

Doers or Visionaries

Washington
Elections are an everyday occurrence in American life. Yet, accustomed as we are to the electoral process and ritual, the quadrennial ritual leading to the nomination of candidates for the presidency of the United States and eventually the election in November somehow enthalls the American public—at least so the news media would have us believe.

Perhaps being at the Nation's capital heightens one's awareness of and sensitivity to the political maneuvering, chicanery and sphystry which seems more apparent in a presidential election year. As a political observer qua observer, the entire process could be an interesting, if not curious, phenomenon for academic study. Since, however, the outcome of a presidential election can affect in one way or another, the lives and livelihoods of all of us, it is difficult to be a mere observer

of the scene.
One must either try to understand what is being said and done (often with a sense of unease or foreboding) or totally ignore the process much like an ostrich with head in the ground.

Intelligent appraisal of candidate promises of what they will achieve if elected would reveal them to be merely, and at best, expressions of hopes of what the candidate would like to see accomplished. The reality is that, as the post-Watergate revelations and the resulting actions by decision-makers and citizenry alike have clearly demonstrated, no single individual in a democratic society such as ours—be President, Congressman, judge or anyone else—has absolute authority or power to carry out governmental programs or actions, good or bad. The nation's leaders can attempt to set the mood and point the direction, but nothing more.

Over 70 applications reviewed for JAL-JACL cultural heritage fellowship

SEABROOK, N.J.—Over 70 applications were reviewed this past week (May 8) by a preliminary panel of judges to select eight finalists and two alternates for the four Japan Air Lines-JACL Cultural Heritage Fellowships being offered this year. It was revealed by Ellen Nakamura, chairperson of the preliminary panel.

Finalists will be flown May 22 to San Francisco for oral interview and impromptu speeches before a distinguished panel of judges, who will announce the winners during the awards banquet the next day, May 23, 6:30 p.m., at the Sheraton Palace Hotel. A two-term Seabrook past president, Mrs. Nakamura said all JACL districts were extremely well represented by the applicants, who have majored in a variety of studies, including law, art, language and science or were engaged in diverse fields of employment.

"It was a monumental and grueling task for the preliminary judging panel," she said. Other members of the panel: Mrs. Sunkie Oye, Mrs. Mary Nagao, G. Scott Nagao, Mrs. Diane Ooka, and James K. Weatherly.

Preliminary Judges
Mrs. Oye, current Seabrook JACL president and secretary

FROM JACL NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS COMMUNICATIONS

Project Responsiveness

Finding out about private foundations and their attitude towards Japanese Americans is important to every group or organization. Project Responsiveness, a program sponsored by the Japanese American Citizens League and funded by the Campaign for Human Development (CHD), will host a workshop that deals specifically in the area of philanthropy.

On Tuesday, May 18, 7:30 p.m., the Seacra JACL will host a workshop at the Palo Alto Buddhist Church, 2751 Luis Road, Palo Alto. Workshops put on by the Project Coordinator Amy Doi consist of communicating to the Japanese American community what the objectives, policies, operational procedures, and activities are of foundations. She will also cover what the involvement of foundations with Japanese American groups has been. Amy notes that people will be surprised to learn how little attention is paid to Japanese Americans by foundations.

Overall, the workshop guarantees participants a greater understanding of foundations, and how to go about gaining support from foundations. Other workshops planned during the next few months for Northern California regions include San Francisco, Stockton, Salinas, and Contra Costa. For more information about Project Responsiveness, call Amy Doi at (415) 921-5225.

Convention Credentials

San Francisco JACL chapters were reminded to submit names and address of their delegates to the 1976 convention by May 20 to National Headquarters. Chapters are allowed two delegates and two alternate delegates but only carry one vote in National Council proceedings. To be credited, a chapter must be in good standing—which means:

- 1—Membership of 25 or more American citizens, 18 years old or over.
- 2—A current set of officers, including a president who is at least 21 years old.
- 3—Chapter constitution and by-laws, consistent with the National JACL constitution and by-laws.

Student Aid Program

Philadelphia JACL chapters in memory of Abe Hagihara, a pioneer youth worker in Cleveland and Chicago and a JACL member of the Biennial, totaling \$5,000 will be available for 1976. It was announced by Grace Ueyehara, national JACL scholarship committee chairperson.

Application forms are available from JACL Headquarters or the regional offices. Filing deadline is June 30.

Program is designed primarily for the needy student. Grants range from \$200 to \$500 as determined by a panel of judges. Names of awardees are not publicized.

Any student of Japanese ancestry permanently residing in the U.S., members and family members of JACL in need of financial help in attending high school, college, trade or technical school may apply.

