

# Human Rights—Key Issues

## Friendship Act

President Ford signed the U.S.—Japan Friendship Act October 21, 1975. The legislation supported by JACL will promote scholarly, cultural and artistic exchanges between the two nations. The bill provides for approximately \$30 million.

## Stateless Children

Prior to President Ford's visit to Japan in November, 1975, the JACL explained in a letter to the President the organization's position regarding citizenship rights of children of Japanese mothers and American fathers. Nationality laws of Japan state that the father alone determines the nationality of the child. Many children born immediately after the American occupation are not entitled to Japanese citizenship and are unable to fulfill residency requirements for American citizenship. JACL asked that the U.S. and Japan discuss this problem and provide a means by which these individuals may choose citizenship and not become "stateless".

## Babylift Considered

The resolution urging Congress to end U.S. participation in Southeast Asia, the JACL's National Council stated that it considered U.S. participation in Vietnam to be "morally wrong and racist in nature, to have caused incalculable harm to the civilians and country of Vietnam, to have disrupted and destroyed the lives of combatants on all sides..."

Dedicated to the welfare of all persons, regardless of race, color, or creed, the National JACL supported the airlift of Vietnamese orphans as a means to preserve human lives.

## Ushio Visit to Japan

JACL National Executive Director, David Ushio, visited Japan for three weeks in November, 1975 and discussed the concerns of JACL. He and his wife Judi had an hour-long private meeting with the Crown Prince and Princess. They spoke of the importance of harmonious U.S.—Japan relations, of the Issei and Nisei and their contributions to American society, and the emergence of the Sansei in U.S. politics. Ushio met with Japan's Foreign Minister Kiichi Miyazawa and with newly-appointed Japanese Ambassador to the U.S. Fumihiko Togo. He appeared on NHK-TV's morning show and was interviewed by Mainichi and Asahi Shimbun.

## Rice Act Passed

Two years of hard work for JACL culminated on February 3, 1976 in the Senate with the passage of HR 8529, known as the Rice Act. Production of rice in the U.S. will be unrestricted until the Rice Act expires in two years.

## Rockefeller Testimony

David Ushio, National Executive Director of JACL testified December 9, 1975 before the White House Domestic Council Public Forum chaired by Vice President Nelson Rockefeller. He concentrated on the insensitivity and exclusionary nature of the Federal programs. He discussed the particular needs of the Japanese American minority that are particular to that group and different from other minority groups. He pointed out that the Asian Americans are stereotyped as being a model minority with no problems which often leads to their being forgotten when it comes to civil rights legislation or scholarship for the poor or cultural programs.

## Internment Redress Sought

The Planning Commission report of the 1974 Biennial Convention called for a program to conduct a redress campaign for Japanese Americans detained in concentration camps during World War II. In April 1975, the JACL Political Education

Committee met and recommended to the National Board that a separate legislative arm be established and also supported legislation which would provide a lump sum amount for reparations to be placed in trust. JACL Districts conducted surveys. The Washington Office of JACL sought the advice and opinion of those in Washington who will be involved in redress legislation. Many Senators and Congressmen have been interviewed.

## Federal Retirement Credit

Five bills are pending in the U.S. Congress to amend Title V of the United States Code. The bill will allow credit for civil service retirement purposes for the time spent by Japanese Americans in World War II internment camps. The credit would be equivalent to the time which they were detained by the Federal government. The Washington office of JACL is working to bring about passage of the legislation.

## "Jap" Label in Court

A fashion designer received a patent on a label for clothes marketed as JAP in this country. JACL is taking legal steps to prevent distribution of this derogatory trademark and ultimately to prevent its use in the U.S.

## Indochina Refugees Welcome

The last week of April through the first two weeks of May, 1975 saw the end of the war in Vietnam. JACL urged the hearty welcoming of refugees from Indochina and protested against the anti-Asian sentiment that accompanied their arrival.

A National JACL delegation visited with Vietnamese refugees at Camp Pendleton May 22, 1975. The group saw first hand the situation and discussed resettlement plans with the top officials of the program. Aid came from individual chapters of JACL as refugees settled in their areas.

## Whaling Campaign

A number of groups launched a campaign to boycott Japanese goods to force Japan to honor the ten-year whaling moratorium. This campaign, in many instances, resulted in harassment and abuse of Japanese Americans.

JACL urged President Ford, in his visit to Japan, to discuss and negotiate with the Prime Minister to encourage that country to honor the moratorium. JACL also wrote a letter demanding an apology and immediate retraction of statements in an advertisement of the Animal Welfare Institute. JACL condemned "the Animal Welfare Institute ad because it is blatantly racist, misleading and perpetrates racist reaction to people of Japanese heritage."

## A-Bomb Survivors

JACL called for support of a bill in Congress to aid A-Bomb survivors. Nearly 1,000 victims of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki are American citizens and live in the U.S.

## Topaz, Tule Lake

A historical landmark monument at Delta Park in Millard County, Utah, has been put in place, featuring a map, picture of the wartime Tozaz WRA Center and text explaining it as one of the ten "concentration" camps in America.

The Tule Lake camp has not had the wording on the plaque approved. The Northern California Western Nevada District Council appeared before the Historical Landmark Commission November 6, 1975. The site was designated as a historical landmark in May, 1974. Commission members objected to the use of "concentration camp" on the plaque.

## Parade Magazine Article

"We're Americans, Too" by National Executive Director, David Ushio appeared in Parade magazine July 13, 1975. This Sunday supplement reached nearly 20 million readers.

## Convention Promises Special Events

"A Proud Legacy" is the theme for the 24th Biennial National JACL Convention June 20 - 26 1976 at the Sacramento Inn. Sacramento Chapter is host. Delegates will chart new horizons for the next biennium with issues to be considered and election of new national officers for JACL.

Special activities include a Farm Tour, a Fashion Show Luncheon and a youth program by the JAY's. The Sayonara Banquet and Ball will close the convention on Saturday June 26.

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## Biennium in Review Issue

### Headquarters Dedicated

Japanese Americans from across the nation gathered in San Francisco for the dedication of the first JACL National Headquarters building on Sunday, July 20, 1975.

More than three years before, plans were developed to erect the first National Headquarters building in San Francisco. The modern, Victorian-style structure was designed by Bay Area architect Noboru Nakamura to harmonize with the neighborhood. The building was dedicated to the contributions of the Issei.

The building fund campaign headed by Steven Doi, Tad Hirota and the late Masao W. Satow was the largest fund-raising effort in the organization's 45-year history. As of mid-April, 1976, a total of 5,662 donors contributed \$447,804.00. Of the 5,662 donors, 5,299, or 18% of the National JACL membership, have pledged \$380,722.00.

The new structure houses a reference library and film

library, making materials available to the local JACL chapters and to school districts. It also includes the visitor and meeting center and offices for the travel program, JACL-California Blue Shield, the youth program and various government and/or foundation funded projects as well as national staff offices.

The headquarters were dedicated to the Issei, the parents of all Americans of Japanese ancestry, for their inspiration and sacrifices. Dr. Terry Hayashi and Mr. Jack Kusaba were co-chairpersons of the dedication steering committee.

"The Issei were the obvious persons to whom this building should be dedicated," said Dr. Hayashi. "In a very real sense without them there would have been no Japanese American chapter in the history of this nation."

Over four hundred attended the dedication dinner which featured Congressman Norman Y. Mineta of California as keynote speaker.



President Ford signs proclamation terminating Executive Order 9066.

## Executive Order 9066 Terminated

President Gerald R. Ford formally rescinded Executive Order 9066 of 1942 in a proclamation signed February 19, 1976. The termination of the order came on the 34th anniversary to the day when President Franklin D. Roosevelt had issued, for purposes of prosecuting the war, the order that uprooted from their West Coast homes and detained without due process more than 110,000 Japanese Americans, three-fourths of them native-born U.S. citizens.

