JAL fellowship finalists selected

SAN FRANCISCO — Eight finalists for the JAL-JACL Cultural Heritage Fellowships will be interviewed by a distinguished panel of judges tomorrow (May 22) and learn the next day during the awards banquet at th Sheraton Palace Hotel which four will win a summer travel and study grant in Japan.

Finalists and the JACL chapter they represent are:

Russell Susumu Endo (Philadelphia), John Takashi Esaki (Monterey Peninsula), James Masao Hattori and Douglass Hisakazu Mori (both Gardena Valley); Yoshimi Eric Ishimaru (San Francisco), Teru Judy Kanazawa and Laurel Wynne Kimura (both New York); and Kathleen Miyoko Saiki (Sacramento).

Over 70 applicants had applied for the coveted fellowship that includes four weeks of study at Sophia University and a personalized tour of Japan thereafter.

Japanese Ambassador Fumihiko Togo will be principal speaker at the awards banquet, starting with a 6 p.m. reception. Tickets are $11.50 per person. Reservations are being handled by:

Phyllis Hayashibara, National JACL HQ, 1765 Sutter St., (921-5225).

Personal Backgrounds

The finalists include four university undergraduates, a law student, doctoral candidate, high school teacher and a social worker. Their fields of interest include literature, journalism, music, political science and Asian studies.

Russell Endo, a sophomore at Yale majoring in English and French Literature, said he was acutely aware his Sansei generation living on the East Coast was "losing its ethnic identity". He blamed economic and social mobility, geographic and social isolation for "losing touch with our ethnic community". The grant, he wrote in his application, would help preserve for his children an ethnic identity, enabling them "to live a life which is rich from the best of both American and Japanese American cultures".

John Esaki, high school teacher with the Carmel Unified District since 1973 and also a Buddhist Sunday School teacher in Monterey, looked forward to proposing and implementing a curriculum based on Japanese culture and language and serve as resource person to other teachers interested in Japan studies. The UC Berkeley graduate believes the fellowship experience would confirm what he has long felt: "That through me flows a beautiful and quite comfortable essence of Japan."

James Hattori, journalism student at the Univ. of Southern California and member of the national honorary broadcasting society (AEP), regarded the fellowship as an opportunity to "identify the origin of subtle influences of Japanese culture" that have affected the lives of Issei, Nisei and Sansei. He didn't see himself fitting exactly into the "parameters established for a third generation Japanese American (but that he) still suffers the same feelings of unsureness of identity that many other Japanese Americans probably do".

Eric Ishimaru, first year music major at San Francisco State with honors in both vocal and instrumental music, wants to explore Japanese classical and folkmusic and influence of Western music "which has contributed so much to the enrichment of Japan and produced so many outstanding musicians". He further is interested in international banking/law and how Japan has become an economic power in Asia and its relationship with America.

Teru Kanazawa, about to receive her Masters in Social Work this year from New York University, found her sporadic experience with Japanese dance, music, literature and the arts cultivated "an ennobling effect and pride in being Japanese". To better understand these feelings, she hopes to gain "a deep understanding of what, how, why of Japanese art forms". She has also applied for an NIMH doctoral fellowship in social work to pursue further research.

Laurel Kimura, active with the World Affairs Council and a doctoral candidate in political science at Mass. Institute of Technology, sees the summer grant as an opportunity to be "a more active and enlightened mediator between (Japanese and Western) cultures—a role which is highly delicate since one risks displeasing both sides but which I feel is most necessary if understanding between cultures is to improve". She is a linguist, knowing French, Japanese, Latin, Russian and German.

Douglass Mori, an Army Reserve officer finishing Vanderbilt Law School this year, like many Sansei senses "a certain gap or vacuum in my background—a state of limbo" when it comes to the term of "cultural awareness". He

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Uyehara picked EDC governor

PHILADELPHIA — Hiroshi Uyehara, longtime Philadelphia JACLer, was elected governor by the Eastern District Council executive board to complete the term of Sus Uyeda who resigned in February. Uyehara had been one of the three EDC vice governors.

The EDC met May 15 to review National JACL Convention items, such as the budget, constitution and organizational structure. Kaz Oshiki, who attended the National Reparations Campaign Committee meeting in Portland, presented his report.

Meeting was held at the home of the Takashi Moriuchis of Moorestown, N.J.

PSW education panel in action

WHITTIER, Calif. — Selanoco JACL will feature the PSWDC Education Committee in action at its May 21 general meeting at Putnam Center, Rio Hondo Community College here.

Committee chairman Charles Igawa, director of the Master of Arts and Teaching Program at UC Irvine's comparative cultures deptment, and Lloyd Inui, director of Asian American studies at CSU-Long Beach, will speak on current social and educational issues involving the multi-cultural scene and the Sansei.

A 30-minute films, "Junsai" (Cantonese for East-West), will be shown. It depicts how six generations of a Chinese family in America survived.

Rio Hondo College faces I-605 Fwy. Northbound motorists exit Rosehill Rd., proceed east to Workman Mill Rd., then north to the college. Southbound exit is Peck Rd., east on Peck, south on Workman Mill to the college. Meeting starts at 7:45 p.m. Discussion and refreshments follow.

Internment credit bill hearing set

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The House subcommittee on retirement and employee benefits will convene here on Friday, May 21, 10 a.m. at the County Administration Bldg., 70 W. Hedding St. to discuss bills dealing with retirement credits for federal employees who were interned because of race during WW2.

Main bill will be Rep. Norman Mineta's HR 8823, introduced in July, 1975 and being supported by the Committee for Internment Credit. Rep. Richard White (D-Tex.) is subcommittee chairman. Mineta is also a member of the same panel. Hearing, to be held in the board of supervisors chambers, is open to the public.

FROM JACL NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

COMMUNICATIONS

Nat'l Scholarship

Philadelphia

Nearly 200 applications have been acknowledged for the 1976 awards of the National JACL freshman scholarships, according to Grayce Uyehara, national JACL vice president for general operations and scholarship committee chairperson.

A total of 15 scholarships amounting to $7,650 will be given, including for the first time, two $1,000 JACL Scholar awards granted from contributions from Mr. and Mrs. Takashi Moriuchi, Moorestown, N.J.

Announcement of winners will be made at the end of June. Recipients of the four JACL Graduate scholarships will also be made at the same time.

Final judging is under chairmanship of Dr. Raymond Murakami of Washington, D.C. Other judges include:

Mrs. Claire Minami, retired school teacher; Larry Nakatsuka, administrative assistant to Sen. Hiram Fong; Dr. Kazuo Kimura and Dr. Jin Kinoshita.

Preliminary screening and judging has already been accomplished by three JACL district subcommittees:

NCWNDC—Dr. Harry Hatasaka (Sequoia); MPDC—Dr. Peter Suzuki (Omaha); and MDC—Gordon Yoshikawa (Cincinnati).

1976 Memberships

San Francisco

Mountain Plains District Council became the first DC to surpass its previous year's membership total as of March 31 with 417 members. Last year's total was 415.