1976 Memberships

San Francisco Membership during March included 6,155 additional for a March 30 total of 19,530 or 64% of the 1976 goal of 30,000. Breakdown by districts shows:

District	Goal	To Date	Pctg
San Francisco	2,550	1,244	60.8
San Jose	1,150	582	50.6
San Diego	1,150	582	50.6
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MDC re-elects Lillian Kimura

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—The JACL Midwest District Council re-elected Lillian Kimura as district governor for another biennium at its spring meeting held here April 9-10. Cathy Hironaka of Dayton is the new Midwest District Youth Council chairperson, succeeding Scott Furukawa of Cleveland.

The MDC board is comprised of three elected officials (governor and two vice governors), immediate past governor, and MDYC chairperson. Since notice to amend was not timely filed, no action was taken.

Midwest JAYS and chapters were urged to circulate petitions supporting a Presidential pardon for Iva Toguri d'Aquino.

Delegates were apprised of the one-third cut in the Midwest Office budget from \$31,500 to \$21,000 for the coming fiscal year—which meant elimination of a professional staff member. Since the delegates were generally agreed, a professional staff member's presence was most desirable, methods of retaining the present office was discussed at length.

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CHAPTER SPIRIT



Photo by Lee Clafin
Philadelphia JACL's sales booth at 1976 Folk Fair

Philadelphia JACL

The Philadelphia JACL participated in the 12th biennial Folk Fair at Convention Hall April 23-25. Members of the Delaware Valley Japanese community and friends took part in program, exhibit sales and food phases of the three-day affair in which more than 50 ethnic groups participated.

The Folk Fair, sponsored by the Nationalities Service Center of Philadelphia, is a show case promoting understanding and appreciation of the rich cultural heritage possessed by the various ethnic and nationality groups in the metropolitan Philadelphia area. The theme this year was "Many Traditions—One Nation." Fair was attended by approximately 60,000 people.

Attuned to the theme of the program, a group of 22 JACL dancers presented "Old and New Japan." Old Japan was represented by a Lion Dance, New Japan by "Besu-boro Ono" (baseball ondo). Program chairman was Mrs. Hatsumi Harada, assisted by Mrs. Seppie and Mrs. Mitsuyo Masters.

Cultural Exhibits
The exhibit booth, with a structure simulating a Japanese tea house, was the background for demonstrations of origami, tea ceremony, flower arranging and calligraphy. Sets Fuyume was exhibit booth chairman. The Rev. Yoshitaka Shimada of the Philadelphia Japanese Christian Church; Dr. Koji Shimada, president; and Seiji Kuroki, vice president, of the Japan Association of Philadelphia, were at great assistance in finding the talent to perform the demonstrations.

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\$2 billion seen for evacuees

PORTLAND, Ore.—After six years of waiting, a National JACL committee was finally convened to draft a reparations plan for Japanese Americans who were denied their constitutional rights during World War II because of their ancestry.

The National JACL Reparations Campaign Committee met at the JACL regional office here over the May 1-2 weekend, proposing a basic plan with two amendments and an alternative for consideration at the national convention in Sacramento next month.

The basic plan calls for providing \$5,000 per person plus \$10 for each day of confinement. Estimated cost would be about \$2 billion, it was stated. The unclaimed portion of the reparations would be placed in trust for Japanese American cultural-educational purposes and a legal defense fund to protect Nikkei from discriminatory or unequal treatment under federal

rules and regulations. Reparations would be authorized under the basic plan to (1) those who voluntarily evacuated, (2) those who were involuntarily evacuated—which was the majority of 120,000 Nikkei then residing in the Western Defense Command, (3) individuals who were arrested for evading Evacuation orders and sent to camp, and (4) Hawaii Nikkei arrested and detained.

An expanded version of eligibility is offered in Amendments I and II, which, incidentally were approved by 4-3 margins with the committee chairman, PNWDC Gov. Ed Yamamoto, casting the deciding vote.

Amendment I conceivably would include all persons of Japanese ancestry in the U.S.—especially those residing in the western U.S. and Hawaii who were not subject to Evacuation orders but were denied due process due to ancestry. Also eligible here would be Nisei who were reclassified in 1942 to 4-C (enemy aliens) and the non-Japanese married to evacuees.

Amendment II involves eligibility for an estimated 1,000 Japanese from Latin America who were detained in U.S. camps.

Seattle JACL Plan

Seven members of the committee dealt with the Seattle JACL plan and its unique "bootstrap" concept to budget reparations. Proponents, headed by Henry Miyatake, committed later in the day to establish a trust fund from unclaimed reparations, a subject not considered in their plan.

It was reported 39 chapters (30 west coast) had responded to their "appeal for action".

Of the 35 providing a numerical count for the survey, 778 members were present to hear Seattle JACL's appeal which was on tape and in print.

