must assert our legal duty as board of directors and order the lawyer in and hear his presentation. . . . We just can't stand out here and look at this lawsuit."

Enomoto ruled the comment out-of-order, whereupon Kojima moved to reopen discussion. "It's the most important thing there is; yet we're willing to table it. I don't see why," he added.

Ushio reported JACL had filed various demurrers, the latest filed June 6 having been sustained by the judge. Iwama, deputy attorney general with the State of California,

explained the demurrer to the non-lawyers present. "It means the complaint was filed by Mr. Nagai and the court found he could not allege facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action. It gave him one chance and that was demurred again. This was the second time in court and he hasn't still been able to state a cause of action under an oral contract."

Iwama added that if JACL loses the case, the insurance company would pay — so the attorney in reality represented the firm. "It is now in litigation and highly inappropriate to start talking about who was right or wrong because that's what this litigation is all about. The status of the case right now is that Mr. Nagai cannot state a cause of action."

That much said, the board rejected the motion to reopen discussion by the parliamentary move to lay the question on the table. Count was 9 for, 11 against. The parliamentary, Raymond Uno, earlier explained Kojima could not move to reopen discussion since he had voted to table discussion. Only a person who had changed his mind could ask.

In response to a query from the floor, Enomoto reported Iwama was acting national JACL legal counsel after being advised by National President Shig Sugiyama. No move was taken to confirm at this point.

Marumoto v. Rafu Shippo

Felt to be a related matter, Jillian Kimura then asked Ellen Endo of the Rafu Shippo to discuss the William (Mo) Marumoto case. While Enomoto held the matter out of order because it was not listed on the agenda, the discussion on whether to have the issue aired elicited comments on whether the board wanted an open meeting, "free to discuss matters as they came up per agenda," quoting Kojima.

Gravely Ueyehara said the Marumoto case against Rafu Shippo had been settled and could be fully discussed. Sugiyama noted it had not been a matter before the National Board. IDC alternate Gerold Mukai wondered by not discussing it "what if we'd want to take a look at it. Uchiyama regarded this as extra matter that should be aired after the adopted agenda was cleared.

Kimura withdrew the request but discussion on the case was to surface later during the matter of the Development Office as Marumoto was among those urging JACL to seek additional funds outside of membership dues through public and private sources.

Sugiyama testimony

In the May 20 MDC memo, the question was asked: Did Shig Sugiyama's testimony before the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (hearing of the California Advisory Committee in June 1973) represent the official JACL position? If so, who prepared the position and under whose authorization?

Since the question was thoroughly discussed at the Mar. 9 PSW special meeting with Sugiyama responding, it was felt the MDC question was satisfactorily answered. The chair was advised the MDC was no longer interested in pursuing the issue since it had been clarified.

Sugiyama had told the PSWDC he had offered to be a "stand-by" witness for Ushio who was expected to testify but was prevented due to pressures of the National Board meeting being held the same day. Then president-elect, Sugiyama chose to blast the system of tokenism at Congress for not making the Civil Rights Commission a permanent agency, aware that other Asian American witnesses would make their points. It was his own views and not an official JACL statement, he explained.

Sugiyama plucked the commissioners because his testimony did not point out any civil rights problems among Japanese Americans and it appeared JACL was not involved. The PSWDC at one time felt this was an inescapable offense — though it became moot since the testimony was made before he became president.

The Board accepted the explanation and determined it did not warrant any recommendation for action by the National Council and moved that "record show the matter is cleared up."

With the two matters of the past biennium resolved, the Board then recessed for lunch on your own.

Format of agenda

Before the Board started discussion into the heart of the agenda after the lunch break Ushio dug up the delicate grounds where the national organization had lain

for several months — six months since the last National Board meeting.

"What bothers me most as the national executive director of JACL is that as a board we make decisions after we discuss things openly and freely. Information comes in; people bring out their concerns — and a decision is made," Ushio said.

"Yet that decision is continuously questioned. And what bothers me most about — in this whole thing — is that participants in that decision, members of the board, are parties to the revitalization to the very same questions, which had been settled.

"Now, if that is allowed to go forth in any kind of organization — I know I'm haranguing here — what we are basically saying is that decisions of this Board don't mean a thing," he boldly declared. "I think we will have to recognize that. There is such a thing as a loyal opposition. But I think in a team concept in an organization like JACL, we say we recognize each other's viewpoints and opinions. But we vote in the democratic process and we come to a decision. We should stand by those decisions — most of all for those who participate in that decision."

"But when members of the Board do not abide by that and perpetrate suspicion, mistrust, innuendo and all those other kind of stuff, I think that is irresponsible."

"I think when we go through these things (in the agenda), you can see this," Ushio concluded.

He had explained how the agenda was prepared — separating matters which occurred in the previous biennium, current matters before the Board in this biennium, and administrative matters — all gleaned from the MDC memo and the PSWDC transcript. Kojima reacted immediately as district governor sitting on the National Board. Despite the decisions made by the National Board, the governors report back to the district and if they are discontent, the Board will know about it. "Perhaps many of us don't like to go over and over this thing, but if we (on the board) vote a certain thing and the district is displeased, there is no choice but to bring it up again."

Travel program

To open discussion on the National JACL travel program (the charter flights to Japan), Jillian Kimura wondered whether National JACL should get out of the travel business. She also questioned the \$25 administrative fee since it had not been a board recommendation. Other questions in the MDC memo were:

a) Are the travel program guidelines in compliance with CAB-IATA regulations?

b) Is the centralization of the Travel Program responsible for the present discontent expressed by various chapters?

Ushio went into the genesis of the Travel Committee, why National JACL became involved, explaining procedures had to be tightened in order to protect JACL's liability. The broad guidelines were adopted by the National Board in mid-1973, the vice president for membership services assumed supervision and President Sugiyama appointed

attorney Steve Doi as chairman to further develop the guidelines.

The guidelines are in compliance with Civil Aeronautics Board and the International Association of Travel Agents, two bodies regulating group flights, Ushio declared.

The \$25 administrative fee was deemed the "best figure" in the estimation of the travel committee after consultation with airlines and travel agents, Ushio continued. And if found to be excessive per flight, he assured rebates would be made to individual passengers.

On the issue whether special arrangements were made to accommodate certain chapters, apparently contrary to Travel Program guidelines, Ushio said, "Yes, because they had previous contractual arrangements" that were negotiated prior to publication of the JACL guidelines. That was last year but the guidelines are in full force from this year, he explained. He did not discount the capability of those chapters which have successful programs, but crux of the national program was to get all the chapters involved but protecting JACL liability at the same time.

The liability comes when a chapter program fails to fly and passenger deposits are not returned as a consequence.

"If new situations arise, changes can be made," Ushio said in concluding his introductory remarks on the question.

