

# Nisei retirement confab slated

SAN FRANCISCO—A planning conference on Nisei Retirement is scheduled here for the weekend of Nov. 19-21 (Friday afternoon through Sunday noon), it was announced by Mrs. Minoru Murakami and Sharon Fujii, members of the conference steering committee.

The conference is being made possible by JACL through a contract from the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH).

The initial idea for the Planning Conference was conceived by Dr. Minoru Masuda of Seattle, and proposed as a project at the 1974 National Convention in Portland, Oregon. The JACL Development Committee then pursued this idea with NIMH for the past two years, and a contract for \$10,000 was awarded to JACL this spring.

# Wendy Yoshimura loses one round by appellate rule

By LFE RUTTLE (Special PC Correspondent)

SAN FRANCISCO—An explosive charge against Wendy Yoshimura, 33, was reinstated this past week (Aug. 10) by the State Court of Appeals, reversing a decision by the Alameda County superior court, which had dismissed the charge as too vague.

Judge Lionel Wilson's decision, which was set aside, was respect to Charge No. 3 of the grand jury, to wit: PC 1212—Every person who possesses any substance, material or any combination of substance or material with the intent to make any destructive device or any explosive without first obtaining a valid permit to make such destructive device or explosive, is guilty of a felony, and is punishable by imprisonment in the state prison not exceeding 15 years.

Wendy's attorney James Larsen doesn't think it's serious right now. The lower court had agreed with Wendy's contention during the pre-trial hearings that the charge she was in possession of materials with intent to make explosive or destructive devices was too vague because it referred to a "substance" and "material".

However, the appellate court said that a reading of the full section showed that intent was also necessary. "The possession and the specific intent are not merely coincidental to each other," the court ruled. "Innocent possession of a 'substance' or 'material' is not made punishable conduct under statute, nor is the mere intent to make destructive device or explosive possession is criminal conduct only where the possession is predicated and dependent upon the actor's specific intent to make that possession an integral step in the construction of an explosive or destructive device."

"When the statute is thus read as a whole, the vagueness of the meaning is eliminated."

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# TETON DAM COLLAPSE A Tragedy Seen But Not Felt

A word about the writer... Tommy Miyasaki and his wife Mary, resided in Sugar City, Idaho at the time of the flood. Tommy is 57-years-old, father of four, who lost his sight during World War II. He is a priest in the Sugar City LDS Ward and is currently employed as a caseworker in the Idaho State Youth Services Center. He is president of the Idaho State Blind Commission and a Delegate to the White House Conference on Employment of the Handicapped.

By TOMMY MIYASAKI

Sugar City, Idaho ON SATURDAY, June 5, the brilliant morning sun broke the dawn spreading its gentle rays and inundating the peaceful valley. Never did we or the citizens of the valley dream that we would be experiencing another kind of inundation so destructive and catastrophic in scope. While Mary scurried around the kitchen preparing the morning breakfast for the family, I opened wide the door of our home and inhaled deeply the "spring-scented" morning air. How wonderful it was I thought aloud to be a part of this valley and be involved in the goodness of its people.

Suddenly my thoughts were interrupted by the familiar greetings of the wiggly little body from our dog Snoop and the gentle rub from our cat Tiger as he slid his body against my leg. I acknowledged their greetings with a gentle pat and went inside to respond to the call for breakfast. The morning passed uneventful with Mary off to the doctor's office as a receptionist and I completing the necessary chores to prepare for a session at the Idaho Falls temple. At 11:45 a.m., dressed for the occasion, I walked toward the driveway to join my neighbor as he drove toward our home in his auto.

As he opened the door of his car I was greeted by an

excited and concerned salutation that the Teton Dam had just gave way and a wall of water was headed toward the valley. Numbered with disbelief that a dam which had effectively controlled the spring run-off and for the first time had not inundated the farm lands along the north fork and south fork of the Teton River was sending down a holocaust of water unmanaged and uncontrolled.

For added confirmation, I rushed back into our home and turned on the radio which we did not have on all morning. The familiar voice of our local radio announcer was pleading for the people in the area to seek for higher ground. Reiterating that this was no joke, that the dam had crumbled away, and that 15 to 20 feet of water was bulldozing its way to the valley below.

With all the strength I could muster I coerced myself to think rationally and be level-headed and instructed my daughter Donna to call mother to hurry home so that we could together go to safer ground. In the meantime, my son-in-law and I hurried to get our invalid mother-in-law out of her home. A kind neighbor had already gotten her out and headed toward our home.

As the car radio continued to plead for the citizens to leave everything but yourself and head for higher ground, we methodically gathered the immediate needs of the little children, desperately trying to control the adrenalin from overwhelming us to the panic stage. It seemed an eternity since we called mother and she had not arrived.

Finally I ordered the children to get into the car and hoped that we would meet her along the way. It was at that moment, just like the movies, our familiar family car pulled into the driveway. With a little rearranging we were all ready to leave.

Just at that moment we observed two forlorn animal faces looking up at us from the driveway, a cat and a dog. I hurriedly got it out of the car and carried one in each of my arms up to the second story of our out-building and shut the door, praying that the lives may be spared. For probably there was no room at the

unknown haven of refuge. Our two vehicles sped out of the driveway and through the village streets southward for higher ground. Not a soul remained. A ghost town abandoned and momentarily forgotten because it could not provide for us our immediate need—a haven of security and safety from the on-rushing water.

It seemed that we were the last souls to leave the village; however, later we learned that through the hubbub of the day an elderly lady was left behind. Her immediate family were on vacation and she was alone in her home. She survived to tell the unforgettable night in her upstairs bedroom as her little home creaked and moaned to withstand on-coming eight to ten feet of water.

WE REACHED the higher grounds of Ricks College campus and listened to the progress of the water over the car and portable radio. Approximately 15 minutes after we had settled ourselves the radio announcer reported that the water had entered the village of Sugar City. Just four miles from where we were standing our town and our home was being challenged to withstand the uncontrolled force of nature on a rampage.

It was not long after a spectacle beyond description unbelievably loomed before our eyes. As previously stated, just like a giant bulldozer, the wall of water carrying with it countless huge trees, buildings and homes rolled and occasionally sunk and appeared to surface momentarily as if to get a breath of air under again pushing and jamming into other buildings, crumbling and soon joining the other floating debris as it pushed its way through the main thoroughfare of Rexburg and went its way through the maze of streets indiscriminately adding its destructive toll as it found its way to the farm land southwest from the city.