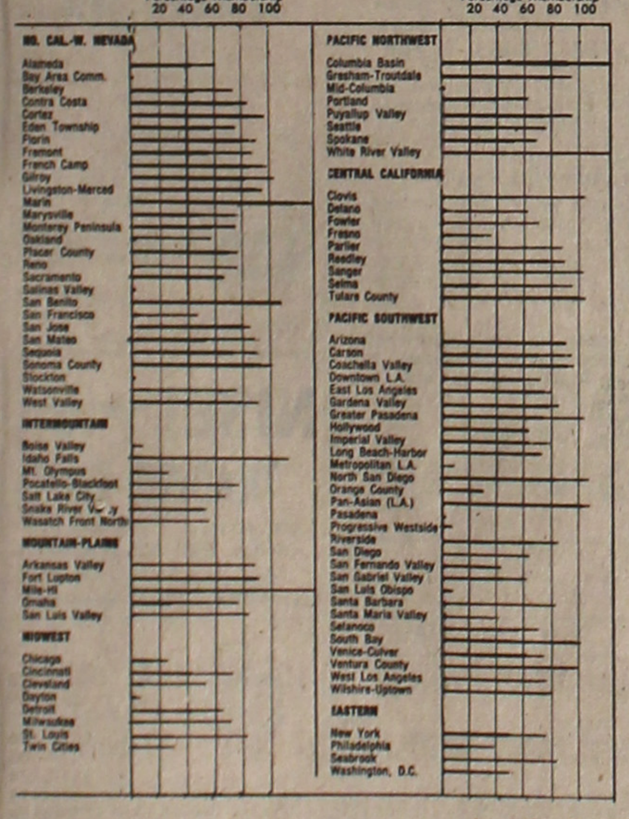
Prospect of all five member chapters surpassing their membership totals this year was imminent at the end of April. A revitalized Mile-Hi chapter did it in March. The district also sports a new chapter in Houston.

Chapter membership managers who have regularly forwarded renewals and new memberships to Headquarters this past quarter were commended by Tad Hirota, national vice president for membership services. "It's living proof we can attain the 1976 goal of 30,500 members — a new record for National," he said. "It shows that JACL continues to have relevance and meaning for people across the nation."

Hirota urged chapters not falter in remitting dues and memberships to Headquarters as individual inquiries have been received wondering why their Pacific Citizen subscription has stopped or why the 1976 membership card has not been received. These cannot be extended until dues are acknowledged by Headquarters.

1976 Membership Progress

Percentage line compares with chapter's 1975 total.



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TOPAZ COMMITTEE RAISES $5,500 FOR 2ND MONUMENT AT CAMPSITE

By ALICE KASAI

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah—Financial needs of the JACL-Topaz Fund Raising Committee have been met, thanks to the stark brochure designed by artist Ted Nagata. As of April 27, $5.500 has been deposited by the committee with the National JACL Credit Union.

Much of it will be used toward a 22-ton monument to be placed at the site of the WW2 camp for Japanese Americans in Central Utah. The massive piece with three bronze plaques imbedded so as to be permanent and vandal proof is another of the Utah Bicentennial marker being posted throughout the state.

Plans for a dedication will include chartering buses for the pilgrimage, now rescheduled from June to August (to avoid conflict with the National JACL Convention in Sacramento) and to be concluded with a picnic lunch at Delta Park after the ceremonies.

Frank Yoshimura, chairman of the Topaz Fund Raising Committee, and Yasuo Abiko, chairman of the San Francisco Bay Area fund raising committee, this past week acknowledged contributions from over 150 individuals in Utah, California, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Virginia, Illinois and Washington, and the nine JACL chapters:

Berkeley, New York, Eden Township, San Benito, San Gabriel Valley, Stockton, Mt. Olympus, Wasatch Front North, and Salt Lake.

The Bay area committee raised $2,500 of the total amount, as of April 27.

OCA to hold nat'l convention June 16-18

WASHINGTON—The Organization of Chinese Americans will have its 1976 national convention June 16-18 at George Washington University. Founded in December 1972, it has six chapters situated in the East and Midwest. Kung-Lee Wang, Rockville, Md., is national president; Harry W. Woo, national executive secretary.

Sgt. Masuoka plaque

SAN FRANCISCO—A bronze plaque will be dedicated to a 442nd RCT member, S/Sgt. Peter S. Masuoka, who was killed in action during WW2, at the main post chapel, Presidio San Francisco, May 23, 11 a.m., during the Protestant services.

'Oriental' to 'Asian'

WASHINGTON — The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission announced Apr. 21 that under a new race-ethnic category recording system the term "Oriental" is replaced by "Asian or Pacific Islander".

The 99th JACL chapter board

Houston JACL became the 99th chapter in the national organization as it installed its charter officers (from left): seated—Theresa Narasaki, Chiyo Iino; standing—Dr. Tosh Yamauchi, pres; Tosh Matsumoto, Yoshio Fujimoto, Harvey Onishi, and Hiroshi Sakahara (MPDC v-gov.)

Houston JACL

Houston, Tex.

On Feb. 20, national JACL president-elect Jim Murakami installed the charter officers of the Houston JACL at Timmy Chan's Restaurant. Also present were Japanese Consul and Mrs. Isao Uchida. Mrs. Etsuko Ball added a special note to the evening, festooned with Bicentennial bunting, with a classical Japanese dance. Fred Ishikawa was emcee.

As the 99th chapter in the National Organization, Houston JACL was originated a year ago from the inspiration of two couples: the Oishis—Sut and Neva, and the Sakaharas—Hiroshi and Alice, and efforts of over two dozen individuals.

So the inaugural, chaired by Hiroshi Sakahara, marked the anniversary of the new chapter's first meeting of February, 1975

Membership includes a healthy mixture of oldtime Texans as well as recent newcomers. While most live in the Houston area, some of the staunchest supporters reside as far north as Dallas and south as the Mexican border.

"As a chapter, we anticipate continued growth and look forward to participation at the Mountain Plains district and National levels," commented the new chapter president, Dr. Toshio Yamauchi, who once was active with the Chicago JACL and Jr. JACL.

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Wendy's defense sketched

(The following article came out of a two-and-one half-hour conference with Wendy's defense attorney, James Larson, and members of the Fair Trial Committee, May 8.)

By LEE RUTTLE
(Special PC Correspondent)

Sketches by Karen Takata

Oakland

Until one actually becomes embroiled with the law, the average person does not realize the many problems to be encountered regardless of the premise that in our system of Justice, one is "presumed innocent until proven guilty". But it has become an axiom that without sufficient money to mount an adequate defense, the chances of getting a fair trial are extremely low on the scale of probabilities. This is especially true when one considers the vast resources at the ready disposal of the prosecution.

In the case of Wendy Yoshimura who is charged with possession of illegal arms, ammunition and explosives, she was entirely without funds at the time of her arrest. It was only through the efforts of a relatively small group of people—mostly members of JACL—that a defense fund was started and bail money raised. Their motive was to provide means to assure a fair trial, regardless of Wendy's political beliefs. But despite a prodigious effort, only some $17,000 was raised for defense and $25,000 for bail.

It has been said that a trial lawyer defending an alleged criminal is often paid a minimum of $1,000 for each day he spends in court. Wendy's attorney, James Larson, has received nothing approaching anywhere near that minimum figure.

Since September 1975, Larson has spent at least 25 days in court—to say nothing of the long nights and weekends he has spent in research and preparing pre-trial motions. He estimates he has put in six to seven days a week working on this case. Added to this time factor there has been the monumental expense of processing affidavits and briefs in numerous copies, surveys to support his arguments, office overhead, the employment of full-time secretary and payment of expenses for witnesses.

Fair Trial Funds

Those who have contributed their hard earned money to the Fair Trial Committee may ask, "Where does the money go? Why does it take so long?" The answers are plain enough considering the uniqueness of this case, costs indicated above, plus procedures Larson must follow and possibilities he must pursue if he is to provide the defense his client deserves. If he meets a road block at one point (denial of a motion), he must find another way to win a point that is still within the law and which will defeat the prosecution's determined, unrelenting course toward conviction.