Nearly 70% were in full agreement for reparations; 70% favored the "bootstrap" funding concept instead of asking Congress for appropriations; 89% favored individual reparations; 11% were opposed but favored payment to Nikkei organizations.

Nearly all (97%) preferred Issei priority in any disbursement of reparations; 70% felt the \$5,000 per person and \$10 per day in camp was "reasonably adequate"; 29% said it was "grossly inadequate".

Alternative Plan

Though not discussed because of time, the committee received an alternative, the Columbia Basin JACL plan, from Yamamoto. It calls for the entire reparations award of an estimated \$1 billion be placed in trust with both principal and interest to be shared half-half to finance human service type activities and to promote Japanese American understanding.

It calls for separate arm to push the campaign, disallows individual claims because of bureaucratic erosion of the award, and preposes a Nikkei-directed trust foundation to administer the awards programs.

Committee members to date are: Edward M. Yamamoto, chmn.; Mike Honda (NC-WNDC), Tom Shimazaki (CCDC), Paul Tsunetsugu (PSWDC), Henry Miyatake (PNWDC), Tom Masamori (MPDC), Mike Maszoka (EDC), Dale Shimazaki (NYCC), Edison Uno, Kaz Oshiki, consultants: Dr. Jim Tsunemura, Dr. Jim Watanabe, Dr. Homer Yarusi, type: Tomio Moriwuchi, EXECOM; Wayne Horiuchi, Stan Kiyokawa, staff.

NC-WNDC's 29th chapter formed

LIVERMORE, Calif.—With neighboring Fremont JACL as sponsors, the Tri-Valley JACL held its first meeting Apr. 30 here to adopt its name, reflecting its constituency in southeast Alameda County, and elect officers.

Members basically reside in Amador, Sonoma and Diablo Valleys—the principal cities being Danville, Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton and San Ramon.

As the 101st chapter in National JACL and the 29th in the Northern California-Western Nevada district, it was organized during a half-year effort headed by Dr. Harry Hatasaka, NC-WNDC new chapter chairman, regional director George Kondo and NC-WNDC governor Wesley Doi.

Fremont JACLers Ted Inouye and Mss. Kishiyama were most helpful in the formation of the new chapter, which will be led by Sam Cohen.

A general meeting is scheduled May 27, time and place to be announced. Its executive board was to meet May 13 to adopt a chapter constitution. A charter installation party is being planned with Mashio Tonari, San Ramon, as chairman.

For membership information, call: Darleen Okabe, 8023 Via Zapata, Dublin 94566 (828-4243).

Wendy's trial date set: June 14

grand jury in 1972 had not been cross-examined by defense. Judge Pulich ruled against Larson's petition.

Judge Pulich emphatically reminded prosecutor Horner that the only conspiracy which Wendy is being tried has to do with her indictment along with Brandt, Bortin and Rubenstein for possessing illegal guns, ammunition and explosives. He said, "As far as I am concerned that is all she is being tried for."

Larson later revealed that the next motion he will file sometime this week (of May 13) will be to request extra

peremptory challenges of the jury panel based on pre-trial publicity which has been mostly prejudicial to Wendy.

Benefit Program

BERKELEY—A benefit program for Wendy Yoshimura will be held May 20, 8 p.m., at La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., featuring speakers, music and Asian American poets. Defense attorney Jim Larson and Wendy will be among the speakers. Program is sponsored by the No. Calif. Wendy Yoshimura Fair Trial Committee.

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Utah sr. citizen survey underway

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah—The Salt Lake County division on aging has commenced a survey on the Japanese community with Alice Kasai as project supervisor of the JACL project. She is being assisted by Kinuye Mori, Kinsaku Inouye, and Mrs. Chiyo Matsumori.

Approximately 300 names of Issei and Nisei over age 60 have been compiled since the survey began in March. Mrs. Kasai reported. Many of them are currently participating in the hot luncheon-social program in 12 centers throughout the county.

Survey calls for address, housing, sources of income, kinds of problems and immediate needs of the Nikkei aged.

For the Record

One line of copy was inadvertently omitted in the West Lake JACL response to the National JACL "cease & desist" order on travel (May 7 PC) wherein the chapter letter to Shig Sugiyama, national president, speaks to use of the JACL acronym. The entire (sixth) paragraph should read:

In the National JACL constitution and by-laws, there is no provision for a chapter in the use of the acronym JACL. In fact, the National Board should encourage chapter autonomy. The strength of the JACL remains at the chapter level. Our chapter activities are Board approved including all of the Chapter travel programs.