In this Bicentennial year when the nation is recalling the triumphs of the past,

it is significant that the President took the opportunity to acknowledge a mistake. In rescinding E.O. 9066 the President did not just apologize to the Japanese Americans for what they had suffered but admitted that the action had been an error. JACL strives for accurate history to be taught in the schools through the curriculum; this proclamation clearly demonstrates that the Evacuation was not correct. The fact of the error can now be recorded. No longer will it be possible for textbooks to say Japanese Americans were sent to re-

location centers for their own good, or that they were not loyal Americans.

Recalling February 19, 1942, was a "sad day in American history," the President added. "We now know what we should have known then — not only was that Evacuation wrong, but Japanese Americans were and are loyal Americans."

President Ford's proclamation, entitled "An American Promise," was presented to the Japanese American Citizens League. It was accepted by JACL National President Shigeki J. Sugiyama, National Executive Director, David E. Ushio, and Washington representative Wayne K. Horiuchi.

In accepting the proclamation on behalf of the 30,000 JACL members, Sugiyama expressed gratitude to the President for his understanding of the need to rescind officially and publicly Executive Order 9066 and for his recognition as the Nation's chief executive of the grave and sad mistake which occurred through issuance of the order.

Attending the signing ceremony were Attorney General Edward H. Levi; the Nisei Members of Congress, Senator Daniel Inouye, Representative Spark Matsunaga, Representative Patsy Mink, Representative Norman Mineta; Senator Hiram Fong, only Chinese American member in Congress from Hawaii; other Japanese American public officials at state and local levels as well as community leaders.

## Emperor Visited U.S.

October 1 - 13, 1975, the National JACL joined millions of Americans in welcoming the Emperor and Empress of Japan to the U.S. American citizens of Japanese ancestry recognized the historical significance of this visit and applauded this event as positive evidence of the mutual desire for continuing the friendly relations between the U.S. and Japan.

Historically, in times of political and economic tension between the U.S. and Japan, Japanese Americans have been the victims in this country of misdirected animosities toward policies of Japan, for example, the internment of 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry without due process as a consequence of the Pacific War with Japan.

The West Los Angeles JACL Women's Auxiliary sewed

tablecloths and napkins for the luncheon hosted by the City of Los Angeles for the Emperor and Empress.

In Chicago, the Emperor said, "I pay my tribute in particular to the Japanese Americans who have attained their place as good American citizens withstanding many a trial..." For all, the visit signaled the good feelings in U.S.—Japanese relations at this time.

The Emperor placed a simple wreath of white chrysanthemums on the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery, viewed specimens at Wood Hole Oceanographic Institute, rode in a motorcade through crowds in raining San Francisco, and met with the Japanese American community, then flew to Honolulu.

### Good Fortune

## JACL Story Told Many Ways

A young farmer experienced great misfortune. Year after year his crops failed and he was unable to make a living. Finally, he sought out his wise uncle and asked for a method of pleasing the gods that he might change his bad fortune. The uncle instructed him to visit the most successful farmer in the village every day for a year and to do everything that he did. The young farmer observed the successful farmer carefully; he planted with him, cultivated with him and harvested with him. Miraculously the young farmer's fortune changed.

It has been a biennium filled with good fortune for the Japanese American Citizens League. Recognition of JACL by the national news media and the public has grown significantly. The first visit of Emperor Hirohito and Empress Nagako to the United States focused national attention on the Japanese American community giving JACL the opportunity to tell its story. Long hours of research and dialogue with Congress resulted in passage of legislation important to the membership.

With the end of the war in Vietnam, JACL shared the Japanese American experience in America, supported the refugees and decried racism. Grants were sought and obtained to aid in planning for the future needs of the community. Ongoing education of the public continued

through the news media and educational projects.

JACL shared in the national Bicentennial celebration. Through such programs as the American Issue Forum, the Smithsonian Bicentennial Festival of American Folk-life, the American Revolutionary Bicentennial Administration, JACL told of Japanese Americans' cultural heritage and explained our part in American history.

In the last few months the book by Michi Weglyn, *Years of Infamy*, the television program "Farewell to Manzanar", the fair trial fund for Wendy Yoshimura, President Ford's termination of Executive Order 9066, the growing support of a Presidential Pardon for Iva Toguri have all contributed to the national awareness. This awareness makes possible the honest portrayal of Japanese Americans.

Cornell University Law School estimated that by December 1941 there were some 500 federal, state and local laws and ordinances directed against Japanese aliens and in many cases their American-born citizen children. Those laws came into being because there was no nationally strong, cohesive body speaking out for Japanese American rights. That lack allowed Evacuation to happen.

The young farmer's misfortune changed. The miracle of changed fortunes is the result of much hard and wise work.





# Interview with the National Director

Second-class postage paid at Los Angeles, Calif. Subscription rates (payable in advance): U.S. \$7 year; Foreign \$11 year. Note: 1st-class delivery available upon request, ask for rates. \$3.75 of JACL membership dues for one-year subscription through JACL HQ, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, Ca 94115.

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## Editorials

### JACL Unity

If a human rights organization cannot decide on its own major priorities, it cannot convincingly present those priorities before decision makers in government, in philanthropic organizations, in the national news media.

If we watched a relay race we would find it ridiculous to see partners on the same team arguing over the passing of the baton. The priority goal is winning the race. Though there may be many different methods of passing the baton, the race is not the place to bring up preferences.

It is not easy to be united, particularly when you are talking about small things that involve personal preferences. It is much easier to see the end goal of winning the race and agree on it. The steps along the way as to who should run in which position, exactly what method should be used in passing the baton, how many breaths should be taken in each portion of the race — these are more difficult to come to a clear unified decision on. One reason for this is that these involve different styles.

Maybe one style is more effective than another. There are those who certainly support one style over another. But it would be unwise to force a runner to change the way he passed the baton, if he was successful, simply because it had not been done that way before. It would also be unwise to criticize the method of breathing without offering a constructive alternative. It would be inportant to talk directly to the runner about his methods rather than getting second or third hand opinions on why he used them.

If the race is not the place to bring up differences in opinion on passing the baton, where is the place? During training sessions. When new runners are chosen for the team.

Many, many of the projects of this biennium have been successful. This issue of the Pacific Citizen looks back over the biennium and chronicles many of the successes. But much time was lost during an internal fight that would have been better spent fighting our common enemies.

Without a strong voice, a unified voice, we cannot be effective in achieving our major goals.

### Support of Iva

JACL applauds several public officials for their unreserved support of Iva Toguri d'Aquino. This is particularly appreciated because it is a bipartisan effort. Lately support has come from Representative Spark Matsunaga of Hawaii, Governor George Ariyoshi of Hawaii, California General Evette J. Younger, State Assemblyman Floyd Mori of Pleasanton, California, who along with 54 other legislators is sponsoring legislation calling on the President to pardon Mrs. d'Aquino, and President of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors Quentin L. Kopp who introduced a resolution in her support before the Board.

### To the Point: Shig Sugiyama '74-76 Biennium in Retrospect

Those who have followed the internal affairs of JACL during the past two or more years would probably agree that this has been a difficult period for the national organization as well as for those who have conscientiously tried to carry out their duties and responsibilities for furthering the work of the organization. Those JACLers who were involved in, and in some cases instigated, the vicissitudes which seemed to engulf the national leadership in waves during the biennium undoubtedly have their own perceptions of the causes of the difficulties and problems. However, objective and dispassionate appraisal of the total organizational and societal context would probably reveal that there was no single cause or factor involved. After all, we would be dealing with a combination of individual personalities and motives, multiple sub-cultural influences, and the overall mood and trends of the times.

