Nisei farm problems aired

By HARRY HONDA

Anaheim, Calif. The voices of Nisei farmers in Central California appearing before the recent JACL California Tri-District Conference here called for clear understanding rather than blind rounding the farm labor controversy.

"If the labor problems facing the small farmers are not equitably settled, it's the consumer who will be hurt ultimately," Central California District Governor Mikio Uchiyama declared in opening the discussion before the delegates assembled Sept. 13 at the Grand Hotel.

Even more basic is the con- fective Aug. 28. stitutional question of the "access rule" which the new California Agricultural Labor Relations Board implemented, the delegates were to soon realize. It permits a person to enter private property without the owner's permission to organize farm workers, the farmers explained.

Uchiyama served as moderator. The panelists were Fred Hirasuna, a Fresno shipper long involved with the farm labor problem, and Harry T. Kubo, president of the Nisei Farmers League.

The two hours alloted each district council for presentation of workshop issues quickly passed for the CCDC panelists. Of the three panel discussions, Central Cal's was described by some as the best organized.

Hirasuna's presentation

Lion's share of the presentation was carried by Hirasuna, who found by a good show of hands from the audience that most Japanese Americans have their roots on the farm and therefore have some un-

tional Pacific Citizen Board pressed.

of Directors dialogued all day

chairman- Alfred Hatate.

of which he is a member.

a repackaging of the Holiday

Issue in 1976 as an interme-

The new PC board, com-

business policies adopted by

the National Convention in

1966 and that as JACL's pub-

diate step.

are all kinds of farm workers as there are farmers and con-

acceptance of the facts sur- three kinds of farm labor: members of the United Farm Workers, those who belong to the Teamsters and those who don't care to belong to any union, "which we think is the largest group". He added there are also many farms which never make the press because their workers have not asked for an election as provided by the California Agricultural Labor Relations Act of 1975, which became ef-

> er on any farm currently em- the facts are." ploying 50% of its peak har- Citing instances during the

rasuna cited abuses also ex- amused. ist in the labor movement.

has not been very good," Hi- evidence of the cases menrasuna said, referring to the tioned.-Ed.) UFW and more recently with the Teamsters.

Farmers in general

sought to squash was the cari- a contract. "The workers were Padilla was reported to have cature of the farmer, visualiz- never consulted on that," Hi- said: "Management is not ed by many as "one who rides rasuna pointed out. "There supposed to make money." around in a Cadillac pickup, never was an election." has a whip in hand and their welfare".

this report on the CCDC cerned for the welfare of their members," Hirasuna concludworkshop, the coverage on workers, Hirasuna countered. ed. the panel on reparations There are many workers who To union proponents who presented by the Pacific have worked for one grower claim 55 or 56 elections had Southwest District Council from 5 to 20 years. "They are taken place, Hirasuna held will be carried next week. like a member of the family, these were ratification of They are on a first-name bas- union agreements already

PC Board convenes

Sept. 13 at Grand Hotel in Editorial policy

Anaheim and came through with 15 recommendations - broad enough to include both vulnerable to boycotts, Hira- hired a person to do nothing the bench in 1962 by Gov. with Buddhist and Protestant W. Wade Head, with the In- nated. JACL-oriented and general suna pointed out, "because but negotiate with unions, try Pat Brown. editorial and business poli- Nikkei news as well as to they can't afford to soil their to settle these little argu- A total of 564 attorneys out report on issues which affect public image" and Hublein ments," Hirasuna added, to of the estimated 1,500 reannounced this week by board Two are addressed to Na- tional interest prevail over tion with the farm workers,"

is a proposal to amend the On letters to the editor from United Vitners, a small part Constitution, providing the PC Board Chairman the right to contents whether favorable or Allied Grape Growers, a covote on the National Board unfavorable to JACL policies operative of 1,700 grape grow-At the same time, it was decided that the mandate of the 1974 National JACL Conven-

tion to publish a supplemental publication if feasible may see PC do not represent any con- ages in subsequent seasons. If sensus of beliefs within JACL any worker who wanted to nor should views expressed work for any of those 1,700 PC except for the National Hirasuna declared. prised of representatives from Director's report and the rethe eight district councils, reinstituted editorials. affirmed the PC editorial-

The 1966 editorial policy

Shigeki Sugiyama

To the Point

CIVIL SERVICE JOB BIAS

Washington

Seeing the "Matterhorn" from a distance satisfied my curiosity about Disneyland when I attended the Tri-District Convention at Anaheim three weekends U.S. resettles ago. Renewing acquaintances with the delegates from U.S. resettles the three California districts and the members of the As the convention has been covered I won't report 100,000th refugee rough, Hirasuna continued. more flexible plan. PC Board was much more pleasing.

on the proceedings, but the Orange County JACLers and Chapter President Mike Ishikawa are to be con- WASHINGTON - The Inter- Act was passed, they mount- to use the bulk of highway funds. Another \$34.7 billion is gratulated for a job well done. I look forward to the agency Refugee Task Force an- ed a calculated drive to sign trust funds for mass and rap- needed to complete the projthree district councils continuing these periodic meet- nounced the 100,000th Indo- up more growers. They sign- id transit projects. It runs ect, according to the General ings as a means of identifying common concerns and, eventually, for deciding joint courses of statewide Ark. Remaining 35,000 in U.S. market and then refuse to ented senior members of the Postal bill action.

On my return from Anaheim, one of the first matters of concern were several complaints of employment discrimination. Most of the week was devoted to tled at the daily rate of near their tires slashed, sprinkling looking into two complaints from California and one 700. The program to relocate systems damaged, tomato case here in Washington, D.C.

the cases indicate that the employers (all Federal nam. agencies) might have been legally or technically correct (except in the Washington case).

man rights and dignity of the persons affected have been totally disregarded. The managers and personnel Calif.; 5,985 at Indiantown staffs involved haven't followed good employment Gap, Pa.; 16,431 at Ft. Chafpractices.

At the same time, there is more than a suspicion ing to return to Vietnam or that lack of sensitivity to and possibly even outright Cambodia. prejudice against Japanese Americans has been involved. We'll follow up on the cases with hopes of So. Calif. JACL Office satisfactory resolution, although the harm already to protest MGM film

Our experience is that the kinds of discrimination LOS ANGELES - The So. faced typically by Nikkei and other Asian Americans Calif. JACL Office was asked frequently are not of the type which can be handled this past week by several adequately through existing mechanisms for dealing members to protest the use of with employment discrimination.

New strategies for dealing with these more insidious types of discrimination need to be developed.

Surfacing of the kinds of incidents which would MGM. have only festered in our breasts in the past is now giving us the information needed to develop more adequate means of combatting this aspect of discrimi- the "Bad Taste Award" around nation against Japanese Americans.

derstanding "of what we are is, and there could be nothing with what you see was taken talking about". A primary consideration Hi- lationship between the worker suna defiantly asked. There

rasuna stressed was that there and the farmer." are no such labor camps in

Hirasuna said there are Chavez had drawn strong belonging to Nisei.

support for the boycott from the people in the cities who, Nisei growers hit Hirasuna said, probably knew and are not objective enough to divorce their emotions from The law provides any work- the actual realization of what the area. The culprits were

for union recognition elec- UFW, Hirasuna reported one pickets (about one picket per tions, provided a majority re- store removed grapes from tree) appeared, threatening quests it. The state then has sale because its workers w' they would get him next year. seven days to conduct the intimidated and custor, rs Hirasuna noted Ohara was election by secret ballot for threatened. The Safeway in also a strawberry grower so a union to gain certification. Delano was hit when they when they said, "we'll get you While recognizing unions found sacks of flour slit open, next year", he didn't plant have generally served its pur- cans of oil punctured, frozen any strawberries and hasn't pose to get reasonable wages, goods left to defrost in carts- since. decent working hours and "and that was supposed to be

(Knowing Hirasuna, he un-"Our exposure to the unions doubtedly has documentary mentioned, the so-called

Effect of boycott

Another stereotype Hirasuna tiate with Chavez and sign he couldn't make any money.

hustles his workers to the last his farm then became a "closditch, pays them little as pos- ed shop", which meant that sible and cares nothing about anybody who wanted to work should understand that". on that farm had to eventual-But there are many more ly join the union. "That is rasuna told of Jimmy Ito who Because of the length of farmers who are really con- how he got the bulk of his

The Hublein case was even more severe, Hirasuna said. The conglomerate which includes liquor interests, Kentucky Fried Chicken, A-1 LOS ANGELES-Meeting for lication, it would print what Sauce, etc., was told by the the first time, the new Na- the organization wants ex- union if they didn't sign, a pushed.