Defense Attorney Larson

It is generally known that Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey Horner, the prosecutor in Wendy's case, is a "crusader." He has been reported to have placed himself in the midst of numerous demonstrations in Berkeley, be they Anti-Vietnam protests, People's Park protests, or what-have-you, wearing a gas mask and armed with camera and pistol. So dedicated is he to convict and put behind bars any dissenter that he leaves no stone unturned in his presentation in the courtroom. Often he attempts to introduce evidence that is totally irrelevant. It will be difficult for the jury in Wendy's case to separate fact from innuendo and remind themselves that her guilt or innocense is predicated only on those particular charges cited in the indictment.

Prosecution's Tactics

Horner's case is built upon a theory of conspiracy. Not only that Wendy was involved in a conspiracy which began prior to the discovery of a bomb cache in a garage allegedly rented by Wendy, but that the conspiracy was of a much broader scope involving incidents and other person's actions which occurred long after the indictment was handed down. Thus he hopes to prove an on-going conspiracy which, he indicates, began in 1971 and extended through 1975.

The worst that can be said of Wendy is that she lived with William Brandt who pleaded guilty and was sent to prison along with Bortin and Rubenstein. All else is circumstantial. There appears to be no hard evidence that Wendy knowingly participated in any crime for which others were charged and convicted. By the same token, there is no evidence to show that Wendy's chance association with Patty Hearst, William and Emily Harris and others, implicates her in their crimes and affiliation with the SLA.

Wendy fled in fear. She sought refuge in the underground, her only recourse. Had she known at the time, she could have stayed in that Athol St. apartment and submitted to arrest within a few days following the apprehension of Brandt, Bortin and Rubenstein. Then, regardless of the indictment, an attorney would have had an easier task building a strong defense around the circumstances. However, that is hindsight, and three years after her flight, Larson is faced with the prodigious job he now tackles with every ounce of energy, expertise and experience he possesses.

If anyone doubts the efforts and time consumed, ask his wife how often she has seen her lawyer-husband since September 1975.

Survey for Defense

Aside from the monetary requirements to employ a dedicated, tireless attorney, others have given of their time and effort.

For example, the Fair Trial Committee recently conducted a survey, the purpose of which was to supply Larson with more material in Wendy's defense. The results of this five-week survey show that 90% of the potential jurors in Alameda County have at some time heard of Wendy Yoshimura and her alleged association with the SLA. In newspaper, magazine, radio and TV, Wendy's name has consistantly appeared in connection with the SLA.

The survey, despite the use of volunteers, cost some $3,500 which is only a fraction of what it would have cost if done by a professional firm. The latter would charge about $38,000.

In a previous motion filed by Larson challenging the composition of the Grand Jury, he estimates the cost of a survey and testimony of expert witnesses to also cost at least $3,500.

Pre-trial Publicity

In the upcoming hearing for which the Fair Trial Committee prepared its survey, Larson also put together an 800-page exhibit illustrating the numerous examples of prejudicial pre-trial publicity which has appeared in the media. On this basis, Larson will ask that he be given the right to examine each individual juror separately, rather than in the presence of other prospective jurors. When questioned in a group, jurors tend to follow the answers suggested by another.

Other alternatives left to Larson are for him to move for dismissal of the case on the grounds that it is impossible to seat an impartial jury due to prejudicial publicity. Or, he may move for postponement of the trial until such time as publicity has subsided.

Prosecutor Horner

Basically, Larson says, his defense is predicated on the weakness of the prosecution's case. Wendy's involvement has been circumstantial. The burden of proof rests with the prosecution who must, without a shadow of doubt, convince the jury that she knowingly and with malicious intent rented a garage for the purpose of storing and/or making explosive devices, and that she knowingly conspired to destroy property.

In the numerous pre-trial hearings since Wendy's arrest, the distinct air of a political trial has been evident. Whereas the indictment makes no reference to any person's political beliefs, it is obvious that the prosecution intends to use whatever political overtones he can muster in order to establish motive.

Due credit must also be given to the law firm of Minami, Tomine and Lew, and to Frances Schreiberg, for the many hours they have also contributed to Wendy's defense. Without their help, Larson could hardly have found time to do all the essential things.

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Help Needed

Thus the battle to give Wendy a fair trial goes on. She needs all the help she can get, not only from the Japanese American community, but from a wider spectrum of the public — all people who believe in justice. If, for example, every member of the JACL contributed one dollar, some $28,000 would be added to her already depleted defense fund. The issue at stake concerns every individual who can recall the injustices suffered by more than 110,000 people who were placed in concentration camps mainly because of prejudice.

A dollar for Wendy is a dollar for Justice. Checks may be made payable to Wendy Yoshimura Fair Trial Committee, Central California JACL, 912 "F" St., Fresno 93706.

Tule Lake plaque too hot to handle

By DEXTER WAUGH
(San Francisco Examiner)

Sacramento

For a semantic debate, it is one of the most long-brewing and emotionally steaming of issues and is likely to stay on the back burner for quite some time. Were the ten WW2 camps used to house 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry "relocation centers" where these West Coast residents, most of them American citizens, waited out the war?

Or were they "concentration camps", where people uprooted from their homes without benefit of charge or trial were packed into tarpaper barracks, restricted by armed guards and confined within barbed wire fences?

Proponents of the latter want a bronze plaque placed at the old Tule Lake camp in northern California. It would refer to Tule Lake, where 18,000 were held prisoner from 1942 until 1946, as "one of 10 concentration camps". It would further read that "these camps are reminders of how racism, economic and political exploitation and expediency undermine constitutional guarantees of U.S. citizens and aliens alike. May the injustices and humiliation suffered here never recur."

Plaque at Manzanar

A similar plaque was installed at the site of the Manzanar camp in 1973. That one was erected over the protest of the State Historical Resources Commission, finally okayed by former state parks director William Penn Mott after pressure by legislators.

On May 6, the commission faced the same battle all over again, this time with Tule Lake, and once again voted to disapprove calling this designated state historical landmark a "concentration camp".

Main spokesman against the term was Lillian Baker, a newsman from Gardena who argued that "a historical marker is not a chalk board for opinion, observation or hindsight".

Baker, who fought the Manzanar wording four years ago, said that Dillon S. Myer, head of the War Relocation Authority that administered the camps, had once been honored by the Japanese American Citizens League (sponsors of the Tule Lake "concentration camp" plaque). "He told the JACL they (the camps) were merely wayside centers where they (the people) could wait until they were relocated or until the war ended, and they could return to their homes.

"In the language of the time," said Baker, "concentration camp meant death camp. There were no prisoners at the relocation camps. In fact, the evacuees were urged to leave.

"I trust the newly appointed director of state parks, Dr. Herbert Rhodes will not be swayed by political pressures and outside opinion as was his predecessor."

Uno Speaks For

Arguing in favor of the proposed wording, Edison Uno, San Francisco State University lecturer in Asian studies, said "History shows the evacuees were indeed prisoners, forced to remain in the camp against their will.

"There is no middle ground, no compromise I can agree to, because in 1942 when they took us away, there was no middle ground and no compromise."

Uno said it was a mistake to compare Germany's wartime extermination camps with America's concentration camps. "Dachau was not a concentration camp, it was a death camp, a camp of extermination, a camp of genocide. It is an affront to Europeans and Jews when you call them concentration camps, and 6th grade children think they are something as frivolous as what appears on 'Hogan's Heroes'."

Uno quoted definitions from five dictionaries and encyclopedias—all of them defining "concentration camps" as places where political prisoners and national and ethnic minorities were detained, exploited, punished or abused.

"So the authorities on the definition of the word are wholeheartedly in agreement that the term concentration camp as applied to what happened to 110,000 people is quite appropriate," said Uno, "even though some of us have conjured up that concentration camps are equated to the Nazi experience."

Commission chairman Dr. Clement W. Meighan noted after the debate that "this commission wants to record historical events, what happened to the Japanese in California. We do not wish to conceal what happened. We want these things marked as an extremely important event in California history.

