

'Affirmative action' aces out Nikkei worker

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Randall Yamanaka, 32, believes he is being forced out of his life's work because he is Oriental.

A parole officer in Los Angeles, he has been given the word that he will find it difficult to get ahead since the State Dept. of Corrections is trying to match his parole officers ethnically with parolees. There are only a handful of Asian parolees.

"I see the handwriting on the wall," Yamanaka said in an interview with the Sacramento Union. "I am planning to leave in the next three or four years."

Jerry Enomoto, director of the Dept. of Corrections, sees the tragedy of the Yamanaka case and is trying to do something about it, even though he is a defender of the department's affirmative action program designed to increase the number of minority employees.

Federal affirmative action guidelines—the number of minorities and women to be hired—create what Enomoto called "dictic situations" of having to deny Asians promotions and transfers.

Yamanaka Case

"Randy's situation confronts me with that reality," Enomoto said. Yamanaka, who was born in Peaton Relocation Center in 1943, is a graduate of Los Angeles State College and worked with the L.A. County for two years before joining the Dept. of Corrections two years ago.

During his college years, Yamanaka was an advocate of civil rights. "I never thought it would turn around to affect me," he said.

He started hearing about affirmative action a few years ago. The push for affirmative action became more intensive with the advent of the Brown administration. Last year, Yamanaka applied for a lateral transfer in San Fernando Valley.

The oral panel consisting of upper level parole officers was headed by regional administrator William Spencer. A black woman, ultimately, was chosen. But Yamanaka, who obtained a transcript of the panel's deliberations prior to its decision, found Spencer preferred a black person to the vacancy.

Black Person Wanted

Spencer also named two other black "acceptable" candidates, one of whom ultimately received the appointment.

After seeing the transcript, Yamanaka filed a grievance, contending that race was the sole criterion of the selection.

The grievance was denied. Glynn Smith, regional parole administrator, told Yamanaka in a letter last November that he had a policy of requiring one black, one brown and one female in every parole unit. When an office does not have at least one minority, Smith said, "We have been quite rigid about insisting that they either fill with minority or leave the position vacant."

Enomoto told the Sacramento Union he was unaware of Smith's policy until the Yamanaka case broke. "I have a problem with that policy and I plan to do something about it," he concluded.

Ellen Endo Among Women Saluted by City

LOS ANGELES — City Hall's year-long Bicentennial salute to the women of Los Angeles of March 28 recognized Ellen Endo, Ratu Shimpoo English section editor, for being instrumental in furthering many cultural, historical and educational projects.

She had been nominated by her Metropolitan L.A. JACL chapter, which she helped found. She is currently secretary to the Pacific Southwest JACL District Council, member of the Asian American for Fair Media, Asian Women's Center, American Cancer Society and other media groups.

The Human Relations Commission is continuing to accept nominations throughout the Bicentennial Year. Brochures and forms may be obtained by calling 485-4495.

Help Yourself—Join JACL!

CHAPTER SPIRIT

Imperial Valley JACL

By DICK GIMA

CALIPATRIA, Calif. — Imperial Valley is a rich, agricultural community some 200 miles southeast of Los Angeles. It's often referred to as the nation's "Winter Garden of America."

And for good reason. While some parts of the U.S. pride themselves during winter with their "wonderlands", valley residents are equally proud of their "winter garden", which annually produces the nation's first fruits and vegetables. Summers, however, are extremely hot here.

People of the valley refer to Imperial County affectionately as "our desert" but not in a derogatory sense. Their desert, in reality, is a rich, productive community.

But it was not always thus. There is a good reason—and a story behind this.

Desert Transformed

About the turn of the century, many ambitious Issei men and women came here to help transform this desert into rich agricultural lands.

Today most of these pioneers have gone to their well-earned rest, but a few of them—about 25—still live here.

The Imperial Valley JACL, led by president George Kodama, honored them at a keiro kai on Saturday night (April 3), at Ben Hulse Auditorium in Imperial. Three hundred fifty attended. This is the "big event" the chapter conducts every year.

Only 12 of the 25 honored guests, however, could attend. Most of them are now in the late 70s and 80s. The oldest was tiny but spry Chosuke Baba, 90, who incidentally has never been married. One came in a wheelchair while others were led carefully to the head table.

Pro Nimura, who introduced

ed the guests, explained the meaning of keiro kai as "party for the respected elders." In addition, he introduced other elderly guests from the audience, most of them members of the local Caucasian community. This, indeed, was a beautiful gesture.

Visiting Entertainers

To make sure that the guests got the best in Japanese entertainment, the committee, under the direction of George Ishimatsu, went as far as San Diego, about 125 miles to the west, to procure the services of Sayoko White, an accomplished dancer. She was aided and abetted by the valley's talented dancers, Yoko Hines and Kitty Kakiuchi.

The food committee, co-chaired by Mary Sanbonmatsu and Jaime Kobayashi, served excellent Japanese dishes, including such delicacies as sushi, nishime and manju.

Dr. Miyo Ikeda, principal of Calipatria High School, who made the closing remarks, thanked "our better halves" for their time and effort in preparing the delicacies. They deserved the commendation.

Personal Note

Our son-in-law, Wilson, and his wife, Kitty, are comparatively newcomers here. But they liked what they saw at the party, and they said they would join the local chapter as soon as time permits. I'm happy for that.

My wife and I drove 200 miles from Los Angeles to attend the party. We're really glad we did; we were richly rewarded.

I can think of no word that can better express our appreciation to the Imperial Valley JACL Chapter than that time-worn, but all-inclusive, Hawaiian expression—Aloha!

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PACIFIC OVERTURES up for Tony Awards

PRESENTATION APRIL 18 ON ABC-TV

NEW YORK—"Pacific Overtures" has been nominated for 10 Tony Awards. The musical about the opening of Japan by Commodore Perry opened here at the Winter Garden on Jan. 11 to critical acclaim.

Nominations are:

Best Actor in a Musical—Mako. Best Featured Actor—Isao Sato. Best Musical of the Year—"Pacific Overtures". Best Director—Harold Prince. Best Composer and Lyricist—Stephen Sondheim. Best Author—John Weidman. Best Choreography—Patricia Birch.

The 31-member cast are all Asian Americans, five of them being founding members of East-West Players of Los Angeles: Mako, Son-Tek Oh, Yuki Shimoda, Sab Shimono and Isao Sato. Sato hails from Japan, where he appeared with the Shiki Theatrical Co.

Downtown L.A. JACL Mother of Year luncheon to honor lady 100 years old

By FRANK HIRATA

LOS ANGELES—Shika Kato, who will celebrate her 100th birthday on Aug. 6, will be honored as the Mother of the Year at the 14th annual Downtown L.A. JACL Mother of the Year luncheon to be held on Saturday, May 8, at Man Jen Lou starting at noon.

The program was initiated by Takito Yamaguma 14 years ago and he continues to head this sentimental chapter event.

This year, Mrs. Kato was recommended as an exemplary pioneer woman by the Japanese Women's Society of Southern California. Born in Koshi-ken as the daughter of a rice-broker in 1876, she was married to the late Otokuma Kato in 1896 and settled in Riverside in 1904 where she was a cook while her husband was orchard caretaker at Wilson's Orange Growers. It is said Mr. Kato translated recipes into Japanese to help his wife prepare meals for the orchard workers. She had no knowledge of English.

In the ensuing 20 years, the Katos were engaged in fish wholesaling, soda-water bottling, boarding house and grocery retail until they moved to Pasadena. Because of a neighbor who was attending services at Pasadena Presbyterian, in 1924 she was baptized by the Rev. Kengo Tajima at that church.

Mrs. Kato was a typical pioneer Issei mother, raising seven children (now ranging in age from 56 to 76) and assisting her husband in business. Until several years ago, she was an active seamstress, making her own wardrobe. She lives with her fifth daughter, Sakae Hiramatsu, in Monterey Park. She is blessed with 11 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

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Helping hand goes to tot

By MITCH HIMAKA (San Diego Union)

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—Margaret Takatori celebrated a lifetime when she turned 6 months old on April 6. For the previous seven weeks, life—going 60 in a 55 mph world—passed her by as if she were standing still.

Consider in that brief span, she survived a searing blaze that swept her family's duplex at 3224 Jemez Dr., is recovering from second and third degree burns over 40 per cent of her body, lost her father (Kiyomi Takatori, 34 died Feb. 22 four days after the fire from injuries that covered 90 per cent of his body), her mother (Midori, 31, who died Mar. 20 with similar injuries over 70 per cent of her body), found herself placed in a new home Mar. 29 with a new "sister" and three new "brothers", and found a host of new friends she never knew she had.

Through all this, she still manages a smile that would make strong men weak-kneed.