Chicago JACL president Perry Miyake charged centralization hurt their chapter travel program, especially when their original charter flight fare was raised slightly this year. Travel Committee staff secretary Phyllis Hashibara explained what had transpired — the verbal understanding for a charter flight from Chicago having never been confirmed.

With discussion becoming technical into the operations of the program, Henry Tanaka asked whether "we are evaluating program or people?"

Lillian Kimura then realized their questions delved into program evaluation and confessed it should not have been on the agenda though Miyake wondered whether a National committee was necessary since it appeared more hectic and doubted the people in charge could handle it.

While Tanaka was ready to get into the next agenda item, he appreciated the dialogue he had clarified the program for those on the Board. "At least, (we're) getting an understanding of it." Because of the MDC withdrawal, Tanaka didn't think a resolution to clear the air was required.

Mukai, however, differed. "In our mentality, the whole issue is whether or not we are going to kick out Shig Sugiyama, Dave Ushio, JACL, the baby and the bath water. So, Hank, we'd like to have our clothes dried."

"We want to understand at the chapter level that says — Hey, too, there was reasonable explanation given, there was reason for disagreement, but this was a decision to be a program area that should be evaluated and it didn't boil down to some evil practice

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So. Calif. ad hoc reparations group adopts FAIR, Inc.; membership sought

LOS ANGELES — The local ad hoc committee on reparations, organized following the San Fernando Valley JACL-PSWDC sponsored panel discussion, has unanimously accepted the name, "For American Internment Reparations" (FAIR, Inc.).

In the process of incorporation, a check is being made with the Secretary of State to make sure the name and acronym have not been registered by another group, according to ad hoc chairman Paul Tsuneishi. FAIR, INC., will be based at 204 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles 90012 — Tsuneishi's business office.

The name, FAIR, was suggested by Jane Yamashita, active Venice-Culver JACLer. Other names, such as Southern Californians Once Removed, were considered too regional and limiting in scope.

Sub-committees are in the process of organization with meetings scheduled at the JACL regional office. A general membership meeting is scheduled June 27, 7:30 p.m., at the JACL Office. Subcommittees are in research-educational, membership, finance and publicity.

A letter from the PSWDC legal counsel Louis Ito informed the group the \$500 contribution authorized by the district would jeopardize

JACL's tax-exempt status and it was recommended individual donations be solicited.

Because other cities are likely to organize similar committees, Phil Shigekuni suggested some thought be given to coordinating the activities. The JACL political education committee has recommended National JACL organize a separate legislative arm, Tsuneishi recalled.

Pacific Areas VFW for evacuee reparations

PUSAN, Korea — The Veterans of Foreign Wars Dept. of Pacific Areas on May 25 accepted and approved the Okinawa War Memorial Post 9723 resolution for evacuee reparations and will present it before its National VFW convention, Aug. 15-22, at Los Angeles.

It was understood the Sacramento Nisei Memorial Post 8985 has also sponsored a similar resolution "to rectify a grave injustice to loyal Japanese Americans."

The resolution also noted a number of Nisei VFW members had been evacuated and interned, losing home and property but nonetheless responding to the call to serve in the military during WW2.

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on the part of David or anybody else involved.

"Because then we can go back to the chapter and say—Hey, look, that didn't have anything to do with the thing that started this..."

"If I heard right on this issue, Hank, I heard that—Gee, it was kind of a mistake to throw that thing in there, it really didn't belong, there was plausible explanation—and the explanation says that the National Board says—Hey, look, instead of polarizing it this way, let's take a look at it."

Mukai's down-to-earth interpretations of Board actions, as in the above, were eloquent in their simplicity.

The motion to refer the matter for resolution by the Travel Committee was passed but expanded to include the notation, as proposed by Mits Kawamoto, Mountain Plains governor, "that the Board found no disclosures of irregularities on the part of either the National President or the National Director." That was necessary, he said, to quiet rumors about "somebody pocketing some money on these travel programs."

Kojima asked Kawamoto if he had seen a copy of an audit to make certain. Kawamoto said he was accepting the report as presented. Ushio closed discussion on travel by adding that the people on the travel committee "are very competent, able and have worked very hard on this" and he resented "any innuendos that impugn their liberties."

Grievance procedure

Exercising the right of personal privilege, NC-WN Gov. Wes Doi—at this point—introduced Dr. Gary Oda of Berkeley who sought formal commitment from the Board to set up grievance procedures for members or chapters to make complaints "to determine whether sufficient cause exists to institute formal procedures" (see June 8 PC).

Since the PC tapes were unable to record Dr. Oda's motion, it will be necessary to wait for the transcripts but the motion was adopted. What the tapes did catch was probably the most heated exchange on the floor between Kojima and Uchiyama on one point of the motion referring to questions having nothing to do with innocence or guilt of individuals.

UCHIYAMA—Point of (Oda's) resolution is to the effect that we try to get answers to the particular questions that are raised. So, some of the questions are loaded. But I think (we can judge) the ability of the people that ask the questions to determine whether they are loaded or unloaded, so that he should be entitled to answers of these questions. The questions are there now. We can't quibble how the questions were made.

KOJIMA—Point of clarification. Are we going to back to the MDC resolution? Why, I thought you said that you were going to order when I mentioned that.

UCHIYAMA—What we said was that.

KOJIMA—What are you talking about? Have you changed your mind?

UCHIYAMA—What we said was: We are going to follow these subject matters. And the subject matters are covered in the MDC resolution.

KOJIMA (Interrupting)—That's what I said.

UCHIYAMA—There are certain questions that are being made and those are the answers. KOJIMA—It's the same thing that I've said... and I've been ruled out of order.

UCHIYAMA—This is what we're saying.

ENOMOTO—If I did something wrong, I'm sorry.

Iwama was for questions to be phrased in a more objective manner and it would be fair if both sides were able to ask. He objected to some mentioned in the MDC memo, such as the one under gerontology: "How were these funds actually spent?" Iwama felt the inference of wrong-doing was there in the word, "actually". Ishikawa contended it was a matter of concern and the special meeting was called to investigate these concerns.

Personnel manual

On the next topic, the MDC memo asked:

Why wasn't the required 30 days between announcement and closing dates allowed for application for the positions of Associate Director for Program Development and Pacific Northwest regional director?

Before Ushio could provide a brief background, Lillian Kimura had moved to address Ushio's recall of the events as presented at the November board meeting. Motion was carried without further discussion.