Americans of Japanese an- signed." Now, where was there where the labor bill became sponded. Findings rating 53 cestry. News of JACL or na- any semblance of consulta- more and more expensive. tional interest prevail over tion with the farm workers,"

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UFW film, 'Huelga'

also allows for divergent which includes scenes of a told the growers to find their Continued on Next Page dilapidated farm which defles own workers". The growers grant minister later confided Hirasuna revealed.

china refugee resettled by U.S. ed 15 growers in Oxnard after counter to proposals by Pres- Accounting Office. efforts has left Ft. Chaffee, following their trucks to the ident Ford and highway-oriresettlement centers are ex- unload them. They also fol- House public works commitpected to move to new homes lowed these growers' goods to tee. by the end of the year, offi- the stores and threatened the

cials said Sept. 18. 135,000 Indochinese refugees stakes burned "to the point Without going into details, the available facts in was launched April 30, short- where they had to sign". ly after the fall of Scuth Viet- One grower told Hirasuna

AFB, Fla., was closed after its signed before. But it is also clear in all of the cases that the hu- last refugee departed Sept. 15. There are some 9,991 re- Labor costs climbing maining at Camp Pendleton, fee; and 1,800 in Guam wish-

the title, "The Night the Japs Attacked", which Herb Jaffe and John Milius have selected for their next film with

L.A. Times writer Mary Murphy in her Movie Call Sheet column Sept. 24 hung the title.

more rewarding that the re- 20 or 25 years ago?" Hira-Of the 40,000 workers Cesar California and dared anyone

Chavez claims to be in his to "find me a camp like that". union, Hirasuna e x a m i n ed Turning to the Nisei Farmhow UFW got their members. ers League and how it evolv- VOL. 81 NO. 14 "He didn't get them by an ed, Hirasuna recalled that in election on the farm. He got 1970 when the grape boycott them because his union in was effective Chavez spared 1970 mounted an effective the little growers at the time. boycott," which Hirasuna said The following year in June, Judge Kanemolo was "something you have to however, his union started hand to Chavez and his after the little growers picket-

One Sunday morning on the nothing about farm conditions Hamada ranch, tires on tractoday. "They believe Chavez tors were found slashed, irrigation pumps started so worknever known.

On the Ohara ranch with

"So, those are the things we better working conditions, Hi- nonviolent", Hirasuna said un- have to say about union tactics," Hirasuna blasted. One more union tactic was

> "slowdown" or Tortuga, which in Spanish means "turtle". One grower complained to Gilbert Padilla of the UFW With the boycott effective, office in Selma it was escalatgrowers were forced to nego- ing his labor costs to where

> Hirasuna appealed if man-When the grower signed, agement can't make a little money, "how is he going to pay the workers . . . unions

Reviewing another case, Hiplanted bok choy that requires hand work on your knees. The union showed no interest, telling him to get other workers. Ito did workers accustomed to that and were making about \$6 an hour on a piece-work basmade and besides, "What is. When the union saw that, choice had the worker had?" Ito was told to replace the lay," he emphasized. nonunion workers with union members and did, but they not being used to that couldn't even make \$2 an hour.

> ed to renegotiate so the work rate could be raised.

rassing them to the point that him meet this goal. Generally, the policy is The conglomerates are more some of the larger companies Kanemoto was appointed to assembled at Poston Camp I picket the Center.

Union hiring Hall

either member or nonmember, of Hublein Corp., turned to hiring hall, calling it "a weapon to maintain absolute control over its members". Tiil determine its publication, Ha- ers, for its supply, agreeing the recent change, the UFW tate reminded. Because of with the UFW 35% of the hiring hall worked on the traspace, a 250-word limit will be total grape crush would be ditional principle of union sepicked by union labor the first niority so that it resulted in Furthermore, articles in the year and in greater percent- families being split in carrying out their work assignments. A worker who had been with a grower for years be identified with JACL or the grape growers, he had to join, couldn't get back, though this has been changed.

During peak seasons, the hiring hall couldn't supply the Of the UFW film, "Huelga", labor, Hirasuna said, "so they description, deplorable tum- did but the workers had to join bled-down buildings, abomi- the union. It exerted no efdable outdoor toilets and kids fort in getting those workers. people showing that film could labor existed because of short not tell Hirasuna and other work, the grower who asked

the scenes were taken in the So after the end of the first three-year contract with UFW, "How can you judge what it none of the growers signed happening on the farms today again, Hirasuna said. "Their experience with the union was that bad. Some signed with the Teamsters, not because they loved the Teamsters, but between two evils."

stores they wouldn't deliver Refugees are being reset- any other goods. Growers had

he could have saved at least The refugee camp at Eglin \$20,000 in damages if he had

Hirasuna feared the cost of labor will spiral as both unions vie with each other to the worker. He said it's up to \$2.95 per hour now and with planned in Little Tokyo fringes \$3.50. What California other states that don't."

Hirasuna called for elimilabor law. The unions argue

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The 1942 view of the main street in Parker, Ariz., railhead for

the Poston WRA Center

PARKER, Ariz .- Several hun- ministers conducting a me- dian Service on the Papago

ly 18,000 Japanese American

evacuees lived in the three

camps comprising Poston

most overnight, it was the

third largest "city" in the

state. The camp was named

after Charles D. Poston, first

territorial delegate and often

called the "Father of Ari-

Complex of three camps,

Poston history

Los Angeles Mayor Bradley about 17 miles south of Park-

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War Relocation Authority Photo

Isamu Noguchi, noted sculp-

Poston from New York, was

the landscape planner. Tets

Iwasaki, a Cal-tech gradu-

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During World War II, near- ate, was the city's electrician

WRA Center in the heart of the desert mesquite forest. Al-

ing 17 farms and 14 of them gracefully accepts criticism from bar

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Presiding ers couldn't enter to harvest M. Kanemoto delivered a pub-Municipal Court Judge Wayne lic apology to area lawyers Sept. 10 as a result of the vest field force can petition grape boycott mounted by the about two acres of plums, 150 in a recent County Bar Assoin a recent County Bar Association poll here.

In a surprise, impromptu statement before the court, the Nisei jurist pledged to mend his ways. He had been rated next to bottom among the county's municipal court lidges, receiving the lowest Nikkei back at Poston for look ratings for characteristics of Nikkei back at Poston for look temperament, courtesy, sense of humor, humility and com-

passion. Allowing that he considered dred Japanese Americans morial service. Some of the (Ariz.) reservation, served as his rating "less than flatter- from Los Angeles re-populat- pilgrims camped at Hatch the first project director. Maring", Kanemoto declared he ed what was the Poston WRA Center, adjacent to the Camp vel Maeda was his secretary. accepted the criticism that Center during World War II I auditorium, one of the was inherent in the report", over the Sept. 26-28 weekend, standing remnants built by tor who voluntarily came to He said he often didn't re- The first organized Nikkei evacuees. alize that at times his "bark group pilgrimage to Poston might be taken as a bite". mingled with the Colorado

In further remarks, Kane- River Indian tribes who were moto said that he realized "in celebrating National Indian my zeal to get the calendar Day with a parade Saturday moving along, at times I be- morning here and program at came pretty abrasive". None Manataba Park. of those occasions, however, was motivated by any disretural exchange between Japaspect for a particular attorney. nese Americans and the Na-

"I will try to be less abrasive." tive Americans comprised of Kanemoto has served as folk dances by both groups, presiding judge twice in retaiko and martial arts demoncent years (1965 and 1968). strations. In the exhibit area He said he would continue to Saturday night, the Manzanar operate the court as "a tight Committee/Poston Project ship" and not tolerate laxness presented films and speakers or delay caused by unpreparon the Evacuation experience, spaced three miles apart and ed attorneys. "The court has a responsibility to the public to lauded the exchange in his er, was built over a 71,600 dispose of cases without demessage to the Manzanar acres-the largest of the 10

Because of the fiscal aus- and full understanding of the gineers dubbed the three terity program, Gov. Jerry cultures that make up Amer- camps Little Tokyo, Little Brown has rejected a request ica bring the true practice of Osaka and Little Kobe when for an additional judgeship. democracy into our daily they were being built. Poston, Hirasuna said Ito was ask- "Therefore it remains doubly lives," he noted. The intercul- the first to be completed in importantly to maintain an ef- tural exchange "is surely a June, 1942, was built by the ficient court and maintain our giant step in that direction." Del E. Webb Construction Co. been damaged. "Those are the kind of record of keeping calendars Indian Day festivities open- At incoming roads, the U.S. nationwide boycott of all things the unions constantly current." He solicited the co- ed Friday night with a mes- Army military police detach-Hublein products would be made upon the growers, har- operation of attorneys to help sage from Gov. Raul Castro. ment of 500 strong kept guard

Hirasuna faulted the union CONG'L RECORD PRINTS

WASHINGTON - Rep. Spark 245 valuable koi fish in the removed and no disciplinary Matsunaga inserted into the city's Japanese Friendship action will ensue. the Vietnamese refugees writ- doing.