The city drew its last breath as the radio announcer attempted in an emotion-filled voice to bid farewell as it succumbed to the shattering and surging liquid mass. The silence of the radio was only to be distracted by an occasional

al crackle and the drone of the planes and helicopters above monitoring to pick up survivors floating in the sea of debris.

By late that evening the disorganized city came into view from the receding water. A few of the brave citizens were already wallowing in debris-saturated water, attempting to assess its damages. Tired and spent, the entire city slumbered into a fretful respite.

Twenty-four hours later the dawn once again broke with the same brilliant morning sun, but it no longer permeated my spent body with the same invigorating feeling of the previous day. The awesome sight of the inundated areas reinforced the numbed depressive feeling.

Subsequent to our church services, which was like a refreshing dew to a thirst-craving plant, a few friends got into an auto and drove northward hopefully to utilize this mode of travel to some degree to reach our stricken village.

Our hopes were short-lived for police had already set up barricades informing us that vehicle passage beyond this point was impossible. We got out and started on foot to our homes some three miles away. It was difficult to comprehend that a once smooth asphalt road could be gutted and rutted so severely by a cool thirst-quenching and life giving substance.

As my friend Bob continued to describe the unbelievable spectacle before us, it was hard to believe that in spots huge pieces of asphalt were literally lifted as if a giant sliver had gotten underneath the road bed and gently lifted it and transferred it to an adjoining farm land. The

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Honolulu Nikkei among flash flood victims  
LOVELAND, Colo.—June Fujiwara, 27, of Honolulu, Hawaii, was among the victims of the Big Thompson River flash flood the night of July 31. The total number of dead in still uncertain, but the toll is expected to be more than 100.

# JUSTICE DEPT. EXPECTS BETTER GOVT. COMPLIANCE OF 'TITLE SIX'

WASHINGTON—New rules aimed at improving federal government efforts to eliminate racial and ethnic discrimination in federally assisted programs were proposed by the Justice Department July 30.

Asst. Attorney General J. Stanley Pottinger believes the new rules, expected to be adopted in final form this fall, would improve federal compliance with Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which bans bias in federally financed programs.

The regulations would establish minimum standards for complying with Title VI at 26 federal agencies that oversee government programs spending nearly \$50 billion a year.

Each agency would be expected to collect racial information from recipients for enforcement purposes, to establish complaint review procedures, remedy existing discrimination and formulate acceptable enforcement plans.

Pottinger, who is in charge of the civil rights division, said the Justice Department has been responsible for years for coordinating enforcement of Title VI, but its authority had been murky until January, 1974, when President Nixon clarified it by an executive order instructing the Attorney General to set standards for implementation.

Surveys have been conducted of various agencies with shortcomings now under negotiations for remedial action. Some of the shortcomings, according to the Justice Dept. sampling, include:

1—No uniform system for enforcing Title VI by the Community Services Administration and inadequate staff of its regional human rights offices.

2—Dept. of Agriculture's food and nutrition service, which administers \$5.7 billion

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# Hibakusha stays alive by breathing from oxygen bottle, backs Roybal bill

SAN FRANCISCO—Kuniko Jenkins, 50, carries an oxygen bottle with her everywhere she goes. It is a constant reminder of the horrors of the A-bomb attack on Hiroshima 31 years ago. The oxygen bottle also keeps her alive.

She carries the oxygen bottle and breathes from it "at least six days to stay alive."

Lucky Survivor

In one sense, she is exceptionally lucky because she has received medical treatment from through a military hospital—thanks to her husband, an Army veteran.

Other survivors, however have to keep paying medical bills which can easily run up to \$10,000 a year. Many of them have died from diseases such as cancer and genetic disorders.

Since coming to the U.S., she said her life has been a constant battle against ill-effects of huge doses of radiation. "Just a little bit of sweat and I catch pneumonia. Every other day I have a cold. I've already stepped into the twilight zone twice when my heart stopped while in a hospital room."

A-bomb survivors not only live in Japan but also in the U.S. They have finally organized to seek badly needed federal medical assistance. Some 300 people, gathered at JACL Headquarters for the service, were among an estimated 1,000 Japanese Americans subjected and still suffering from the A-bomb blasts. Kanji Kuramoto of Alameda, chairman of the Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors of the United States, said his committee has located nearly 400 survivors in the U.S.—mostly in California over the past two years.

Hard to Locate

May name middle school for Nisei

CHICAGO—Longtime Uptown resident Jean Arai was praised July 27 by a grateful community for her campaign to secure the land and found Hazel-Wilson Middle School at 900 Wilson.

About 400 are believed to be in Hawaii, according to Kuramoto and that three-fourths of all survivors in the U.S. are American citizens. "It has been very difficult to locate them, because of the stigma attached to their unique victimization," Kuramoto pointed out.

Mrs. Arai's son, Harold, an orthodontist, and a sister were present at the meeting at the new Harry Truman College (formerly Northeast College) to accept the testimonials since her husband, Brush, was at her bedside in an Evanston hospital where she is fighting terminal cancer.

Mrs. Jenkins had prepared her statement which was read since she was on doctor's order not to speak. Others addressing the press conference at Headquarters were Dr. Hiro Yamashita of the Radiation Effects Research Foundation, Japan; Dr. John Auxier, Oak Ridge National Laboratory; Mrs. Mariko Lindsey, supervisor; Cherry Tsutsumida, San Francisco JACL; and David Ushio, national JACL director.

The middle school, opened last September, was established to relieve overcrowding in the Lake View-Uptown schools.

The committee is seeking passage of a bill (HR 8152), introduced by Rep. Ed Roybal (D-Calif.) for medical aid.

Among groups present were the Chicago JACL and Japanese American Service Committee.

# FROM JACL NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS COMMUNICATIONS

## 1977 Membership

San Francisco Chapters have been mailed a memorandum outlining tentative plans for the 1977 membership campaign with a questionnaire seeking chapter input before final plans are announced.

Chapters are expected to return their comments to National Headquarters by Friday, Sept. 10.

## Nat'l Constitution

Three amendments introduced on the floor at the recent National Council meet require approval of chapters by mail prior to Sept. 22. Chapters have been sent the text of the proposed constitutional and by-law amendments, which concern:

1—Constitutional amendment, describing in detail, requirements for proxy authorization when official delegates are unable to attend meetings of the National Council.

## Retirement Conference

With the Nisei Retirement planning conference set for Nov. 19-21 at San Francisco, applications for potential participants have been distributed to JACL chapters and regional offices.