25 Years Ago

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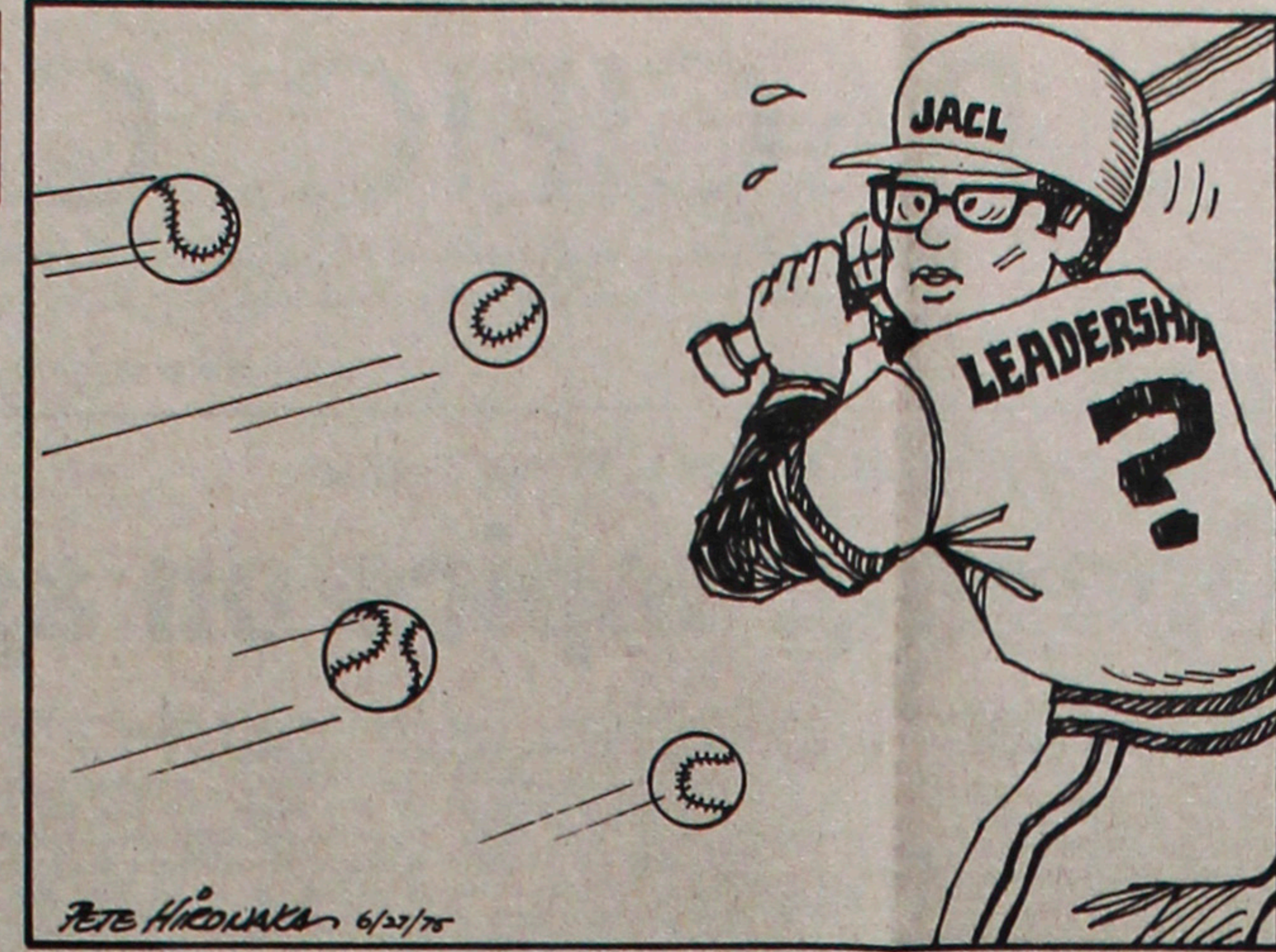
June 16—Idaho Falls JACL assumes title to lease building used for Japanese school.

June 17—USC broad jumper Hank Ahlra leaps 25-1/4 in NC-AA. Ahlra finishing second, at Minneapolis.

June 18—JACL-ADC supports Truman plan to reorganize cabinet.

June 24—Congress passes more private bills admitting soldiers from Japan and Canada under 1947 law.

June 25—Mid-year report shows 60 groups in California Federation for Civic Unity, statewide race relations group.



Target Practice or Legitimate Pitches?

CLEVELAND: Dr. Toaru Ishiyama

Meet the Puerto Ricans

Cleveland

Several weeks ago, I was invited to provide some consultation to the Puerto Rican community in Lorain, Ohio to help them in planning, designing and putting into operation a social services center for all Spanish-speaking persons in the City of Lorain. That experience provided me with insights about our own Japanese community that I would like to share with you. I don't know what I had

Problems in JACL recall Menninger's 'lifeboat story'

By MASAOKI SUMIDA

San Francisco

When there is some wrong doing coming to your attention, is there an obligation to intervene? The Watergate debacle has started many people to think about what their obligations are as individuals, and what is to be expected of people in public service.

A wise Chinese "sage" once said:

"Judge not, so that you not be judged."

THIRD EYE

"With the standards you choose to judge, you too shall be judged. Evaluations and conclusions you choose to make, others will make of you."

In a closed society, this was once good advice. Today in our complex society, is this still viable advice?

Well it depends. Depends on what?

American psychiatrist Karl Menninger tells the story about the lifeboat. "There were a dozen people in a lifeboat, and one of the members discovers a leak in the boat where he is sitting. Is there any doubt as to his responsibility and obligation? Can the member remain silent and ignore the leak? This course of action would be the equivalent of making the "hole," since either would lead to the same disaster. Another question—

In reporting the hole, is it his obligation to repair the hole? Or is it the obligation of the other dozen members to pitch in to make the repairs?

Is it right for the other dozen, to find a "scapegoat" and blame him for the troubles? Is it right for some individual to disagree to "rock the boat" and capsize it so that all will be lost?

Recent activity of the JACL by reading the Pacific Citizen indicates there is an "ongoing" movement to embarrass the Director and the President. An "impeachment movement" being barely averted. Obviously all is not right according to some opinions. There is a "leak" in the boat.

The wise "sage" also wrote a postscript: "Those that choose to act as both the accuser and judge, usually plant the seeds of their own destruction." For in the standards that they choose to apply they may be asking for performance that they themselves find impossible to perform, let alone anyone else.

Today one can find leaky "life boats" within the family, in work, in organizations, in the government, etc. Repairs can be made for mutual benefit by wise people co-operating together. Each is involved in some way whether he is aware of it or not. Proactive action is better than reactive action, or finding scapegoats.

We have prevailed upon Mr. Sumida to contribute as often as he can, commenting on any threat to the welfare of Japanese in America that he feels should be counterbalanced. And while he may not always agree with JACL executives, he further stated a strong JACL is needed and he intends to promote that—Ed.