In the words of one hardened fireman who viewed the scene of the Feb. 18 fire, Margaret suffered injuries that

were "the worst I've ever seen" on an infant burn victim. She faces extensive plastic surgery and physical therapy.

Takatori Fund

To help her through the difficult days ahead, the Japanese Coordinating Council and Kagoshima Club have established the Margaret Takatori Fund, c/o California First Bank, P.O. Box 2591, San Diego 92112.

JCC, an umbrella group for various Japanese groups, is headed by Mas Hironaka (San Diego JACL president) who with Mrs. Kiyomi Ochi, JCC v.p., George Ninomiya and Kaz Kiyono, pres. and v.p., respectively, Kagoshima Club, are trustees of the fund.

Mrs. Takatori, eight days before she expired, affixed an "X" on a petition naming Paul K. Yamasaki as conservator of the Takatori family estate and named Mrs. Etsuko Yamasaki (Margaret's father's cousin) as her guardian. Superior Court Judge Gilbert Harelson granted both requests.

The Yamasaki Home

The Yamasakis, who live at 3527 Hattaras Ave., are Margaret's closest living relatives in the U.S. Her new family

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Iva Toguri talking to media

CHICAGO—A voice from out of the past, Iva Toguri d'Aquino has started to respond to requests for interviews in recent weeks in wake of renewed interest in the so-called Tokyo Rose case stirred by the Japanese American Citizens League supporting her application for a Presidential pardon.

The first one came Mar. 22 when she talked with CBS News correspondent Bill Kurtis in Chicago for the CBS Evening News anchored by Walter Cronkite.

She then talked with Linda Witt, free-lance writer whose three-part series in the Chicago Tribune evoked the revealing story from Tribune's Far East correspondent Ronald Yates (PC, April 2). The second interview appeared in the Mar. 24 Tribune.

Perhaps the third interview, the Washington Post Mar. 28 carried the news of her hopes for a presidential pardon to be submitted after the elections as told to Joel D. Weisman.

CBS News First

Kurtis spoke with Iva the day the Chicago Tribune published the Yates report that government witnesses in 1949 trial said that FBI had pressured them to tell half-truths and withhold vital information.

"Her case has become a cause for the Japanese American Citizens League," Kurtis reported. "They will soon ask for a Presidential pardon. Hearing of witnesses who testified against her now saying they lied was no surprise to her."

Iva commented: "I heard they bragged that they got a free trip to the United States. They got to see their families that (they) never hadn't seen for five and ten years—free. They didn't know anything

about the case, but so what? It was immaterial. They got free room and board for the duration of the trial, and \$10 per diem at that time was a lot of money for people coming from Japan, and I guess this is one of the reasons they did it."

When asked whether she was bitter, as "you had to live with this all of these years," Iva said, "Well, I can't—I can't be 100% honest and say that I am not bitter. But all I know is the Man up above knew, and that was good enough for me."

(Transcript of the CBS Evening News was furnished by its Washington Bureau to the Washington JACL office.)

Kurtis, it was noted in the Linda Witt story, had produced a sensitive 1969 documentary on Iva. She told Witt, "Before Bill Kurtis no one ever came forward who was willing to even permit me to tell my side of the story. Before him if I said I was red, I'd be quoted as saying red was white."

Of Her Accusers

"It seems so strange to me that the men who accused me should be stricken with conscience now—30 years later," she continued in commenting on the Tribune dispatch from Tokyo.

"I never talked to the press during my trial—except after my sentencing. I said then I'll go serve 10 years with a clear conscience, but the government's witnesses will have to suffer with their consciences for the rest of their lives."

"They admit now that they were drilled two hours each morning for a month before the trial. I can believe it. I can remember being so shocked at what they had to say. One after another parroting this stuff against me, things they had to know were not true."

With several major newspapers editorializing in favor of pardon for Iva Toguri, she confessed she "is afraid not to have hope."

Wrangles with Press

Her troubles with the press started with two reporters in search of "Tokyo Rose", even though they were repeatedly told there was no "Tokyo Rose". That was a nickname American GIs had given all the English-speaking female announcers on Radio Tokyo during WW2.

Iva told Witt two fully-armed men confronted her: "You are it and we're going to get a story from you." And she asked Witt: "What would you do?"

With that experience, "do you blame me for having mixed emotions (about being interviewed by the press)? After being slapped around for 30 years, what am I supposed to think when they suddenly discover I was innocent after all?"

"I'm sorry I can't believe it's going to last. I hope I will be able to," she said with tears in her eyes. "Losing the baby, Phil... it was unbearable. That's one of the reasons I've avoided even thinking about it all these years. I gain nothing by thinking about it. You can't change wrong; you can't bring back 30 years."

Faith in Friends and U.S.

Witt closed her story by noting Iva's "strong streak of stoicism which kept her going—her faith in the country and the faith her friends had in her." Witt was referring to the elder Collins who often told Iva she hadn't abandoned this country. He used to say "it abandoned me", Iva said.

"But the nicest thing is still being in a country where you can control your own mind, where you can select your own reading, the plays you want to attend, the music. This has been the reward. But it's been a lonely and a solitary life," Iva concluded.

Her 26-year-old nephew admired her as "a helluva lady".

Wondering that had she renounced her citizenship and thus avoid U.S. jurisdiction and be spared, Weisman was told: "I had faith in the system. Even after what happened to me I believe in this country. If the trial were held again today, I'm sure I would be found innocent."

She related her prewar days in California, going to Japan after graduating in zoology from UCLA in 1941 to care for a sick aunt, and then being stranded by the outbreak of war. Because passports took weeks to acquire, she had left with only a birth certificate and a State Dept. identification card. As war rumors increased, she tried to return but the Japanese refused to let her leave without a passport.

Life in Wartime Tokyo

Of her experiences in wartime Tokyo, "I was constantly harassed by the Japanese authorities," Iva continued. "They awakened me in the middle of the night—2 o'clock, 4 o'clock, 6 o'clock—and marched me to the (police) station and asked me to renounce my citizenship. They said it would be easier. They implied I would have serious trouble if I continued to refuse. But I stood firm."

The Japanese officials finally ordered her to broadcast in the English-language program which they had hoped would undermine the morale of U.S. troops. "At first I refused to participate... it was very tense... then Maj. Cousins pulled me aside and assured me we could convert the program to benefit the Allies. I said, 'Sure,' Iva said.

She read her first script on Nov. 13, 1943, introducing herself as Orphan Ann. How she became to be known as "Tokyo Rose" still remains a mystery to her. She is convinced her broadcasts did not adversely affect U.S. morale. Many contained cleverly concealed messages to POWs and allies, she said. She was also smuggling food and clothing to POWs at the same time.

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Along with speeches explaining the importance of Angel Island to U.S. Asian history and having the site designated as a historical landmark, a sapling sequoia tree was planted in memory of the Asian pioneers who went through the Angel Island station when it was in operation between 1905 and 1941. (During WW2, the island was converted back to a military garrison. During the Civil War, it guarded the Golden Gate.)

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DR. MIKURIYA FILES FOR CALIF. SENATE SEAT

BERKELEY—Dr. Todd Mikuriya, 42, physician-son of a pioneer Philadelphian Issei, is seeking the Republican nomination for state senate in the 11th District, covering Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

A Berkeley resident since 1970, he served as a chief of marijuana research for the Federal government, organized the statewide initiative on marijuana in 1972, and is consultant to the police here and county alcoholism program.

His father, Tadafumi Mikuriya, 76, is a civil engineer, in practice in Philadelphia since 1923 when he graduated from Univ. of Pennsylvania. He married Anna Schwenk, Women's Medical College student who became a researcher and specialist in training mentally retarded.



—San Diego Union Photo

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EDITORIALS

Tanaka's 'Federated Plan'

A working paper on JACL's organizational structure developed by Henry Tanaka, immediate past national JACL president, was published in the March 26 Pacific Citizen to elicit comment. It struck us as being familiar to his "Federated Plan" proposed in 1971, shifting program emphasis from National to District along with funding.

Expecting National to relinquish its perquisites, hard-won in most cases, is naive. But the Districts have an opportunity to take the first steps toward implementing the Tanaka Federated Plan by vowing to support the regional offices by raising the remaining one-third amount of the new budget. This can be the dynamite to assert regional power.

Where the 1971 plan stops, the 1975 proposal is expanded to deal with the structure of the National JACL Board. While it appears the system is "ineffective" with the charge that the board is unresponsive to the membership, we are reminded of the yarn of what it takes to fill a sweater. It can be no more nor less.