Persons desiring applications may check with the chapter president, JACL regional offices or JACL National Headquarters.

# 'BAMBOO PEOPLE' AVAILABLE AT PC OFFICE

LOS ANGELES—Frank Chuman's "The Bamboo People" (Publisher's Inc., \$12.95) is available at the Pacific Citizen Office, 125 Weller St., at the special rate of \$10.95 plus sales tax. He will autograph his book at the JACL Office (Room 310) between noon-2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 22.

# Nisei Farmers start So. Calif. chapter

FRESNO, Calif. — The Nisei Farmers League has organized its 16th chapter based in Encinitas to cover Southern California in general with Alben Shapiro as unit president.

The growers' group, founded by Nisei farmers in June, 1971, has been headed by Harry Kubo of Parlier, who was recently named to chair the Citizens for Fair Farm Labor Law. It was formed here to defeat Prop. 14 on the November ballot, a labor initiative sought by the United Farm Workers of America.

# East West Players extend run

A scene from "Secrets of the Soul", East West Players production of "Asian American Hearings" is extended to the Sept. 19 weekend at 4424 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles. It's an "anything goes" happening of music, comedy, drama in original form chronicling the sweep of Asian American experience. Tickets are \$4.50 with an 8:30 p.m. curtain Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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# Gov. Carr bust to be unveiled

DENVER, Colo.—The bust of the late Gov. Ralph Carr will be unveiled at Sakura Square on Aug. 21, 2 p.m., the memorial committee announced. A reception will follow at the Buddhist Temple.

Contributions from Japanese Americans throughout the nation were acknowledged over the past year when it was announced a bust would be erected to the only western state governor to welcome Japanese American evacuees from the west coast in 1942. That humane gesture cost him a seat in the U.S. Senate in the next election. Colorado observers have said.

# Judges sue to remove Takasugi from ballot

LOS ANGELES—Because Secretary of State March Fong Eu has no authority to drop the name of Judge Robert Takasugi from the November runoff ballot for a superior court judgeship, since he now serves as a federal judge on the U.S. District Court here, a suit was filed Aug. 2 in superior court to drop Takasugi's name and not have votes for him counted.

The suit was filed by David J. Aisenon, municipal judge, who was runner-up, Takasugi and his attorney David Glickman.

Because present law only permits removal of a name from the ballot if the candidate dies, the State Legislature is working on a bill allowing the removal of names from the ballot under certain circumstances.

Both Takasugi and Aisenon said they were in favor of any method that would remove the Takasugi name.

# Black admiral chosen to head Hawaii-based fleet

WASHINGTON—President Ford has nominated the first black admiral, Rear Adm. Samuel L. Gravely Jr., 54, for a vice admiral's three stars and command of the Third Fleet based at Pearl Harbor. He is now commandant of the 11th Naval District at San Diego.

The fleet consists of 100 warships and 60,000 sailors and marines.

# 'Pacific Overtures' to open in L.A.

LOS ANGELES—"Pacific Overtures", hailed as the best Broadway musical this year, comes to the West Coast with a special benefit preview Aug. 30, 8:30 p.m., at the Music Center for the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center. Regular run starts Aug. 31.

# Biennium Afterthoughts

By KAZ HORITA (Philadelphia JACL)

It was interesting returning as a chapter delegate to the Convention and to JACL National activities after an absence of two bienniums. Although it does not seem that long, I have not been a chapter delegate for some 14 years. It was exciting to renew old acquaintances and to make new friends.

Since the Philadelphia chapter had only one delegate, Mr. Mike Masaoka was appointed to be the second delegate from this Chapter. As you might expect, Mike proceeded to be the busiest delegate at the Council meetings.

The many Convention events, a tiring amount of National Council meetings and long-near-midnight hospital-ity room visits all took up much of the delegates' time. As I do not want to be redundant in reporting the events covered by the Pacific Citizen, my aim will be to try to present Convention highlights with personal observations, thoughts and sidelight remarks of interest to the Philadelphia Chapter members.

## Finances

As noted in recent PC articles, the primary and most important concern at this Convention was the National JACL financial status. We had been informed to expect a deficit at the end of FY 1976 which could amount to \$110,000. This was the result of expenditures which exceeded income in 1974 and 1975 in the amounts respectively of \$50,000 and \$60,000. The income did not reach the amount anticipated in the budget adopted by the Council at the 1974 Portland convention.

In Sacramento the delegates learned that there would not be a deficit and that with anticipated expenditures for the balance of FY 1976, the National JACL will have a plus balance at the year-end 1976. The National Board had taken action to reduce substantially the remaining expenses for 1976 relative to the amount approved by the Council in 1974.

What happened? The National JACL accounting system needed revamping. The system in use had a multiplicity of funds. Some funds were classified as special, reserve, etc. A CPA firm, Alexander Grant and Co. studied JACL's accounting system, re-

vised it, and essentially put all funds into one of two major classifications, restricted and unrestricted. The "unrestricted" is the on-going portion while the "restricted" has in its funds such items as the Endowment Fund, Scholarship Funds, etc., where the use of such is restricted to certain particular uses.

The end result of instituting this accounting procedure (one described as applicable to tax-exempt, non-profit organizations) was a much rosier financial picture.

Putting some of the mentioned factors together though, it would appear that the early months of FY 1977 (October 1976-January 1977) may be difficult financial times, due to FY 1977 dues coming in after January.

## National Dues

Because of a number of approved projects requiring funds and insufficient funds at the current dues base to meet those needs, a motion was made to increase the regular membership dues by \$1 per year. This motion was overwhelmingly defeated. Most delegates had come with instructions that a dues increase would not be acceptable.

The regular membership dues to National will be the same.

## Budget

The total National JACL yearly budget for the next biennium was set at \$492,300. By past performance, this is the amount that is collectable; it does not have any optimistic, "hope to attain" type of funds. The \$492,300 compares to a \$562,900 budget adopted by the National Council in 1974. Items of interest in the "expense" category are:

- 1—\$25,000 for recommended projects.
- 2—Regional offices in PSWDC, NC-WNDC and MDC.
- 3—\$5,000 allocated to EDC for a regional program.
- 4—Funds allocated for a National Headquarters staff of six.
- 5—Maintenance of a Washington office.