CHIAROSCURO

expected, but I was very much surprised, amazed at the kinds of, discriminating experiences that the Puerto Rican was undergoing, and to realize how so many of them paralleled the experiences of the JAs. Imagine:

—A six-year-old boy being told by his teacher that Puerto Ricans had made no contributions to the growth and progress of the United States, except being on welfare!

—A 12-year-old being encouraged by his counselor to take shop courses in high school, because "Puerto Ricans don't go to college."

What made the six-year-old's experience even more frightening—if one thinks about the long-term implications of the event—is the fact that the person who told him this "fact" was not only a teacher, but a nun-teacher. Imagine the force of authority that was operating here!

The 12-year-old severely resented the implication that Puerto Ricans are essentially intellectually backwards, vowed to "show them," did indeed go to college and graduated first in his class! A success story, perhaps, but for every one who vowed to "show them" there must be dozens who were beaten down by such pervasive attitudes on the part of the larger community.

Young activists

A group of young Ricans to whom I was providing consultation was comprised of those who had made it—all were college graduates, employed by establishment organizations such as city government, the school system, and some were, as they put it, token Ricans in established, big corporations, and possibly in preference to Blacks. The making it was not that finalized, since they were acutely aware of the limits beyond which they felt they would not be allowed to go.

At the same time, these young, often angry people, were very committed to helping their community—not to escape to the suburbs and uneasy integration into the White community, but to stay with their people. One can imagine the difficulty of this decision, since most of the members of the group, at least in my eyes, were White and could easily be perceived as Spaniards. But I could sympathize with their social and psychological dilemma for in many people's eyes, they are neither White nor Black.

What were these young activists prepping to do to provide the Latines the wherewithal to turn around their poor self-concept—a self-concept shaped by the school, the larger community, and yes, even the Church? They talked about:

Upping the sense of a Puerto Rican history and culture in their young.

Getting the School Board to develop bilingual programs in schools where there was a significant number of students from the Spanish-speaking community. (Incidentally, Lorain has the largest Puerto Rican community outside of Puerto Rico and New York!)

Encouraging the formation of Spanish or Puerto Rican clubs in high schools, in the same way there are French Clubs or Chess Clubs.

Compiling a history of Puerto Rican contributions to the American society.

The need to encourage Puerto Ricans and other Latines to become involved in the political process. Getting Latines on the City Council, on the School Board, etc. Encouraging the young to become interested in the political sciences, in law as a profession.

A pan-Latino movement, to link up with other Latin groups, such as the Chicanos, to develop a closer working relationship between Spanish-speaking groups. (I discovered that Latines are often as apart as we Asians!)

Providing sympathetic and Latino-based social services to the young, to the elderly, to the emotionally disturbed, to those having social problems. Providing vocational help. Serving as advocates for

those who should be getting services from public agencies, but who were too proud to "beg". About the fact that Latines were not benefitting too much from Federal programs such as the equal employment opportunities program.

Developing an image which stirs pride, an identity of positiveness, and a sense of first-classness.

Providing to the larger community, to the media, to the teachers, to everyone a different concept of the Puerto Rican and Spanish-speaking communities, via literature, media presentations, seminars and workshops, and their techniques.

Familiar ground

As they talked, and dreamed, and planned for action, I closed my mind's eye, and I could feel that I had gone through this in another place, and in another time. I could feel that it was us!

For me, the experience was a profound one. The Puerto Rican was a person I had only known via the media and via anecdotes. A person who was only someone I heard about or read about; now I know him a little better. He hurts, he loves, he rejoices, he cries, he aspires, he feels as I do. He is trying to assert himself, to rise above the degradations, slights, and obstacles through constructive action. As I like to believe that we JAs are doing.

I feel as if I have found a new brother!

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Plain Speaking

JACL 'DUE PROCESS'

I was most impressed with what I have come to understand as, "JACL due process". The kind of "due process" not as strict as the rules I adhered to while a hearing examiner in my previous job, but the kind of "due process" unique only to JACL.

At the last National Board meeting 14 of the 15 charges from the MDC resolution were deemed by the National Board as either satisfactorily explained or dismissed. The 15th will be handled by a routine audit. In addition, a general resolution was passed by the overwhelming majority which cleared the air and called for unity. "JACL due process" was responsible for the outcome.

I was very impressed with long time JACLers who were not Board members yet participated in the discussion. Kudos must go to Past National Presidents, Jerry Enomoto and Ray Uno for acting as a fair chairman and parliamentarian.

Fundamental issues of due process were given careful and deliberate consideration. Such unwritten yet understood issues as "the right to know who your accuser is", "the right to know of what the accusations are", "rules of evidence", "specificity in the charges", "lawyer-client confidentiality" were all very carefully considered not in

the strict courtroom sense but with the careful consideration given by the Board. This is something JACL should be proud of. Call it what you may but I say it was the morale voice in the wilderness crying out the word "justice".

★ And the JACLers with expertise in a particular area spoke to the issues which were appropriate. For example questions regarding the grant from Gerontology were addressed by Gerry Mukai, development officer. Legal questions were kept in perspective by Frank Iwama, Deputy Attorney General for the State of California; Ray Uno, lawyer; Mikio Uchiyama, judge. Accounting questions were spoken to by Steve Nakashima, CPA and lawyer. JACL questions were clarified by Past National Presidents, Dr. Roy Nishikawa, Hank Tanaka, Jerry Enomoto, and Ray Uno. I've heard JACL referred to as the "sleeping giant". It sleeps no longer.

Now that the air has been cleared, I hope that the organization can turn to the objectives of the programs, policy and their implementation. And let's do that in a concerted effort. However, let's not forget this exercise in "JACL due process." Because this is what makes me proud to say that I work for JACL.

• Craig Shimabukuro

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THINGS WILL BE SLOW

Los Angeles
Allene Kasai, So. Calif. Regional Office secretary, is leaving the office after nearly two years of service. Allene is taking a position with a new art gallery in the L.A. area. This will give her the opportunity of working in an area which she has always loved. She was an art major in college and is an accomplished artist, having won awards for her work in oils.

Anyone who is familiar with the Regional Office will understand what a loss it is for the office and the organization. She has been the mainstay in the office and has helped the organization many hours of her own time in helping individuals and groups getting their work done.

Allene was much more than a secretary to JACL since she attended so many of the chapter and district meetings and social functions out of her interest.

We're very happy for her and wish her success on her new job; but we're also very sorry to see her go.

Things will be slow in the Regional Office from now until September; we hope that you will bear with us. We are trying to fill the two vacant positions in the office as soon as possible, but it will take a while for the new staff members to get settled into their jobs.

So if you don't get the answer from us soon enough or if we lose a few things in the process, please be patient. Also, the Regional Director will be on vacation in mid-July for two weeks, compounding the problems, but we'll get things together as soon as possible.