Perhaps the foregoing is merely a reflection of personal disappointment over not having been able to carry through on a number of projects and ideas which had been contemplated before taking office, as well as not obtaining greater acceptance of the idea that cooperation and understanding among JACLers and all Japanese Americans are essential as a bases for the continued viability of the JACL as an instrument for improving the status and well being of all Japanese Americans. On the other hand, it would be improper and unfair to those volunteers and staff who have accomplished so much in the face of the difficulties to leave the impression that the National JACL has stood still. Much has been accomplished, and the endeavors and achievements during the biennium which I personally believe have been most significant in furthering the interests of all Japanese Americans — to mention but a few token examples — have been:

- The re-establishment of the Cultural Heritage Fellowship Program, thanks to the assistance and cooperation of Japan Airlines and the Japan Travel Bureau. This program is attracting increasing numbers of highly talented and able young Japanese American applicants, who, it is hoped, in the years ahead will begin their preparation early for the stiff competition and in the process will learn more of their rich Japanese heritage even though they may not succeed in receiving one of the

National Executive Director, David Ushio has announced his resignation as of the end of this fiscal year, September 30, 1976. He has been known as a controversial and outspoken Director. Some have called him brash. Since members often pose certain questions Ushio has agreed to answer them in this interview.

Q. You've been continually criticized for taking a strong public posture as National Director of JACL. Why have you been so outspoken and visible?

A. When I came to JACL, national decision makers, the media, and the general public knew very little about JACL or the Japanese American community. One of the major directives I was given when I was hired as National Director was to be the spokesman for the organization and to embark on a program to upgrade the national image and recognition of the JACL and its objectives.

We tried to do this by consistently speaking out as a national human rights organization, on issues of concern to JACL. It was not easy at first but as JACL became more visible and accessible, we were sought out on key issues of local, national, and international importance.

The JACL is now recognized as an effective and responsible national organization by opinion leaders, decision makers, and the mass media. The visibility of the organization has increased enormously, and with this increased visibility and credibility has come a recognition by key leaders that the Japanese American community has

a legitimate viewpoint that should be considered. For example, only 3 1/2 years ago when Senator Inouye was called a "little JAP" during the Watergate hearing, the media called the Japanese Embassy for comment and did not even bother contacting the National JACL. Today, hardly a week goes by without some type of news coverage for the organization, national recognition of a position that the JACL has taken on an important issue or a feature story on Japanese American concerns. I guess you might say that there has been a public awakening to the Japanese American community and the role our national organizations playing in society. I've placed a priority on national advocacy, and have spent a lot of effort in cultivating a national image for the JACL because I feel strongly that JACL is the only national vehicle to effectively express the views of Japanese Americans.

Q. Your administration has been accused of being anti-youth. Is this true?

A. First of all, I am pro-JACL and that includes all segments of the entire national organization, including the youth. I feel very strongly that the National JACL can best serve the young people of the organization by providing opportunities that they cannot attain readily in their everyday activities. For this reason we have established new program like the Presidential Classrooms for Young Americans, which I believe will have a greater long-range effect in developing Sansei public leaders than

any youth program that the JACL has undertaken. We have also re-established the Cultural Heritage Fellowship Program which gives Sansei training in the increasingly important field of U.S. — Japan relations.

I don't believe in "babying" young people. I've always maintained that if you old enough to vote in a national election for President of the United States, you are old enough to be a contributing and responsible member of the Japanese American Citizens League. The JAY program gives young people positive experiences as Japanese Americans and provides a convening function which is invaluable in the sharing of culture and identity for young people. I do feel that the key to the success of the JAY program is strong and dedicated advisors at the local level. Because there is such a turnover of young people in the JAY program there must be a stability factor built in at the grass-roots level. A dedicated and effective advisor makes or breaks a youth program especially over a long period of time.

Q. It has always been clear that you have enjoyed the strong support of the majority of the membership of the organization. Even so, many of your staunchest supporters are troubled by the amount of controversy and conflict that has surrounded the organization and you, personally. Why is there so much turmoil?

A. Nobody enjoys being criticized. However,

with 30,000 bosses, it's literally impossible to please everyone, especially if one views his role as an advocate for responsible change, as I do. I've always maintained that I would rather be criticized for doing something constructive than to hide behind the serenity of inaction or ever worse, to be criticized for doing nothing.

If any institution or organization is going to progress, a certain amount of risk-taking has taken place, or at best the result is no movement or, more realistically, retrogression. When change occurs not everyone is happy.

I hear many very concerned JACL members express a desire to return to "the good old days" when there was no turmoil in the organization. One only has to review the old issues of the P.C. to see that whenever the JACL was the most active, and successful, there was also conflict and differences of opinion.

People call me controversial, and I suppose I am to a degree, but compared to the conflict in the early days of the organization — when JACL was taking an outspoken leadership position in the community — the conflict today is insignificant. The most controversial figure in the history of the JACL has to be Mike Masaoka. When the issues were really tough, in the 40's and 50's and the conflict the most intense, he did his best work for the Japanese American community.

### Resources Available

The new National Headquarters at 1765 Sutter Street in San Francisco belongs to the members and they are encouraged to visit when in the city for business or pleasure. The national office is anxious to be used as a resource for projects.

Particularly welcome are classroom instructors, those planning presentations in their local communities, those interested in the history of the Japanese Americans, parents wishing to share the experience of their fathers with their children.

Most materials are free or available at very minimal cost to chapters through the regional offices.

FILMS: May be rented through regional offices or National Headquarters for \$10 plus postage. Film orders should be placed early to allow for mailing. Films include "Nisei: Pride and

Shame", "Kokufuka", and "Hirshima-Nagasaki" and "Watari Dori: Birds of Passage" (story of Issei). JACL also has a current list of other films on Japanese Americans available for sale and rental through other groups.

BROCHURES: These are free. Two new membership brochures this biennium: one on the national 1000 Club membership. Another brochure explains the historic and current objections to use of the term "Jap". The JACL prospectus, a 24-page booklet on the history of JACL continues to be available.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: A 51-book annotated bibliography was prepared by Don Estes, San Diego JACL, to offer a general selection of books on the Japanese American experience.

WORKSHOP KITS: Available on loan. These multi-purpose kits contain history outlines, researching hints, bibliographies and slide presentations, one kit tells of the Japanese in America. The other covers the World War II camp experiences.

SLIDE PRESENTATIONS: May be borrowed as part of the workshop kit or separately. Consist of 80 slides and a narrative. Topics are the Japanese in America and the Camp experience.

1970 CENSUS: The current census figures of the Japanese in the U.S. are available through JACL offices

BOOKS: The Experience of Japanese Americans in the United States, A Teacher Resource Manual, is now available free for a handling fee. Some books are available for sale through the JACL regional and headquarters offices with the most complete inventory available from the Pacific Citizen. Titles include: Nisei, The Quiet Americans (Japanese and English) Executive Order 9066, America's Concentration Camps, Boy from Nebraska, Citizen 13660.

### Presidential Classroom for Young Americans

The participation that began in 1974 continued and grew in number. Thirty-two Sansei high school students participated in the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans in 1975. In 1976, thirty students are participating in the weeklong seminar with national leaders in Washington, D.C. These outstanding young people gain leadership experience and are better prepared to make major contributions to fellow Japanese Americans and the society.



Officers of new Marin County JACL

### Membership

Six new chapters have been added to the Japanese American Citizens League since the last national convention. For the first time, JACL has over 100 chapters. The Tri-Valley chapter, in the Northern California District, is the 101st chapter. The Marin County chapter is also new in that District. The Pacific Southwest District has two new chapters, Pan Asian and Carson. The Houston chapter joins the Mountains Plains District and the Hoosier chapter is the newest member in the Midwest District. At the end of the last biennium we had 96 chapters. One chapter went inactive.

JACL reached a new membership high at the end of 1975. There are now 28,948 members. Of these, 26,197 are Regular members, 2,209 are 1000 Club members, 130 are 50 Club member, 77 are Century Club members, 17 are Corporate members, 195 are Student members, 119 are Life Memorial members, and 4 are other categories. This was a total increase of 135 members over 1974.