76 National JACL Convention registration form

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Local Tour (Tues. 10 am-4 pm)	\$ 8
Monte Carlo Mixer (Tues. 8 pm-1 am)	\$ 8
Awards Luncheon (Wed. 12 pm-2 pm)	\$ 8
Gold Country Tour (Thurs. 9 am-5 pm)	\$10
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Wine Tour (Fri. 9 am-5 pm)	\$10
Western BBQ (Fri. 7 pm-10 pm)	\$ 9
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Fashion Show (Sat. 12 pm-3 pm)	\$ 6
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EDITORIALS

Reparations Program

Persistence in JACL is paying off. Six years ago, Edison Uno called for reparations for Japanese American evacuees as a form of redress for civil rights denied during World War II. This past week in Portland, he attended a meeting of the newly organized National JACL reparations campaign committee where he and Kaz Oshiki were consultants.

And as consultants, they helped to fashion details which are now being prepared for consideration by the JACL at its national convention in Sacramento June 22-26.

The campaign committee has agreed that reparations include compensation of \$5,000 per person for those affected by Executive Order 9066 and \$10 per diem for time spent in a detention camp. Eligibility of recipients and amount of payment required more discussion—and it is likely to take as long when the basic plan and variations are presented at the Convention.

The plans differ only in terms of eligibility of recipients. Plan I involves those who evacuated voluntarily to the free zones or were evacuated involuntarily to the camps because of Executive Order 9066 in 1942. Plan II includes others who were affected by the same presidential order—such as Nikkei in the free zones whose constitutional rights were abrogated because of Evacuation, Nisei who were reclassified as 4-C by their draft board and conceivably many Japanese Americans in Hawaii and back East. Plan III allows Latin Americans of Japanese ancestry who were interned by the U.S. government to file for reparations.

The committee further recommended an "umbrella award" be made and enable those who wish individual reparations be permitted to file, while the remainder of the award (because others do not choose to file) be turned over a trust fund for use by the Japanese American nonprofit community organizations.

The JACL committee, which has representation from all district councils, is still toiling with the question of how the bill should be drafted, seeking funds to print a leaflet and convincing the JACL chapters to support the most far-reaching effort since Repeal of Title II to the 1950 Internal Security Act.

What will be required is an "open mind" of delegates as the plans are explained. As for justification, since over a billion dollars will be involved, the Congress will be extremely reluctant to enact such legislation but seeking redress for denial of one's constitutional right should continue unabated. The Evacuation Claims Act only settled the loss of property, not the loss of one's civil rights, which is now compensable.

Let Freedom Ring

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

Justice is justly represented Blind, because she sees no Difference in Parties concerned. She has but one Scale and Weight, for Rich and Poor, Great and Small. Her Sentence is not guided by the Person, but the Cause . . . Impartiality is the Life of Justice, as that is of Government.
—William Penn (1693)

YE EDITOR'S DESK: Harry Honda

Two Books at \$6.95 Each

When books go over \$10 a copy, one is disposed to blame inflation, increase in production costs, etc., but two have come in recent weeks which list at \$6.95 and still do a commendable job of telling the story.

Admittedly, there aren't as many pages as in times when the list at \$10 and up, but Dr. Kazuo Miyamoto's fourth book, *VIKINGS OF THE FAR EAST* (Vantage Press, New York) and Budd Fukel's first effort, *THE JAPANESE AMERICAN STORY* (Dillon Press, Minneapolis) will prove popular additions to the Japanese American library.

Budd Fukel covers ground that is very familiar to Nisei. His insights are viewed as a newspaperman who was asked by Dillon Press to write a book on the Japanese in America for their ethnic heritage series. (For the same price—\$6.95 each, you might be interested in the stories of the Norwegian, Swedish, German and Irish cultures in America.)

Of particular interest to JACL is the chapter actually written by Mike Masaoka on "Why Japanese Americans Cooperated" with the U.S. government on Evacuation. Even before it was advertised in the Pacific Citizen, Mary Nagao of Seabrook JACL (then visiting in Los Angeles) found it worthwhile to order as gifts to present to graduates at a forthcoming dinner.

Budd, who made several trips to our office in the pursuit of data and pictures, divides his 150-page work with history, social customs, contemporary problems, a look at intermarriage, and a recipe for sukiyaki.

Writing is an avocation for Dr. Miyamoto, now retired as a general practitioner in medicine. Born in Hawaii in 1900, he graduated from Stanford and earned his medical degree at Washington University in St. Louis. He spent nine years in Honolulu and then went to Japan to pursue his career further, specializing in allergy, before returning to Hawaii.

The subject of Japanese pirates who roamed the seas from Hokkaido to Southeast Asia between 1300 and 1630 fascinated him as he read of their exploits in Japanese journals. The book is the re-

sult of 20 years' research, an adventure story that compares with the sagas of the Vikings who raided northern Europe and settled distant shores of Greenland, Iceland and even North America.