Asian Americans, what the dens and manager Fred Avilez ed as by anything Avilez and Japanese American has had of the Coyote Creek Park Kawabata did, Reed said. to face and the role of JACL chain, have letters of repriin combatting anti-Japanese mand placed in their files.

Of significance was the cul-

City parks chief Dick Reed,

\$7.3-billion highway trust fund bers in the 15-man subcom- marks affronting Nihonjin that resignation of Grace Matsushould be allocated became a mittee have proposed one cent were attributed by the press naga as director of nursing three-way battle Sept. 11 in to the states and three cents to to Saalwaechter and fish spe- service for the City's Health the House Public Works sub- the traditional trust fund with cialist George Blasiola. JACL, and Hospital Corp. was dropcommittee, according to San traditional limitations (i.e., however, primed itself to in- ped, the New York Nichibei Jose Mercury's Washington most of the money to spend vestigate the Kawabata re- reported Sept. 11. they figured it was a choice reporter Gil Bailey, with fresh- on highways). man Rep. Norman Mineta and The trust fund, started in Even the Teamsters were four others co-sponsoring a 1956, has produced the Inter-

to the federal general fund and one cent to the old high- tal Rates Commission.

agriculture faces, then, is the LOS ANGELES-A survey of

nation of the harvest time be ready for occupancy in late ed this past week, according Takushi wondered whether guage requirement. strike in the new state farm 1978. The hotel is to be com- to Sen. Hiram Fong, principal the state would have to sup- Hawaii used to print ballots Continued on Next Page Corp., project developers. Javits.

ed for causing the death of ly (Sept. 4) the letters have koi.

-including three Kabuto koi icals to control algae and ten by David Ushio for Par- Parks director Gene Saal- valued at \$50,000 apieceade Magazine. waechter had recommended from parasitism were the fault Ushio discussed the prob- the employees, gardener Al caused as much by the lack curity to protect the koi from lems of racial bigotry among Kawabata at Friendship Gar- of skilled care the fish receiving, "If I'd known they were When the tragic news broke that valuable, I'd have sold

July 31 in the press, the department tried to pass off the incident and reprimand but the news media and several Asian American groups would Nisei head nurse not let the issue die. not let the issue die.

JACL concern

San Jose JACL president, the chapter became involved be-WASHINGTON - How the way trust fund. Senior mem- cause of the insensitive re- NEW YORK-Demand for the primand and secure positive While reasons to dismiss or

> since the director used Ka- munity. wabata's admission of miscal- Mrs. Matsunaga rose from culating the pond drainage to staff nurse at Bellevue in 1946 fix the final blame.

> the miscalculation to JACL cently felt she was vice-presalso, he did not feel the ac- idential timber on the HHC tion against him was justified board.

book, "Farewell to Manzanar" Committee. "Mutual respect WRA centers. The army en- by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston. His film crew noted the landmark was intact when they checked the campsite

MILL VALLEY, Calif. - The

state landmark at Manzanar

was found defaced Sept. 10 by

John Korty, who is current-

ly producing a two-hour film

for television based on the

carlier in the month but upon return 10 days later for actual filming, the plaque had Wording on the plaque stirred wide controversy in 1973 because it contained the

On Sunday, the pilgrimage -certainly not enough to words, "concentration camps", which some still want elimi-

SAN JOSE, Calif.-Two San however, held the department since he had for years advised Jose parks and recreation should shoulder the blame for the parks department to take USHIO'S PARADE ARTICLE workers who were reprimand- the "koi kill" and said recent- better care of the garden and

Kawabata also said they did not heed his advice on the Congressional Record (Aug. 1) Gardens in Kelley Park have Death of the 245 fish and proper cleaning time of the the recent article concerning been cleared of any wrong- subsequent death of 292 more pond nor the use of chemparasites. He also advised the parks department to get sevandalism and theft. Saalwaechter was quoted as say-

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According to Mike Honda, dismissal stopped

to resign were never clear-Honda said the reprimand ly defined by Dr. Gilbert was premature, prejudiced Ortiz, senior v.p. for profesand exploitive-premature be- sional services with HHC, the cause investigation of the koi HHC board is expected to rekill had not started, preju- view the circumstances that dicial because judgment was drew immediate support for passed on Kawabata as the the Nisei nurse from both the sole culprit, and exploitive professional groups and com-

to her current position in While Kawabata admitted 1971. Nursing groups more re-

ized trust fund and one cent door delivery or curbline de-to urban areas. Voting Right Act impact in Hawaii ed one cent to the states that Postal Service plus a 10- may affect Kauai only as officials wait

HONOLULU-The 1975 Vot- also felt the 30-day period tee of the House Post Office As the full impact of the ballots out". and Civil Service Committee. law was being determined in Mink said originally Honoanticipation of the guidelines, lulu would have been cov-State elections administrator ered since voter participation Morris Takushi said Aug. 25 rate was calculated at 47.9%,

language communities. Mississippi, Hirasuna recall- Flower St., for the new retail WASHINGTON - The House Mink felt only Kauai Coun- When the bill came to the tion by the International Re- -as voter registration is less nolulu to 51.2% and thus not

should be represented". He nated in 1970.

The bill, Postal Reorganiza- ing Right Act apparently will between the Primary and tion Act Amendments, was the not have a major impact on General elections may have to product of several months Hawaii election procedures, be expanded as "right now, work by Mineta's subcommit- according to Rep. Patsy Mink. we hardly get our regular

> it could trigger the relatively but that rate included aliens large Filipino and Japanese- of voting age who should not have been counted.

that it's the only time. On the ing East West Development sion introduced by Sen. Jacob "since to be fair, all dialects that requirement was elimi-

discrimination. walking about in rags, the Then when an oversupply of Mineta balks at public works meeting Nisei farmers where those for 10 men would be sent 20 lo allocate 4-cent federal gas tax

secure a better package for New office-shop complex

competition in other states prospective tenant interests and countries which grow the and requirements is being House subcommittee same product but where lab- conducted until Oct. 10 by or is cheaper. Several years Gary Gossard of Peat, Mar- acts on amity bill ago, it was \$1.50 per hour in wick, Mitchell & Co., 555 S. between 1st and 2nd Sts.

state highway system, now Just before the California Mineta's bill would allow about 87% complete at the Agricultural Labor Relations states, urban and rural areas cost of \$61 billion in federal

Mineta also co-sponsored

the bill to limit the hike to The struggle is over the 4 first class postage to 12 cents, cents federal gasoline tax, which the House Rules Comwhich nationally raises about mittee cleared for floor action \$7 billion per year. Mineta Sept. 18. He offered the proproposes one cent to the vision granting communities states, two cents to a liberal- the option to receive either The President has suggest- lion per year subsidy to the rate deliberations by the Pos-

ed, while it was about \$2.40 and office building complex International Operations Sub- ty would be affected since floor for a vote, she worked in California. "You can't es- adjacent to the New Otani committee Sept. 18 unani- more than 5% of voting-age with others to eliminate calate wages here if you want Hotel presently under con- mously approved the Japan- citizens comprise a single lan- counting aliens. This boosted California in competition with struction on Los Angeles St. U.S. Friendship bill. Full ac- guage minority—the Filipinos the participation rate in Ho-The complex is expected to lations committee was expect- than 50%.

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EDITORIALS

Emperor Hirohito Comes to U.S.

As this week's issue goes to press (Sept. 30), the not know until I was quite Emperor and Empress of Japan are winging their way to the United States for an official two-week visit "pis poke" when my mother in response to an invitation extended them by Pres- sent me on the errand with objectives, a newspaper must ident Gerald Ford on his visit to Japan last fall. A 25 cents to feed our family be financial solvent. To this historic similarity is that it is first state visit of Amer- of nine. ica by a reigning Japanese monarch as it was for Mr. Ford, the first incumbent U.S. president to ever visit Japan.