Significantly, there were 53 new 1000 Club members, 12 new Corporate members, 66 new Student members and 12 new Life Memorial members. This is the fulfillment of the chapters commitment made at the last convention to raise the total membership, especially in

1000 Club categories. Chapters now receive a portion of the 1000 Club dues for local projects and activities on a profit-sharing basis with the national office. In January, 1975, National JACL began a new reporting format for membership from the local chapters. The reports are now broken down into the number of members in each membership category. A graph appears regularly in the Pacific Citizen reflecting the progress in membership.

Three new membership brochures have been produced in the biennium as well as a Membership Campaign Manual, which details to chapter presidents and membership chairpersons the procedures of reporting new members, applying for memberships, and gives some guidelines and ideas for new membership campaigns.

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million homes with the story of what it means to be Japanese American.

### Press Contact Maintained

National JACL kept the news media informed on all important events through regular press releases, interviews and press conferences. The Japanese American community and society as a whole were made aware of JACL programs and Japanese American attitudes toward national and international events that affected them. This resulted in many editorials and articles published in the Japanese community newspapers and a number of prestigious national dailies.

### NHK Interview

NHK (Nippon Hoso Kyokai-Japan Broadcasting Corp.) on October 2, 1975 presented a 45-minute T.V. program originating in Los Angeles. Viewers in Japan heard a

panel of Nikkei during the White House dinner in honor of the visiting Japanese Emperor. The panel included a past National President of JACL, JACL National Executive Director and a staff member.

### American Issues Forum

The JACL was among over twenty community groups working together with the American Issues Forum (AIF) of San Francisco. This issue-oriented Bicentennial

### Iva Toguri - continued

Supervisors of San Francisco also announced support of the Presidential pardon, and has introduced a resolution before the Board calling for it.

Fifty-four legislators in the California state legislature are co-sponsoring a bill that would urge President Ford to pardon Mrs. D'Aquino. Hearings were held last week on the bill.

When she went to Japan in 1941 to help care for a sick relative, World War II broke out before she could return. She found herself an enemy alien in wartime Japan, unable to get money or communicate with her family in America, and disowned by her relatives in Japan when she repeatedly refused to renounce her American citizenship.

Her only marketable skill was the English language. As a typist for Radio Tokyo, she met three male prisoners of war (POWs) assigned to "Zero Hour" (the English language music program by which the Japanese wished to demoralize American troops.) These three POWs were covertly burlesquing the intent of the Japanese broadcasts, and when Japanese authorities decided to add a female voice to the program, the POWs recommended Iva Toguri, knowing her sympathies, and assuring her that she could help the American war efforts.

There was never any substantial evidence as to her guilt, in spite of a one-year investigation by the U.S. Dept. of Justice. A Federal Grand Jury refused to indict her because there was never a similar charge of treason made against the American POWs who worked with her. She was convicted on one

of eight counts, after the longest and most expensive trial on record at the time. Pressured by the judge to do their "patriotic duty" and remember how "expensive" the trial had been for the government, the deadlocked jury returned a "guilty" verdict. Iva Toguri was convicted to ten years imprisonment, fine \$10,000 and stripped of her American citizenship.

A booklet telling Iva Toguri's story was completed and many of the national newspapers including the Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Christian Science Monitor, National Observer, Denver Post, Honolulu Advertiser, Los Angeles Times, San Francisco Chronicle and San Francisco Examiner ran long articles and editorials in support of a pardon for her.

The Chicago Tribune's Far East correspondent, Ronald Yates, reported his interviews with witnesses. Some told of threats and of being bribed by government officials to make harmful testimony against Iva Toguri. One of the witnesses commented that of all the dozen or so Japanese Americans working for the radio program, only Iva had "guts enough to keep her American citizenship after the war ended. It was that flair for patriotism that proved her downfall."

The campaign spearheaded by the JACL will culminate in a new file for Presidential pardon. Wayne M. Collins, Jr., who took over as Iva Toguri's attorney and chief counsel when his father died, will file so that she might redeem her good name and regain her precious American citizenship.

program engaged the American people in a serious and thoughtful examination and discussion of fundamental forces in American society.

### NHK Grant for Film

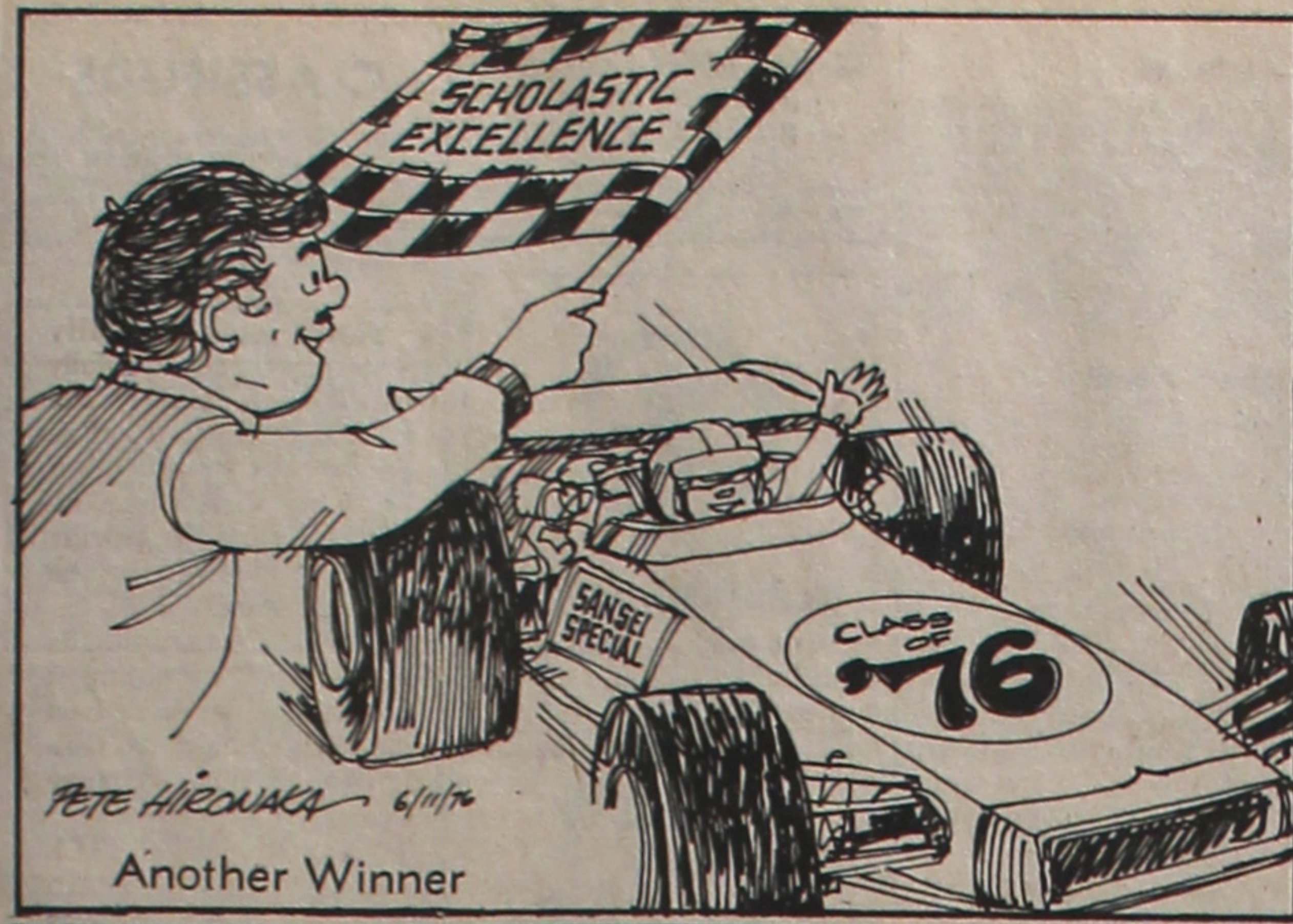
Hoso-Bunka Foundation, Inc., awarded \$33,333 (10 million yen) to the Japanese American Citizens League in November, 1974, to aid in production of a film on Japanese Americans.