## Reparations

The reparations legislation was the major "in" project for the 1976 convention. The program promotion was orchestrated by many delegates and staff but very prominent in the total proceedings were Mike Masaoka, Edison Uno and Henry Miyatake. A number of people mentioned that they had not seen Mike get quite as enthusiastic about a program as he has with this effort for reparations legisla-

tion for Japanese Americans. This program will be a good rallying project for JACLers. It should add appreciably to the history of Japanese Americans. The sum of \$7,500 (actually, \$8,500 now—Ed.) per year during the coming biennium was allocated. The initial request of \$15,000 was trimmed by the proponents to half.

## Other Programs

The Iva Toguri d'Aquino pardon was another JACL project, which surfaced on many occasions during the Convention. There were presentations, resolutions and a number of announcements related to this case. Needless to say, it was the "hot item" during the Convention, particularly since the California state legislature meeting in Sacramento at the same time as the Convention passed a joint resolution asking President Ford to grant her a full pardon.

Although there were a number of indications during the pre-convention period that there may be a concerted effort to de-emphasize the youth program of JACL, the Council proceedings certainly did not indicate any such de-emphasis. There was a reaffirmation of the need to emphasize JACL efforts on youth and a requested additional \$4,500 to the current allocation was approved without any hesitancy by the Council.

Many Philadelphia members will be pleased to know that former National JACL youth director Gail Nishioka was officially commended in a resolution for her contributions to JACL. Gail will be remembered by many Philadelphians as the gal in Washington who really helped us.

## Pacific Citizen

The PC plans to go to a new format around September. It will be a tabloid of eight pages. Certain pages will be allocated to certain news items: JACL news in the center spread pages 2 and 3, editorials on page 2, the front page to news of national interest to Japanese Americans.

I was particularly interested in one of the advantages by the PC Board for the tabloid format. "It is easier to handle and read. No more garbage cans will be lined with copies of the PC, since the tabloid size is too small." This writer has selfish interests since the firm that takes care

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**EDITORIAL**

**A Look at South Africa**

On the heels of the first "on-the-scene" report from Johannesburg in The Pacific Citizen by our globe-trotting contributor Frank Fukazawa, the Republic of South Africa announced on Aug. 10 that its Internal Security Act was being invoked throughout its four provinces, allowing police to detain people indefinitely on suspicion of subversion. This act has a preventive detention clause.

Justice Minister Jimmy Kruger said the Act was being implemented to counter the black power movement which he blamed for racial riots in the black enclaves. The riot began June 21 when police opened fire on crowds of school children demonstrating against compulsory use of the Afrikaans language in schools. Since then, over 200 persons have been slain, scores of buildings destroyed in the violence that spread throughout South Africa's four provinces.

Earlier, Prime Minister John Vorster said the situation was "serious" but not critical. "The breakup of law and order will not be tolerated. If there are grievances, the door is open to hear those grievances. But the government certainly will not be railroaded into panic action."

In South Africa where apartheid is official government policy, where the whites are outnumbered nearly five to one in a nation of 21.5 million, and where persons of Japanese ancestry are considered "honorable white" (their 600,000 Asiatics, mainly from the Sub-Continent are "non-Whites"), the country is feeling outside pressure for change with growing consistency.

South Africa can no longer feel secure since white minority rule has waned in its neighboring nations of Angola, Mozambique, Rhodesia and Namibia (South-West Africa). The success of black independence movements is forcing change at a painful pace in South Africa.

Aside from Nisei disdain of the apartheid policy, further concern should be the fear if Britain and America who together invest more money in South Africa than the rest of the world combined were to withdraw all investments, other countries like West Germany, Japan and other international financiers would soon fill the void.

**Joan Arai Middle School**

A number of public schools in California, and one recently in Las Vegas, Nevada, have been named for Japanese Americans—Issei and Nisei, but they have been for elementary schools. A petition is now being circulated in Chicago to name a newly established middle school on the Northside for Mrs. Joan Arai, whose volunteer efforts on behalf of community work and education began in Amache (Colo.) relocation center and culminating in the fight to secure a middle school to relieve overcrowding in the Uptown area schools.

The Hazel-Wilson Middle School is so named because of its location. Area civic and educational groups have joined in the petition to get the school board, which has a ruling against naming schools after living persons, to rename it Joan Arai Middle School.

Undoubtedly, the school board is equally proud of Mrs. Arai's contribution and leadership in community and school affairs, as was the Chicago city council, and can shed a measure of joy to the little woman in her 60s who lives quietly in St. Francis Hospital in Evanston fighting terminal cancer . . . by approving the petition.

**FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa**

**The Q-Division**

Los Alamos, N.M.  
Some years ago they removed much of the secrecy surrounding this community by eliminating the fences and making it an open city. The gate at the top of the long, steep highway up the mesa on which Los Alamos is located is gone. The blockhouse where security guards were sheltered is a restaurant now.

But security is as tight as ever around certain buildings where super-secret work related to the national defense continues. Even long-time employees with top clearance must go through prescribed procedures before being granted entry into these buildings.

But much of the city, where the atomic bomb was developed, has been declassified. Some of the old secrets are now open to taxpayer gaze in a small but fascinating museum which regularly hosts crowds of tourists, busloads of school children from places like Kansas and Oklahoma, and even a few visitors from Japan.

Some of the displays explain the principle of nuclear energy and demonstrate in relatively simple terms how scientists are trying to harness the awesome power of hydrogen for peaceful purposes. (If they ever learn to do this, our energy shortage worries may be at an end, but don't hold your breath. It is likely to be decades before the explosive energy which now can smash entire cities can be tamed to more peaceful pursuit.)

Perhaps the most poignant display is in a small courtyard where unarmed replicas of nuclear weapons are on display. One is "Little Boy," the first nuclear weapon ever detonated. Tragically, it was exploded over Hiroshima one oppressively hot August morning 31 years ago. As bombs go, it was huge. It was 28 inches in diameter, 10 feet long and weighed about 9,000 pounds. It had the explosive force of 20,000 tons of TNT. The replica is painted a deceptively peaceful white.

Nearby is "Fat Man," a replica of

the stubby, almost globular bomb that was dropped on Nagasaki a few days after Hiroshima was obliterated.