The Emperor's itinerary will include Williamsburg, ed family stories, particular- of the family-type publication. Va, and Washington, D.C. (Oct. 2-4); Cape Cod, Mass., and New York City (Oct. 4-7); Chicago (Oct. 7-8); Los Angeles (Oct. 8-9); San Diego (Oct. 9); San Francisco (Oct. 9-10); and Hawaii (Oct. 11-13).

Scheduled are a number of official receptions, dinners, sightseeing trips and ceremonies, including a wreath-laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery and inspection of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute in Massachusetts and the Scripps Institute of Oceanography at La Jolla, Calif., for the Emperor is an ardent and respected Editor: marine biologist.

The royal couple, accompanied by Japanese government officials and a large press corps, will also meet with representatives of the Japanese American communities in Washington, New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Speaking at a press conference for foreign newsmen at the Imperial Palace earlier this past month in sei who, when she was a lit- tional president Shig Sugiyaanticipation of the U.S. visit, the Emperor said he was t'e girl in one of those "re- ma and president-elect Jim looking forward to the trip and regarded it as one of the great highlights of his 50-year reign as were his visit of seven European countries in 1971, Expo '70 the barbed wire. Evidently Minutes are in the process in Osaka and the Tokyo Olympics in 1964.

Recognizing the Japanese Americans in his com- too close to the fence which distributed to the National ments, the Emperor hoped American citizens of Japa- "free-er" America. No, they chapters and JACL staff benese ancestry would continue to work for the benefit of the United States for it would best contribute to furthering friendly relations between the two coun- ple tend to confuse the con-

What the Emperor will have to say here to the Issei pioneers, whose numbers are dwindling, can be a highlight for this feisty group of Japanese immigrants who have spent the majority of their years in Amer- chambers. The internees, howica, raising their children to appreciate their cultural heritage, though the results are somewhat dubious.

As Americans welcome and extend good wishes to the Emperor and Empress, it is well to remember Continued from Front Page the constitutional status of the Emperor in Japan. other hand, the struck farm-Under the 1947 Constitution, in which some sections ers sees the fruit rot while are said to be "exotically American", the Emperor facing the loss of an entire role of the Nisei Farmers has been stripped of all "powers related to govern- year's income. Harvest time

He is the symbol of the State and of the unity of - "compulsory on both the has been retained in recognihis people, deriving his position from the will of the grower and union". people who have sovereign power. The Japanese Constitution states that the Emperor acts with the advice sei farmers met with Chavez Hirasuna who had a broader and approval of the Cabinet on certain matters of state, such as in the appointment of the Prime Minister designated by the Diet, appointment of the Chief lation, just sign up with his session of the State Legisla-Justice of the Supreme Court as designated by the Cabinet and in promulgation of laws, treaties and cabinet orders. Ceremonially, the Emperor receives UFW and Teamsters got a group told Gov. "Jerry" Docton foreign ambassador and ministers, awards honors and fcothold. Chavez decided he Brown they wanted a bill that presides at certain state functions.

Presence of Their Imperial Majesties during the Observed. At an earlier hear- agricultural industry and not first two weeks of October will certainly focus American interest on Japan and where that nation will go worker "doesn't understand the Nisei Farmers League irrigation district employee, in the new era that lies ahead. It has been 30 years democracy or know anything (NFL) felt should be in the was watermaster of the Pos- use by evacuees . . . Such was through the month of October since the end of World War II during which time about elections". Now they bill, the Governor assured an ton irrigation project. Mabel Poston during the first year. Japan recovered remarkably on an economic scale. Politically, Japan is at a crossroad. Its government is is a study in I don't know Senate confirmation could now striving to promote the welfare of its people. what". Foremost, of course, is that Japan continues to live in peace for its industrial survival and narrow the gap

between the rich and poor.

JACL shall be watchful of the demonstrations being planned during his visit, such as those being in- who want to save on income A concurrent special session itiated by environmentalists on behalf of the whales. While JACL recognizes the right of free speech, any deceptive or hollow manifestations intended to embarrass the visiting royalty may prove to be counterproductive.

Inside JACL, the subject of "U.S.-Japan Affairs" has been discoursed pro and con over the years. Some have held we should not be regarded as apolopists for Japan but think and act as Americans first. Others have assumed that status as Americans and address the issue on an international plane, insisting nent residents. Approximate- of its member workers in callproductive enterprise and trade between the two na- ly 100,000 Mexican Americans ing for elections. tions are enhanced by mutual understanding and re- live in Fresno County-80% Amendments, which the spect, through exchange of ideas, cultural and artistic, technological and scientific. But both agree that when the welfare of Japanese Americans is threatened as a consequence of U.S.-Japan problems, JACL does not tion" are not dropping out of amendment and charging the sit by idly and let the Japanese Americans become the scapegoats.

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parks." The decision to drop disciplinary action against the two employees "really pleased" the JACL chapter, Honda said. However, it hoped an apology be made to Kawabata for in the letter relating the incident to the Mayor of Okaya- Sept. 19-Army in Japan drops ma, the parks department re- nationals, (GIs permitted to bring use won't stand very much Aug. 28, Kubo said.

the three ponds. launched a training program

of fish.

and are highly prized. Honda added the incident

vent its recurrence.

25 Years Ago

In the PC, Sept. 30, 1950

ported "a gardener of Japa- Japanese spouses to U.S. if mar- search or investigation." nese descent" was involved. riages performed before Feb. 18, Okayama, San Jose's sister dier Brides Act.)

city, presented 4,000 koi to the sept. 22-Former Colorado Gov. big conglomerate, who found city and about 300 remain in Ralph Carr dies in Denver, was farming does not lend to big only chief executive of western state in 1942 not opposing reset-Since the incident, the city tlement of Japanese evacuees facturing. They found that

redevelopment plan will affect

cut of 10,000 participate, electing Dr. Randolph Sakada national president over Minoru Yasui by allowed the Japanese to find near 2-1 margin.

They are subject to condensation and require signature and address of the writer. Please double-space

typewritten copy. Scholarship

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Editor: I want to let you know how

I was quite touched with the Mrs. Uyesugi story as it could be the base of a beautifully sensitive short story. It gripped me with the first reading because it was so much the story of the great Continued from Front Page majority of Issei I knew-including my own parents. Their epic struggle in a strange, hestile new land has yet to be told.

To this day, I tell my Caucasian friends here that I did grown that there was any

somehow he feels he has missscunded jealous that he didn't made. have such exciting stories to tell his children some day.

GRAYCE UYEHARA Philadelphia JACL

Concentration Camps

Mark D. Peters (Aug. 29 PC) expressed an cpinion made to improve the appearthat the Japanese American ance of the paper. The fourand still should not be refer- commended for its loyalty. red to as concentration camps. dedication and efficiency. I can not agree with him. The camps had barbed wire and tween Headquarters and the sentry guards. And those sen- PC office are expected to be try guards had guns.

she was playing too close to ing to review the question. the sentry felt that they were of publication and will be separated them from the JACL Board, PC Board, all

A great percentage of peocept of a concentration camp with Hitler's "final solution" Lake and Manzanar were not concentration camps with the same physical gas ever, all suffered irreparable

Tri-District -

labor also loses. Hirasuna pre- 1.300 growers with nearly ferred compulsory arbitration half (580) being Nisei. Name

In the summer of 1974, Niat the Fresno Hilton to try to scene to cover. Kubo told how resolve the labor problem. He the Aug. 28 law was pushed then saw no need for legis- through a concurrent special union, the farmers were told. ture. But as more growers failed Called to Sacramento to to renew their contracts with discuss the legislation, Kubo's wanted elections. Hirasuna would relate to the entire ing. Dolcres Huerta with favor any sector: grower, while Shig Imamura, Imperial UFW remarked the Mexican union or worker. Areas which know everything about elec- impartial, even-handed board

Farming syndicates were Kubo said he was pleased also incongruous to Hirasuna. the NFL had the opportunity where they can expense out Governor. growing costs and later take a capital gains, the syndicates dent the bill was stalled, Gov. are created by city people Brown approached the unions. tax. What happens, Hirasuna was called to push the bill said, was an oversupply in through, the advantage for the market, forcing the price UFW being that cace the bill down and "these are the same was signed, it was immediateworkers being mistreated".

Mexican Americans California were described by and the UFW would have lost Hirasuna as not among the the advantage of the 1975 poorly paid but local, perma- grape harvest and eligibility working on the farm but the Governor promised Kubo younger ones like some San- would not be made, were prosei who regard farming as posed. Kubo returned to Saca "demeaning sort of occupa- ramento, speaking against the school to make a livelihood Governor had broken his elsewhere.