### Past Celebrated with Smithsonian

The JACL participated in the Bicentennial Festival of American Folklife in July 1975. The festival reflected America as a nation of immigrants. JACL's Eastern District Council joined the Smithsonian Institution in planning and implementing a presentation on Japanese American tradition.

### American Revolutionary Bicentennial Administrator

JACL National Executive Director, David Ushio, served as a member of the American Revolutionary Bicentennial Administration. In this capacity he participated in meetings throughout the U.S. advocating that racial and ethnic minority contributions and history be reflected in the Bicentennial observances.



# Mori spearheads Assembly support for Iva

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Assemblyman S. Floyd Mori (D-Pleasanton) is spearheading legislative efforts to grant a full pardon to the woman convicted of treason against the United States as the legendary "Tokyo Rose" of World War II.

Introduced in the Assembly May 20 was a resolution asking President Ford to grant a full and unconditional pardon to Iva Toguri d'Aquino who was "unjustly accused, tried, and convicted" for treason as the mythical "Tokyo Rose"—the voice which allegedly carried radio propaganda and demoralizing statements to U.S. troops during World War II.

Assemblyman Mori has gathered the support of 54 other legislators who have added their names as co-authors, including Assemblyman Paul Bannal (R-Gardena).

The Assembly criminal procedure committee June 2 recommended adoption of the Mori resolution.

kyo led to orders from the Japanese Army to broadcast propaganda to U.S. troops at sea," he continued.

"She watered down their anti-American propaganda, refused their pressure to become a Japanese citizen and consistently told her captors they would lose the war."

"But when the war ended and she returned to her native country, she was tried and found guilty of treason against the United States. She was stripped of her citizenship, forced to spend eight and half years in prison and pay a \$10,000 fine."

"Although a pardon would not undo the years she spent in prison, it would restore her citizenship — something she fought for throughout the war years," he said. "This is the least the United States can do for Iva Toguri d'Aquino. She was never a turncoat—but a scapegoat."

Historical Significance

National JACL executive director David Ushio commended Younger's action. "It is historically significant in that it was in the State of California, under the administration of another Republican attorney general (Earl Warren), that climate of racism existed that ultimately led to internment of over 110,000 Japanese-Americans in WW2 concentration camps. And it was in the climate of postwar hysteria against Japanese-Americans that Mrs. d'Aquino was convicted," Ushio noted.

"Now to have Mr. Younger call for justice for Mrs. d'Aquino is significant because it shows that America is strong enough to recognize past mistakes and work to insure justice and equality for all. It is only a shame that she had to suffer so much and for so long."

JACL has been spearheading the campaign for a pardon for Iva Toguri whom, JACL believes, was a victim of tragic circumstances, Ushio explained.

believe that her conviction was more a product wartime hysteria than a trial on the merits. Of course this dispute cannot be definitively resolved some thirty years later.

However, in light of the substantial doubt which now exists over the fairness of the original conviction, and Mrs. Toguri's excellent conduct since such time, I believe it would now be appropriate for you to restore her American citizenship by granting her a Presidential pardon.

I urge you to do so.

EVELLE J. YOUNGER  
Attorney General

## Momentum for Iva's pardon builds



California Attorney General Evelle Younger signs letter asking President Ford to grant a Presidential pardon which would restore Iva Toguri d'Aquino's American citizenship. Witnessing are National executive director David Ushio and San Francisco attorney Steve Doi (right) of JACL.

## CHAPTER PULSE

### Scholarship

● Edén Township JACL achievement awards of \$100 each were presented May 21 at a chapter pttclub dinner attended by 75 people. Mrs. JoAnne Kagiwada, who received her law degree last month from UC Boalt Hall, was guest speaker; the Rev. Arthur Tsunishi was chairman. Recipients are:

Achievement — Joyn L. Kono, Marina High; Donna Kurotori, Tennyson High, daughter of the Harry Kurotoris; Lisa Monono, Tennyson High, daughter of the Shinji Mononos; Lois Shimasaki, San Lorenzo High, daughter of the Fred Shimasaki; Extracurricular — Bruce Kawabata, San Lorenzo High, son of the Harry Kawabatas.

850 Edén Asian American Youth — Julie Fone, San Lorenzo High; and Kent Kozumi, Pacific High, son of the Thomas Kozumis.

Dr. Reed Buffington, president of Chabot Scholarship Foundation, headed the judging panel. Making the presentations were:

Art Mitsutome, Sumitomo Bank; Wallace Terui, California First Bank; Ichii Nishida (for Mission Market and Edén Township JACL).

● Sacramento JACL, which administers a number of local area scholarships for community groups as well as making awards to high school and community college graduates, announced the recipients of the 1976 programs:

COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
JACL (\$100)—Chris Iwata, Sac'to CC, son of the Roy Iwatas; Diana Yamashita, Sac'to CC, daughter of the Jun Yamashitas; Stan Miyamoto, Cosumnes River, son of the Eddie Miyamotos.

HIGH SCHOOL  
JACL (\$200)—Daryl Hatano, Hiram Johnson, son of the Mas Hatano; VFW Nisei Post 8888 (\$200)—Merry C. Yamamoto, Luther Burbank, daughter of the Isamu Yamamotos; Roy Kurosawa Memorial (\$200)—Elsie K. Fujii, Luther Burbank, daughter of the George Fujis; Sumitomo Bank (\$200)—Nancy M. Iwata, Sacramento, daughter of the Roy Iwatas; May S. Masunaga, Sacramento, daughter of the Shiro Masunagas; Dr. George Takahashi Memorial (\$100)—Julie Ikemoto, C. K. McClatchy, daughter of the Frank Ikemotos; Calif. First Bank (\$100)—Jonni Tahara, C. K. McClatchy, daughter of the Frank Taharas; Seniors Lions (\$100)—Katherine Kaneko, Kennedy, daughter of the Samuel Kanekos; VFW Nisei Post Auxy (\$100)—Joanne Makishima, Rio Linda, daughter of the Joe Makishimas; Sac'to Gardeners (\$100)—Brian Hatano, Hiram Johnson, son of the Billy Hatano; Y. Nishikawa-VFW Memorial (\$100)—Michael Sawamura, Sacramento, son of Yurim Sawamura; and Hiroshima a Nisei (\$100)—Beckie Masaki, C. K. McClatchy, daughter of the Akito Masakis.

Recipients were selected on the basis of scholarship, school and community activities, according to Mrs. Frank Hiya, scholarship chairperson. Judges included Henry Taketa, Shigeru Shimazu and Mrs. Noboru Shirai.

### June Events

● Edén Township JACL will stage its 13th annual benefit bazaar June 12-13 at the Edén Japanese Community Center, 710 Elgin St., San Lorenzo. Proceeds go toward work and maintenance of the community center.

Activities, food booths of all kinds and the fun start at 5 p.m. on Saturday and from noon Sunday till 10 p.m.

## CALENDAR

June 12 (Saturday)  
New York—Scholarship dnr, Lexington Hotel, 7:30 p.m.; Amy Doi, spkr.  
Contra Costa—Family bowling, Golden Gate Lanes, El Cerrito, 7:30 p.m.  
June 12-13  
PNWDC—Pre-convention mtg., (Sat) Kawabe Memorial House, Seattle; (Sun) Sheraton-Renton. Edén Twp.—Bazaar, Edén JCC, San Lorenzo.  
June 13 (Sunday)  
NC-WNDC—Pre-cony caucus, JACL Headquarters, 10 a.m. Puyallup Valley—Graduates dnr, Irongate Restaurant, Puyallup; Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi, spkr.  
Watsonville—Comm picnic, Santa Cruz City Fairgrounds, 11 a.m.  
PSWDC—Pre-cony mtg., Little Tokyo Towers, L.A., 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
June 14 (Monday)  
Gardena Valley—Mtg, Sumitomo Bank, 7 p.m.  
Alameda—Mtg, Buena Vista Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.  
June 16 (Wednesday)  
PSWDC—Educ Comm mtg., JACL Regional Office, 7:30 p.m. (Every 3rd Wed.)  
June 17 (Thursday)  
Edén Township—Fremont—Lecture, Alameda County Educ Ctr, Hayward, 7:30 p.m.; "Children's Health Problems."  
June 22—Hirota, Tad  
June 23—Nisei high school graduate (Marjorie Nagaoaka of Lodi) with brilliant schornd record (140 wpm) unable to find job.  
June 16—Buddhist Churches of America to distribute Buddhist medallions since Army won't stamp "B" on dogtags.