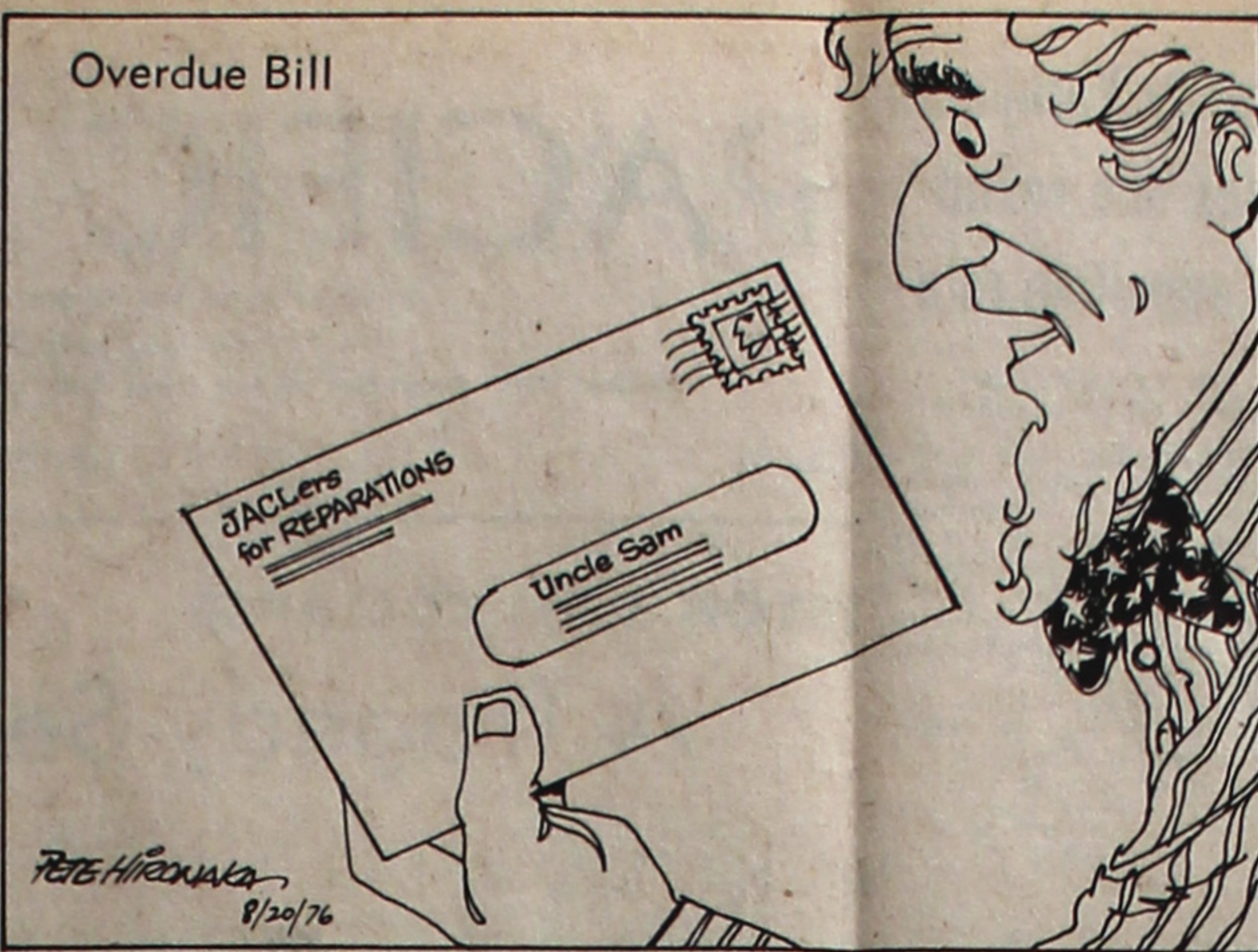
These two bombs look huge and crude compared to the replica of a sleek, compact hydrogen bomb also on display. The one big difference is that within the shell of the hydrogen bomb is power that is measured in millions of tons of TNT, not just thousands. As one stares at these weapons in the warm, pleasant New Mexico sun, he is struck by the refinement, if it can be called that, that has been made in the science of slaughter.

Weapons research and development is still the largest single activity at Los Alamos, but the scientists there are very much aware of other problems facing the nation. The director of Los Alamos, Dr. Harold Agnew, puts it this way: "Cheap energy is as important to the future of our nation as adequate military defense."

Thus a progressively larger part of the effort is being placed on energy research—fusion, solar energy, tapping the heat of hot rocks thousands of feet underground. There are also the social and other scientists of what is called Q-Division, which was my primary interest on this visit. Q-Division teams are building computer models—utilizing the amazing capabilities of giant computers—to study the alternatives as the nation seeks to develop the West's coal, shale oil and uranium reserves. The Rocky Mountain West is deeply concerned about preserving the ecology and our way of life while trying to meet the nation's demand for energy. These Westerners are afraid of being exploited. Q-Division and its computers will seek out the most feasible alternatives, providing the decision-makers with the data necessary to act wisely.

Q-Division is a quiet, peaceful place, and it is a satisfying thing to realize that in this small area at least, the brainpower of Los Alamos is busily at work on a project to preserve our way of life.

**Overdue Bill**



**Idaho flood -**

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vanishment of familiar landmarks, of home, and farmsteads and the unorthodox position of everything which just yesterday were so orderly and appealing to the eye. Such description diminished my anticipation for an intact home, inviting and warm.

**WE CONTINUED** to trudge through the knee-deep water. Each step revealing an unpredictable footing, thus requiring the skill of an acrobat. Huge trees uprooted making an uninvited entrance through a huge picture window of some homes, resting its haunches on the living room floor and waving its sparsely-leaved branches as we passed. Those which survived were bent and stripped of its beauty only to be laden with debris of all sorts. One huge tree even had lifeless animal perched on one of its branches.

Some of the homes left their station only to be found leaning against another some blocks away seeking affection and moral support to live the crisis. Others gutted and maimed crying in pain for someone to assist in alleviating their injury. Such descriptive verbiage from my friend offered only a sickening feeling in the pit of my stomach to be unconditionally convinced of what to expect in reference to the condition of our home. Miraculously enough, some animals survived the flood as they wandered aimlessly through the streets looking for the refuge and security which they had enjoyed not many hours ago.

Suddenly my thoughts were diverted from the panorama of unpleasant images by ecstatic words from my friend exclaiming that our house was intact. For a moment the meaning of the word could not register in my mind. Then slowly the impression became clear that my home was in place. I bid my friend farewell as he went his way to assess his home as I stumbled and scrambled over the debris strewn front lawn toward my home.

Then I felt it. The brick facing of my home, orderly in pattern, firm and upright; tears of joy overwhelmed me as I oriented myself towards the front entrance. Over the littered unfamiliar terrain on all fours I searched for the

front entrance. Finally I felt the solid-step entrance threshold underneath my feet. The door was open and it seemed to say, "The experience was terrible, but I withstood it for I knew that you would be back—Do come in."