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Vietnamese—

(Continued from Front Page)

ington has developed a Vietnamese refugee resettlement program that ranges from recruiting new settlers at Camp Pendleton to finding them homes, jobs and friends.

According to the New York Times correspondent Andrew Malcolm, the state had signed up more than 500 Vietnamese refugees by June 5—and being temporarily housed at Camp Murray, a National Guard camp near Tacoma.

While church groups are struggling with the task to locate sponsors, the State of Nebraska has recruited a few doctors. But the Washington program, which began in mid-May, has gone so well that Gov. Dan Evans expects to see a few hundred more refugees to settle here.

In mid-May, Gov. Evans sent two state aides to Camp Pendleton. Over 800 applied within two hours after an announcement was made to register 500 who wanted to settle in Washington state. The Vietnamese Assistance Center was established at Camp Murray. State employment offices were alerted to the skills of the selected refugees. The state has also hired several Vietnamese refugees for their office skills.

While job counselors and public assistance officers began matching refugees with a list of sponsors, some problems also surfaced. Some sponsors were looking for cheap labor or women for massage parlor work—these were rejected. Housing for large families was difficult to find. Federal officials were not permitting use of federally-owned abandoned homes in Seattle.

But Gov. Evans and most others here believe the refugees will mix well with the state's already varied ethnic communities and give many Americans new cultural lessons and insights.

Philadelphia air

Viet refugee issue

PHILADELPHIA—The Asian American Council of Greater Philadelphia met June 12 at the Chinese Christian Center to discuss the resettlement problems of Vietnamese refugees now being sheltered at Fort Indiantown Gap and who might come to the Delaware Valley area.

Judge William Mariani of the common pleas court was the main speaker. Representing the local JACL chapter were:

Dr. Herbert Horikawa, rep.; Dr. Mary Watanabe and Mrs. L. Maehara.

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LANGUAGE AS SHE SPOKE

Denver, Colo. Shuzo Ishikawa, manager of the media department of Dentsu Advertising's international division in Tokyo, has lived in the U.S. a number of years and speaks English fluently. Part of this he attributes to his father, a onetime student at Princeton University, who insisted that his children speak English at family mealtime. However, this edict did not last long. Ishikawa's brother complained that English conversation with the rice and tea produced such a strain that his digestion was hindered.

Shuzo Ishikawa's command of English is exceptional among Japanese. Most of them have a much more difficult time with it even though English might be considered Japan's second language. This has led Yasuo William Abiko, the San Francisco newspaper publisher, to ponder on the

reason why most Japanese cannot carry on an English conversation. His conclusion: They cannot pronounce many English words properly because pronunciation has been taught by katakana, the Japanese system of syllabaries which is unsuited to English sounds.

For example, take this simple sentence: "That is not right; the house is three floors tall." In katakana English, it comes out sounding something like this: "Zatto itu notto rito; za how-su izu sree flo-ahs toru."

Abiko suggests that Japanese students are fully capable of making the sounds required by the English language, and they need only to be given a simple key for English pronunciation. His proposal for the key is "katakana with variations." He suggests nine variations, a few of which are:

The katakana for the sound "su" would have a line under it to indicate that the vowel should be dropped. Thus, the student would learn to say "hew-s" instead of "how-su" for house.

The same katakana "su" with a line over it would indicate to soft "th" sound as in "thing."

The katakana "da" with a line over it and a line under it would be sounded as the hard "th" as in "this."

Abiko has made quite a study of the problem and he is convinced his system with its nine variations would go a long way to helping Japanese students to pronounce English correctly. But he says somewhat modestly: "There is no intent to change the general use of 'katakana' for English words. This key to pronunciation is suggested only for use in dictionaries and text books."

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Going in the other direction—English to Japanese—something less scholarly, but perhaps more amusing, is a booklet distributed by Japan Air Lines called "The Japanese Language by Sight and Sound" by D. H. Grobert with a subtitle, "The Happy Way to Learn Japanese." Grobert, says in his preface that his booklet doesn't pretend to fool you into thinking you can master Japanese in a few minutes; it's just a way to teach you fifty useful Japanese phrases by cartoons and memory stimulation.

For example, there's a cartoon of a fellow with a plate of goodies and he's saying: "You can't have any unless you COO A SIGH for me." And there's another fellow who responds: "Please, man, I'm ready to COO DA SIGH all day long." Then there's an explanation that COO DA SIGH is reasonable close for the Japanese expression for "please give me."

A couple of pages later there is a cartoon of a fellow in a cave talking on a telephone with a couple of lions leering over his shoulder. He's saying: "I'm phoning from a lion's DEN, WAH!" and it is explained that anyone in a den of lions would have to cry wah.

"Den wa," of course is Japanese for telephone. Then the booklet explains that you can say: "DEN WAH COO DA SIGH" when you want to say "Telephone me please," or "Give me a call."

Just goes to show you how hard it is to learn another language, and the lengths people will go to try and learn it.

CCDC clothing drive

FRESNO, Calif.—The Central California JACL Office, 912 F St., is accepting clothing and household necessities to be distributed to Vietnamese refugees arriving in the valley, according to office secretary Chie Yokota. The office is open M-F, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Some material will be forwarded to refugees at Camp Pendleton through the Salvation Army.

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The Dream ...

By DAVID YAMAMOTO (Portland JACL)

Nuyen Van Loc is a 9-year-old Vietnamese refugee. He is among the thousands who have come to the United States because of the Vietnamese war.

When Nuyen left Vietnam, his mother said, "Nuyen, it hurts me very much for me to let you go. I want you to try to understand that I cannot go with you because I am sick. But you are going to a new country, the United States."

And Nuyen asked, "What is the United States?"

His mother answered, "The United States is a great country. They came here to help us fight the 'Cong. They are a country that has many people in it from all over the world. You will like it there because you have been welcomed by their President."

Nuyen asked, "What will I do when I get there?"

His mother answered, "The President has said you are welcome in their country and people will take you into their homes and help you go to school and you will live a full and happy life."

Nuyen said after hearing all this, "My, the United States is a great country. I am so lucky that such a great country welcomes me."

"Yes," said his mother, "and next year they will celebrate their 200th birthday and for 200 years the United States has been the symbol for people oppressed throughout the world. It is a country where people such as you who have fled their homeland started new and productive lives. Other Asians, Nuyen, like yourself, have gone and are doing well."

Nuyen asked, "Who, Mother?"

His mother answered, "The Japanese. The Filipino. The Chinese."

And Nuyen fell asleep that night dreaming of his great voyage. He dreamed of crossing a mighty ocean and landing to the cheers and greetings of people in the United States. He dreamed of being welcomed by a new set of parents and going to a nice school and meeting new friends. With a big smile on his face, Nuyen dreamt a happy dream.