Descendants of the 14th Century Wako comprised the Japanese navy which invaded Korea around 1400 with "turtle ships", which were ironclad—centuries before the Monitor and Merrimack of Civil War fame. Guns were added when the first Europeans

landed on Japanese soil in 1543. Miyamoto's research is rich with details during the last century the Wako were active with Chinese pirates as the latter kept records. In 1838, Hideyoshi imposed his Isolation Edict, wiping out the Wako activity. That Miyamoto called them Vikings while the Japanese and the victims (the Chinese, Koreans and Filipinos) regarded them as pirates is a literary juxtaposition that would appeal to any adventure-loving soul.

The April issue of *The Quill*, a monthly magazine published by The Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi, carries an article of particular interest to Japanese Americans. It is titled "The Press Was an Accessory," and it tells how newspapers and radio fed the hysteria that led ultimately to the evacuation of Japanese Americans from the West Coast in 1942. The author is Ives Neely, described as a major in the U.S. Marine Corps at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Like many hallowed American institutions, the press is on a self-examination kick these days. It is likely that many young journalists, totally unfamiliar with the Japanese American story, will be stunned and saddened to learn how miserably the press failed its traditional responsibilities in this episode.

Japanese Americans themselves are only too familiar with Neely's revelations. He tells how the press trumpeted wild charges against Japanese Americans without question or challenge, how they accepted rumor as fact, how they failed to put the news into proper perspective.

"The mass media on the West Coast played a significant role in support of the evacuation," Neely writes. "The press consistently linked the U.S. citizens of Japanese descent with the Japanese enemy, helping to develop a negative stereotype of Japanese Americans. Only a few West Coast editors stressed civil rights. Many more, with the help of syndicated columnists, urged evacuation. But the press was not acting under the influence of any particular group. It was merely supportive of the overwhelming public mood. Simply, there was fear of a Japanese air attack, and this led to fear of those racially identified with the enemy nation."



'We're campaigning too!'

An Overcrowded Nation

By BARRY SAIKI

Tokyo
As an outsider sitting in, Japan continues to present intriguing and sometimes frustrating quirks of actions and activities. In saying that I am an outsider, I do not mean to imply that the Japanese consider me as such in the normal daily routine.

To people whom I come into contact with casually during the course of day, I am just another middle-aged Japanese. I shove and get shoved in boarding the subway trains during the morning and evening rush hours. In any restaurant or shop, I am just another customer to be treated as courteously as the management desires.

My relationships with business associates and with employees, as well as close friends, develop on a man-to-man basis and run closely in parallel on almost all things, whether it be a discussion on social or political topics or in a mah jong game.

The fact that I am an outsider becomes apparent in little ways, through remarks such as "Oh, do you eat 'sashimi' and 'tsukemono'?" "Have you ever eaten 'chawanmushi'?" or "didn't think that you knew so much about Japanese culture or history?"

To become thoroughly Japanese, one must attend Japanese schools, read Japanese newspapers and journals and watch the television programs, because the values and opinions of the Japanese people are today largely being formed by the mass communications media, as well as by home training and schools.

Prewar Attitudes

In the prewar decades, there was a difference. The strong, provincial conservatism, combined with the authoritarian principles laid out by the Edu-

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cation Ministry, tended to nationalize and to provincialize the various segments of the population at the same time. While being nationalistic along the lines advocated by the Government, the people were still provincial to the point of conforming to the local customs and mores. Strong bonds were developed in their youth, as "dokenjins" and "dokyu-seis" (loosely translated as prefectural consciousness and classmate bonds).

At times, these relationships paved the way for assisting each other in later life.

Although some vestiges of this past still remain, provincial feelings are gradually losing their influence; for Japanese society itself has changed radically. Admittedly, certain favors can still be gleaned by the formality of introduction from some important friend in the hierarchy, but in the "dollar and sense" economy of modern Japan, profits and pragmatism dominate the decision-making functions of every successful enterprise.

One may contend that these changes are for the better, but before venturing so, we should analyze the reasons for the changes and what is being lost.

Postwar Changes

Major reasons for change are urbanization and the dominant influence of the mass media. Rapid industrialization and international trade have consolidated economic activities with various urban centers, drawing an increasing flow of population from the more conservative agricultural areas.

In the spiritual vacuum of cities, the basic values are

measured in terms of money, not sentiments or past relationships. Motivating force becomes how to survive or succeed. Old mores are no longer valid. The individual must change his thinking or return to the provinces.

Presenting new values are the mass communications media. The highly literate Japanese are avid readers of newspapers, magazines and books. Their consumption includes not only good reliable journals, but an array of pulp magazines and comic books.

With seven television channels here to choose from and with more TV sets per capita than any other country except possibly the United States, the viewers have a wide range—NHK with both educational and regular channels; NTV; TBS; Fuji; NET; and Channel 12. Competing to obtain good ratings, five commercial channels present a whole gamut of programs from good to bad to indifferent.