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June 6—Obsolete, anti-Chinese clause in California Constitution prohibiting their employment on public projects repealed by Legislature.

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## Victims of a Legend

"Iva Toguri d'Aquino is the tragic victim of a legend," said Assemblyman Mori. "There is now overwhelming evidence that her 1949 treason trial was one of the most disgraceful miscarriages of justice in the history of the federal courts," he said.

"A U.S. citizen born and she was summoned to Japan raised in the Los Angeles area, to care for a sick relative when the war broke out.

"Her parents were placed in relocation camps here and she had no money to pay for her trip out of Japan. Her job as a typist for Radio To-

## Districts holding pre-confab meets

LOS ANGELES—JACL district councils have scheduled or have convened in special pre-convention sessions to assist chapters understand the agenda before the National Council meeting in Sacramento June 22-26.

The PSWDC is meeting this Sunday, June 13, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Little Tokyo Towers, according to district governor Mike Ishikawa.

The NC-WNDC also meets June 13 at JACL Headquarters, San Francisco with Gov. Wesley Doi presiding.

The PNWDC is meeting June 12-13. The Saturday evening program will be held at Kawabe Memorial House, Seattle, with the main pre-convention meeting June 13 at Sheraton-Renton Inn, it was reminded by Gov. Ed Yamamoto.

IDC was to meet June 5-6 with Snake River JACL hosting the meeting at Eastside Cafe in Ontario, Ore. Gov. Gerold Mukai called the meeting to start June 5, noon. A golf tournament was held June 6.

## Nat'l JACL affected by cash-flow problem

SAN FRANCISCO—JACL has a cash-flow which will recur until a surplus can be gained to carry over in the fall of each year, according to a study of financial statements being reproduced for distribution to JACL chapters prior to the Convention.

National president Shig Sugiyama, earlier this year, had stated JACL faced an accumulated deficit of about \$110,000 but has since revised his assessment in view of preliminary statements of May 24. But he warned future budgeting and spending must be kept in line with realistic income projections.

Sugiyama recalled the Executive Committee late last year made drastic cuts in operations to hold down expenses and hoped that outgo in FY 1976 can be within expected income.

"We should now be able to face the problem of adopting a realistic budget for the 1977-78 biennium without the spectre of a major, long-term in-

## Wendy Yoshimura trial date postponed 4 months to Oct. 18

OAKLAND, Calif.—Start of the Wendy Yoshimura trial was postponed from June 14 to Oct. 18 after the defense objected to having Patty Hearst testify for the prosecution and asked for the postponement.

Wendy's attorney, James Larson, said he was informed on June 2 by Jeffrey Horner, deputy district attorney and prosecutor in the Yoshimura case, that Miss Hearst was being called.

On June 4, Larson moved for continuance in wake of the latest development. Horner objected, asserting that defense could have reasonably expected she would be called. But Superior Court Judge Martin Pulich agreed with the defense and granted a four-month continuance. He ordered Miss Hearst's depositions obtained by the prosecution be shared with defense in the meantime.

Judge Pulich set the trial for Oct. 18, explaining that Miss Hearst may be tried in Los Angeles on another case and is up for sentencing in the federal court in San Francisco. It would be better for the Yoshimura case that the federal action is resolved before Miss Hearst testifies, the judge explained.

Larson later told reporters he was completely surprised by the prosecution's latest move. He also plans to challenge the admissibility of Patty Hearst's testimony and commented that she faces a severe credibility problem.

## More details revealed for NVR sayonara fete

CHICAGO—While Secretary of Defense Don Rumsfeld has been announced as speaker for the Nisei Veterans Reunion sayonara banquet July 25 at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, other details were revealed this past week by co-chairman Kumeo Yoshinari.

Sen. Dan Inouye will introduce the Secretary while Mike Masaoka was named toastmaster of the Reunion climax which will be open to the public. Reunion details may be obtained from: Yamada Travel Service, 812 N. Clark, St., Chicago 60610.

## THE APRIL REPORT

1000 Club Memberships

National Headquarters acknowledged 83 new and renewing 1000 Club memberships during the last half of April. Current total since Dec. 1 is 1,241 as compared with 1,416 as of April 30 last year.

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## Top GOP office holder also endorses pardon

SAN FRANCISCO—Attorney General Evelle J. Younger, the top Republican office holder in the state, has urged President Ford to grant a Presidential pardon in the case of Iva Toguri d'Aquino.

Younger said in his letter that "many people today believe that her conviction was more a product of wartime hysteria than a trial on the merits."

Younger, who is also President Ford's campaign manager in California, said his decision to make the request was based upon recent evidence which has created "substan-

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## Text of Letter

Text of Younger's letter of May 20 follows:  
Re: Pardon for Iva Toguri Dear President Ford:  
In recent months, there has been renewed interest in the case of Iva Toguri (d'Aquino), the woman of Japanese ancestry who was convicted shortly after World War II of treason as being the supposed "Tokyo Rose."

Although she has long since served her sentence and paid her fine, the treason conviction prevents her from regaining her American citizenship. Iva Toguri has steadfastly maintained her innocence and many people today

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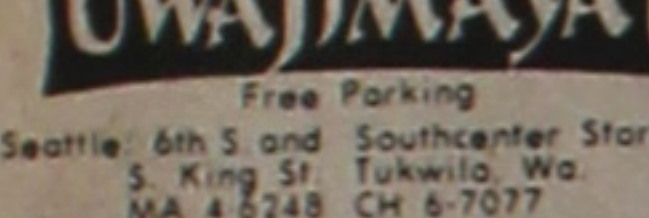
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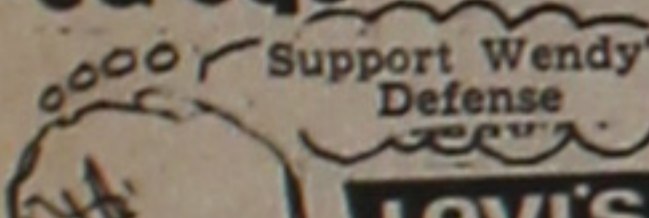
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**\$385,000 Asian center planned**

By EIRA NAGAOKA

SEATTLE, Wash.—The Chinatown-International District Preservation and Development Authority is seeking property to house its Asian community center with the \$385,000 it holds in city and federal grants, according to Ben Woo, Authority chairman.

The group was formed in December, 1975, and received \$200,000 from the city's revenue sharing fund in 1973 and \$185,000 from a block grant last year.

The center is separate from the proposed Japanese community center at the Buddhist Church tract and another being sought, the Japanese American Cultural Service Center.

**Seattle Issei pioneer buries time capsule**

SEATTLE, Wash.—During the Highline Bicentennial Pageant held May 12, Issei pioneer Uhachi Tamesa participated in the dedication of a time capsule, which was buried next to the flagpole at Highline High School Memorial Field, before a full house of 10,000 people and 3,000 youth marching bands and dancers.

The capsule will be reopened in the U.S. Tricentennial-year 2076. Tamesa, now 92, came to the area in 1908 and has been most concerned about education of youth. He has donated funds to needy youth as well as a \$2,500 trophy case to the school.

Tamesa will be honorary mayor leading the Highline Fourth of July parade.