Americans are starting farms affects the 275,000 farm workand use the channels neces- of their own, 10 to 20 acres, ers in the state but the growsary to publicly communicate and making a go of it, Hira- ers and the entire population. its grievances. City Hall was suna added. He predicted as It affects the state's No. 1 inalso commended for being Mexican Americans enter oth- dustry, which has generated open enough to reverse its de- er forms of business, that type \$81/2-billion with national and them and built some more cisicn and take steps to pre- of farm labor will become worldwide ramifications. "This more scarce.

Unions have argued against a total of 30 days." farm mechanization because it 'Access rule' comment was that the same would apply elsewhere if speedily-passed legislation of typewriters and computers major importance are being were eliminated in the offices, exposed by how much it is "These arguments that union working since it became law

In clesing, Hirasuna quoted Howard Margolis, head of a scale operation as in manuanything requiring hand lafor park workers in the care ident Toshio Ando declares urban supervision, and the kind of supervision and the kind of sixth language-Arabic-to its

"So when they tell you the a limited basis last year, it conglemerate is going to chase became a full service for the cut the small farmer, take it first time this past month.

Brief letters (about 250 words) damages and mental agony. are preferred in the PC Letterbox. The name "Relocation Center" is merely a euphemism. The bitter and scarring effect cannot be erased-it is part of Asian American history. Any attempt to minimize its effect on the Asian American people serves only to make history the way one wants to hear it . . . not the way it

> MARY L. OKUMURA Chicago, Illinois

views in the PC to help guide

public opinion. The editor has the sole discretion and responsibility of the editorial contents of the Pacific Citizen, the PC Board

Business policy

In order to accomplish its end, space is available for Yes, Sansei do want to hear general advertising. The 1966 the stories. Our eldest scn, business policy provides PC new 27, said to Hiro and me the right to decline adverse ly about his grandparents and Refusal of copy is not to be a their painful experiences that reflection against any particular advertiser but rather the ed cut on life. He almost manner in which the offer is

Serious efforts to boost advertising revenue will be made by board members upon their return to their districts. It was also suggested a study be made to raise the rates and a search be made for an advertising manager.

Recommendations were also "relocation centers" were not member PC staff was also

Lines of cooperation bestrengthened. National Direc-I personally know of a Ni- tor David Ushio as well as nalocation centers" had a shot Murakami sat in during porfired over her head because tions of the PC board meet-

were concentration camps. fore the end of October, according to Harry Honda, PC editor, who also serves as secretary to the PC Board. PC Board members are:

Al Hatate, chmn.; Ed Tsutakawa, PNWDC; Steve Doi, NC-WNDC; Fred Hirasuna, CCDC; Kango Kunitsugu, PSWDC; Ted Matsushima, IDC; Bill Hosokawa, MPDC; George Wakiji, MDC; and Ruby Y. Schaar, EDC.

with grain of salt. The small farmer in Central Cal is going to be there a long, long

Nisei Farmers League

Kubo related the legislative League, now comprised of ticn of the founding members.

A bit more relaxed than

handle.

Taking advantage of tax laws to make its input with the

But when it became evipeople who holler about farm ly effective. As Kubo explained it, had the law been enacted through the normal course of events, it would Migrant workers in Central have been after Jan. 1, 1976

promised.

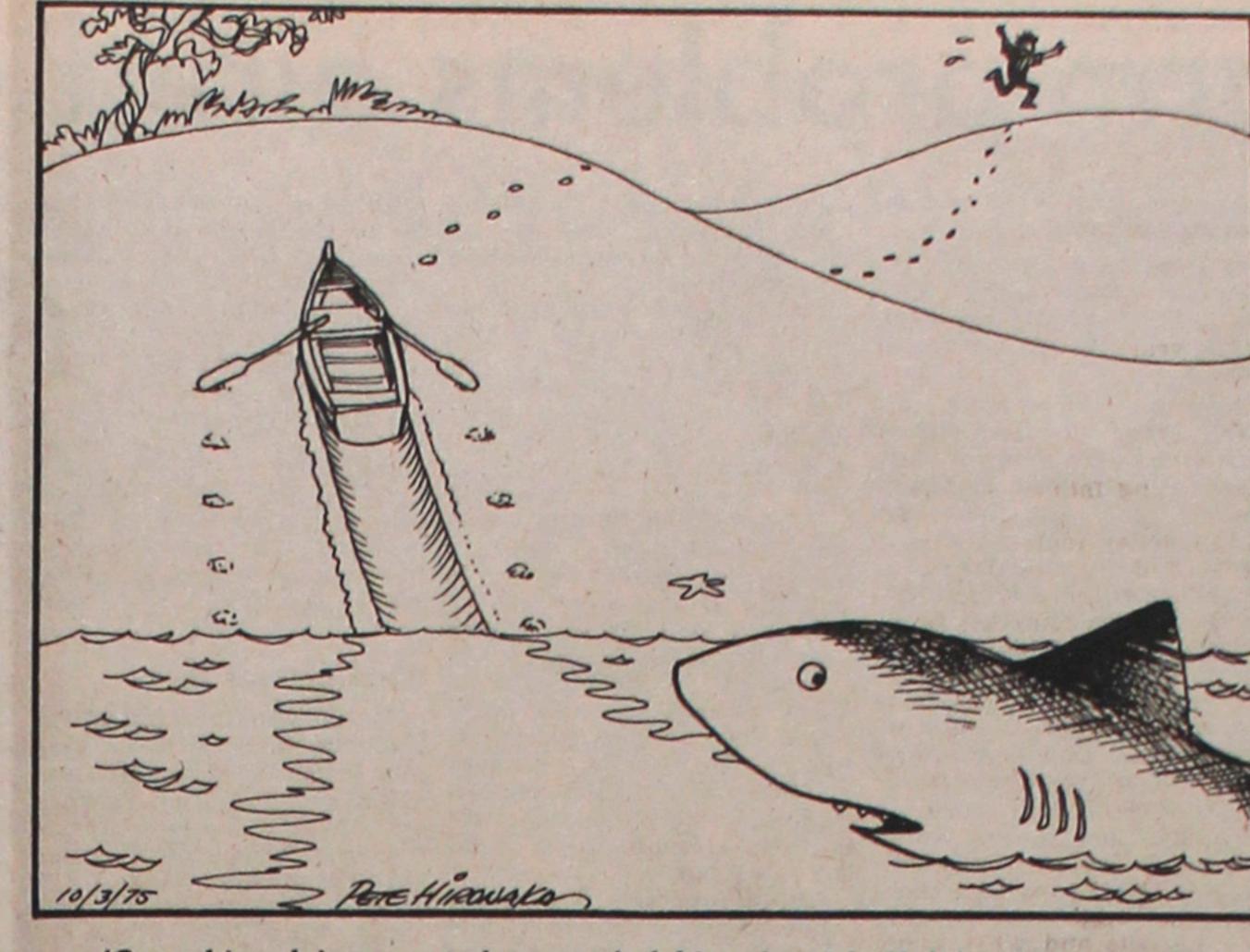
Even the older Mexican Kubo said the law not only was a bill that was to pass in

Shortcomings inherent in a

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Minority Week

United Nations has added a The Kabuto koi are distincThe Kabuto koi are distince
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'Gee whiz-I just wanted to remind him that it's Holiday Issue time!'

a few years back as we shar- copy not within requirements FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

John Dean on Redress

Anaheim, Calif. an stepped up to ask for an autograph the members seek. Some older heads and soon they were standing four deep were seen nodding in agreement as around the speaker thrusting programs Dean offered this frank appraisal. for him to sign.

JACL audience when, on being intro- against some other minority. duced, Dean mentioned that he had just met the national JACL's Shigeki Sugiyama and allowed as how it was nection with the California JACL Trinice to meet a president who had sur- District Conference, on-the-Washingtonvived an impeachment.

appearance was his professed interest paign to see reparations would be long, in the JACL's effort to seek some sort costly, likely to stir up bitter opposiof "reparations" for the evacuation ex- tion, and holds no assurance of success. perience. Dean himself said he pre- These potential obstacles do not concompensation.

many, it would seem, who would de- This is admirable idealism on Dean's idea repugnant to others.