Individual Readjustments

Those who are fortunate enough to find employment in companies that still foster the paternalistic customs of the past will find their readjustments in the cities easier. Others must quickly change their old values to fit into the new urban philosophies—materialistic and calculating.

Friendships tend to be based on convenience and personal gains rather than on heart-to-heart relationships. For the youth who were born and reared in the cities, there are no "hometowns" and few "bosom friends". Even their associations with relatives have been visibly weakened as frequency of contacts decreased.

In many cases, the only contacts are confined to occasional meetings at weddings, funerals and other ceremonial occasions which bring the relatives together as a matter of formality.

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FROM HAPPY VALLEY

Howard Hughes

By SACHI SEKO

Salt Lake City
The death of Howard Hughes and the ensuing speculations as to his will were of more than ordinary interest to us. Perhaps because in a somewhat peculiar manner he and his empire have flitted in and out of our prosaic lives. I remember a telephone call many years ago. It was around midnight, our time. To me, the phone's ringing at that late hour either signifies a wrong number or bad news. It was our friend, an administrative aide to Howard Hughes. He was calling to see whether my husband, Ernie, would be interested in a position as an aide to one of the Hughes triumvirate. He asked whether Ernie could catch a flight out to New York the next day.

Coincidentally, within the same week, Ernie had already declined another position in New York City. It had not been an easy decision to reach. We had among other things to consider the future of our then very young son and my commitment to my family's business.

Ernie was appreciative of our friend's offer and thanked him for the opportunity. We maintained our friendly relationship over the years and periodically Ernie would be asked whether he had changed his mind.

I remember another call from the Bahamas on a Sunday. Our friend said that he desperately needed male sec-

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retaries and would Ernie try to locate qualified applicants as quickly as possible. Our friend stressed the urgency by saying that he would call at a specified time the next day.

Male secretaries, especially those with extraordinary skills in both typing and shorthand are a minority in themselves. They are a minority within a minority. I am married to a man who possesses those skills although he does not use them professionally. Ernie at one time, and he may not have yet been displaced, had the unique honor of holding the Intermountain title as dual champion in both categories.

Our friend trusted Ernie's judgment in screening the prospective candidates. It is unlikely that one can deceive a person who himself takes shorthand at 200 wpm. and types a respectable 120 wpm. In addition to professional skills, the Hughes appointment required strict adherence to a certain moral code.

I remember teasing Ernie that he was probably the only unpaid talent scout for Howard Hughes. To make a long and frustrating story short, two acceptable candidates were located and hired. One was found in Idaho. The other had formerly been General Douglas MacArthur's personal secretary.

We have had postcards and letters from our friends over the years, which have permitted us to know first-hand the whereabouts of a most famous recluse. Sometimes we have met our contact for dinner or lunch as he traveled through Salt Lake.

I remember asking him early on whether it was true that Howard Hughes wore Kleenex boxes for slippers. That's a rather uncomfortable thing to do. Our friend laughed and continued to tell us some of the more outrageous myths which were circulating.

Our friend was one of the two aides who then monitored direct lines to Howard Hughes on a 24 hour basis. He told us that it was customary to hear from him in the very early morning and to receive instructions for several hours. Then there would be days or weeks of silence.

I had an unexpected letter from our friend after the viewing of "Farewell to Manzanar." He enclosed clippings of reviews and inquired about my reaction to the film. Within a short time, Howard Hughes was dead.

In one of those ageless games which all of us must sometimes play, I've been wondering what might have been. But having watched our friend age prematurely, known his unexpected and often extremely long absences from home, I don't believe we're sorry. It's even amusing to have had this small connection with one of the world's most enigmatic men.

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A group of Japanese Americans under the leadership of Toshi Yoshida and Bill Kyo-no have formed an active and dedicated organization called the Committee for Internment Credit. They are seeking legislation on a national level to provide civil service credit for those Japanese Americans who were placed in internment camps during World War II.

Many bills have been introduced in their behalf from Congressmen and Senators familiar to JACL as Senator Inouye, Congressman William Ketchum and Robert Leggett. In addition, the Committee for Internment Credit has vigorously sought and obtained the endorsement of such national and prominent organizations as the American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO, California State Legislature, The National Association of Retired Federal Employees, and the National Federation of Federal Employees. JACL has also endorsed their effort.

I was delighted in February to have the opportunity to meet with the Committee who besides Bill and Toshi include Mutsuriya, Zane Matsuzaki, Frank Nishimura, John Yamamoto, Carl Yano, Jim Otsuki, Bob Midzuno and others. I found them to be most gracious and positive about passing their bill but also very realistic in what had to be done.