**Summer-long fete for American Folklife**

WASHINGTON — Held annually since 1967, the Festival of American Folklife will culminate this year with a summer-long (June 18-Sept. 6) Bicentennial celebration on the National Mall between Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument.

In presenting the music, dance, crafts and foodways of some 24 foreign countries and their cultural counterparts from U.S. ethnic communities, the Japanese will be featured during the week of Aug. 11-15 with the Yamabushi Kagura dancers and Kuruma Ningyo puppet theater from Japan and local groups staging the Obon service and dance.

**Two men charged in river boat death**

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Two Stockton men were charged May 13 with manslaughter in the April 20 death of James Aoki, 59, owner of the Iris Cafe, who had been fishing from a raft and knocked into the water by a speeding boat.

Torrance Walker, 25, and Steven Orr, 25, have been charged. Attorney Phil Hiroshima is representing the widow, Martha, and her six grown children.

**Western Airlines**

SACRAMENTO — Western Airlines, which celebrated its golden jubilee recently, was named official carrier for the 24th biennial National JACL Convention as convention chairman Al Oshima said the following were named Convention representatives at the various WAL offices to assist in travel arrangements:

Linda Kerr, Anchorage; Dixie Wall, Denver; Lorna Auyang, Honolulu; Don Miller, Las Vegas; Gretchen May, San Diego and Los Angeles; Adolfo Noriega, Mexico City; Leslie Bremer, Minneapolis; Doris Maurice, Portland, Seattle and Vancouver, B.C.; Debbie Peck, Phoenix; and Diane Steed, Salt Lake City.

**Maryknoll carnival**

LOS ANGELES — Maryknoll School stages its 28th annual carnival June 11-13 at its 222 S. Hewitt grounds. It will be Fr. Clarence Witte's final round as the mission superior is being reassigned to Japan this summer.

**PC's PEOPLE**

Awards

Mrs. Ito Okamura was named Selma's woman of the year by the Selma District chamber of commerce. Wife of school trustee Robert Okamura (cnetime JACL CCDC district government, is active with the Selma Guild of the Valley Children's Hospital, deacon of her church, president of the high school band "strawberry lady" for her generous gift of the fruit to various occasions.

**Education**

Bridget Hamanaka, 1973 graduate of Eagle Rock High, Los Angeles, was selected for the UC Irvine undergraduate research grant for a 6-week study at the American School of Classical Studies at Athens this summer. A junior majoring in classics, she is to compile data on the origins of Cretan palatial architecture.

Five Mombusho (Japanese Ministry of Education) scholarship winners out of 40 applicants from the So. Calif.-Arizona-New Mexico area are announced April 27: Two-year studies in Japan—Mark L. Blum (UCLA), Jared G. Cook (UCLA), Alan T. Moriyma (UCLA); 1½-year study in Japan—Richard J. Fillman (Occidental and Jeffery Topper (UCLA). Applicants for the 1977 program should write to the Japanese Consulate General, 250 E. 1st St., Los Angeles 90012 by August, 1976.

U.S. Sen. Hiram W. Fong (D-Hawaii) was conferred the honorary LL.D., his tenth doctoral degree at California Western School of Law, San Diego,

on May 23 after delivering the commencement address. He earned his first, Doctor of Jurisprudence, at Harvard Law School and previously received eight honorary doctorates. He spoke on excessive government eroding individual freedoms.

**Milestones**

Yone Ota, 63, Spokane JACL president in 1971, died May 20. A body-fender shop owner who was from Seattle, he was active with the Toastmasters, Independent Garage Owners and St. Peter's Catholic Church. Surviving are w Gloria, six sons, two daughters, br, six sis and 15 gc.

Hazel Yamada, 92, believed to be the last survivor of the first shipload of Japanese contract immigrants arriving in Hawaii in 1885, died May 26 in Honolulu. She lived most of her life on Kauai where her parents worked on a sugar plantation. (Among her survivors is Mrs. Elmer Yamamoto, Lcs Angeles, whose late husband served on the PC Board in the 1950s.)

Mrs. Kiyu (Kato) Kitayama, 54, of Brighton, Colo., died of cancer June 1. She is survived by H Ray, owner of Kitayama Nursery of Union City, Watsonville and Brighton, and wholesale florist. She was a Fremont JACL president in 1951, then known as Southern Alameda County chapter. Surviving are three sons, one daughter, brs Yasuto and Henry Kato, sis Chiyemi Sakuda.

Al Funabashi, 59, New York JACL's first president in 1944, died June 2. A native New Yorker, he was president of American Commercial (Mikasa). Surviving are w Maria, s Kevin, Robert, d Maria Dorey and gc.

**Quote of Note**  
He that wrestles with us strengthens our nerves and sharpens our skill. Our antagonist is our helper.—Edmund Burke.

**Richard Gima Aloha**

**Hawaii Today**  
Average per capita income in Hawaii was \$6,428 last year, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis. It was No. 11 in the nation. Cumulative figures show the number of visitors at 747,362 for the first three months — 2.1% ahead of the same period last year, according to the Hawaii Visitors Bureau. Estimated 30% of Hawaii's 100,000 Food Stamp recipients may be chopped off under new regulations ordered by President Ford.

**Neighbor Island**  
Maui now has a 59,661 population, up 30% from the 1970 U.S. Census count of 45,984, according to the Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. Patients who wish to remain at Kalaupapa Settlement may stay, according to legislation introduced by Maui Sen. M. Moru Yamazaki. Statistics since 1950 indicate all patients eligible for release, only 5% chose to return to the community.

**Names in the News**  
New York Bishop Edmond L. Browning, 47, was elected to succeed the late Lani Hanchett as Episcopal bishop of Hawaii. City has named Robert Gibson, 78, and Mildred Johnson, 67, as Oahu's outstanding senior citizens.

Kenichi Higa at Central Intermediate School, was honored as Hawaii's industrial arts teacher of the year. He has taught in Hawaii schools for 29 years. John San Diego of Honolulu was sworn in as Maui police chief, succeeding Abraham Alona, who retired May 1.

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Speakers announced for JAACL Convention

Two outstanding speakers have been announced for banquets during the JAACL Biennial Convention in Sacramento. They are Connie Chung and Clarence Mitchell. Connie Chung, the first Asian American to be named CBS News Correspondent will be the speaker at the Sayonara Banquet at 6:30 in the Sacramento Convention Center. Ms. Chung was named a CBS News Correspondent in March 1974. She has been a reporter for CBS News since October 1971.

As a Washington Bureau correspondent Ms. Chung covered stories on the House Judiciary Committee Hearings on the impeachment of President Nixon during the summer of 1974. She covered the Presidential campaign of Senator George McGovern and was also a member of the CBS News reporting team at the Democratic National Convention. She is presently assigned to cover the activities of Vice President Nelson Rockefeller.

Ms. Chung has been awarded a U.S. Humane Society Certificate of Achievement for a series of broadcasts which enhanced public awareness of the cruelties in seal harvesting. She also received a 1971 Outstanding Young Woman of America Award, an American Association of University Women Metro Area Mass Media Award for outstanding excellence in the field of news reporting, and in 1974, received an honorary doctorate degree in Journalism from Norwalk University.

Clarence Mitchell, Jr., director of the Washington Bureau of NAACP will speak at the Bicentennial Banquet, Thursday, June 24 at 7 p.m. at the Sacramento Convention Center. Mitchell is a longtime friend and co-worker of JAACL. He has worked very closely with the National office on civil rights legislation. In the 30 years he has

served in Washington, he has been such an effective aid in legislation that he is often referred to as the 101st Senator.

Mr. Mitchell is legislative chairman of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. President Ford appointed Mr. Mitchell as a member of the five person delegation representing the United States at the Seventh Special Session and the Thirtieth Session of the General Assembly of the United States beginning the fall of 1975. Other members of the delegation were two Ambassadors from the Department of State and two members of the House of Representatives.