Dubious about the sincerity of such an invitation as orderliness, comfort and warmth which I had been accustomed and expected, I gingerly stepped inside of the threshold and into the room. Denial of the pleasant things associated with such an invitation was soon confirmed when my foot coaxed into some six to eight inches of slimy and sticky mud.

As I struggled with each step breaking away with a sucking slip from the adhesive nature of the mud I surveyed by tactile vision the general interior condition of the home. It was as if a giant hand had gathered up the contents and indiscriminately dropped them in helter-skelter fashion.

**AS I EMERGED** out of the house, the wiggly body of our little dog Snoop greeted me. She jumped at me with ecstasy and our overt feelings were mutual knowing that we had weathered the flood.

Far off in the distance I heard the meowing of a cat indicating that Tiger had also survived. Later the next day we located him in the attic of our garage. As to how he got there further exploration would be necessary.

With some ambivalent feeling over the experience of that day I joined my friend and once again trudged through the receding tempered water to our temporary haven on the hill near the Ricks College campus and reported to my family that conditions were not too bad. Probably the statement was relative to the immediate situation for later, after careful survey, the extent of the damage was more severe.

Our home magnificently displayed the fiber of its glorious heritage. The strength and the character of its pioneer people who plowed and sowed.

**Afterthoughts -**

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of my grocery bills is the largest recycler of waste paper. I'm certainly interested in ways to eliminate the lining of garbage cans with old newspapers.

**Awards and Elections**

Our congratulations go Michi Weglyn as the Japanese American of the Biennium and to the New York Chapter that nominated her.

We were happy to see that Dr. Clifford Uyeda won the JAACLer of the Biennium. Especially so since his long-ago home was Tacoma, Wash., the same as this writer's and Dr. Tom Taniguchi's.

Although the EDC and MDC had three candidates for national office, unfortunately we were shut out and the elected National officers are from the western states.

**Additional Comments**

While this covers the major items, there were many other important reports, workshops efforts, resolutions, etc., which took up much time and effort. Major speakers were Clarence Mitchell (Bicentennial Banquet) and Connie Chung (Sayonara Banquet). I found the videotape presentation of President Ford greeting Convention delegates and guests at the Sayonara banquet catchy and crowd pleasing.

In conclusion, I found the Convention somewhat confining in that it was held in a motel away from the downtown area. The Convention renewed my interest in what JAACL is doing nationally. JAACL continues to have many dedicated volunteer workers that spark achievements made by JAACL (National director David Ushio made a very direct and emotional presentation on this point at the Awards Luncheon.)

An atmosphere of cooperation and unity permeated the Council meeting, particularly during the final days and it would be well for JAACL if that attitude continues during the coming Biennium.

**25 Years Ago**

In the PC, Aug. 25, 1951

Aug. 15—Tony T. Baba is first Canadian Nisei enrolled at Royal Military College, "The West Point of Canada," Kingston, Ont.

Aug. 20—Cliff Gov. Warren visits Japan, lauds Nisei citizenship and wartime record.

Aug. 24—Sam Ishikawa appointed JAACL associate national director, to work out long-range financial program.

**FROM HAPPY VALLEY**

**'The Bamboo People'**

By SACHI SEKO

One night in May 1969, our neighbors came bearing a cake. They said it was to commemorate the centennial of the Japanese arriving in America. And because they are nice people, we were told how happy they were that our ancestors decided to come.

I recall thinking then what a comparatively young breed of American we are. And that one of the advantages would be the ability to gather and relate to our American history. I suppose I also thought that if this was to be achieved it would be of the nature of much documentary material. Weighty and if not somewhat dull, beyond the scope of others than educators and researchers. The kind of book one buys for some elusive future need and perhaps leaves unopened.

Frank F. Chuman's "The Bamboo People" has dispelled all my preconceptions. It is a beautiful volume, which I have opened and read. And as I am inclined to do, with other books which have starved my curiosity, I have read portions again and again.

Compressed into less than 400 pages, the book is purported to be a legal history of Japanese Americans. It is that. But it exceeds the excellence of scholarly research. Nevers which were employed to keep a people down.

"The Bamboo People," is an appropriate title. For surely few have had the indomitable courage to weather and withstand with grace such torment.

I found it almost a conversational book. Sometimes I am rankled by those who talk beyond my comprehension or who convey an air of condescending tolerance for my limitations. Chuman did not do this to me. He explained in simple terms the legal matters assaults on the basis of race and national origin. A country which was proud of its promise to all that here was heaven and a new beginning, meant that the gift was reserved for Anglo-Saxons.

Our fortunes were linked much more to the country from which our parents and grandparents traveled than to the nation whose citizenship we claimed. The caste system

of color in a democratic society is explicitly documented in the book.

In this bicentennial year, where the words of the Founding Fathers have been recited throughout the land, the book is most timely. How protective is the Constitution? Did it fail us? Are laws so holy that they are immune to tests and reversals and total abolishment?

Chuman shows with certain sympathetic sorrow that the system has not always been infallible. But more, he indicates that the times and the men, who occupied responsible positions contributed to the legal and moral violation of a people.

One is astounded that such treachery and treason went unabated. Indeed, often it fed and grew on the insatiable appetite of men lusty for power. The transgressions were sometimes committed in the name of country and Americanism. Chuman does not arouse hatred for these villains. He makes one fear instead, the kind of thinking which occupied some of the best minds in the nation.

For those of us, whose historical knowledge about the war centers mainly on our Evacuation experience, an important chapter in the book is "Japan and the Road to War." I suggest that the reader follow the notes as he enjoys the book. This is made most convenient by the indication of chapters on alternate pages.

I have heard suggestions that "The Bamboo People," and Michi Weglyn's "Years of Infamy," be distributed to government representatives. The worthiness of such a project is undeniable.

However, I would imagine it is equally important that each of us, whom the books most concern, should add the volumes to our private libraries. It seems somewhat negligent that we should expect others to read book which we ourselves neglect.

Sometimes as books become unavailable, later printings are most costly to obtain. I recall being perturbed with myself for not having purchased a certain book and later having to pay an exorbitant amount

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# Plain Speaking

## FRANK CHUMAN'S BOOK

Washington I had the opportunity during the National JACL Convention in Sacramento to meet one of the old time JACLers who has contributed his life to the cause of Japanese Americans.