Beyond the Call of Duty

As Dr. Tak Mayeda of Denver tells it, Mountain Plains Gov. Mts Kawamoto and his Omaha JACLers drove to their recent district council session hosted by San Luis Valley JACL—a distance of nearly 800 miles (one way, that is), which we think is the "beyond the call of duty." And because of a snowstorm over Colorado, the intrepid band of Omahans had to forego the smooth interstate system which skirts the stop and go traffic of cities, and negotiate the trip to the chapter in southwestern Colorado over regular U.S. and state highways—with a little nap at Great Bend, Kansas, after being on the road for about 18 hours. While they were napping, the snowstorm passed over eastward—making it impossible for them to turn around and go home. And heading westward, the Omahans arrived at 9 p.m. at Alamosa Inn where the chapter installation dinner was well past the dessert stage.

The incident recalls another trip by another Omahan to the same chapter. Pat Okura, then national president, didn't drive but took the plane, a charter job out of Denver. And it was 40 degrees below zero when he landed in Alamosa.

The point that should be remembered here is not the wintry weather endured by a Mountain Plains officer but the distances that are covered to "service" the chapters within his district, which is the largest in size for JACL. With Houston JACL as its sixth and newest chapter, about a 1,000 miles separates it from the Mile-Hi chapter in Denver, which makes being an officer in this district a travel-stained landlubber—when you compare distances facing officers in other seven JACL districts. (One exception can be made as the Midwest District covers great distances: Cleveland and Twin Cities are about 750 miles apart.)

Perhaps the time has come to initiate a new JACL "service pin" for chapter and district officers who log at least 10,000 miles by automobile within their district council area. What Gov. Mts Kawamoto of Omaha accomplished on a weekend trek to Alamosa and back—the officer in another district might take a year or two to match.

Let Freedom Ring

Excerpts from The Patriot's Bible, Orbis Books, (\$3.95) Maryknoll, N.Y. 10545

I swear to the Lord / I still can't see / Why Democracy means / Everybody but me.

—Langston Hughes (1943)

FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

Mushrooms by Air

Denver, Colo. Just about every autumn this column comments on the delights and frustrations of hunting down the elusive mushroom, a pastime which seems to bring out the more noble as well as baser instincts of humans. To conceal the secrets of where mushrooms may be found in abundance, people lie to their best friends without blinking an eye. And then they turn right around and generously share with those same friends the few specimens they've gathered on a trip that involved a six-hour round trip drive and a day of plodding up and down nearly vertical mountainside.

Over the years these columns have proved to be among the more popular. Mushrooming seems to be so deeply ingrained into the Nisei culture—at least among the Nisei who have experienced it—that they find pleasure in reading about it.

Thus it was gratifying, but not entirely surprising, to get a call from Judge Roy Hirai of Nyssa, Ore., one recent Saturday night. He had picked up a batch of mushrooms last fall and frozen what his family couldn't eat or give away. He was going to be flying into Denver the next morning where he would change planes on a business trip to Chicago and Washington. In view of the leasy mushroom crop in Colorado, if I would meet him at the airport, he would be happy to deliver a package of frozen mushrooms.

Well, why not, eating mushrooms is the the next best thing to gathering them.

It turned out that Roy Hirai had what amounts to an almost unfair advantage over us run-of-the-mill mushroomers. He is a neighbor of Tom Nishitani, whose brother Woodrow Nishitani is a timberman for the Forest Products Division of Koppers Company. Wood's occupation has made him familiar with the forests over much of the Northwest. So one day, guided by Wood, the three and their wives headed unerringly to a particular spot in the Cascades in southern Washington. (The ethics of the game make it impossible to be more specific.)

In a short while they had filled a substantial number of apple boxes with huge, fragrant, pitiful mushrooms and were ready to head for home. (The experts say picking mushrooms is like picking apples

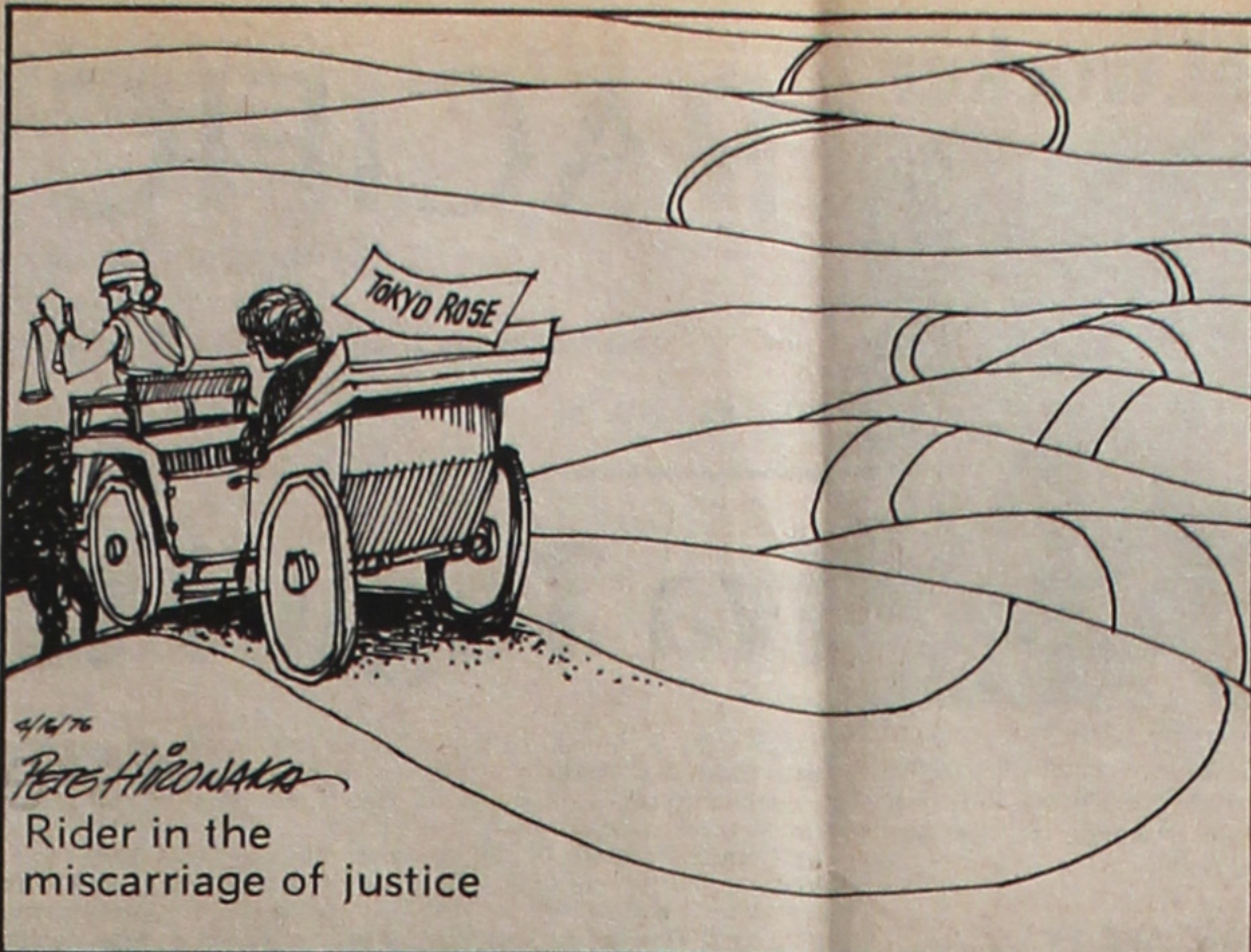
off a tree; you don't hurt whatever it is that produces the mushrooms so long as you don't scratch up the forest surface.)

And now for a word about Judge Hirai. The title is official although he considers himself more properly a retired potato grower. Hirai was born and reared on a farm near Teppenish, Wash., which isn't far from Wapato, which is in the general neighborhood of Yakima. When war came in 1941, and talk of evacuation began to be heard, Hirai and Harry Masto and some of their farm neighbors located land further inland they might move to. But the deal fell through and Hirai and his family were hauled off to the livestock exhibition building that served as an assembly center near Portland, Ore.

Hirai's quarters were in the area where they used to keep the hogs. When it rained, and it rains a lot in Portland, the smell of hogs became very noticeable. So it was understandable that Hirai agreed to take a crew of about a hundred evacuees to eastern Oregon to thin someone else's sugar beets, even though his own crops had been abandoned back in Teppenish. His boss liked Hirai and Hirai liked the area so he decided to stay.

You can't keep a good man down. Soon Hirai was farming for himself and eventually he was harvesting a thousand acres or so of potatoes every fall. When Hirai figured it was about time to retire he was in line for a job with the National Potato Council. But when the appointment was delayed, he yielded to urging and two days before the primaries agreed to become a write-in candidate for county judge of Malheur County. Hirai not only won in the primaries, but went on to upset the incumbent, who had served 12 years. ("I thought he had been doing a good job," Hirai explains. "I knew him well and I wasn't mad at him.") Eventually the Potato Council appointment came along, but he turned it down.