Stone Ishimaru, movie projectionist at Poston and now

Dean also touched on the inability of The Japanese American audience ap- JACL members to agree on just what plauded warmly, but with characteris- it is that they want. Congressional contic reserve no one made a move to tacts, he said, describe JACL as an orapproach the head table when John W. ganization that is "not together," and Dean finished speaking. But after a few not agreeing on what it wants, seems moments some courageous young wom- destined not to get whatever it is that

Dean himself indicated that he con-John Dean, the man who blew the sidered the form of redress simply whistle on the Nixon gang, of which a "mechanical problem," presumably he was a promiment member, was an meaning it was an unimportant detail. unlikely sort to be featured at a JACL Whether some JACL members will buy function. Flashing a friendly, toothy that idea is also a matter of conjecture. smile, he in person was even more Dean seems to feel that the greatest boyish than he appeared on television. value of the drive to seek redress is He speaks with disarming frankness in the education it will provide the about his notoriety, as well as he American people - people who know should, for he is one of the few of the little or nothing about the Evacuation conspirators around Nixon to have con- tragedy, people who are unaware of the fessed his transgressions and paid his fragility of human rights in our nation, court-imposed debt to society. In fact, people who must be made aware that 401 - 7th Ave. he has a small cult of admirers. He under certain circumstances the outwent a long way toward winning his rage of Evacuation could be repeated

In a separate workshop held in conscene observers like Kaz Oshiki and One primary reason for John Dean's Wayne Horiuchi warned that a cam-

ferred the term "redress." While the cern Dean. He feels Japanese Amertwo words have much the same dic- icans owe it to themselves, and to all tionary meaning, redress would seem other Americans, to dredge up the disto carry fewer overtones of monetary tasteful past as a purging experience. Dean assured his audience that a cam-It remains to be seen whether those paign for redress would succeed bemost concerned with "reparations" will cause "no fair-minded American can buy the concept of "redress." There are quarrel with your search for redress."

mand recompense from the govern- part. But he certainly knows as much ment in cold cash which in turn is an as any contemporary public figure about Americans with unfair minds.

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Ota organized the camp libra-Frank Kuwahara pampered

55,000 baby guayule plants for test plantings. Water came underground and Parker Dam to cultivate the produce for

with the L.A. Unified School District as teacher and media adviser, is presenting his exhibit of nearly 100 pictures he had taken inside camp

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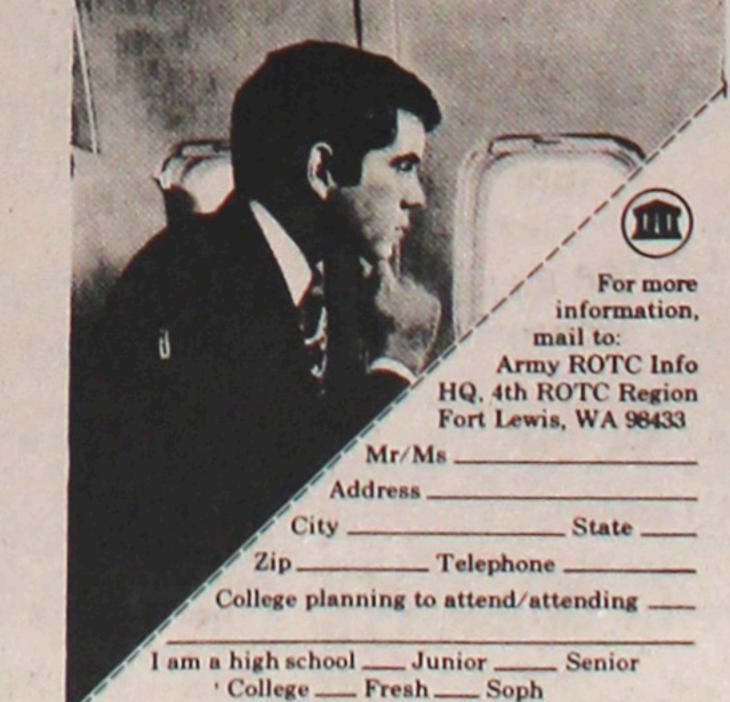
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TO BETTER REPRESENT JACL

Portland During the past year JACL has been plagued by philosophical and ideological differences which have polarized our organization. I have seen objectivity and

rational analysis of our problems turn into innuendoes, the founding fathers of JACL hate and dissatisfaction that wanted? within JACL.

ization such as JACL, which problems. affecting the lives of all Japa- and our strength comes from nese Americans.

It becomes a normal reaction to stop any moves that might be construed as being harmful to the organization, but was it not rational analysis and objectivity that JACL demonstrated when the early "dissidents" offered change and new direction during the war years which became so valuable in the shaping of today's organization? It was in ourselves the opportunity to these early stages of JACL at the 1938 National convention majority? in Los Angeles that Mike Masaoka was asked to leave

that we have again reached growth? that fork in the road, the time to reassess our priorities and wrong within JACL?

is one common element that tions? all of these people possess, and I have felt that need to \$4.50 per person.

groups, but is this truly what rights organization.

spawn a much more harmful JACL today represents only attitude of paranoid emotion- 19.6% of the entire Japanese al reaction to all that does population in the U.S. accordnot set right within us. "Po- ing to statistics compiled from larization" and "Confronta- the 1970 Census. This statistic tion" are now household words can be used to determine the effectiveness of our organiza-It is extremely difficult to tion and the limited scope of maintain a rational and objec- programming that we offer; tive attitude when dissatisfac- that could be one of the faction is suggested in an organ- tors influencing our current

over the past three decades. We are no longer a oneissue oriented organization, the grassroots and what they think and feel. This is a justification to seek our new and

of a tunnel-visioned bigot who wagce, president. only listens to himself?

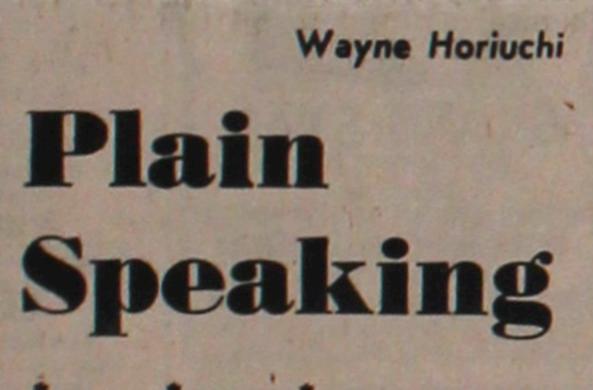
Have we not fought to give be heard within the white With summer vacation PCYA project.

Freedom of speech and steps up its activities for the thought are fundamental in a last quarter of the year and changing the organization. We such as JACL. Can we con- tion dinner in January. tion within JACL?

We have yet to actually our direction. To experience give a close and objective growth, we must look beyond look at the many issues which the many emotional outcries have been voiced throughout and explore the factors that the country. We have labelled motivate them; could it be districts such as PSW as possible that something is troublemakers and dissidents; but have we truly educated Being a staff person, JACL ourselves with their problems has given me the opportunity and issues, have we taken the to hear many views on many time to at least understand the issues which all differ. There motivations behind their ac-

that is a belief in JACL and educate myself, to better repthe need for the best for our resent JACL. I believe that organization although tech- we, as staff and officers of niques and methodologies dif- JACL, owe that much to our membership.

It is with this common at- It has been apparent that titude that we can begin to the nitty-gritty of all issues correct our mistakes and be- never gets to the grassroots . Fremont JACL hosts its gin representing a broader membership and many deci- annual Issei appreciation dinspectrum of our community, sions are made from gossip ner on Saturday, Oct. 18, 7:30 We can resign ourselves so and what a few of us believe p.m. at Cathay House, 36659 easily to the fact that we can- is right. That attitude must be Fremont Blvd. not truly work with the many eliminated, so that we can begenerations of people, their gin relating to what our or- East Los Angeles JACL ideologies, philosophies and ganization truly stands for, a will stage a Japanese variety Dayton-Oktoberfest booth, Art traditions to form separate truly representative human show on Sunday, Oct. 19, 1-4



PEOPLE AT THE TRI-DISTRICT

Washington just wanted to dedicate this column to all of those gracious and generous JACLers who were so kind to me during my visit to the Cal Tri-District several weeks ago.