Looking for a friend

Ten months later, Nuyen was still at Camp Pendleton, California. For ten months, Nuyen has lived in a tent, waited in long lines for meals, and has been one of thousands of blank faces waiting for something to happen. During these ten months Nuyen befriended a kind man who worked as an immigration officer processing the refugees. His name, Guy Williams. On this day Nuyen went to see Mr. Williams and asked, "My mother told me we would be welcomed here in the United States. Are we welcomed?"

Mr. Williams said, "Yes, Nuyen. We are very happy that you are here."

Nuyen asked, "My mother told me that I would have new parents. Will I have new parents?"

Mr. Williams replied, "We are doing all we can, Nuyen." Nuyen asked, "My mother told me that I would go to a nice school and meet new friends. Will I go to a nice school and meet new friends?"

Mr. Williams replied, "We are doing all we can, Nuyen."

My mother told me that the Japanese are here in the United States are doing very well. Are they doing very well?"

Mr. Williams replied, "The Japanese have done themselves proud."

Nuyen asked, "Can I live with a Japanese couple?"

"Nuyen," the immigration officer said, "I'm sure that there are people who would very much like to take you in. But right now people are very busy."

'A happy day'

Nuyen shook his head, confused and scared of what the future would hold. Just then there was a great excitement and commotion in the square.

Loud voices and people running attracted Nuyen. He ran, as all the others in the camp ran, to see what was happening. To his astonishment, Nuyen saw the largest birthday cake he had ever seen. It stood five feet high and twenty feet across and people were buzzing about the size of this beautiful cake.

On the platform, a speaker was ready to say something. "Friends of the United States, Vietnamese refugees, it is a happy day for the United States, this July 4, 1976. Today marks the 200th birthday of our country. We want you to celebrate this day with us. For 200 years the United States has taken in destitute, oppressed people. This is a country which has welcomed and opened its arms to all. So share with us this happy day."

With that the people formed another long line and were served pieces of this immense birthday cake, and Nuyen felt very happy that, yes, his mother was right. The man had said so. This was a country that was welcoming them.

Dream 'fulfilled'

Another eight months has passed and Nuyen is still at Camp Pendleton, California. On this day the people were very quiet. There has been no news of what is going to happen to them. The people have grown restless and frustrated by the long and drawn out stay in the camp.

Suddenly, excited voices came to the people saying, "We are leaving! We are leaving! We are leaving! Pack your things! We are leaving!" The people looked up in astonishment and cried, "Oh, thank you! We are finally going to be settled! We are finally leaving this horrible place!"

In the happy commotion that followed, Nuyen packed his meager belongings and thought happy thoughts. A voice over the loudspeaker said, "This is an announcement. Please pack your things. You will be boarding buses in one hour."

A great cheer rose from the crowd. Soon everyone was seated in the buses, singing and talking, and the atmosphere was charged with excitement. The buses got underway and a great roar came up from the voices of the refugees. Seventy-five minutes later, the buses stopped at the docks and people were told to board the vessels. Looks of concern showed on the faces. "Ships? Why are we boarding ships?" Thoughts of some 18 months ago flashed back into the memories as they boarded the ships in Vietnam. There were soldiers everywhere with rifles and bayonets, and the people became very scared.

A voice over the loudspeaker commanded the people to board the vessels and the wailing of the people grew. Nuyen was scared and cried, but obeyed the voice. Soon all were on the ship.

So the ship departed and as it left, the people on the ship saw beyond the fences. They saw many people with signs. They saw that these people were jubilant, waving their hands and jumping up and down. They were chanting, "America for Americans! Asia for Asians!"

Chapter Pulse

Scholarship



Brian Mayeda

Recipient of a San Fernando Valley JACL scholarship Brian Mayeda, 17, is the son of former Mountain Plains District Gov. Dr. Takashi Mayeda of Denver and Mrs. Terno Odow of Panorama City. A 4.0 grade point average student at Van Nuys High, Mayeda will major in cinematography at USC. His film essay, "Yellow Innocence," depicting a evacuee camp life at Manzanar during WW2 was shown during the JACL-JACC awards program June 7.

Fifteen high school graduates were recipients of scholarships and special awards at the annual Portland Nikkei community graduation banquet May 5. The Oregon Buddhist Church was hosting organization for the banquet held May 4 and attended by some 200 persons.

The Portland JACL and Gresham-Trousdale JACL chapter scholarships went to Deanne Kasai, Marian Sakaki (Por) and Michael Ishitani, Donna Ota (GT). Other awardees were:

Oregon Nisei Vets—Joan Coe, Betty Hasuke, Chris Shirashi; ONV Citizenship Award—Donald Cramer, Tae Raspberry; ONV Athletic Award—Craig Sano; Nikkei Jinkai—Sharon Hira, Thomas Kuge; Valdeia Club—Grek Noji;

Japan Today

BOMBERS—Tokyo Metropolitan Police Dept. concluded the eight suspects arrested May 19 were responsible for all 11 bombings involving business and industrial establishments since last summer: (1) Mitsubishi Heavy Industries head office, Aug. 1974; (2) Mitsui & Co. head office, Oct. 1974; (3) Central Research Institute of Teijin Ltd., Nov. 1974; (4) Taisei Corp. head office, Dec. 1974; (5) Kajima Corp. plant, Dec. 1974; (6) and 7) Hazama-Gumi head office and Omiya plant, Feb. 1975; (8) South Korea Industrial and Economic Research Institute, April 1975; (10 and 11) Hazama-Gumi Keisel-Edogawa plant, and construction site April 1975.

Police revealed evidence found under the floor on Norio Sasaki, 27, regarded as one of the leaders, included p-tassium chlorate (a weed killer), remodeled pistols and bullets. Other suspects, 4 men and 3 women, ranged in ages from 24 to 27. The case began to crack open as police interrogated suspects and Toshiaki Katoka, 26, said he had planted the bomb at the Mitsubishi Heavy Industries head office in Marunouchi and later confessed the group caused all of the 11 bombings. Other accomplices were still being sought.

Transpacific Women's Society—Judy Aeb; Nikkei Fujinkai—Julie Nakata.

Sequoia JACL presented four scholarships during the May 17 awards dinner attended by some 225 people. Recipients were:

Jayne Tsunura, d. of Rev. and Mrs. Junjo Tsunura, Sequoia High; Dorothy Munehiro, d. of the Henry Munehiro, Gunn High; Lynne Noguchi, d. of the Yo Noguchi, Cubberley High; Mary Obuchi, d. of the Fred Obuchi, Sequoia High.