"On the other hand, our responsibility is to try to avoid editorializing on the plaque; we don't want to interpret history on these plaques. That's where the controversy has come in."

Bemoaning the commission had failed to find a "middle ground acceptable to all" after more than a year of debate and committee meetings on the Tule Lake plaque; he called for a vote. He and three others voted against the wording. Only Kathryn H. Kaiser voted in favor.

Paying his first visit to the

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Tule Lake pilgrimage this weekend: May 22-23

TULE LAKE, Calif.—A steel cross overlooking the Tule Lake campsite will be dedicated during the May 22-23 pilgrimage sponsored by the No. Calif. Japanese Christian Church Federation. Program, endorsed by the Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council, is open to all denominations.

An 18-ft. steel cross was erecetd by area residents who noted the wooden cross posted by evacuees in 1943 had finally fallen in late 1973.

Credit union mgr. sentenced 6 mos. jail term; allowed to continue work

LOS ANGELES — Joe Mitsuhiro, 56, one-time manger of the now defunct Pasadena Japanese Credit Union, this past week (May 8) received a six-month sentence in county jail and was ordered to repay $23,000 which he was charged with embezzling while he served his post with the lending institution.

He pleaded no contest to the charges and to the other charges of forgery. Originally, he was charged with 17 felony counts of grand theft and forgery but all but one was dismissed during the trial.

Superior Court Judge Frank Bafia, in sentencing Mitsuhiro, made a concession in the defendant's term to enable him to make restitution as well as serve time in jail. Beginning May 24, Mitsuhiro will be allowed to work during the day and return to jail in the evening. After serving his term, he will be placed on five-year probation.

As a result of Mitsuhiro's conviction, Employers Insurance Co., Wausau, Wis., filed a suit against the former members of the credit union who served with Mitsuhiro. The firm is charging the board with negligence in the supervision of the credit union's operation.

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EDITORIALS

Judge Bob Takasugi

JACL has been blest with many dedicated members over the years. One of them, Robert M. Takasugi of the East Los Angeles chapter, was nominated by President Ford and confirmed by the Senate to the U.S. district court bench in Los Angeles. As practitioner of the law for 14 years and dispenser of justice for three years, he now is favored with a lifetime tenure unfettered by challenges that are the lot of judges at the local and state levels.

As national JACL legal counsel under president Raymond Uno (1970-72) of Salt Lake, Takasugi's biennium was a bit more hectic than usual. There was that trip to speak before a House subcommittee in Washington, D.C., for repeal of Title II of the 1950 Internal Security Act, attempts to crack the late Wayne Collin's passionate hate of JACL and help secure a presidential pardon for Iva Toguri d'Aquino, convincing the National JACL Board to support a resolution to have J. Edgar Hoover removed as head of the FBI, and coordinating efforts of JACL district legal counsels to assure JACL efforts were effectively implemented.

His concern for and contact with youth never slackened during his tenure as national legal counsel. The JACL Office at Los Angeles often called on him for personal assistance when some youngster was in a legal jam. The most celebrated individual case was the one he had inherited—the Evelynn Okubo murder case in Chicago and counseling Ranko Yamada, who survived a brutal attack at the same scene.

And those were (and still are) the years when National JACL's treasury was treading water and unable to adequately fund the kind of activity the office of the National Legal Counsel was justified and capable of servicing then.

His role with JACL was duly noted in the media each time his name came up—first in 1973 when appointed to the municipal bench, then last August when elevated to the superior court, and now to the federal bench. JACL has gained a good word as a consequence, but neither can JACL forget his dogged pursuit of justice.

Tule Lake Plaque

The California Historical Resources Commission, in 1973, approved use of the term, "concentration camps", on the plaque marking the site of the wartime center at Manzanar. A similar plaque containing the same words to be placed at Tule Lake, however, was denied by a 4-1 vote at the May 6 hearings in Sacramento.

JACL, which has been pressing for the plaque at Tule Lake, already recognized as a historical landmark, is adamant in calling the center another of the ten "concentration camps".

Precedent was set when the Manzanar plaque text was approved. The standard American dictionaries agree in definition: concentration camps were places where political prisoners, national and ethnic minorities were detained en masse, exploited, punished or abused.

Had this emotion-charged meeting been heard by a commission comprised of those who were in these camps, the vote might well have been 4-1 in favor of the JACL text. The newly appointed director of state parks, Dr. Herbert Rhodes, who has the final say in the matter, feels that either way he decides, "I come out the loser". What can he lose with precedent and the dictionaries on his side? Besides, he should ask: What can I win? The prize is intellectual honesty over a bureaucratic euphemism.

Let Freedom Ring

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

America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood,
From sea to shining sea!
—Katherine Lee Bates (1895)

FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

Of Seaweed & Eels

Denver, Colo.

The April issue of Family Health magazine carries a story about seaweed as food. Some of what is reported may come as a surprise to those among us who pretend to know something about Japanese dietary habits.

The story reports that many people around the world eat seaweed "because it's plentiful and inexpensive, and they like the taste." (The author obviously hasn't shopped recently in Japanese provisions stores where sheets of nori are priced in the same range as gold leaf.)

"Today," the author continues, no self-respecting Japanese mother would settle for anything less than a three-day-a-week seaweed 'input' for her child, usually in soup and rice combinations.

"Aside from kelp, which is home-grown, the bulk of the edible seaweed on the American market comes from Japan. It is packaged in dried form and sold under generic Japanese names—kombu, nori, and wakame. Most of these seaweeds serve as soup additives and bases for sauces, and they go well with fish and rice dishes."

The author then tells the gentle reader about laver, or Japanese nori, which grows at the water's edge as a thin leaf about a foot long. "The most common species is purplish in color and is best picked for eating in winter," he writes. "Fresh laver tastes like briny popcorn. Laver contains more protein than other seaweeds and is rich in B and C vitamins. As marketed here, laver comes in pressed sheets, six or a dozen to a packet. It can serve as stock for fish soup if used in a ratio of one cup laver to two cups water, or can be boiled into a jelly, covered with oatmeal, and fried."

I must write to my cousin in Hiroshima and tell him what a treat he has been missing by not making jelly of his nori and eating it with friend oatmeal.

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While we are on the subject of food, I must tell you of a very successful experiment Kyoko Kita undertook the other day. She picked up some frozen eel filets at the Granada market, grilled them with some special sauce, and served them over rice. What she produced was delightful.

Kyoko's husband Hatch, who sometimes is quite critical of her cooking, was moved to remark that her eel was as good as 1,000-yen "unagi kabayaki" in a first rate Tokyo restaurant. A thousand yen is approximately $3.30, so you can see he was being quite complimentary.

However, a news dispatch from Taiwan suggests that Tokyo gourmets may be paying more than a thousand yen for broiled eel dinners before long. It seems that beginning April 20, Japan put into effect a three-month ban on export of eel fry. Do not confuse eel fry with fried eel. Eel fry are tiny little teeny weeny baby eel. They are hatched in Japan and flown to Taiwan to grow up into fat and delicious rascals, much in the way rich folks in this country ship off their offspring to boarding school to be reared into adults. The Taiwanese then fly the mature eels back to Japan at the rate of 10,000 to 15,000 tons a year.

The reason for this ban is that there is a shortage of eel fry in Japan and Japanese eel growers want first dibs on the supply. Taiwan eel growers don't think this is quite kosher, which is about the same way the Japanese felt when President Nixon banned the shipment of soy beans to Japan a few summers ago. (The Japanese were so startled about having their supply of soy sauce and soy bean cake curtailed that they numbered the incident among the Nixon shocks.)