I must thank: Soichi Fukui for putting me up for didate Dulcie Ogi who was se- spkr. the night and the delicious lunch at a sushi bar. Jerry, Soichi's son for picking me up at the airport. Craig coronation festivities in Au-Shimabukuro for showing me through the regional office. Kats Kunitsugu for briefing me on the progress of the Japanese American Community and Cultural Center. Betty Yumori for driving me to the conventics and will be in the re- NC-WNDC-Qtrly Session, San tion site in Anaheim. Tom Shimasaki for buying me the scotch and water at the mixer. Paul Tsuneishi for inviting me to participate on the reparations panel. Steve Nakashima for the encouraging words after the reparations panel. Hank Haratsuka for buying me the pate in the Nagoya Festival. Singles-We Are One benefit prompt court action if union scotch and water at the dinner. Tak and Helen Kawagoe for giving me a book of Disneyland tickets. David Ushio for introducing me to John Dean and George speaker at the Selanoco JACL 400 people. Almost \$2,200 was Takei. Judi Ushio for the dance. Wes Doi and his wife. Toy for taking Dave, Judi, and I to Disneyland. Edison Uno and Chuck Kubokawa for lending a sympathetic ear. Bill Hosokawa for the inspiration. Roy and Alice Nishikawa for just being beautiful people. Hank Sakai and Mike Ishikawa for conducting the first convention which was run on time (and indeed, well). Harry Honda for putting up with me. Kaz Suyeishi of the Committee for Atomic Bomb Survivors for giving me the lovely picture which she painted. Shig Sugiyama and Jim Murakami for the support that they gave to National Staff.

I hope that I didn't miss anybody. If I did, it's just because there were so many kind and thoughtful people who saw to it that the Cal Tri-District was a wonderful experience for me.

Some people grumble and say that JACL is dying. BALONEY!!! Not with the kind of people that I saw in Anaheim.

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AL cultural heritage recipients for 1975

JACL's four Japan Air Lines cultural receive certificates of merit at a Sayoheritage recipients and other students nara party from Tonao Senda (seated in from Hawaii and Southeast Asian coun- middle), managing director and JAL tries attending the 1975 summer ses- vice-president for public relations and sions at Sophia University in Tokyo associated companies.

Installation

October Events

over, Salinas Valley JACL

It would be fair to assume Are we not obstructing its ders will be honored guests mense success and was a re- 29) approved the rule. at the potluck supper with warding surprise to Dr. Kaz Kubo contended the work-Akira Aoyama as chairman. A Mayeda, chairman, and his ers were being denied their San Francisco minyo artist committee. will entertain.

Octaber are to be detailed.

San Jose JACL will honor the Issei at its annual Keirokai dinner Oct. 4, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Buddhist Betsuin. Dale Sasaki is chairman. Community Senior Services and other groups are co-sponsor-

ment Ovt. 25 at Municipal Golf Course. Tad Sekigahama and Dale Sasaki are handling

p.m. at the Japanese Retirement Home, 325 S. Boyle Ave., featuring Miss Komori's singers, comedians and a ma-

Yoshizaki, in charge of the annual Issei appreciation day affair. Walter Tatsuno will be prizes are scheduled for inter- Cathay House, 7:30 p.m. mission.

charged. Those in need of transportation may call George Yamate (283-0066 evenings).

September Events

South Bay JACL held an informal tea reception Sept. 28 Sequoia—Issei testimonial. at Sumitomo Bank in Torrance for its Nisei Week canlected to reign at the 1975

Coronation festivities in Au
Mawr College, Seminar on

taking Japanese and gymnasception line greeting the Emperor and Empress of Japan when they visit Los Angeles. Dance nets \$2,200 She and and her family will then fly to Japan to partici- LOS ANGELES - The Nisei ers were warned they face

Cerrites College. She spoke United Crusade opens

Elections were also held LOS ANGELES—The annual with plans discussed for in- United Crusade campaign to

different ideas and philosophies for the betterment of neunced its 1976 officers will Ave., Buena Park—but chapbe installed on Saturday, ter president Clarence Nishizu

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Vear If we fail to listen to the Nov. 22, at Gung Hay Res- said the October meeting is year. criticisms of our organization, taurant. Tickets are \$10 per being cancelled because he's are we not assuming the role person, according to Tak Ka- going to Europe on a threeweeks vacation.

The annual Dec. 27 mcchitsuki will be held again with proceeds going to support the Continued from Previous Page

June Events

served by the JAYs and San- than can be committed". sei-Yonsei talent and the En- Kubo testified that the farm camps, Uchiyama noted state bu dance troupe.

its fifth annual golf tourna- kawa, JAYs co-chpn and Keiro-

CALENDAR

Oct. 4 .. Saturday)
San Jose-Keirokai, Buddhist Betsuin. San Francisco-Keirokai Outing, Angel Island, ly Fisherman's Wharf, 10 a.m.

Oct. 5 (Sunday) West Valley-Box Social-Fun

dance group, the Dream Band, San Mateo-Mtg, Sturge Presbyterian Church, 8 p.m. Oct. 11 (Saturday)

nity Issei, according to Mable Salinas Valley-Issei Appreciation, YMBA Hall, 6 p.m. Oct. 12 (Sunday) NC-WNDYC-Mtg.

Oct. 18 (Saturday) emcee. Refreshments and door Fremont-Issei Appreciation dnr. EDC-Qtrly session, New York. Oct. 19 (Sunday) No admission is being East Los Angeles-Issei Apprecia- told it was a state matter. Sution Day, Japanese Retirement

Home, 325 S. Boyle Ave., 1-4 Oct. 21 (Tuesday) Salinas Valley Bd Mtg, Bank of Tokyo, 8 p.m. Oct. 25 (Saturday)

MDYC-Mtg. Chcago JACL Office. San Jose-Golf tournament, Muni

Philadelphia-Issei testimonial. West Valley-Mtg, Tak Takei, state dir of consumer affairs.

Miss Ogi is currently atwest Valley—Terlyaki dnr.
tending El Camino College San Mateo—Monte Carlo Night Nov. 2 (Sunday)

dance for Asian Rehabilita- organizers are not allowed on National JACL Youth Di- tion Services held July 26 at rector Gail Nishioka was guest Miramar Hotel attracted over general meeting Sept. 27 at netted, it was reported.

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Nisei geologist views Oroville area

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—While government experts are trying to establish why earthquake activity continues with such force in the Oroville area when, historically, it should be diminishing in numbers and intensity.

About 35 shocks emanating The chapter board con- raise \$29.1 million began Sept. theorists who said the dam tinues to meet each month on 15. Among Asian American caused the recent temblor bethe second Tuesdays at Trico agencies being supported is cause of a 1940 jolt with a

The first snag was the "access rule" imposed by the State Agricultural Labor Relations Board. Kubo attendwhen expressing his ideas of human rights organization culminating with an installa- Issei and Nisei elders were ed the hearing on this one honcred by the Detroit JACL point which lasted 13 hours. all know the invaluable ideas tinue to use that label of hu- Opening the season will be June 8 at International In- Twenty-five including Kubo Mike Masaoka gave to JACL. man rights if we block the the annual Issei appreciation stitute before 250 people. The testified and most of them process of true communica- Night program Oct. 11, 6 p.m. gratitude expressed by the 28 were against access. The board at the YMBA Hall. Issei el- honorees attested to the im- on the following day (Aug.

rights when they express their Honorees were introduced desire to be left alone for if Plans for a scholarship ben- individually and presented a they wanted to join the efit movie the last week of plaque commemorating the unions, they would have done cccasion during the first half so earlier. The access rule, he of the program. Remainder said, has instilled fear in the consisted of Japanese dinner mind of the farm workers, prepared by the committee "the worst form of violence laws.

labor problems of the past laws have been in existence Committee principals were: four years involved "access" for 10 years, calling for cerother groups are co-sponsoring the program. Tickets are Mrs. Toshi Shimomura, inv; Mr.
s4.50 per person.

Mrs. Hifumi Sunamoto, food: or trespass of private property tain health standards. Pressure sand Mrs. Art Morey, gen arr; Mr. as the growers put it. He sure came from the farm The chapter is also holding and Mrs. Joe Bersch, JAYs co- added that there were many workers themselves — before its fifth annual golf tourna- kawa, JAYs co-chon and Keiro- affidavits objecting to vio- the unions. lence due to trespass on file in One delegate felt JACL sheriff offices. He cited the should check on the access case of one grower who found rule and "come up with a 200 lugs of grapes dumped in policy we can all push". Uchihis shed during the noon hour yama agreed and encouraged when he was out eating. Trees both sides be heard. worth thousands of dollars were also being vandalized due to trespass.