His efforts have aided in obtaining passage of civil rights bills such as The 1957 Civil Rights Act which gave the Attorney General of the United States power to institute civil suits to protect the right to vote; established the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and the 1964 law forbidding discrimination in places of public accommodations and establishing an Equal Employment Opportunity agency; the 1965 Voting Rights Act banning literacy tests for five years and establishing the system of Federal Examiners to aid in voter registration; the 1968 Civil Rights Act which outlaws discrimination in the sale and rental of housing and also increases penalties against those who interfere with persons exercising their civil rights. In 1970, Mr. Mitchell and his colleagues led the successful fight to extend the Voting Rights Act's ban against literacy tests for an additional five years. He also joined in supporting the amendment to the bill which permits 18 year olds to vote in all elections. Senators have said that without his efforts over the last 30 years there would have been no civil rights legislation.

FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

The Seattle Taiyos

Denver, Colo. When Jimmie Sakamoto, with blindness approaching, went back home to Seattle from New York in 1927, he found the Japanese American community split by a bitter sports rivalry. The two organizations were the Taiyos and the Nippon Athletic Club. The bad blood between them and their followers threatened to break out into violence.

As a former high school football and baseball star and professional boxer who had been away for several years, Sakamoto commanded the stature to end the feud. His efforts to restore peace in the community led to the revival of a semi-defunct local organization called the Seattle Progressive Citizens League. That was the organization which, a year later, was most instrumental in establishing the national Japanese American Citizens League.

All this came to mind this week with a letter from Mits Abe telling of plans for a Golden Jubilee reunion of the Taiyo Club in Seattle on Saturday, July 17. Golden Jubilee? Have that many years slipped by? Indeed they have, and Abe writes: "We're all getting pretty old and there isn't too much time left for us to be seeing each other and reminiscing."

The Taiyos fielded many fine athletic teams—baseball, basketball and football—

back in the late 'Twenties and 'Thirties. They had a built-in farm system in which older Nisei coached the younger ones and the best athletes worked their way up to the senior team. For years they dominated the Courier League.

The Courier League needs explaining. It was sponsored by the weekly Japanese American Courier, the newspaper that Jimmie Sakamoto founded. He knew that most Nisei didn't have the physical size to compete on high school teams (although he was a star halfback at 120 pounds) and he saw the need for leagues of their own. So the paper sponsored them.

Kay Takayoshi, who was good enough to umpire in semi-pro leagues around Seattle, ran the Courier's baseball league. The late George Ishihara, first president of the Taiyos, was the basketball czar and I was in charge of football. The leagues built up strong but wholesome rivalries, kept the kids off the streets, created teams instead of gangs, brought country teams into town and sent town teams into the country, and developed some fine friendships.

The Taiyos are among the few to retain those prewar associations. They've been holding reunions every four years since 1960. This year the Taiyos are inviting

everyone—"all of our friends and your friends, even husbands and wives. We'd like to see them all whether they played for or against Taiyo or just watched." There will be a buffet dinner and ice and the mixings and a long happy evening of do-you-remember-whens.

The names of some of the fellows on the committee stir memories of Nisei athletic prowess—Lefty Ichihara, Shiro Iwano, Kenji Kawaguchi, Sho Kiyomizu, Tad Kuniyuki, Tom Mayeda, Joe Nakatsu, Flax Sato, Roy Sakamoto, Kenji Yamada and Mat Ycitra in addition to Mits Abe.

Abe says some oldtimers who strayed far from Seattle already have indicated their intention of going back for the reunion. From California will be Roy Nakagawa, Sad Masuda, Shoji Fukui, Toshiro Nishimura and Tats Ycitra. George Ogishima is coming from Tokyo, Mustard Kogane from Anchorage, Hiro Miyagawa from Chicago, Tak Horuchi from Spokane, Yoichi Matsuda from Twin Falls, Dr. Bill Takahashi from Boulder, Colo., and many others.

For these cut-of-towners there will also be an opportunity to golf, fish or bowl. If you can make it, let the reunion chairman know. He's Yoshito (Salty) Mizuta, 10432 66th Ave. S.W., Seattle 98178. And even if you can't, he'd enjoy hearing from you any day so your greetings can be relayed to your old friends.

The Seattle community included many outlying areas—White River, Auburn, Bellevue, Green Lake, Vashon Island, Tacoma, and even Spokane, Yakima and Portland. If you're not from these places, please excuse as Northwesterners this week while we dream about the good old days.

Activities on The Hill

By WAYNE HORIUCHI

Let me mention some items of Congressional activity which are coming to prominence here in Washington and which may affect you:

1—Hearings will be conducted for the purposes of oversight to determine the extent of the problem of undercount of Asian Americans and the inadequate breakdown in previous census tabulations by the Bureau of the Census.

PLAIN SPEAKING

Thanks should go to Congressman Spark Matsunaga for initiating these hearings. An accurate count by the Census is important because it affects voting representation, geographical considerations and funding by the Federal Government for social and economic programs.

2—Hearings were just conducted in San Jose with respect to Congressman Norman Mineta's bill (HR 8823) to provide Civil Service Credit to these Japanese Americans who were placed in relocation

camps during WW II. Thanks should be given to Congressman Mineta for initiating these hearings. As I understand it the hearings, which JAACL and the Committee for Interment Credit testified at, went very well.

3—The Conable bill (HR 13500) which was reported favorably to the floor of the House by the Ways and Means Committee would clarify the ability of all non-profit, tax exempt organizations such as JAACL to lobby without losing their tax advantage. Under the Conable bill, JAACL would be permitted to use up to 20% of its budget as lobby expenditures. The Senate Finance Committee is scheduled to mark up the Senate bill shortly.

4—The Eschelman and Esch Amendments (named after their author) of the Education bill have passed the House of Representatives with little opposition. These amendments do three things: First, the first Eschelman amendment prevents the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare from terminating education funds for school agencies who are suspect of violating

Civil Rights Laws. Second, the Esch Amendment prevents any required transportation for desegregation purposes beyond the nearest school. Third, the second Eschelman amendment prevents the Department of HEW from imposing "quo-

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By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

In this Bicentennial Year, we are commemorating the anniversary dates of many of the great events in American history. An honest reckoning, however, must include a recognition of our national mistakes as well as our national achievements. Learning from our mistakes is not pleasant, but as a great philosopher once admonished, we must do so if we want to avoid repeating them.

February 19th is the anniversary of a sad day in American history. It was on that date in 1942, in the midst of the response to the hostilities that began on December 7, 1941, that Executive Order No. 9066 was issued, subsequently enforced by the criminal penalties of a statute enacted March 21, 1942, resulting in the uprooting of loyal Americans. Over one hundred thousand persons of Japanese ancestry were removed from their homes, detained in special camps, and eventually relocated.

The tremendous effort by the War Relocation Authority and concerned Americans for the welfare of these Japanese-Americans may add perspective to that story, but it does not erase the setback to fundamental American principles. Fortunately, the Japanese-American community in Hawaii was spared the indignities suffered by those on our mainland.

We now know what we should have known then—not only was that evacuation wrong, but Japanese-Americans were and are loyal Americans. On the battlefield and at home, Japanese-Americans—names like Hamada, Mitsumori, Marimoto, Noguchi, Yamasaki, Kido, Munemori and Miyamura—have been and continue to be written in our history for the sacrifices and the contributions they have made to the well-being and security of this, our common Nation.

The Executive order that was issued on February 19, 1942, was for the sole purpose of prosecuting the war with the Axis Powers, and ceased to be effective with the end of those hostilities. Because there was no formal statement of its termination, however, there is concern among many Japanese-Americans that there may yet be some life in that obsolete document. I think it appropriate, in this our Bicentennial Year, to remove all doubt on that matter, and to make clear our commitment in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim that all the authority conferred by Executive Order No. 9066 terminated upon the issuance of Proclamation No. 2714, which formally proclaimed the cessation of the hostilities of World War II on December 31, 1946.

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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