I have always had a high respect for the skill of Taiwan's cooks and last week learned that the Taiwanese share that appreciation and express it with more than applause. The best-paid wage-earners on Taiwan, according to a recent survey, are industrial chemists and restaurant chefs who drag down in the neighborhood of $1,315, U.S., per month. A nation which pays its cooks more than it pays bureaucrats knows something about the art of living.

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PC Letter Box

Reparations

I have been living in this country for 25 years. Whenever I insisted on my rights and stood for others' rights, people around me were visibly pleased, applauded me and encouraged me to do so.

A few years ago I joined JACL. To my surprise I am finding some Japanese Americans who are denying their own rights voluntarily. I am referring to the reparation issue. The rights, as we all know, are clearly defined in our Constitution. But, unless we uphold them, the Constitution remain a mere piece of paper. As a matter of fact, these rights have frequently been violated in the history of the United States. Yet, they are here because a small number of courageous people stood up for restoring them to the people whose rights had been violated.

Consequently, our Nation belongs to a few countries in the world which recognize these basic human rights. Seeking equitable reparations to the victims of the concentration camps is our responsibility in defending the belief and spirit on which this country is founded, is it not?

NOBUYUKI NAKAJIMA
Sheffield Lake, Ohio

Nisei in Wartime Hawaii

It didn't seem it happened 35 years ago, but "Farewell To Manzanar" (NBC-TV, Mar. 11) certainly brought back memories. The Houstons have done a remarkable job depicting life inside America's concentration camp during WW2. But being a Hawaiian Nisei, I missed out on that bad "camp" experience except for my own flashbacks similar to the occurrences of mistrust and race prejudice.

Civilians in Hawaii working for the government were required to wear a badge with their picture in it. The badge for a Nisei civilian worker was similar, except it had a black band around it and included the word, "Restricted". It was a "black badge" that stuck out like a sore thumb, enabling the MPs to distinguish "us" from others. Nisei were reclassified from 1-A to 4-C. Work was confined to non-strategic war effort at a non-strategic area.

My two older brothers were in the Army before the war, and who trained at a place called Tent City. When the war began, the Nisei GIs were pulled together to form their own battalion. There were also rumors they were going to be discharged, which never came. They were allowed to carry arms and live ammo while on guard duty, but they had a nightly shakedown and account for every spent shell. That to me was a basic mistrust of loyalty.

And when President Roosevelt made a hurried and highly secretive trip to inspect the damage at Pearl Harbor and other military bases, the Nisei GIs were herded into a huge Army theater and kept in it for the duration of the "commander in chief's" stay in Hawaii. Outside the theater, there were armed guards and barb-wire barricades.

It seems to me when the War Dept. moved the Nisei GIs to the mainland to form the 100th Battalion, it was a master plan to remove a dangerous element from Hawaii in the event of an invasion by the Japanese forces. The possibility existed of an armed revolt by the Nisei GIs against the U.S. Army. Not until the 100th Infantry proved its valor and loyalty in actual combat did the War Dept. decide to call for more Nisei volunteers to replace the battle weary Nisei GIs in Europe. The War Dept. had no long range plans to replace the Nisei Infantryman. It was not until late spring, 1944, did they change our draft status back to 1-A.

Not to be overlooked are those Nisei GIs from the 100th who were handpicked for military intelligence school. They were sent to the battle fronts on the Pacific theater under the most adverse conditions. They were attached in small groups of one, two or three per company of high-priority combat units. Their courage, loyalty and dedications were highly regarded but very little of their heroics has been mentioned.

After the Army asked for 2,500 Nisei volunteers to train as replacement for the 100th, papers in Hawaii headlined the story, "15,000 Volunteers Register" instead of "10,000 Nisei volunteers". The Nisei rose to their challenge to prove their loyalty. These volunteers became the legendary 442nd Combat Team.

While memories can be pleasant and unpleasant, I don't see them with malice or hatred. It's a grin-and-bear-it thing. This I also noticed after the war playing poker with Nisei who were confined in the relocation camps. As we exchanged our past experiences, none of them ever showed any trace of bitterness.

I want to look at the future with optimism. I support the movement of all minorities trying to improve their way of life and for the good of humanity. I doubt the government today will be able to manipulate the laws or the people without strong opposition. Government policy is changing, becoming more open to public scrutiny. And let me add I do not support those extremists who seek to polarize people, regardless of who they are.

TOSH SAITO
Chicago, Ill.

Nat'l JACL –

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wants to see and learn as much as he can this summer in Japan, meet as many people as he can, and "to feel as much as I can to bring back as much as I can".

Kathleen Saiki, a junior at UC Davis specializing in Asian American Studies and Far Eastern Studies, was born in Japan but left at age 2 to come to California. Her life's goal is to "effectively serve the Japanese community" and enlightening ctor in appreciating and respecting their cultural heritage. Her goal this summer would be to gain greater insight and knowledge of the cultural and historical background of Japan." She is active with the local Buddhist church, Sacramento Jr. JACL and various community groups.

Tule Lake –

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commission, Dr. Rhodes sat silently through the debate and the vote. The recommendation to disapprove the proposed wording has gone to his desk. If he vetoes the recommendation — something Dr. Meighan said has happened perhaps three or four times in the last few years—Tule Lake will be called a "concentration camp" as Manzanar is now and as is the camp in Topaz, Utah.

If he approves the recommendation, it's back to the drawing board in search of the middle ground that Dr. Meighan said has proved elusive.

Dr. Rhodes said he did not know how much time he would take to make his decision. "Either way I decided," he said, "I come out the loser."

DEADLINES

May 20—Chapter dues for 1975-76 to JACL Hq.

May 20—Chapter Voting Delegate Form to JACL Hq.

May 21—Inagaki "Chapter of Biennium" application to JACL Hq.

May 21—"Nisei of Biennium" application to JACL Hq.

May 21—Convention Pre-registration for $53 package deal.

May 22—Resolutions for Convention.

May 30—Masaoka Public Service Award nominations, c/o Kaz Horita, 271 School Lane, Norristown, Pa 19401.

June 1—Entries for Convention tennis and golf tournaments, c/o Winston Ashizwa, 4001 Wycombe Dr, Sacramento 95825. (See registration form on Page 3.)

June 6—"JACLer of Biennium" nominations to JACL Hq.

25 Years Ago

In the PC, May 26, 1951

May 15—Calif. Senate defeats bill to repeal anti-miscegenation law.

May 20—Haruo Ishimaru to be NC-WNDC regional director, succeeds Joe Grant Masaoka.

May 24—JACL urges Attorney General to halt deportation of Issei belonging to proscribed groups.

May 26—Senate confirms 2nd Lt. Sadie E. Yoshizaki, Honolulu; first Regular Army Nisei WAC officer.

MINORITY OF ONE

An American Promise

By EDISON UNO

Portland, Ore.

During the first weekend in May, I was privileged to be invited to participate in the deliberations of the first meeting of the JACL's National Reparations Campaign Committee held in Portland, Ore. Thanks to the hospitality of the Portland JACL the two day meeting was a memorable event. Having been interested in reparations for over ten years, this meeting was the first step in the right direction and in my personal opinion productive and necessary.

Chairperson Ed Yamamoto of Moses Lake, Wash., presided. In attendance were:

Paul Tsuneishi of Los Angeles, Kaz Oshiki of Washington, D.C., Dale Shimasaki of Berkeley, Mike Honda of San Jose, Dr. James Watanabe of Spokane, Dr. James Tsujimura and Dr. Homer Yasui of Portland, Tom Masamori of Denver, Tomio Moriguchi, Ken Nakano, Henry Miyatake, and Shosuke Sasaki of Seattle. JACL staff included Wayne Horiuchi, Washington Representative; and regional director Stan Kiyokawa.