The county court deals with probate matters and common sense more than legal training is needed in the job. Hirai has served three years. He was en route to Washington as a representative of the Oregon Association of Counties to make a pitch for federal funds when he delivered three packages of frozen mushrooms.



Rider in the miscarriage of justice

'Go for Broke!' vs. 'Farewell to Manzanar'

By FRANK CHIN

Part IV
Chick (George Miki), the chick sexer from Iowa, raises the question of the Nisei volunteers being ransomed for their families behind barbed wire. He is suddenly not very popular with his fellow craphooters in the barracks. They call him "baka" and accuse him for volunteering as ransom and not out of patriotism. He says he wasn't in camp when he volunteered. He was a chick sexer in Iowa making \$500 a month.

A Buddhahead from Hawaii never heard of chick sexing and don't believe in it. "It's a science developed in Japan," Chick says. "It's one field where a Buddhahead has a chance... a hand a chance!" He points a finger at white racism and hates Japan for bringing white racism out. The fruit peddler with an architect's degree tells Chick he's crazy and can't blame everything on "racial prejudice." Chick says, "A peddler with an architect's degree..." and asks him if he knows why.

The Japanese Americans in Go For Broke! talk the talk Japanese Americans talk from Hawaii to Iowa to New York and are all aware of white racism in their lives and their relations with other Nisei. Their awareness of white racism runs so deep among them that it's become a theme in their grim battlefield humor. It's that much a fact of life.

White Adversaries

The Nisei patrol is pinned down by German machine-gun fire zinging inches over their helmets. Henry Nakamura says, "More better we fight like in Biblical time. I hear you take your number one guy go fight da kine enemy number one guy. One guy get killed, war over. Pau."

"Who do we send from our side," the architect peddling fruit asks.

"I nominate Lt. Grayson (The racially prejudiced Van Johnson)," someone says, ducking the bullets sizzling through the air.

"Now," the chick sexer says shaking his dice, "I wouldn't know who to root for." By the standard of Farewell to Manzanar that chick sexer is bitter, radical and too much for whites to stomach, as if whites didn't know already, as if Go For Broke! had never

been a popular and well received movie Japanese Americans called timid and a cop-out. From the language used, the mind communicated, the messages sent in the scenes from Go For Broke! I've remembered here, I've got to say Go For Broke! set a standard of the characterization of Japanese American language, character, culture and history that Hollywood movies and TV have respected to this day.

Other Film Titles

I'm saying Go For Broke! is the lowest you can go in portraying Japanese American life, character and history, and still be decent. Japanese War Bride (1952), The Crimson Kimono (1959), Hell To Eternity (1960), Bad Day at Black Rock (1960), the NBC documentary Guilty by Reason of Race (1972), and ABC's TV movie celebrating the tenth anniversary of the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, If Tomorrow Comes, originally titled My Husband The Enemy, but Japanese Americans wouldn't let the show air with that title, back in 1971.

These movies and TV shows portray the Japanese Americans within the standards set by Go For Broke! They say that the least you can know about Japanese Americans and still be decent is that they are aware of white racism and look on the concentration camps as an expression of white racism, not mere one shot war hysteria. The least you can know about Japanese Americans and still be decent is that they are two generations here and are having kids right now; they speak a language laced with Japanese words, phrases, and syntax. Farewell to Manzanar is the only TV or movie to remove the awareness of white racism being anything but war hysteria from the minds of Japanese Americans and Japanese American history and life in the camps.

The Purple Heart, a movie so lasciviously white racist even whites call it white racist, suggests the concentration camps for "more than a 110,000 Japanese nationals" are collections of human ransom for American soldiers taken prisoner by the Imperial Japanese Armed Forces. That's an expression if not acknowledgment of white racism to me.

Go For Broke! brings the presence of the camps to life in Sam who keeps calling camp "home", reads a letter from home that turns into a love letter just before he gets shot dead and his buddies have to write the news to Sam's loved ones back in camp.

Hell To Eternity is the first movie to feature scenes of evacuation action and life inside the camps. A Nisei grade school gym teacher takes an orphaned poor white boy into his family. The Issei mom wins the little redneck over by telling him the peach boy story and all he can do to

LETTERS

Topaz Project

Editor: Regarding Wayne Miyamoto's piece on the Topaz Center monument project (Mar. 5 PC), the anticipated expenditure for 1975 was set at \$9,000 (net \$8,000). The JACL Topaz committee has received \$5,500 from federal, state and Delta City Bicentennial groups.

With recent distribution of the Topaz brochures, we hope to raise over \$2,000 to complete our fund drive and allow for labor and material costs not budgeted due to inflation.

FRANK YOSHIMURA
Chairman, Topaz Comm., Salt Lake City

25 Years Ago

In the PC, April 21, 1951

Apr. 11—President Truman relieves Gen. MacArthur.

Apr. 15—Thousand cherry trees donated by Tokyo Boy Scouts for Salt Lake City to pass federal inspection, burned at Seattle dump.

Apr. 16—Replacement problem faced by 44nd cited by Rep. Hollifield (D-Calif.) in opposing segregated units in Army; JACL opposes "voluntary segregation" provision in Universal Military Training bill.

Apr. 21—Denver police swears in first Nisei (the late James Nakagawa).

Apr. 21—Nisei language behavior analyzed on basis of life in WRA centers by Robert Spencer.

show his fit of love is take the vacuum cleaner from her and suck up the carpet. The Japanese Americans bring him up to be Jeffrey Hunter who becomes a Marine long after his Nisei brothers have signed up for the 442nd. He visits his foster parents in camp and apologizes for white people.

NBC's prime time documentary, Guilty by Reason of Race, and ABC's If Tomorrow Comes, all recognized white racism as the least you could know about the Japanese American camp experience and still be a decent human being. Farewell to Manzanar is the only movie or TV, the first to go below standards of decency set by Go For Broke! twenty-four years ago.

(To Be Concluded)

The PC Observer

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FROM HAPPY VALLEY

'Farewell to Manzanar'

By SACHI SEKO

Salt Lake City
The Wakatsuki family went by shuttered bus to Manzanar. It was a bus which took me first to the Tulare Assembly Center, But the Journey to Gila was by train.

I have been riding night trains ever since. My memory never fails to respond to the metronomic, metallic clinking of wheels clattering on tracks. And the train's warning whistle always conveys an infinite mourn.

Sometimes I hear the trains coming in the night, see the shaft of light slicing the dark. I was fourteen when I rode that train. I am forty-eight now. It is a long time to be riding trains.

I want it to end. But I know I must make that journey once more, one final time. Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston was able to say "farewell" to Manzanar.

Perhaps I hoped that the television production of "Farewell to Manzanar" would be a vehicle for my own catharsis. But that is an absurdity. There were more than 110,000 of us and there are that many individual experiences.

I think we sometimes forget that although we were categorized as a collective, there were only two things which we evaded had in common. One was our race and the other was the immediate experience of having to evacuate.

John Korty's production gave life to a sensitive and warm memoir of the Evacuation as seen through the eyes of a child. An all Asian cast provided a dimension of recognition. I found myself thinking, "I knew someone just like that."

One sensed the bleakness of the evacuees and saw it repeated in the creative set production of Manzanar. One could not help but respond to the totality of emotions. We were once spun through that cataclysm of anger to acquiescence, of sorrow to shame.

Sometimes we were spun so thin we achieved a certain madness. For all the evils of the odyssey, in that time of our unmaking, we saw and knew the depth of our own

humanity. I have not see it since in such overpowering terms, with such intensity.

"Manzanar" provided that slim shadow of a backyard glimpse. The particularly eloquent performance by Nobu McCarthy drew one away from the detachment of years and places and values and brought him back to Manzanar.

I wish that the film had included a reason for Manzanar. We were put on buses and trains by historical and political conditions. American racism has been the poison in the promise.

When I read the book, "Farewell to Manzanar," I did not regard it as a political or historical manuscript. It did not raise any political consciousness, but I don't believe that was the authors' intent.

This does not diminish the value of the story or the TV production. I appreciated the poetry of the psychological impact. No other film or documentary which I have seen has done it so successfully.

We are a people with our own peculiarities. Sometimes we are very quick to stab at the efforts of others. I would hate to aspire to be a Nisei poet, for I know that my greatest detractors, my severest critics would be my own people.

From the enormous wealth of experience of our own singular tragedy, perhaps this is the reason for the withholding of its profits and gifts. Who would be as foolish or as brave to endure the solitude of plumbing one's own pith? And to survive it, only to meet the censure of your own.

I did not regard "Manzanar" as the ultimate expression of the Evacuation. I consider it a forceful prologue to an era of many and varied artistic endeavors. Artists and their work must be respected for the unique individuality which they possess and convey.