"We have a right to private property," Kubo declared as he reminded the agricultural labor relations board that Nisei during World War II were deprived of their Night, Grace Methodist Church, private property and told to leave within 24 hours in some

Kubo assured the board the farmers want to see the law Program is for the commu- Berkeley-Fashion show luncheon, implemented as intended but questioned the board's methods "when constitutional rights are infringed upon by emergency rules".

A Delano grower sought an injunction in federal court against access rule. He was perior courts in Fresno and Tulare counties concurred with the growers by issuing restraining orders, which expired on Sept. 10-two days ference convened.

The Nisei Farmers League! vacate Chapter 9 regarding access. Kubo feared the same principle of access might apply to those in the cities-access to the home by the state.

(The State Supreme Court on Sept. 18 reinstated the restraining orders. It is expected a hearing would be scheduled later to decide whether the rule should stand. Growthe fields to talk to workers.) The access rule allows or-

ganizers to enter the fields one hour before, one hour after work and the lunch hour The National Labor Relations Board does not permit

(UFW had contended certain growers with collusion with Teamster representatives who had access while UFW organizers were denied.) Kubo, in closing, said the Nisei Farmers League members carry no weapon. "We don't want to be violent . . . |

Questions asked

that."

During the brief period for questions, several points were brought out.

Our track record indicates

Nisei Farmers League leaders have met with UFW and "relate to them well, but they often avoid us in public". Regarding access to labor camps, federal laws apply. Farmers aren't "cry bables" when it comes to weather and people leaving the farms, but they'll holler when constitutional rights are concerned. The Fresno Grand Jury has

Perry Amimoto, geologist with the State Division of Mines and Geology, told the Sacramento Bee there were 338 after shocks of a magnitude of 3.0 or more on the Richter scale logged after the Sylmar earthquake in San Fernando Valley several years 2908 Oregon Court, Bldg. G

from the Oroville area since Aug. 1 have been recorded. "It is unusual that we are having such strong after sheeks." Amimoto said. "and it prints cut cur limited knewledge in trying to type force of 6.0 was centered 20

investigated violence on the farms but the defendants were released on plea bargaining.

Regarding the claim that UFW is nonviolent, Hirasuna recalled a Santa Maria case where UFW members shot two Teamster pickets. It was settled out of court when Chavez signed a \$6,000 check. He also recalled the Bianco case when his grapes were pulled out from a store after a laboratory found a certain pesticide had been used. Bianco showed he had never used it for three or four years and sued. The laboratory paid damages but Bianco was hurt and went broke as a corpora-

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'THE CHICKENCOOP CHINAMAN'

Los Angeles Frank Chin reminds me of Thomas Wolfe-they both are like ctters released in a sea of words, splashing, leaping, diving, wriggling, jcyfully ecstatic in their element of words, words that are not just words but words rich in meaning, encrusted with imagery. .

Chin's first play, "The Chickencocp Chinaman", cpened last week at the East-West Players' Theater, 4424 Santa Monica Blvd. It is his second play, however, to be presented by the Asian repertory troupe. His "Year of the Dragon" was nct only the hit of the East-West Players' 1974 season but of their entire 10-year ex-

"Chickencoop Chinaman" shows Chin's fascination with words in all its glory - so much so that it rather overwhelms even a very good actor like Dana Lee (I remember his poignant father in "Years of the Dragon") It is Tampax Lum, played by Lee, that has all the lines, i seems, and delivered at a pell mell pace with little allowance for dynamics, it is often difficult to understand what Lum is trying to say specifically, but such is the strength of the play that Lum's identity crisis comes through in spite of the words, words, words.

There is Tampax Lum's bravura, for which the words are a convenient camouflage. There is his self-loathing which takes the form of lashing out at anyone and anything within range—the gentle Japanese friend from childhood, his friend's white female "guest", her precocicus son and finally Charley Popcorn.

In the hands of veteran actor Stan Miller, Charley Popcorn is a marvelously fleshedcut character. The father and one-time manager of the black fighter about whom Lum is making a film and hoping to find a reason for living at the same time, Charley with simple realism insists he is only "a small busi- "The Chickencoop Chinanessman, trying to make a man" is a play that an actor buck by running a porno the- can sink his teeth into. Once ater", shattering Lum's dream. Dana Lee can bring his buck-"I ain't his father, never have ing bronco of a role under been," he says, and Lum feels control, it will be a memthe walls of his "chicken- orable play for the East-West coop" closing in.

there is at last some under- and collected for the role of standing and acceptance of his Lee. Roberto Isaac was just roots by Lum, but Chin, too, right as the precocious youngis a realist who does not tie ster.



Michael Herman (Lone Ranger) and Dana Lee as

up all Lum's hang-ups neat-

ly in the third act. No matter. If there is no end to the journey of finding himself, there is at least a lot of laughs (for the audience, if not for Tampax) along the

Chin has a sharp eye for human foibles and failings, the barbed interchanges be- the New Moon. June Seika Buddhist Church on Oct. 9, tween Lum and his friend Tokuyama of the Ikenobo 10 am., and return Oct. 10 at Kenji's white female "guest" School was the outgoing pres- 3 p.m. Lee, who has her own iden- ident. tity problems.

"Why are you acting like you're black?" she digs. "Why do you try to keep on making connection with yellow men?" he counters in effect.

And if a nightmare can be said to be touching, then the Lone Ranger sequence is such a scene. In search of a childhood hero, Tam innocently identifies with the Masked Rider, because he alone among the comic book heroes has black hair. He wears a red shirt for good luck, just like the Chinese do. He must be wearing his mask to hide his slanted eyes.

Players. Sheri Emond seemed One would like to say that to me to be a little too cool



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WASHINGTON-After learn- equal footing with foreign ing the City of Los Angeles competitors in the contract has an ordinance entitling a bidding process by given contract to the low bidder, Americans a special credit for Rep. Peter Peyser (R-N.Y.) costs of antibias efforts. called the Los Angeles Times The Times asked a Los An-

frustrating . . . outrageous". equal opportunity costs for Peyser apparently was un- Phelps Dodge made a differsuccessful in his appeal to ence. He replied, "Hell, no. 724 S. San Pedro St., L.A. 90014 Mayor Bradley this past week They just missed the bid mark (Aug. 1) for a company in and are looking for ways to Peyser's district, Phelps Dodge rationalize it." Wire & Cable Co. of Yonkers, whose bid was slightly higher than Sumitomo Co. of Japan.

The Japanese firm had submitted a bid of \$1,301,000only \$6,000 less than the Phelps Dodge bid-to supply 35,000-volt capper cable to the Los Angeles Dept. of Water & Power for next year's needs. Phelps Dodge had won the contract the past two

Peyser also protested that only Phelps Dodge and not its Japanese competitor, had to meet the cost of the city's recently enacted equal employment opportunity requirements for suppliers. And that, Peyser said, made the difference. Failure to win the contract may mean layoffs for a substantial number of the

Peyser indicated municipalies and other jurisdictions should put American firms on

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Univ. of Washington School of Law, was elected president of the American Baptist Churches, in the U.S.A., a 1.5-million dencmination, at its recent national convention in Atlantic City, N.J. Smith is A recent Nisei lay partici- the second jurist to head the

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NAMES IN NEWS-Supt. mittee seeking a successor of Education Teichiro Hirata has submitted his letter of of Hawaii 43-0 in the Sept. 13 resignation, effective Oct. 31. grid opener at the new Aloha It was accepted by the board Stadium. A total of 32,247 attendon a 6-3 vote . . . Attorney Jon Chinen, author of several books on Hawaii land Ing, now acting in New York, laws, urged Hawaiians and said in a recent Honolulu inpart-Hawaiians to fight for terview, "Let Asians play Asitheir land rights if they don't ans; why hire a haole to enwant them "stolen". He wrote act the role of a Japanese or "The Great Mahele" and oth- a Chinese?" and added it's not er books . . . Leatrice Miriki- easy for Asians to get decent tani is president of the Japa- roles . . . Ukulele whiz Herb nese Women's Society . . . Ohta is seriously planning to Board chairman James Morita quit the music business to go of City Bank was elected into farming say beans, which president of the Western In- he sees has a great future. dependent Bankers Assn., LOS ANGELES - Some 100 also being called for inter- made up of 368 banks in nine elderly residents in the Little views at the Little Tokyo states . . . The Republic of Tokyo area have been inter- project office in the Merit Korea posthumously honored for placement in the Savings Bldg.

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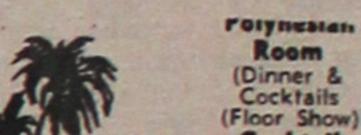
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