The Seattle group was well prepared. It was evident they had done their homework well as their documentation of facts, figures, percentages, and opinions were supported by their intense research and long interest in reparations. They also brought with them a number of framed reproductions of President Ford's proclamation revoking Executive Order 9066. It is entitled "An American Promise". Seattle delegates to the national convention will have a quantity available for purchase; they make very nice gifts or awards because of the important message contained in the proclamation.

President Ford concludes the proclamation with these profound words, "I call upon the American people to affirm with me this American Promise—that we have learned from the tragedy of that long-ago experience forever to treasure liberty and justice for each individual American, and resolve that this kind of action shall never again be repeated.

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The word "justice" in that promise is the basis for the JACL's campaign for reparations. Redress for the great injustice must be more than just an admission or confession by the government. Legal liability resulting in monetary damages is the only way that American promise can be fulfilled according to those who participated in the reparations committee.

Of course, there will be those who do not embrace the concept of reparations. We have already experienced, some reaction to this issue. Although I personally disagree with some of their views, I do respect their rights and believe they should be expressed in any forum on this subject.

Basically, those who object to reparations make the argument that most Japanese Americans who were victims of the wartime incarceration into American-style concentration camps have attained a degree of socio-economic status and that any campaign to seek redress may put them in an embarrassing position. In other words, "don't rock the boat" because we've made it and any efforts to redress the wrongs of three decades ago should be forgotten.

That particular viewpoint is understandable. It reminds me of my Jewish friend who wanted to reject his identity by changing his name. He confessed to me that he was not fooling anyone except himself and thus he reverted back to his original family name. His attempts to disguise his true identity turned out to be a fraud he could not live with.

I wonder how many Japanese Americans live in a world of similar deception, rejecting their life experience of wartime internment because of the insecurity resulting from a sense of shame and guilt?

S. I. Hayakawa charges that the reparations campaign is motivated by militant Sansei who are emulating Black by using "mau-mau" tactics and the effort is designed to make "Whitey feel guilty". It's too bad that Dr. Hayakawa is so poorly misinformed. If his views on reparations is anyway reflective of his judgment in other political affairs, it is a sad commentary as to the quality of this candidate for U.S. Senator from California.

On second thought, maybe that's the realities of "An American Promises". The reparations campaign may be a dead horse if a U.S. Senator Hayakawa is ever elected.

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WASHINGTON OFFICE INTERN

Washington

The need to train and educate young minority lobbyists to work on Capitol Hill is imperative and urgent. For example, I was at a meeting the other night with the only minority lobbyists who travel Capitol Hill in the area of civil rights. Some of those minority lobbyists included in the meeting were Bob McAlpine of the National Urban League, Manny Fierro of the National Congress of Hispanic Speaking Citizens, Dick Clark of Common Cause and myself. At one time, Bob McAlpine noted that there may be as few as six minority lobbyists on Capitol Hill.

This conclusion has led the Washington JACL Office to make as a major goal the creation of an internship for the Washington Office. A Washington Office internship is important to JACLers for the following reasons:

1—It was prioritized by the National Council as an important program.

2—It is important that other Sansei be trained to express and represent your minority interests in Washington, D.C. before members of Congress and other high level officials.

3—The program will offer the sons and daughters of JACLers another opportunity for education and experience similar to the very successful JACL programs as the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans and the JACL/JAL Cultural Heritage Fellowship Program.

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The Washington Office has done several things to initiate the internship. First, several proposals have been submitted to funding sources to insure the program's sustenance. Unfortunately, one corporation has not responded favorably. However, other proposals will be developed and submitted.

A second opportunity exists with a potentially successful program which has been organized and called the Minority Legislative Education Program.

The purpose of MLEP "is to provide comprehensive legislative education and training for minorities. MLEP will provide participants with the information and exposure as well as the skills development necessary to advance their legislative interests. It is the objective of MLEP's educational program to ultimately increase the impact of the poor and other minorities in the legislative process through more sophisticated representation".

The core of MLEP success is the broad based nature of the coalition made up of representatives from such organizations as the National Urban League, El Congresso, NAACP, Common Cause, UAW, AFL-CIO, and prominent public officials in both the Congress, White House and Federal Bureaucracy.

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As a member of the Access and Leverage Building Task Force for MLEP, I am currently helping polish this section of the curriculum. Other areas of the curriculum include: the deliberative process, litigation as a policy tool, media as an advocacy tool, and implementation with respect to executive and regulatory policy.

The need for minority lobbyists is there. I hope that we can have a program.

Pulse

Scholarship

● **Contra Costa JACL** scholarship chairman Howard Yamamoto reported 19 applicants vied for chapter scholarships this year. The four $200 recipients are:

Chapter Award—Roger Keide, El Cerrito High, son of the Jim Keides; Issei Memorial—Gary Hirakawa, Pinole Valley High; President's scholarship — Rachel McBeth, College Park High, Pleasant Hill; Special—Jill Niizawa, El Cerrito High.

Judges were Yas Aoki, Joe Goto, Fred Honda, Margaret Mayeda and Lorraine Seiji.

● **Clovis JACL** scholarship chairman Dr. Mas Yamamoto announced its two awards of $250 each were to be presented to Setsumi Yukimoto of Roosevelt High and Paul J. Sessa, of McLane High. Designated as alternates were Diane Skelton, McLane; and Elmer Wong, Fresno High.

The Fresno City Guidance Service and Clovis Unified School District assisted the chapter in submitting candidates.

● **Gresham-Troutdale JACL** presented two scholarships at its graduates dinner April 29 at Portland's Bush Gardens. School superintendent Harry Thompson of Gresham was guest speaker; Henry Kato was emcee.

Awards were given to Charles L. Sutton, son of Ronald and Noriko Sutton, who received a Presidential appointment to West Point, and Peggy Asakawa, daughter of Walt and Carol Asakawa, who plans to study nursing.

Serena Oka, Portland JACL delegate to the 1976 Presidential Classroom for Young Americans, reported on her trip. Peggy and Susan Takeuchi entertained with several songs. Five college and 10 high school graduates were honored:

COLLEGE—Glenn Honma, Rik Shiiki, Susan Takeuchi, Diane Ando, Aileen Kondo, HIGH SCHOOL—Karen Ikeda, Doug Ota, Charles Sutton, Timothy Fujii, James Mishima, Peggy Asakawa, Stanley Hinatsu, Heidi Iwata, John Takemoto, and Daniel T. Oka.

● **San Gabriel Valley JACL** announced winners of its five scholarships at the Awards Night program Mar. 28. Dr. Ted Tsukahara of the Claremont Colleges was guest speaker. Recipients were:

David Ito Memorial—Susan Oda, Paul Miller; $100 Chapter Awards—Carole Machida, Lynn Miyamoto and Coreen Yahiro.

The chapter also presented 24 graduates engraved silver pen and certificates for their outstanding high school records. They were:

Sanford Aniya, Stephen Fujimoto, Gerald Hashimoto, Margaret Kimura, Mark Konno, Jon Kubo, Lynn Kubota, Lois Kurashige, Pam Nakano, Yukiko Okada, Reiko Oshima, Patricia Osumi, David Robinson, Stephen Sasaki, John Schildmeyer, Peter Shimizu, Karen Shinozaki, Debora Lynn Shishido, Irene Sunabe, Alan Takahara, Lisa Takayama, Mark Ung, Sumiye Yanase, Linda Yoshima.

Mrs. Helen Watanabe, scholarship chairman, was assisted in the judging by:

Dr. George Kawakami, Dr. Richard Tsujimoto and Prof. Tom Yoshikawa.