Some believe that art must have its social or political commitment. I can think of only one Asian who has achieved that type of sensibility. He is Frank Chin. We have not been able to summon

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Plain Speaking

THE WAY IT IS IN WASHINGTON

Washington

Over the past weeks I've had the opportunity of representing JACLers at several events worthy of reporting to you.

The White House and President Ford have been sponsoring briefings for the ethnic community on various issues both domestic and foreign. Approximately 60 representatives of national and local ethnic organizations met with Mr. Ford individually in the Oval Office. This was my opportunity to thank him personally for the Presidential Proclamation terminating the authority of E.O. 9066. He responded by saying that the signing was "long overdue".

The week before, Congressman Norman Mineta and Senator Daniel Inouye jointly sponsored a Congressional preview and reception for "Farewell to Manzanar" at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. There we had the opportunity of talking with Representatives Mineta, Mink and Danielson, Senators Inouye and Moss, co-authors James and Jeanne Houston of the book "Farewell to Manzanar", and Edison Uno who was a technical advisor for the film. The latter three came from California to attend the preview. All agreed that the film was a most moving and dramatic film.

Late last month, my wife Robyn and I went to New York for a dinner in celebration of the passage of the Rice Act. Dr. Les Hiraoka and I were honored to receive, in behalf of JACL, copies of the final bill which was signed by President Ford and 27 other Congressmen and Senators. Congressmen Rinaldo, Richmond, Peyser and Alexander along with rock singer Harry Chapin presented the awards.

Unexpectedly the next day I bumped into Congressman Peyser again at a dinner in Washington honoring the new Ambassador of Japan, H. W. Fumihiko Togo. This dinner was sponsored by the Japan-America Society of Washington and was graciously handled by the chairman, William Tanaka, renowned international lawyer.

You probably wonder whether all of these events were nothing but eating and drinking. Not so, there was a lot JACL business mixed in. That's the way Washington works.

At a White House briefing



WASHINGTON—President Ford meets Washington JACL Representative Wayne Horiuchi at a White House briefing on the ethnic community held March 30. In the middle is Myron Kurepas, special assistant to the President for Ethnic Affairs. Sixty representatives from local and national ethnic groups attended. After thanking the President for his signing the proclamation terminating the authority of Executive Order 9066, Mr. Ford said, "It was long overdue."

Pulse

Installation

● **Houston JACL**, the 100th chapter and JACL's southernmost chapter now, installed Dr. Toshio Yamauchi, formerly of Chicago, as its president recently. Jim Murakami, national JACL president-elect, of Santa Rosa was the installing officer.

Also active in the new chapter is Hircshi Sakahara, Mountain Plains District vice-governor, formerly of Alameda, Calif., and Tacoma, Wash.

Scholarship

● **Cleveland JACL** will honor area high school and college graduates at a dinner June 5. The names of graduates, who will be guests, are being sought by Julia Ikeda (232-7154) and Wayne Asamoto (449-5132). Graduates will also be sent scholarship information.

● **New York JACL** announced a May 15 deadline for applicants to file for the new \$500 Lucile Nakamura memorial scholarship. Winner will be named at the chapter dinner June 12, according to Ron Inouye, chapter president. Forms may be obtained from Ruby Schaar (50 W. 67th St., New York).

Scholarship is open to chapter members, their children and Nikkei sponsored by a chapter member. Awards go to a deserving high school graduate entering college this year.

fall or to a college undergraduate. Community service orientation and academic achievement will be part of the selection basis for the award.

April Events

● **Eden JAYS** will host an Easter party April 17 at Agnews State Hospital in Milpitas for 125 developmentally disabled kids. JAYS were also asking for donations of candy, goods and items for the Easter baskets, egg hunt and party, it was reported by chapter co-president Donna Fone (537-6427).

● **West Los Angeles JACL** was to hear former HEW Secretary Robert Finch, candidate for U.S. Senate, at its Meet the Candidate program April 14 at Mahood Center.

● **French Camp JACL** will picnic April 25 at Mickle Grove Area 2 from 11 a.m. Hatsu Ncnaka, Tom Natsuhara and Hide Morinaka are co-chairing the annual community event. Assisting on the committee are members of the chapter, women's auxiliary and JAYS.

● **Fowler JACL** members heard attorney Gerald Tahajan discuss wills and trusts at the April 1 chapter dinner meeting at Watertree Inn. About 45 members attended. Importance of the subject matter was stressed because so many members have land and the basic problem is to minimize the tax problem in the case of death. Documentation and will should be completed in consultation with an

attorney. Much time is also spent reviewing the deeds to land, Tahajan noted.

He further explained community property, gifts, the joint tenancy problems which may supersede a will in case of death in the family. Other securities in the estate also come under scrutiny. State law, since July 1, 1975, allows the estate need not be subject to probate for those in the low or middle income.

Another means of reducing the estate is to contribute to church, charity or the children annually. The incorporated farm is another problem. Estate planning involves insurance, living trusts and continued conferring with the attorney as laws change, Tahajan concluded.

May Events

● **Chicago JACL** will present its two scholarship awards on Saturday, May 22, 7 p.m., at Como Inn, 546 N. Milwaukee, Ave., it was announced by Alvin Hayashi, chairman. The two awards are the new \$500 Thomas Yatabe Award and a \$400 Chicago chapter award.

● **Cardena Valley JACL** will introduce its Nisei Week queen at a coronation ball to be held May 22 at Holiday Inn, Torrance. Application deadline is April 20, according to Aya Otsu (324-3600) and Alyce Louie (329-30556).

March Events

● **Puyallup Valley JACL** hosted a new member potluck Mar. 14 with 85 members present. Chapter president Dr. Paul spoke on JACL activities after the dinner of American and Oriental cuisine. George Iwakiri led the songfest.

Emi Somekawa and committee decorated each table with a Japanese doll centerpiece.



—H. Tadokuma Photo

Gary Yoshida (left) of Gardena Valley JACL and Gail Kaminishi, president of Gardena Pioneer Project, work on plans for the one-day Hanami trip for senior citizens to view the cherry blossoms at Beaumont April 24.

Shin Tokyo Plaza named developer by CRA

LOS ANGELES—Shin Tokyo Plaza Group was awarded "exclusive rights to negotiate" for development of a specialty shopping center in the Little Tokyo Redevelopment Project, it was announced April 2 by Kurt Meyer, board chairman of the Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency.

Active with the group are Akira Kawasaki, Roy Hoshizaki, Hiro Salshe and Roy Ishii. Little Tokyo businessmen whose operations will be displaced by the widening of E. 1st St. and project relocation.

The proposed \$3 million shopping center will be situated on Moline Alley between First and Second Sts. Four buildings are planned.

Airlines fined

SAN FRANCISCO—U.S. District Judge Oliver Carter last week (Mar. 29) fined 13 airlines, which pleaded no contest to charges of making illegal rebates to travel agents and freight forwarders. Japan Air Lines was fined \$3,000 each for three violations while Air Siam and Korea Airlines drew the stiffest fines, a maximum \$5,000 per count for seven violations.

Poston II high school

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Poston II High School graduate will have another reunion this summer as preliminary meeting of class representatives has been scheduled at the Hyatt House, San Jose, for April 24. To update the address list, graduates should call: San Francisco—Mary Negi (566-3551), Jack Matsuoka (355-7294); San Jose—Jenny Yoshida (253-8043), Rod Kobara (275-9200); Sacramento—George Oki (285-3816); Watsonville—Salinas—Chieko Shikuma (722-2659), Bob Oka (422-9644); Fresno—(285-7659).

Employ the Handicapped

Many "handicapped" workers are only handicapped at finding jobs, not holding them.

'Tokyo Rose'—

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Iva's attorney, Wayne Collins Jr. of San Francisco, says "any reasonable review of the record will show numerous reasons for pardon".

Judge Michael Roche had admitted exhibits that would have been "clearly inadmissible under today's rules", including evidence showing the photograph of "Tokyo Rose" signed by d'Aquino while she was in custody in occupied Japan, Collins noted. "Who knows what coercion was used to get those photographs?"

Collins also noted the government claimed it had destroyed its own tapes of the "Tokyo Rose" broadcasts but used selected private copies at the trial. Iva was also forced to remain in jail for two years prior to her trial, thus denying her guarantee of a speedy trial, he added. And the trial by a jury of her peers excluded blacks and Orientals.

'A Tiger'

Of her 6½ years she served in prison, Iva preferred not to comment. "It was private and it should remain that way. I really don't care to discuss it."

Of the sudden surge of support for pardon, she found it "comforting" but added she wouldn't want to jump off the Hanceck Bldg. (one of Chicago's highest) "If I don't get it."