By the way, JACL staffer Don Hayashi has done a yeoman's job as liaison for the committee.

Very simply, the bill will give civil service credit for those Japanese Americans

who were placed in relocation camps during World War II and those Japanese Americans who will be eligible for civil service retirement. Preliminary figures indicate that perhaps only 3,000 to 4,000 people will be eligible. Therefore, the liability placed against the civil service retirement fund ought to be negligible.

The Committee for Internment Credit is beginning to organize. Hence, they need names, addresses and telephone numbers of interested people who would be willing to write their Congressmen and Senators, especially those members of Congress and Senators on the Post Office and Civil Service Committees.

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As you might expect, not enough can be said about Congressman Norman Mineta who has helped the CIC substantially. If you are a constituent of any of these congressmen or senators, or even if you have another congressman or senator and are interested, contact Toshi Yoshida or Bill Kyo-no at: Committee for Internment Credit 487 - 23rd Ave. San Francisco, Calif. 94112

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● Contra Costa JACL will feature a panel discussion on estate planning May 14, 7:30 p.m., at the Berkeley-Richmond Free Methodist Church, 5395 Potrero Ave., El Cerrito. This is one of the many education programs being arranged by John Shinagawa, chairman. On the panel will be: Hisako Mizutani, Social Security; Marvin Uraya, retirement income; Ed McNelis, Bob Otani, trusts and insurance; Kikuo Nakahara, taxes; Joe Yasaki, wills, probate.

● Two JACL chapters, Eden Township and Fremont, are co-sponsoring with the So. Infamy, on special sale at The D.C. JAYS also had Mi-Township and Fremont, are co-sponsoring with the So. Infamy, on special sale at

Alameda County Organization of Chinese Americans a series of lectures on Health Problems of Asian Americans at the Alameda County Education Center, 685 A St., Hayward. David F. De, MD, lecturer, is chief of surgery dept. at St. Rose Hospital. Next lectures are scheduled May 20 on common dental problems and June 17 on health care of children.

● Washington, D.C. JACL held a Japanese potluck supper April 24 at Herbert Hoover Jr. High School in Rockville, Md. The annual event was chaired by Fumi Iki, assisted by Claire Minami and Emi Kamachi.

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May 14 (Friday)
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May 15 (Saturday)
Salinas Valley—Scholarship dinner, The Pub, 8 p.m.

May 15-16
Chicago—Japanese movie benefit, Francis Parker High, 7 p.m.

May 18 (Sunday)
PSWDC—Qtrly Session, Santa Barbara JACL hosts; Montecito Country Club, 9 a.m.

Fresno—JAYS barbecue, Woodward Park.

Fremont—Family picnic, Central Park.

Gresham-Trousdale—Parents Appreciation dinner.

May 17 (Monday)
Fresno—Dnr Mtg. Tokyo Hi-Life, 7 p.m.; Dr. Franklin Ng, spkr.

May 18 (Tuesday)
Sequoia—Prof. Responsiveness workshop, Palo Alto Buddhist Church, 7:30 p.m.

May 20 (Thursday)
West Los Angeles—Sr Citizen Day, Disneyland.

Eden Township-Fremont—Health lecture, Alameda County Educ Ctr. Hayward, 7:30 p.m.; Dental problems.

May 21 (Friday)
Marin—Forum: 100 Years in America, College of Marin, 120 Fine Arts Bldg, College of Marin, 7 p.m.; Dr. Paul Takagi, spkr.

Eden Township—Graduates-Senior Recognition Night, Eden JCC, 8 p.m.

Contra Costa—Family volleyball/ping pong night, Adams Jr High, 7:30 p.m.

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Reedley JACL vice president Tom Shitanishi, who is asst. manager of Crocker National Bank in Reedley, was elected treasurer of the Reedley Chamber of Commerce.

Two more Japan-based banks are entering the California picture: Nippon Fudoshin Bank Ltd., of Tokyo, is opening a Los Angeles representative office at 800 Wilshire, and Sanwa Bank of California was granted permission to open a Sacramento branch.

Los Angeles

Japanese American Republicans met May 10 at the Japanese Retirement Home to hear four U.S. senatorial candidates: Alphonso Bell, Robert Finch, John Harmer and S. I. Hayakawa.

Harbor College Dance Co., directed by Sachie Nakano, associate professor of dance, will present a concert May 14-15, 8 p.m., at the Mainstage on campus. Four dances choreographed by Keiko Moriwaki of Rolling Hills and Linda Tanabe of Gardena will be premiered.

Little Tokyo Anti-Eviction Task Force will show two films May 15 at Japanese Union Church: "Okinawa", 3 p.m. and "Salt of the Earth" (Spanish), 7:30 p.m.