● **Santa Maria Valley JACL** presented scholarships to ten outstanding area high school graduates at a barbecue dinner held May 7 at Santa Maria Club. Awards with certificates were presented by Keido Shimizu, scholarship chairman, to:

$200 and $50 S. Inouye Memorial—Nadine H. Tomooka; $150 and $50 George Sahara Memorial—Julia Furukawa; $100 each—Bart Thomas, Jan Honda, Karen Gin (Santa Maria High), Sharon Yamaguchi (Righetti High), Joyce Etheridge (Lompoc High); $50 each—John Hartsell (Lompoc), Arthur Bertz (Righetti), Julie Muranaka (Santa Maria).

Total amount of awards came to $1,200. Santa Maria High teacher Wesley Hodges, who was introduced by a former pupil, Mrs. Peter Henmi, was guest speaker. Hiroshi Koga gave the inspiration of the evening; chapter president Ellen Kishiyama presided. Mrs. Fred Crandall arrange the spring flowers for the tables.

Chapter raises scholarship funds each February through sale of teriyaki chicken. George Shiroma was recognized for his dedicated service this year.

● **Reno JACL's** sukiyaki dinner Mar. 18 to raise funds for scholarships was declared the "best ever" as 360 attended with net proceeds reported at $950, according to Elsie Nozu and Lily Baba, dinner co-chairpersons.

Special thanks went to Frank Date, who prepared the dinner. It was also decided that March seems to be the best time for scholarship benefit sukiyaki dinner and these would be scheduled in the future the same month.

Applicants for chapter scholarships have until May 29 to return their forms to Sam Wada, 2007 Branch Lane, Reno 89505 (825-5737). High school graduates, those in college and in graduate schools may apply.

May Events

● Newly-formed **Tri-Valley JACL** will meet on Tuesday, May 25, 7:30 p.m. at Northern California Savings, 7601 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin to adopt the chapter constitution and by-laws.

Installation dinner chairman Mashio Tonari announced the charter member party and inaugural will be a potluck affair June 19, 7 p.m. at Shannon Park Community Center, 11600 Shannon Ave., Dublin.

● **Chicago JACL** scholarship dinner will be held May 22, 7 p.m. at Como Inn with former alderman William Singer as speaker. Graduating high school seniors of Japanese ancestry or JAY members will be guests. Tickets are $10 per person. Focus on the evening will be presentation of the scholarship awards, including the new one named for Dr. Thomas Yatabe, the "grandfather of JACL".

● **Seabrook JACL** chartered a bus and reserved a block of seats for members and senior citizens who enjoyed the Odori Festival of Japan presented May 19 at Walnut St. Theater in Philadelphia.

● **Marin JACL** concludes its two-part discussion on the Japanese experience in "One Hundred Years in America" May 21, 7 p.m. with Dr. Paul Takagi, UC Berkeley professor, speaking on the postwar years and contemporary problems at Rm. 120, Fine Arts Bldg., College of Marin. Joining him during a panel discussion will be Alice Nakahara, Yori Wada and Marge Yamamoto.

First meeting was held May 8 with Bill Tsuji, ethnic studies instructor at College of Marin, and Florence Yoshiwara, JACP director, speaking on the Issei, Nisei and WW2 internment.

● **Gardena Valley JACL** will introduce their Nisei Week queen candidates at the Miss Gardena JACL coronation ball May 22 at Holiday Inn, 21333 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance, starting with a 6 p.m. cocktail hour, 7 p.m. dinner and dancing from 10 p.m. to Peter Martin's band.

● **Contra Costa JACL** family night will feature many prizes for participants in the volleyball and pingpong contests at Adams Jr. High on Saturday, May 21, 7:30-10 p.m., it was announced by Hazel Sawyer, chairperson.

Join the JACL

Gardena Issei project for sumo meet started

LOS ANGELES—What started as an idea by Gardena Valley JACLer, Dr. Paul Tsukahara, has mushroomed. As an expression of thanks to the Issei for their many sacrifices, he wanted to charter a bus, purchase a ticket for the June 4 and 6 sumo tournament at the Sports Arena for senior citizens unable to do so because of limited funds and lack of transportation.

Now three busloads will be sponsored by various individuals, according to the Japanese Cultural Institute (324-9395), and more can be accommodated at $20 per Issei with a "bento" added to the Issei sumo project.

CALENDAR

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, 6 p.m.

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

Selanoco—Gen Mtg, Rio Hondo College, Whittier, 7:30 p.m.; PSW Education Panel of Multiculturalism and Sansei; Charles Igawa, Lloyd Inui, spkrs.

Tulare County—Japanese movie benefit, Visalia Buddhist Church, 8 p.m.

May 22 (Saturday)

Chicago—Scholarship Dnr, Como Inn, 7 p.m.; William Singer, spkr.

Sequoia—Deep-sea fishing, Half Moon Bay.

May 22—23

NC-WNDC—N.C. Japanese Christian Church Federation—Tule Lake Pilgrimage.

May 23 (Sunday)

San Francisco—JAL-JACL Fellowship Awds Banq, Sheraton Palace, 6 p.m.; Amb Fumihiko Togo, spkr.

Metropolitan L.A.—Rummage sale, Japanese Retirement Home, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

May 25 (Tuesday)

Tri-Valley—Gen Mtg, Northern California Savings, Dublin, 7:30 p.m.

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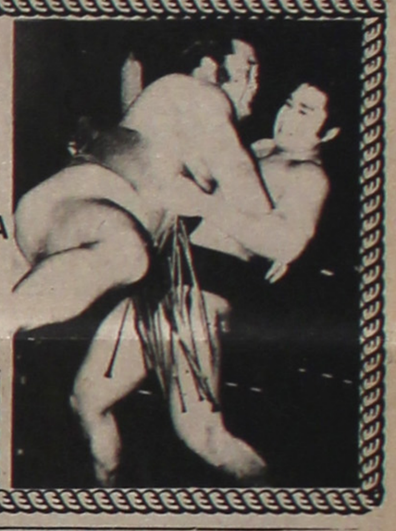

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PSW Nisei Relays at WLA College

LOS ANGELES — The 25th annual PSWDC-JACL Nisei Relays will be held on Sunday, June 6. at the West Los Angeles College, 4800 Freshman Dr., Culver City, it was announced by George Kanegai, host chapter president.

Mrs. Ruth Watanabe is Relays Coordinator.

Competition in three divisions (A—age 17 up, B—15 and 16, C—13 and 14, D—12 and under, girls and men's 30 and up) is primarily for the Nikkei and persons whose parents have been JACL members for at least three years, according to Relays registrar Jim Mita, 1451 W. 171st St., Gardena 90247. Entry forms and fees ($1.50 for C and D, $2 all others) due May 25 should be mailed to Mita.

Participants may enter three events plus relay. Individual division high point athletes and division champions will receive trophies. The perpetual trophy goes to the JACL-sponsored team accumulating the most points in all divisions.

In lieu of a Relays queen and court, the 1975 court will serve as hostesses for the 1976 meet and present the awards, according to Venice-Culver JACL, co-host chapter.

The David Ito Memorial Trophy, previously awarded to the 660-yd. winner, will go to the winner of the mile run, Kanegai announced. The committee will meet May 27, 7 p.m., at the JACL regional office to schedule the entries.

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S.F. JACL Olympics

SAN FRANCISCO—The annual San Francisco JACL Jr. Olympics has been tentatively set for McAteer High School on Sunday, June 20.

Nikkei Democrat delegates named

LOS ANGELES—The June 8 California primary vote will determine how many delegates each presidential candidate is entitled to on a congressional district-by-district basis.