Of her choice not to renounce U.S. citizenship to escape the travails, she recalled it was the "proudest moment in my life" on her return for the trial. "My father saw me and said: 'Girl, we're proud of your stripes. A tiger can't change his stripes, but a person can do so easily. You didn't.'"

(It might be parenthetically added that Iva—being born in 1916—is "Tatsu-Dragon" by the Oriental zodiac, which holds these people will find their happiest time in middle age. She will be 60 years old come July 4—Ed.)

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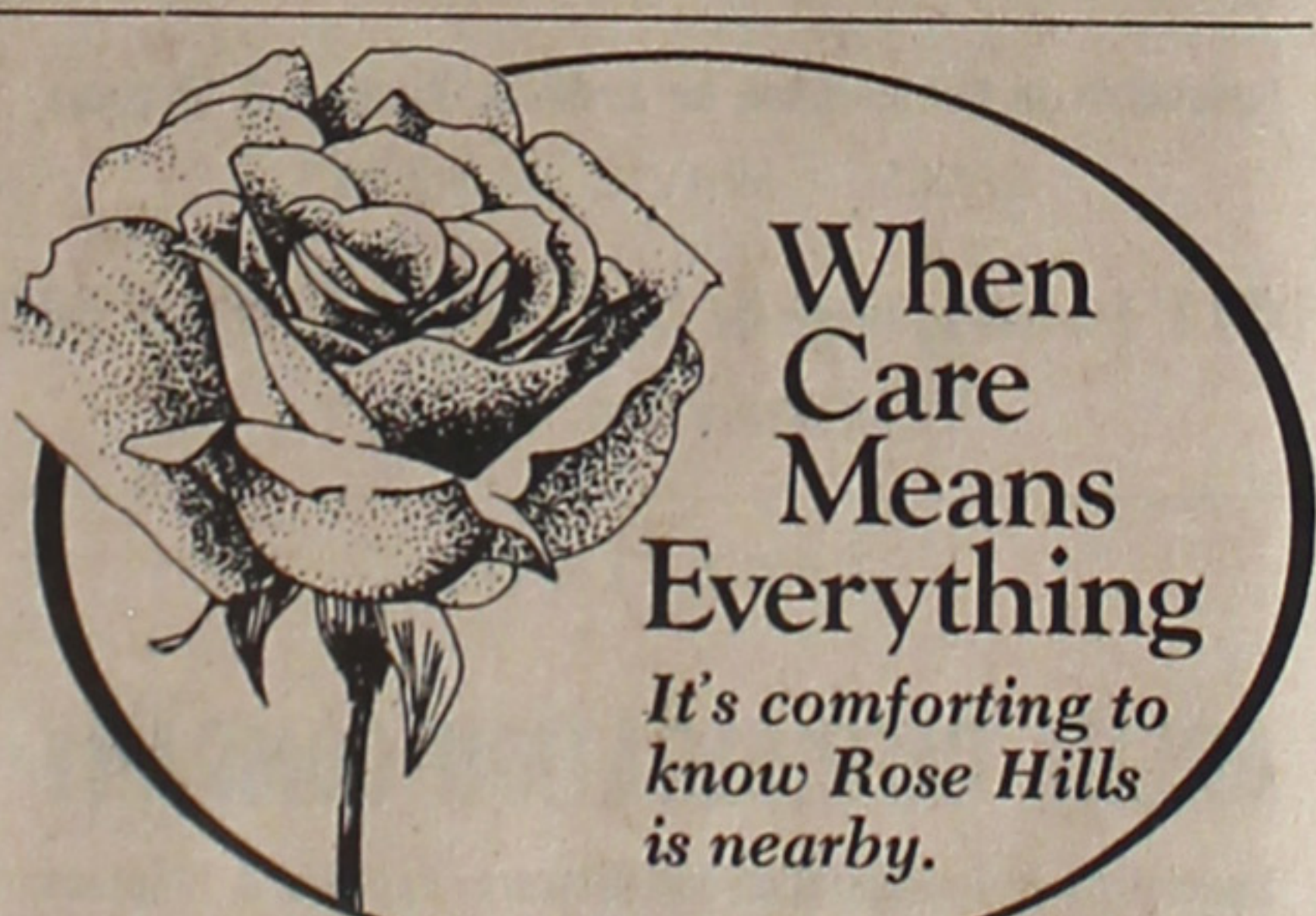
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College cites Nisei developer of Japanese language curriculum

LIBERTY, Mo. — Mrs. Esther Tateishi Sato, associate professor of education at Univ. of Hawaii's Dept. of Curriculum and Instruction, was among five alumni honored Mar. 25 when William Jewell College here held its 32nd annual Achievement Day.

Mrs. Sato, after graduating William Jewell in 1938, earned her M.A. in science education from Columbia University in 1939 and a second master of arts degree in Japanese from the Univ. of Hawaii in 1966. She also did graduate work in language and linguistics at Indiana University after her work in the Asian and Pacific Language Dept. at Hawaii in 1961-62.

She had been teaching in the elementary and secondary levels in Hawaii until the mid-1960s when she became co-director of a federal project on the development of instructional materials for Japanese in the U.S. secondary and elementary schools. It was this time of educational piloting in teaching Japanese that Mrs. Sato earned international recognition. The curriculum materials developed in the five-year project has

throughout the world wherever the Japanese language is taught. She has been consultant and discussant at many U.S. conferences wherever the Japanese language in schools is the topic.

Listed in the World's Who's Who of Women, she has received other top honors, has made frequent appearances on educational TV, and directed annual educational and cultural tours of Japan.

She is married to a Honolulu dentist, Dr. Yeshio Sato. They have a son, Brian, who is also a dentist, and two daughters who teach, Joanne Fujii and Claire Sato, all in Honolulu.

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Gray whales at 7 o'clock



Photo by Clifford Uyeda

The Goodyear blimp "Columbia" takes on passengers for the annual Whale Watch Operation off Southern California.

By CLIFFORD I. UYEDA

San Francisco I've corresponded with Mrs. Beml DeBus for years. She is the editor of Whalewatcher, put out by the American Cetacean Society of Los Angeles. Her latest letter made every nerve in my body tingle with excitement. It was an invitation to the Annual Whale-watch Operation from the Goodyear blimp.

My wife (Helen) and I flew down on PSA, and was met at the airport by Beml DeBus. The sky over Los Angeles was clear. Only a slight haze hung

over the horizon. "What a perfect day for whalewatching!" Mrs. DeBus remarked.

We stopped at a restaurant near the blimp base for a "snack." "An Executive Producer of the Japan News Film Service will join us," said Mrs. DeBus. "We will want the Japanese to see the gray whales."

As we waited at the Goodyear Airship Base, a huge form could be seen floating in from the West. Ground crew rushed out to secure it. Columbia is one of the four Goodyear blimps operating in

the United States. Its 192 feet length and over 50 feet in height and width reminded me of the shape of fat, pre-World War II football. A cabin hanging on the underside was only 23 feet long and held a pilot and six passengers.

A passenger coming out of the cabin raised both arms and remarked, "Unbelievable!" Forty-two gray whales had been sighted during the morning flight.

We were assisted up the iron ladder into the cabin. Two were Board members of the Cabrillo Marine Museum, two associated with the Japan News Film Service, and Helen and I made the six passengers. Pilot John Crayton gave the signal, and we were off.

We drifted directly westward into Santa Monica Bay, most directly below us were then headed across San Pedro Channel toward the western tip of Santa Catalina island. pilot lowered the blimp so that "Fewer migrating whales are

entering the channel," said one of the Marine Museum volunteers. "Whalewatch party boats are scaring them off course, so that the major migration is now west of Catalina island."

The sea was calm and turquoise blue. The blimp hovered 300 feet above the water. Our cameras were ready. Everyone strained to see the sunlit surface hoping to be the first to spot the grays which are traveling south along the California coast from December through February. Their destinations are the lagoons of Baja California where they will calve and breed. In March and April they will travel north again to the summer feeding ground in the Bering Sea and the adjacent Arctic Ocean. They travel 6,000 to 9,000 miles each way, the longest migration of any known mammals. Their top speed is about ten knots.

"Whales at 7 o'clock!" a museum volunteer shouted. Alward into Santa Monica Bay, most directly below us were then headed across San Pedro Channel toward the western tip of Santa Catalina island. pilot lowered the blimp so that "Fewer migrating whales are

The whales didn't seem to notice us, swimming leisurely, their giant bodies touching now and then.

We didn't see any more until we rounded the western tip of Catalina island. Then in rapid succession we came across one pod after another. They dove, if we approached too close, leaving "foot prints" which are round slicks on the surface. The Japanese cameraman had his equipment outside the cabin window. "Hope he doesn't drop it," I thought to myself.

A school of dolphins came by, then the round headed pilot whales. There is something so spectacular and satisfying in seeing these creatures in the open sea, instead of in a confined tank at Marineland, Sea World, Marine World, etc. We too many years ago.