I had heard a lot about Frank Chuman, everything complimentary, and meeting and talking with him confirmed the compliments.

Frank has just had a new book published which is an extension of the JARP (Japanese American Research Project) project of JACL. The book is worthy of your attention.

Chuman's book, "The Bamboo People", is a legal history of the law and Japanese Americans, however, it's done in a layman's language.

The book begins with the early immigration of Japanese to the United States and concludes with the rescission of Executive Order 9066. I found the period involving the evacuation and internment of Japanese Americans during WW2 tragic, yet the most fascinating to read. The cases which are only superficially mentioned as mentioned at all in secondary and college textbooks, such as Korematsu, Endo, Yasui, and Hirabayashi, are landmark cases in defining the constitutional authority of the commander-in-chief during times of war.

The tragic twist of irony shows the great civil liberties of history such as Justice William O. Douglas and President Franklin D. Roosevelt justifying and distorting the Constitution in the name of national security. But of even more irony is the history of J. Edgar Hoover, the late director of the FBI and certain high level military officials advocating against the evacuation and internment of the Japanese Americans.

Chuman's book weaves a fascinating story about the Alien Land Law, U.S. Immigration Policy, evacuation and internment, the legal battle to establish the 442nd Regiment, the congressional fight for Evacuation Claims, and more recent laws with respect to Japanese Americans such as the repeal of Title II of the Internal Security Act, the repeal of state antimiscegenation laws, and the rescission of Executive Order 9066.

"The Bamboo People" is not a book just for lawyers but rather for everyone in describing how the law can be twisted to the advantage of the powerful. I recommend you read the book so that you can maintain a historical perspective on the use and abuse of the law. Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes said, "the law is the brooding omnipresence in the sky."

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## Chapter Pulse

### August Events

Marin County JACL will hold its first Summer picnic on Aug. 22, 11 a.m., at the only park with green grass in the drought-stricken county—Stafford Lake Park in South Nativ.

Neighboring JACL Chapter members and friends are invited to bring lunches and join in the fun. Soft drinks and beer will be sold at cost. Prizes for games and races will be awarded. An added attraction at the park is fishing for Bluegills.

### September Events

Marin County JACL will present a photographic history of the Japanese in America at the Marin County Civic Center Library throughout the months of September.

The exhibit, which will include "Executive Order 9066", covers the history of the early Japanese immigrants to contemporary figures, many of whom have been recognized for their achievements in their various fields. The Nakayoshi Club, a Japanese cultural organization in Marin, will present two cultural demonstrations on each Saturday of the month.

The exhibit is part of the Marin County Bicentennial Festival and is the first of its kind in the county in dealing with the Japanese Americans.

### Orange food festival

ORANGE, Calif.—Ten Japanese American groups will join the City of Orange International Food Festival Sept. 3-5 at the Orange Plaza, Chapman and Glassell, dispensing ethnic goodies and entertainment in their sector, "The Ginza". Participating groups include: Orange County JACL, Garden Grove Japanese School, Orange County Buddhist Church, Selanoco JACL, Suburban Optimists, So-Phis, VFW Post 3670, Orange Coast Kyodo Japanese School and the Orange County Kodokan.

### CALENDAR

- Aug. 21 (Saturday) Philadelphia—Chapter picnic.
- Aug. 22 (Sunday) Marin County—Chapter picnic, Stafford Lake Park, 11 a.m.
- Aug. 29 (Sunday) NC-WNDC—Invitational swim meet, Ohlone College, Fremont.
- Aug. 30 (Monday) Contra Costa—Baseball night, Oakland Coliseum.
- Sept. 3 (Friday) West Los Angeles—Earth Science mtg.
- Sept. 3-5 Orange County-Selanoco—International Food Festival, City of Orange Plaza, Chapman and Glassell.
- Sept. 8 (Wednesday) San Mateo—Bd Mtg. Sturge Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 9 (Thursday) PSWDC—Ethnic Concerns Mtg. JACL Regional Office, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 10 (Friday) Philadelphia—Bd Mtg. Tom Kashihara residence.
- Sept. 11 (Saturday) Eden Township—Fall barbecue.
- Sept. 12-13 Berkeley—Bicentennial Festival.
- Sept. 13 (Monday) Gardena Valley—Mtg. Sumitomo Bank, 7 p.m.
- Alameda—Mtg. Buena Vista Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 16 (Thursday) PSWDC—Educ Comm Mtg. JACL Regional Office, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 18 (Saturday) Philadelphia—Judge Marutani Testimonial Dinner/Tom Hayashi Law Scholarship Award, Warwick Hotel.
- Fremont—Charity Mall food bazaar, Fremont Hub Shopping Ctr., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

## NC-WNDC meet to host 15 swimmers from Japan

FREMONT—A contingent of four boys and eleven girls (age 10 to 14) from the Fujimura Swim School in Japan will compete in the NC-WNDC swim meet here Aug. 29 at Ohlone College. They arrive Aug. 24 and will leave immediately after the meet, according to Bob Kaneko, West Valley JACLer (408-356-2359) who is seeking help to house the young swimmers and their two coaches for five nights.

### Seattle phone book

SEATTLE, Wash.—The local JACL is compiling a Nikkei phone directory for the greater Seattle area, including Tacoma, Bellevue and Puyallup Valley, according to chairman Yro Namatome, 11006 Lotus Place South, Seattle 98178. It welcomes Nikkei married to non-Japanese.

## Mitsubishi bank completes merger

LOS ANGELES—The Mitsubishi Bank of California announced the merger with Hacienda Bank, based at La Habra, was effected July 30.

Pursuant to previously announced plan, the merger involved a cash consideration of \$6 million or \$11.50 per share. The combined bank assets are now exceeding \$190-million. Hacienda has offices in La Habra, West Covina, La Mirada and Garden Grove.

## Ethnic bias—

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food stamp program, has failed to carry out directives to collect and evaluate racial and ethnic participation data and has not implemented steps to ensure its program is reasonably free of unlawful discrimination.

3—There is no systematic monitoring of companies violating Title VI by the Dept. of Commerce's economic development administration.

4—Labor Department's manpower administration spends very little on Title VI enforcement in comparison with other federal agencies and state employment security agencies operating under its aegis "continue to mark racial and ethnic identity on application cards" contrary to federal guidelines.

5—As of last December, Veterans Administration had no procedure for informing beneficiaries of their rights under Title VI.