Nine Nikkei Democrats are listed overall with four pledged to Gov. Brown, two to Sen. Church, and one each to Gov. Carter, Sen. Jackson, and Rep. Udall. They are (with Cong. District Numbers):

BROWN—Henry J Izumizaki (5), Floyd Mori (9), Norman Mineta (13), Toshiko Yoshida (28).
CARTER—Hideo Okanishi (30).
CHURCH—David Matsusaka (31), Mary Miyashita (23).
JACKSON—Jeffrey Nitta (8).
UDALL—Akiko Toyooka (32).

JAPANESE CLOTHES DESIGNERS INTRODUCED

NEW YORK—It was a good day for Japanese clothes designers here just after Easter Sunday. Yuki, 34, who studied history of architecture in Chicago in the 1960s and fashions in London and Paris, was introduced April 20 on Park Avenue.

The same day at the Fashion Institute of Technology, Issei Miyake who works in Tokyo introduced his latest fashions after an absence of three years.

PC's PEOPLE

Science

Jon Suzuki, Ph.D.

Microbiologist Jon Suzuki, Ph.D. of Chicago's Loyola University Medical Center was selected to NASA's advisory board. He will also help design and interpret research experiment to be executed in the Biological Space Station projected in the 1980s. Suzuki is also a second-year dental student who was recently elected junior class president. He is the son of the G. K. Suzukis. NASA hopes to evaluate how zero gravity affects innate immunity systems, specifically white blood cell processes, and the problem of lesions previously found in astronauts returning from space flights.

Elections

Attorney **Benjamin Louie**, third-generation Chinese American of Los Angeles, is a candidate for the L.A. Municipal Court Office 9 on the June 8 ballot. The 40-year-old graduate of USC and Loyola Law School has been referee pro-tem in the juvenile court for the past five years. His grandfather founded Louie Produce Co. at the Ninth St. Market and once farmed in what is now the Crenshaw area.

Politics

Mrs. Julia Li Wu, China-born educator and now librarian at Virgil Jr. High, Los Angeles, was appointed So. Calif. chairman for Asian Women for President Ford. Fluent in six Chinese dialects, she has been Voice of America's Mandarin Chinese correspondent, a bibliographer on Asian culture, and ESL teacher at L.A. City College.

Asian American for President Ford Committee, chaired by a Korean American businessman in Washington, D.C., **Stanley S. Lee**, is joined by eight co-chairmen from the Filipino, Korean, Japanese and Chinese communities around the nation, campaign chairman Rogers C. B. Morton announced April 20. Among them are **Jack S. Kusaba** of San Francisco and **Fred I. Wada** of Los Angeles. Also serving on the national Asian committee are **Steven J. Doi**, San Francisco; **S. Steven Nakashima**, San Jose; **Dr. Benjamin Ichinose**, Hillsborough; **Soichi Fukui**, Los Angeles; **Isamu Minami**, Santa Maria; **Mrs. Ruth Watanabe**, Los Angeles; **Graham Tanaka**, New York; **Dr. Hito Suyehiro**, Washington; nd **Mas Nakagawa**, Chicago.

Military

Lynn Y. Nagahino, 18, daughter of Air Force Col. James Nagahiro, of Spokane's Cheney High School will be among 150 women entering the U.S. Air Force Academy. Her father, a B-52 pilot shot down over North Vietnam and held captive for 99 days, is a Spokane JACLer, student at Gonzaga University and stationed at nearby Fairchild AFB.

Music

Cellist **Jiro Yamaguchi**, a graduate of Tcho School of Music in Japan, made his New York debut at Carnegie Recital Hall Feb. 27, accompanied by Takejiro Hirai. He won the 1974 competition of the Los Angeles Japanese Philharmonic Orchestra and has been with the New Jersey Symphony the past four years.

Flutist **Toshiko Kohno** of the Buffalo (N.Y.) Philharmonic was presented in recital at New York's Japan House Feb. 10, accompanied by Sumiko Kohno. Toshiko won first prize for flute in the 1973 Internatinal Competition in Geneva, appeared at the Marlboro Festival in Vermont and in Japan, where she finished Tokyo University of Arts . . . Avant-garde composer **Joji Yuasa** is visiting research musician at UC San Diego's Center for Music Experiment.

Yoko Miyasaka, 16, of Culver City (Calif.) High, a piano student of Nobuko Fujimoto, won membership in the Young Artist Guild after winning regional competition in the Music Teachers Assn. ajudications held April 24-25 at CSU-Los Angeles. She will debut at the MTA state convention June 25-29 at the "Queen Mary" moored in Long Beach.

Theater

Lani Gerrie Miyazaki appeared in the limited engagement of John Heuer's at New York's Circle Reperplay, "Cavern of the Jewels", tory Co. Playhouse. Last season she appeared in the play, "Santa Anita", a drama situated at the WW2 assembly center.

Government

Chiz Ishimatsu of Salt Lake City was appointed to the Utah Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commissionon Civil Rights. One of the current committee studies is a follow-up to a 1975 report, "Credit Availability to Women in Utah", which was chaired by **Raymond Uno.**

Karen Horiuchi, who is secretary in the Salt Lake City police crime laboratory identification bureau, is also police department artist. At least two of her sketches, the Utah JACL News reported, have resulted in arrests. She majored in art at the Univ. of Utah.

Happenings

Los Angeles

Riverside's Pony League all-stars will participate in International Friendship Games in Japan this summer. The local team is the first being invited from the U.S., according to Bob Rogers, team manager. Contributions to help send the team of 15 lads and two adults are being acknowledged by:

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Two Nikkei groups were featured during the annual Monterey Park city festival May 13-16 at Barnes Park. Classical Japanese dance students of Mme. Rokumine Hanayagi (who teaches in Monterey Park) and young violinists of the Suzuki Method directed by Dr. Phyllis Glass and Etsuko Suehiro were presented. Terry Suzuki, Clara Yamaoka and Yasuko Mitamura were Festival committee members.

San Francisco

Asian Americans for Effective Education, chaired by Carole Jan Lee, 1530 Buchanan St., San Francisco, is dedicated to endorsing Asian candidates for the city board of education and community college board of governors, which have vacancies this year. Resumes of prospective candidates are being accepted.

Committee Against Nihonmachi Eviction protested the scheduled demolition of the building at 1772 Sutter St. for a second time at City Hall May 12. Last year (Feb. 13), CANE staged a sit-in at the city's redevelopment agency to save the building for tenants. The agency promised to make repairs, but CANE said they were never made. An apartment is slated to replace the building. CANE also objected to demolition of the 1714 and 1622 Laguna St. apartments and RDA plans to sell buildings on Sutter and Laguna to speculators who would restore them as fashionable Victorians too expensive for present tenants.

The S.F. Center for Japanese American Studies will hear the "Go For Broke" experiences of three 442nd veterans at its May 21, 8 p.m. meeting at the Pine United Methodist Church. Speakers are Paul Kanazawa, Ken Morino and Chet Tanaka.

Seattle

Kobe Terrace Park will have 10-foot stone lantern recently received from Seattle's sister city of Kobe dedicated June 9 in ceremonies attended by civic dignitaries including the Mayor of Kobe. A community festival precedes the event.

Washington, D.C.

Chinatown will soon have its first commercial bank owned largely by Chinese Americans to serve their special needs and interest. The Treasury Dept. issued Golden Pacific National Bank its charter Apr. 30. Attorney Joseph Chuang, 35, chairman-designate, said the bank has been capitalized at $3 million.

Milestones

Charles K. Onoye, 63, CLU, of Los Angeles a senior underwriter with H. H. Kodani Agency of Occidental Life Insurance Co. for over 25 years, died May 6. Born in Salinas, and a UC Berkeley graduate in 1940, he is survived by w Fusako, s David, d Kathy, br Shigeto, sis Sada, Gladys Shimasaki (Bethesda, Md.), Esther Sterrett (Meadowbrook, Pa.)

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