The brilliance of the day was fading in the West as our blimp, Columbia, cut across the narrow neck of the island and re-entered San Pedro Channel. I recalled the ugly posters and words directed toward Japanese for hunting "California gray whales" in sight of the American coast. "I was glad the statement is not true. Japan does not hunt gray whales. Gray whales are protected by an international treaty; and Japan has reaffirmed her intention to abide by the ban. The last harpoon these creatures were the American whalers stationed at Richmond in San Francisco Bay. That was not too many years ago.

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San Jose YJA cage champions emerge

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Sacramento came from behind to win 41-39 in overtime over San Francisco for the C title. Eastbay squeaked 27-25 over San Jose CYS for the D title. Tournament all-stars were:

C—Gary Nishi (CC), John Hoku (Zeb), Doug Kikimoto (Sac), Keith Sato (SF), Tosh Hirasawa (SF); MVP: Harvey Yoshii (SF), MIP: Rich Muramoto (Sac), TM Sp: San Jose Zebras.

D—Gregg Tsukushi (Seq), Kevin Kashima (Seq), Scott Mamiya (SF), Kevin Nakamura (CYS), Clint Okamura (EB); MVP: Mark Fujita (EB), MIP: Tad Jingui (CYS); TM Sp: Eastbay YAL.

Chairman resigns

CLEVELAND, Ohio — Scott Furukawa cited a tight work schedule and submitted his resignation as Cleveland JACL chapter president. Youngest person elected to this post here, his brief tenure saw new programs initiated.

HIDDEN ASPECTS UNCOVERED

A 'local' view of PCYA

By NANCY TAKAHASHI

Silver Spring, Md. The Presidential Classroom for Young Americans gave me an intriguing glimpse of many of the more hidden aspects of our government. Our class had speakers from various branches of government, their presentations often spiced with opposing points of view.

Some speakers spoke heatedly; some seemed to be harboring lurking evils; some didn't really say anything, while others were open and friendly, honest and helpful.

The common characteristic of students was welcome, overflowing with friendship and cheer. One of the first activities was the "grand tour"

of Washington. Since I live but 14 miles away, I was not looking forward to the expedition with much enthusiasm, but I found it was a grand opportunity to get to know people.

I often found myself elected tour guide during a scheduled tour that was crammed with visits to Capitol Hill, lectures, assemblies and discussion groups. Even the spare moments found clusters of friends congregating in the halls, offices and hotel rooms sharing experiences.

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Book Review

Allan Beekman

HAWAII HUB OF THREE TITLES

Treasure in Earthen Vessels: God's Love Overflows in Peace and War, by Herbert V. Nielsen. Introduction by Togo Tanaka. dist. by author, 1639 Locust St., Pasadena 91106; \$5 hardcover, \$3 paperback.

Hawaii Under Army Rule: The Real Story of Three Years of Martial Law in a Loyal American Territory, by J. Garner Anthony. Univ. of Hawaii Press, 203 pp., paperback, \$3.95.

The Sardalwood Mountains: Readings and Stories of the Early Chinese in Hawaii, compiled and edited by Tin-Yuke Char. Univ. of Hawaii, 359 pp., \$12.

Sandalwood was among the first exports from Hawaii after the discovery of the archipelago by Capt. James Cook in 1778. Identifying the islands with this important product, the Chinese named Hawaii the Sandalwood Mountains.

According to the book by the same name, the Chinese may have begun to come to Hawaii from 1788. When sugar became the major industry of Hawaii, sugar planters sharply increased the rate of immigration by bringing Chinese to Hawaii plantations as contract laborers.

Upon completion of their contracts, the Chinese tended to quit the plantations and to establish businesses, some of which have grown into vast enterprises. From the beginning, the Chinese had intermingled with the native Hawaiians; later some Chinese brought women from China.

Of particular interest is the account by Elizabeth Wong, of a Chinese girl brought to Hawaii as a slave and who prospered and gained ascendancy over the mistress who had mistreated her. The book carries notes, appendices and index.

The narrative of "Treasure in Earthen Vessels" also has Hawaii as its hub, Hawaii being the birthplace of the bride of the author. But most of the action occurs in mainland America and in Japan.

Born in Rochester, N.Y. in 1892, the author writes that God became real to him in a storm, at 12, through a loose shutter, moved as if by divine force, banging against the wall of the meetinghouse. Again, Big League baseball player Billy Sunday, turned evangelist, preached to the author in 1915, inspiring him to dedicate himself to God as missionary to Japan.

Though he came to love Japan, the author returned to America in 1940. There, through a Quaker, he became pastor of the W. Los Angeles Japanese Methodist Church. Through this post, he became a member of the Nikkei community. When the Nikkei were

U.S. passport info on birthplace discriminatory

WASHINGTON—Sen. Hiram L. Fong (R-Hawaii) proposed information on the place of birth of a U.S. citizen be re-played Billy Sunday, turned evangelist, preached to the author in 1915, inspiring him to dedicate himself to God as missionary to Japan.

Fong noted countless naturalized citizens told him some foreign countries use the information to deny them visas to visit such countries. And Japanese Methodist Church, "nothing in our statutes requires this information (on place of birth) to appear on a U.S. passport," Fong added.

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Tokyo man sees no humor in Kobe police fine

By MAS MANBO

TOKYO — Kobe police are clamping down on an old Japanese custom by handing out fines but Tokyoites are still going sock-free while doing what comes naturally.

A letter in the English-language Daily Yomiuri's "What the Japanese Are Saying" column explains the situation.

It is a translated version of a reader's letter published in

SPARTAN BEAT

The Kiryu column of the Yomiuri Shimbun, the daily's parent paper. This is what the letter writer has to say: "I cannot help laughing when I see arguments in this column about urinating in the street."

"I think that Kobe must be a terrible place to live in, with the news that police in the area are enforcing a regulation which imposes a \$3,000 fine on anyone urinating there in public."

"I live in the suburbs of Tokyo and have often spotted policemen urinating in the street."

"Since I have no police authority, I cannot arrest them."

"I myself have had the same experience, so, honestly speaking, I look at them with rather sympathetic eyes."

"It is common sense to think that efforts by the police to enforce control over this bad practice may help greatly to prevent this 'crime'."

"I believe, however, that anyone who urinates in the street has a reason for doing so—that is, physical necessity. The major reason why he has to do so is very simple. There are no public toilets nearby."

Questionable Place

Not only is Tokyo short of public lavatories but there are doubts about the advisability of going into the ones available as recent news items indicate.

For instance, this story appearing in the Daily Yomiuri early this year:

"Katsuya Nagai, 47, a trading house president, was using a public lavatory at an amuse-

Don Quixote or Sir Galahad?

By BARRY SAIKI

TOKYO—True to their name, Lockheed executives had heeded advice and kept their mouths locked shut, the scandal would not have gained public attention. As it is, this issue is still creating ripples of newspaper and magazine copy, as the scavenger's hunt continues for fresh heads to find and roll.

The air in Japan is thick with innuendoes and with hyptheses including one semi-chronological account of interrelationships by John G. Roberts in the Mainichi Daily, which seems to imply that almost every major Japanese political leader in the postwar are involved in some way in some shenanigans.

The lowly peanut has become a big thing in Japan: peanuts are thrown by demonstrators, posters are decorated with the "gobbers," and even a song called "Black Peanuts" was written, but withheld.

In some respect, the multimillion dollar scandal has brought to a standstill, the multimillion dollar business of the nation for the past several weeks.

More and more, the suppositions and the "therefores" are beginning to resemble the McCarthyism of the mid-1950s, except that the principles involved are mostly Japanese and conservative, rather than American and ultra-liberal.

Kedama Indicted

And just like the FBI in the earlier decades, which could not prove the actual crimes against such impregnable "hooch" heroes as Al Capone and William Hoffa, the Japanese tax authorities have found enough to indict Yoshio K-dama for tax evasion. It seems that money is capable of speaking in any language and in many ways.

Although Kedama's taxes, penalties and fines are estimated to total about \$60 million, this will still leave him with a comfortable \$40 million, give and take a few well-

ment quarter in Shibuya, Tokyo, when a man seized him from behind and robbed him of ¥305,500 Wednesday night. "The victim was robbed at a public lavatory in the Dogenzaka amusement quarter after drinking at a nearby saloon."

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salted peanuts. Incidentally, "kedama" was a form of currency used in the pre-Meiji era in Japan. They were small lumps of low percentage silver money, valued in terms of weight.

The Lockheed scandal here should be studied from a different perspective, if actual conditions leading to such scandals are to be more clearly understood.