Chapter president David Oku made the scholarship presentation during the annual Sequoia JACL-Palo Alto YABA potluck dinner, chaired by Cyd Hatasaka and Kazy Taga. Event also cites participants in the local basketball and baseball leagues. Tsukasa Matsueda was congratulated for coaching the junior national basketball team in their championship season.

Seven scholarship winners were honored by Stockton JACL at its awards luncheon June 22 at Minnie's Gong Lee Restaurant. Debra Matsuo, who attended the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans in Washington, D.C., last spring was luncheon speaker.

Mrs. Mabel Okubo, Stockton JACL president, announced the following winners: \$500 Elizabeth Humbarger—Robert J. Tokunaga, s. of the Frank Tokunaga, Stagg High; Special \$200 E Humbarger—Debra Matsuo, d. of the David Matsuo, Stagg High; \$200 E Humbarger (Delta College)—Yoriko Yamada, Naotoshi Goto, both fr. Jon; \$100 Sumitomo Bank—Kenneth Tokunaga, s. of the Atsushi Tokunaga, East Union High; Manteca: \$100 JACL—Judy Okita, d. of the Lawrence Okita, Edison High; Linda Higashi, d. of the Shigeaki Higashi, Edison High.

Idaho Falls JACL honored its current high school graduates June 6 at Stardust Restaurant. The Rev. Clyde Martin was guest speaker; Neva Jenkins and her son John entertained with guitar and songs. Among the graduates honored were:

Lisa Braun, Lynn Martin, Kevin Hosoda, Jeffrey Nii, Shirley Nishioke, Kevin Sato, Trudy Sato, Wesley Sakaguchi, and Wayne Yamamura.

Summer Events

St. Louis JACL's annual 4th of July picnic will be held from noon till dusk at Eden Seminary grounds on Lockwood Rd., across Webster College. Sam Nakano, general chairman, will be looking for help from some of the members.

About 70 persons were delighted by the Philadelphia JACL showing of two Visual Communications films, "Waterlilies" and "Pieces of a Dream", June 1 at the Philadelphia Civic Center. Many

young Asian Americans were present. Hatsumi Harada and Thomas Song were in charge.

Both films sharply focused on the plight of the aging Asian Americans who face deprivation and loneliness, Song commented.

Sequoia JACL holds its third annual picnic June 29, 11:30 a.m.-8 a.m. at Cuesta Park, Mountain View. Picnickers should bring their own bento-lunch but the Buddhist Church.

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When Words Fail

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MINORITY ONE

I didn't realize I had so many friends who follow my Pacific Citizen column until recently when many JACLers attending the recent special National Board meeting asked me why I wasn't writing regularly.

I have two excuses: I must confess that I have been lost for words which is very unusual for me, but believe me I have had a very difficult time to properly express my feelings about the loss of friends who have long been associated with JACL. Secondly, I've been extremely busy with a variety of engagements during the past few weeks like flying to Chicago to present a workshop on the Japanese Americans to the Fourth International Bilingual-Bicultural Conference, followed by a quick trip to Salt Lake City to attend a directors' meeting of the Far West Laboratory for Educational Research and Development.

But, the real reason for my long silence was the difficulty to find words, words which seem so inadequate to describe people whom you admired and respected.

Like many JACLers who read of the passing of Fred Takata, former JACL regional director for the Pacific Southwest District, I was shocked at the news. Although Fred was a few years older than me, we were good friends as he lived in the same block, 6-E in Amache, Colorado. After the war when we were both members of the East Los Angeles JACL chapter, it was hard for me to call him Fred because his nickname was "Jughead" and he was always good natured about it. If memory is correct, the first post-war regional director in Los Angeles was Scotty Tsuchiya of San Francisco.

BOOK REVIEW: by Allan Beekman

Two Important Bibliographies

THE JAPANESE IN HAWAII: An Annotated Bibliography of Japanese Americans, by Mitsugu Matsuda — revised by Dennis M. Ogawa with Jerry Y. Fujioka — pbk (typing paper size), Social Sciences and Linguistics Institute, U. of Hawaii, distributed by U. Press of Hawaii, Honolulu, 304 pp., \$6.

A BURIED PAST: An Annotated Bibliography of the Japanese American Research Project Collection, compiled by Yui Ichikawa, Yasuo Sakata, Nobuya Tsuchida and Eri Yasuhara, U. of Calif. Press, Berkeley and Los Angeles, hardcover, 227 pp., \$10.

Though designed as tools for delving into Nikkei history and background, these bibliographies are slanted toward different materials.

The revised edition of "Japanese in Hawaii: 1869-1967" retains the 378 titles of Japanese language works carried in the original work, but the editors have expanded the 505 English titles to 797. According to the preface, the primary purpose of this work is "to provide a reference guide for the undergraduate, English-speaking student who is attempting to understand the Japanese American experience in Hawaii."

Compilers of "A Buried Past," in contrast, stress the importance of Japanese language materials.

"Our ignorance of the history of Japanese immigrants and their descendants is due not to a lack of historical sources, but to the failure of past and present researchers to study existing Japanese-language sources," the history of Japanese immigrants

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June 28 (Saturday)
West Valley—Graduates night, Grace Methodist Church, 8 p.m.; Mike Honda, 8 p.m.

June 29 (Sunday)
IDC—Boise Vly hosts: Qirly Sess, Roda way Inn, Boise; Shig Sugiyama, Sal eye dr. spkr.

June 29 (Sunday)
Seguola—Picnic, Cuesta Park, Min View, 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

June 30 (Monday)
Seabrook—Picnic, Parvin State Park, 11 a.m.

July 1 (Tuesday)
JAVE—Cal Tri-District planning mtg. NC-WNDYC hosts.

July 2-4
Washington—Food booth, Smithsonian Institution Folklife Festival (The Mall).

July 4 (Friday)
St. Louis—Picnic, Eden Seminary grounds.

Watsonville—Active booth, Watsonville High Field.

July 5 (Saturday)
Washington—Japanese Bon Festival, Smithsonian Institution Folklife Festival (The Mall).

July 6 (Sunday)
Cleveland—Comm picnic, Stone Hill Park.

Watsonville—Comm picnic, Santa Cruz Fred, 11 a.m.

July 8 (Monday)
Mt. Olympus—Lyon Night.

July 9 (Tuesday)
Washington, D.C.—Bd Mtg (call Alley Watanabe).

July 11-12
Riverdale—Sodal Festival, Riverdale Plaza.

July 12 (Saturday)
Santa Maria—Keiro-kai dnr, Buddhist Church, 4:30 p.m.

July 15 (Wednesday)
Salinas Valley—E. 166, Bank of Tokyo, 8 p.m.

July 16-26
IDYC—Summer retreat, City of Rocks, Idaho.

July 19 (Wednesday)
Natl CL—Hq. dedication: tours 11 a.m., ceremony 2 p.m.