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Seattle JACL board member Gerald Yuasa was promoted manager of Sea-First Bank's international branch. Born in Spokane and graduate of O'Dea High and Seattle University where he majored in finance, he is also active with the First Lions, Japan America Society and Ballard Chamber of Commerce.

Calif. Assemblyman S. Floyd Mori (D-Pleasanton) heads a new five-member subcommittee on employment and economic development to develop plans to stimulate the state's economy and job market. A full scale analysis of the current condition will be the first order, said the former economics professor.

Awards

Mrs. Emi Yamaki of Los Angeles was among women saluted during April by the Human Relations Commission's Bicentennial Salute to the Women of Los Angeles. Now director of the Little Tokyo hot meals program for senior citizens, she has served in areas of education, health and welfare for the past 25 years, including the Eastside Outreach, PTA and scholarship loan for needy youth.

San Francisco Eastbay International Institute named Mme. Michiya Hanayagi among the outstanding foreign-born members to be honored May 8 at Goodman Hall. A classical Japanese dance instructor, she had been recommended by the Oakland-Fukuoka Sister City Society, JACL-Northern California Western Nevada District Council,

Oakland vice mayor Frank Ogawa and others.

Churches

Carolyn Yabuki, daughter of the Hideo Yabukis of Seattle and recent graduate in recreation-park management from Western Washington State College, is working with the Young Life Movement in Osaka, based at the Yao Evangelical Church. She worked with the group for two previous summers in Canada. She is a member of the Seattle Japanese Baptist Church.

Health

VI Mar of Seattle became the first woman to head the Harborview Medical Center board of trustees. She was also the first woman member and chairman of the Seattle Community College board from 1973-75 and has been active with American Cancer Society, president of the Seattle-King County Dental Society Auxiliary and an officer with the Seattle Art Museum.

Press Row

Automobile Club of Southern California's monthly publication, Westways, features "Haiku" in its April edition. Photographs in color are by R. Yutaka Fukuhara of Long Beach with text by Susan Mitchell.

Milestones

50th Wedding: A Nisei couple born in Hawaii, the George Yemogidas of Long Beach, Calif., were honored by their children and friends April 24 at Tin Sing Restaurant, Gardena. Couple was married May 3, 1926, in Sacramento.

Happenings

San Francisco

A 10,000-lb. steel beam was hoisted April 29 to top off the 22-story California First Bank being completed at 350 California St. Occupancy is expected in mid-1977. At the same time, bank president Masao Tsuyama pledged to help forest a series of parks and open spaces planned for San Francisco neighborhoods.

S.F.—East Bay

Sakura Kai will participate in the Community Involvement Center international food bazaar May 20 at Grace Lutheran Church, 24th and Barrett, Richmond. Proceeds from the fund-raiser will go toward

support of the Center. Sakura Kai, senior citizen group, is starting its third year.

Minneapolis-St. Paul

Minnihon Arts Center operates a hospitality center at 924 S. 2nd Ave., Minneapolis to aid visitors from Japan during the Bicentennial summer. Project has been endorsed by the Minnesota Bicentennial Commission.

Stockton

Stockton Bonsai Club holds its 11th annual exhibition May 15-16 at Mickle Grove Park, from noon, in conjunction with the San Joaquin County Spring Festival.

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Hawaii Today

Aloha Assn. has issued its Declaration of Independence in their campaign for reparations as members at their Hilo convention last month voted to declare themselves "a people who are still a sovereign nation". Real estate values in the state have jumped 17 times its value in 1950, according to the Advertiser. Some areas have increased more than 50 times in price. Unemployment rate rose to 9.3 pct. (34,300) in February, according to state labor director Joshua Agsalug; thus continuing a 24-year record high of joblessness.

Sports Scene

Larry Little, head basketball coach of Centenary College (Shreveport, La.), succeeds head coach Bruce O'Neill at Univ. of Hawaii. Two UH gridders, Wilbert Haslip of Santa Ana and Lawrence Jackson of Monrovia, Calif., were indicted by the Oahu grand jury on second degree burglary charges stemming from a Feb. 13 break-in on the Manoa campus. Edmund Tama, former McKinley High principal, and Herman Clark, former pro football player, were named to the Aloha Stadium Authority. Hawaii Leis signed Marcia Louie, 22, nation's fifth-ranked tennis star and a Chinese American from San Francisco, as its No. 1 singles star.

Names in the News

Hawaii's National Assn. of Social Workers named Masaru Oshiro as social worker of the year. He is deputy director with the Dept. of Social Services and Housing. American Postal Workers Union re-elected Glenn Sakagawa president in a special court-ordered election. James Morita, chief executive-chairman of City Bank, was presented the Humanitarian Award by Hawaii Friends of National Jewish Hospital and Research Center.

Quote of Note

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