Oriental Perspective

From this observation point in the Far East, the austere and puritanistic pronouncements of Senator Church, expressing his evangelistic zeal for taking the leadership role in cleaning up the entire world of "under-the-counter" transactions, sound more than a little ridiculous.

Realistically speaking, every country has her own set of standards and traditional codes, under which her people lives. Naturally, they resist and even resent foreign attempts to convert their beliefs.

For example, if you were a businessman visiting Singapore and suddenly wanted to go to Indonesia on business, it would take a confirmed round-trip air ticket and a week to get a visa under normal circumstances. Yet, if you follow non-standard procedures, it is possible to make the trip in two or three days. The cost would be cheaper than staying three or four extra days in Singapore.

If you wanted a permanent visa in a nearby Southeast Asian country, you will be told that the quota of visas for Japanese or Americans are filled up. You may have to wait two years for this visa. Meanwhile, you will have to go in and out of the country several times a year on temporary visas. The \$64 question is "Is it worth a \$1,000 to get a permanent visa in two or three months?"

Many contracts made and signed throughout the Near and Middle East as well as

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a Frank Chin from among us. For all the achievements we point to with considerable pride, for all the material gains, for all the personal recognitions, what will we leave behind? What will speak for us, what will validate our existence? Who will care what committee we served on, what schools we attended what honors we attained?

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Music



Kazuko Hara

Soprano Kazuko Hara, graduate from Tokyo University of Arts and who studied further and performed on both stage and TV in Europe, was featured in a recital Feb. 20 at Carmel-by-the-Sea, presenting operatic and Japanese songs. She lives on the Monterey Peninsula with her husband and daughter. She was named a Japan finalist competing in the International Madame Butterfly competition this coming May. The Sigma Alpha Iota International

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music fraternity regional conference April 2-4 at Sheraton West Hotel, Los Angeles, featured the noted Kayoko Wakita Japanese Music and Dance Ensemble in a benefit performance. Miss Wakita's koto orchestra was the first of its kind outside of Japan and a longtime favorite with L.A. audiences.

Awards

Mrs. Mary Nakaishi of Ogden, known as the "Angel of 25th St.", was presented the Public Citizen Award Mar. 26 by the Utah Chapter of the Nat'l Assn. of Social Workers. She and her husband, Yukio, have operated Yuke's Cafe for nearly 30 years in Ogden where they have given of themselves and their resources in helping hundreds of persons needing food, lodging and other assistance. Last Christmas, for instance, the couple prepared and served more than 200 free dinners for transients.

San Francisco Examiner named Yori Wada, 59, executive director of the Buchanan St. YMCA, among its "Most Distinguished Ten" for his outstanding record of community service. A 1940 UC Berkeley graduate, he was recognized for his ability to work with young men of all races and for his behind-the-scenes efforts on behalf of troubled street youths.

Sports

Another Hawaiian Olympic contender is Christopher Woo, an 18-year-old Chinese American swimmer at Punahou who holds the nation's high school 100-yd. breaststroke record at 55.9s. With a 3.5 GPA, a college athletic scholarship is assured but he hasn't decided whether it'll be Stanford or Indiana.

Who competed in the National AAU indoor championships in Long Beach April 1-3 against world record holder John Hencken of Santa Clara Swim Club and other top flight men in the 100 and 200 meter breaststroke. Britain's

David Wilkie, a student at Univ. of Miami, upset Hencken in both events. Woo finished with a creditable 4th in the 100 with a time of 1:05.71 and was eighth in the 200, time not listed.

Elections

Of the 56 Los Angeles county superior court judges up for re-election, only five face opposition on the June 8 ballot. Judge Robert M. Takasugi is being challenged for Office No. 40 by two municipal judges: Nathan Axel and David Aisenman. Young tomato grower, John Kimura, 30, was successful in his first bid for public office recently by being elected to the Woodland City Council. As top vote getter, he was named vice mayor or Yolo County's largest city.

Milestones

Wedding Note: Two longtime Portland JACLers JACLers, George Azumano and Nobu Tsuboi were married Mar. 21.

Happenings

San Francisco

The S.F. Neighborhood Legal Assistance Office at 720 Webster (567-2804) for the Western Addition Tract has added Kaz Maniwa to its staff. A recent Hastings Law School graduate, he will also be at Japanese Community Service, 2012 Pine St., on Fridays, 3-6 p.m. (929-7587).

Sacramento

To strengthen self-esteem as Japanese Americans, a Jan Ken Po Gakko will be offered four days a week from June 14-July 15 at Sacramento Parkview Presbyterian Church. Classes will be held from 9 a.m. till noon. Registration information may be secured from Christine Umeda (391-1929). The project is also looking for a director-coordinator, who is experienced working with youngsters between ages 3-12, bilingual and knowledgeable of the Japanese culture and community. Resumes were due April 16 with George Imura, 1949 63rd Ave., Sacramento 95822 (421-6813).

Orange County

Nearing completion adjacent to the Orange County Buddhist Church in Anaheim is Pear Tree Center, a shopping complex scheduled to open June 1, according to Jim Shimozono, AIA, principal in the partnership of the development.

New York

The Japanese American Assn. of New York launched its first general fund drive since 1970 in an effort to raise some \$10,000 to foot its expanding program of community services, according to its president George Yamaoka and George Shimamoto, campaign chairman.

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Government

San Francisco Mayor Moscone appointed Gordon Lau to the city planning commission and reappointed David Yamakawa Jr. to the human rights commission.

Masao Tsukamoto succeeds Takaki Hasegawa as the Japanese consul general in Honolulu. Hasegawa leaves for Hanoi to be Japan's first ambassador to North Vietnam. Tsukamoto, 55, completed a two-year stay as consul general at Houston. Yukio Takamatsu, Japanese Consul general in Hamburg, has succeeded Keiichi Tachibana at Los Angeles. Takamatsu, who has served in Indonesia and Washington, completed three tours of 10 years in West Germany. Tachibana was reassigned in February to London as envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary.

San Diego Mayor Wilson named Harold Sadler, architect, to the city's park and recreation board to succeed Joseph Y. Yamada, who resigned in March due to a conflict of interest controversy.

Health

Calif. Gov. Brown named seven to a newly created advisory council to assist the Medical Quality Assurance Board on acupuncture practice. They are:

Richard Kroenig, Sherman Oaks; Benson You, Ka Yau Wong, San Francisco; Yam Ying Tsai, Los Angeles; Mortimer Weiss, Novato; Sang Hyuck Shin, Anaheim; and Tadashi Hayashida, Sacramento.

Business

Merit Savings in Little Tokyo announced Katsumi Frank Yoshida joined its staff as savings supervisor and coordinator. The Las Vegas-born Nisei was stranded in Japan during World War II as a student, returning to the U.S. in 1964 and employed in the savings and loan industry ever since.

Architect

Toronto architect Raymond Moriama was selected to design the \$5.5 million Art Gallery of London, Ont., at the site surveyed as the place for the new city after the War of 1812 at the Thames River fork.

Grand sumo due in
L.A. June 4 and 6

LOS ANGELES—The top 36 sumo wrestlers from Japan will be presented in a two-day tournament at the L.A. Sports Arena June 4 and 6 under sponsorship of the Gardenia Valley Japanese Cultural Institute Building Fund. This is the second time in its 1,500-year history that sumoists from Japan are appearing here. Takamiyama, nee Jesse Kahulua of Hawaii, will be among the group which includes two grand champions.

Tickets are available at Merit Savings from \$8 upper arena to \$15 ringside with children's prices prevailing in the upper arena and loge sections.

Richard Gima Aloha



—Hawaii Hochi

Mary Ann Yuki Oato

Names in the News

Mary Ann Oato of Honolulu will be Hawaii's senior hostess at the Montreal Olympic Games July 17-Aug. 1. James Morita, board chairman and chief executive of City Bank of Honolulu, was

the recipient of the 1976 Hawaii Friends of National Jewish Hospital and Research Center Award. Edwin Wong, senior v.p.-administration at Alexander & Baldwin, Inc. will be board chairman of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii in 1977.

Maui County police chief Abraham Aloia plans to retire on May 1. He has been in the police service for 29 years. He became chief Sept. 1, 1969. Charles Duarte, who retired as deputy Honolulu police chief in April, 1974, was named by Mayor Fasi to the Honolulu police commission. Duarte, 58, has been chief special security agent for Hawaiian Telephone Co. since March, 1975. Longtime Island surgeon, Dr. Verne Waite, has been named chief of the state health department's hospital and medical facilities branch.

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With over 70,000 Koreans recently settled in Southern California, its shops and service-related businesses are clustered in the so-called Wilshire-Uptown area, between 8th and Olympic Blvd. and

between Vermont and Western Aves., and often called "Second Seoul".

In December, the Dept. of Motor Vehicles issued a Korean version of its driver's handbook — the first official recognition of the community by the agency.

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