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It is only in Los Angeles that such a vast network of health-care facilities is concentrated solely for the benefit of a minority group. And in the years to come, these assets—land, buildings, community goodwill and all shall pass into the hands of the Sansei, Yonsei and generations yet to come. Therefore, it should be with a sense of pride that every effort be made to keep these holdings intact, by the community and for the community here and for those within the continental USA.

With regard to the new addition—the Intermediate Nursing Care Facility, it is urged that each person respond, in his own way, to the appeal from the many volunteer solicitors who will seek your help in making the \$400,000 fund campaign a success, and thus help in adding another increment of service to the Japanese community.

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## Seko—

Continued from Previous Page for a paperback edition. This edition of "The Bamboo People," should be obtained in its present form. It is for it contains the labors of a book made for keeping not only an able attorney, but and for reading. Treat it gently—a dedicated writer.

### Transpacific flight via Piper Comanche starts

LONG BEACH, Calif.—Masajiro Kawato, 50, who was a Japanese naval fighter pilot during World War II, departed here Aug. 10 on a single-engine Piper Comanche aircraft on a transpacific solo flight to Nagoya via Seattle and the Aleutians. He was expected to start his return flight over the Great Circle Route from Nagoya by Aug. 22.

In 1964, pioneer Nisei pilot Henry Ohye soloed to Japan via Hawaii and Midway in a similar craft and was widely hailed for his daring achievement. Ohye was then 53.

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A NISEI IN JAPAN

Watergate and Lockheed

By BARRY SAIKI

Tokyo With many twists and turns, the Lockheed affair reached a climax with the detention of former Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka on July 27, and in the ensuing weeks, the investigation may unearth the involvement of more political personalities to the embarrassment of the current Government.

By coincidence, the main topic in July for both Japan and the United States involved the "peanut": the triumphant peanut that symbolizes the earthy popularity of Democratic presidential candidate Jimmy Carter of Georgia and the worm-eaten peanuts that led to the arrest of Tanaka, until recently revered by the farmers of his native prefecture Niigata. Yes, the "peanut" has become an international nut of special significance.

The arrest of Tanaka was a shocking occurrence, resulting in banner headlines and much television coverage. In the frantic rush to get exclusive

coverage of anything, there were interviews of reluctant adherents of Tanaka in his home town and disturbing scenes such as 50 reporters and photographers, some using ladders, converging on the vacant Tanaka residence in Tokyo to take photos of the house and garden.

In some respects, the Tanaka arrest was an anticlimax since his name had repeatedly cropped up during the past weeks within political and newsgathering circles. In fact, one basis for Tanaka's arrest appears to be the statement given by Taro Fukuda to investigators before his death.

Interesting Parallels

What Watergate was to the American public, Lockheed is today to the Japanese. These two national events, which placed great doubts on the morality of the leadership, have many parallels.

1-Both Watergate and Lockheed involved the chief executive of a country, while he was in office.

2-Both questionable events occurred in approximately the same time frame, since Tanaka has been charged with receiving the Lockheed money in late 1972.

3-Both involved the transfer of unrecorded money in large amounts for unethical purposes.

4-Both resulted in Congressional hearings, at which perjured testimonies were given by those who were subpoenaed.

5-In attempts to protect the chief executives, both ruined or will ruin the reputations of at least 10 subordinates or associates, whose major faults were loyalty and obedience to their superiors, whether right or wrong.

Coverup by Prestige

In both the United States and Japan, with universal suffrage and free elections, the public had supposed that the Governments were answerable to the people. Yet, both found that their chief executives while in public office had been able to conceal their dishonesty through the aegis of their position and the assistance of their subordinates.

What was shocking was that men of highest responsibility, given public mandate, had abused their trust; and that many (to preserve their positions or offices) had served as handmaidens in the personal misuse of power.

Ironically, if Watergate and Lockheed are divided and transposed, the words become "Feed water" and "Lock gate". Heeding either, would have been good advice for all these involved.

Unending Dilemma

The price of individual freedom is eternal vigilance. This is one lesson that Watergate teaches. From the general viewpoint, it can be said both the Evacuation of 35 years ago and the Watergate of the recent past are both from the same cloth. Only the personalities, the settings and external circumstances have changed.

The unending dilemma of any large country is: Is it possible to elect a leader, who is fully aware of national and international issues and yet who does not have political commitments which would interfere with honest and judicious decisions? In every election, we face the possibility of electing a glad-hander, an opportunist, ward healer or a good leader.

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Los Angeles

The Asian American National Business Alliance (213-382-7381) has a professional level opening for a financial analyst at their Orange County office to conduct feasibility studies, prepare loan proposals and provide individual business counseling to clients.

Nomination forms are available for 12 vacancies on the Asian American Education Commission, an advisory body to the city board of education. From Herb Leung, commission executive secretary, 450 N. Grand Ave., Los Angeles (625-6798). They must be filed by Sept. 27; election follows Oct. 4-15.

Japanese Union Church, which will soon move to its new location at E. 3rd and San Pedro, will observe reunion Sunday Aug. 29 at 11 a.m. worship and luncheon. Yuki and Charles Kamayatsu are reunion co-chairpersons.

A sum of \$68,169 has been raised as of Aug. 4 by the Japanese Retirement Home in its campaign to raise \$400,000 to renovate and activate the intermediate care facility.

The Olivers honor the outstanding Sanei high school athlete of Southern California Aug. 21, 7 p.m., at its 16th annual awards banquet at Imperial Dragon Restaurant in Little Tokyo. Award is made in tribute to the late Nellie G. Oliver, public school teacher who took upon herself the task of helping young Nisei pursue an active sports program in the 1920s and 1930s.

Orange County

Wintersburg Presbyterian Church food festival will be held on the church grounds, 13711 Fairview Ave., on Sunday, Sept. 26 from 4-9 p.m.

Pres. Ford appointee WASHINGTON - Hawaiian State Rep. Patricia Saiiki (R) was appointed by President Ford recently to the National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year.

Deaths

Harry Nii, 52, of Dinuba died of heart attack Aug. 7. He was Tulare County JACL president, 1973-74, and is survived by wife Terumi, two children, m. Yuzuko, m. Frank, Kazuo, Ted, George and sis Akiko Berry.

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Seattle

Tacoma's Asian American Alliance will sponsor its fourth annual Asian Day Festival Aug. 28 from noon till 8 p.m. at the Bicentennial Pavilion. Theme will be "Salute to Asian Pioneers" with a program of entertainment, folk dancing, displays, demonstrations and food booths. Pavilion is located at 13th and Market.

Little League

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