St. Francis Hotel dinner, 6 p.m.; Rep. Spark Matsunaga, spkr.

July 25 (Friday)
Philadelphia—Bd Mtg, Koge Suto tea.

July 27 (Sunday)
Portland—Comm Picnic, Kentworth Park, 11 a.m.

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tal school. His name and reputation at U.C. was beyond reproach and I was always proud of his influence in bringing about equality for minority students.

Ironically, a classmate of Dr. Hirota passed away within a week. Dr. Kiyoshi Tsuda of Sacramento passed away after a prolonged illness on June 8. Dr. Tsuda was another "old timer" and well known in the Sacramento area. It was my privilege to know him through relatives on my wife's side of the family, Mrs. Martha Harada. Over the years we saw the Tsuda family at local gatherings or meetings. I knew from many conversations that he was one of the pillars of the community.

Many Japanese are surprised at our deaths and funerals. They claim they occur in cycles of three. Just as I was reflecting on Fred Takata, Dr. Carl Hirota, and Dr. Kiyoshi Tsuda, I picked up my latest Pacific Citizen to read that Rev. Arnold Nakajima of the Princeton Theological Seminary passed away on May 22. Rev. Nakajima was the Nisei pastor at Union Church of Los Angeles right after the war. If anyone besides my mother had any religious influence on my life, it was Rev. Nakajima and his successor Rev. Haruo Ishimaru (who later became the Northern California JACL regional director) during the critical years of readjustment from Navy to civilian life from 1948 to 1952. Rev. Nakajima's sermons were as effective as Mike Masaka's after-dinner speeches.

You see, words fail to adequately express my sense of loss. Each of these individuals contributed to society, each was an inspiration, each will be missed greatly. I know my sentiments are not a minority of one this time. Their passing is a tremendous loss to all.

Local Scene

Los Angeles

Southeast Asian Refugee Council and Council of Oriental Organizations held a joint community meeting June 24 at Oriental Service Center, 1201 S. Flower St. First-hand reports about activities at Camp Pendleton were featured.

Asian elderly in the Jefferson-Crenshaw area meet on Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30-1:30 p.m. to learn conversational English from Rev. Yang S. Dow (747-7623) at 3228 W. Jefferson. Asian elderly also have formed a coalition with Dr. Charles W. Choi, president.

The Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment (PACE), 1530 S. Olive St., 747-6282, is requesting nominations from the community to its advisory board. Two each are to be elected from the Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Filipino and Samoan communities. Nominees from the Japanese community are Kerry Doi and Kengo Sakamoto.

Weekly rap sessions for the Asian Awareness (Parent's Group) began June 25, meeting every Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., at the Mental Health Training Center, 1300 W. Olympic Blvd., 3rd floor.

Orange County

An all-star Japan youth baseball team will appear Aug. 20-21-22 at Anaheim's Glover Stadium to meet Pony League teams from North Anaheim, West Garden Grove and Fullerton, respectively. Game time is 7:30 p.m. Pony League play started in Japan last year.

S.F.—East Bay

Alameda Buddhist Temple hosts its annual Vacationland carnival-bazaar June 28-29 with Nob Okada and Ichiro Nishida as general co-chairmen. The carnival will be held at the church grounds, 2325 Pacific Ave.

Seattle

Port of Seattle is considering restoring Union Station into a transportation terminal for rail-bus-local transit, according to Art Yoshioka, director of planning and development for the port authority.

Salt Lake City

A group of students from Japan will be studying and touring here from July 29-Aug. 22 on a Foreign Study League Homestay Program, staying with their American host families and studying American culture and English in the mornings at Highland High School.

Washington, D.C.

The Japanese film "Samurai" starring Toshio Mifune was shown June 14 by the Young Asians of Washington, D.C., with Dr. Takekiko Yoshihashi, professor of international relations at The American University heading an informal discussion on the film's theme. The group joins the local JACL in demonstrating the preparation of Japanese food and sale during the Smithsonian Institution Folklife Festival July 2-6 near the Reflecting Pool on the Mall.

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Anybody who doesn't know any part of this world would immediately imagine China-town in San Francisco. A part of it is so but the majority of the city might be more beautiful than Honolulu. Almost directly under the Equator with a balmy breeze always blowing in from the sea to soothe the scorching heat, Singapore is a vast national park with modern, neat-looking residential sections spotted with 30-40 story buildings in the center. All convenience, friendly people and cheap food, it is a good place to do business or retire.

There's no language problem here for the tourist, for most of them speak with a crisp British accent. But for a foreigner who attends a local conference, it's a different matter. He must be prepared to speak and understand four languages—Cantonese (Chinese dialect), Malay, Tamil (Indian dialect) and British English. Not American English.

Since 76% of the population is Chinese, the majority being Cantonese, Cantonese is the principal tongue of communication. Curiously, however, reading is in English and the official language is English.

Under the circumstances, I was a victim of this "language problem" when I attended the meeting. It soon revealed to me that to speak five languages (which I do) wasn't sufficient in this country. It was fascinating on how they conducted their agenda.

The chairman, a Chinese who only spoke Cantonese and Malay, eloquently proceeded in Cantonese while dropping a few briefings in Malay to his Indian neighbor. Simultaneously, my Chinese friend, Mr. Sim, explained the topics to me and to the Swiss delegate in English. It didn't end here.

A Fukien representative spoke out loud across the table in his own dialect to his countryman on the opposite side, for they appeared to be move happy and relaxed to speak their own tongues. After a few drinks of Mao Tai and beer, the conference table was in in uproar! For a moment, I had the illusion I was enjoying a dinner in an Italian restaurant in Rome. Yet, regardless of this mixture of languages and stimulating noise, the conference was performed extremely in order. They came to their conclusion unanimously.

Style of Life

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N.Y. group reacts to JACL refugee statement

NEW YORK — The Asian Americans for Action, 43 W. 28th St., viewed the concern emanating from the Japanese American community regarding the plight of the Vietnamese refugees with "mixed feelings of wonder and pain".

In their letter June 6 to editors of six Nikkei publications, AAA wondered why the same vigorous involvement was so little evident during the Vietnam war and why a similar outcry does not ring for other refugees from Haiti facing extradition from the U.S. or the students in America from South Korea, Philippines and Iran, which the AAA said, are being harassed for their "opposition to U.S.-backed dictators in their respective countries".

The statement of National JACL Director Dave Ushio praised the AAA for its laudatory remarks of President Ford, Mayor Alioto and labor leader Meany "who actively supported the genocide of the

Indochinese people and whose past and present practices reek with racism". As for the American Jewish Committee, AAA hoped it extends "their fairness to the Palestinian people who were ousted from their homeland by Israel".

The AAA said the best hope for refugees lies "in their availing themselves of the astonishing magnanimity of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam".

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