

By the Board

NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL OFFICERS

Bicentennial City Here it is February 1 and JACL's National Council convenes in Sacramento in less than five months. The National Board meets the second weekend of February at headquarters to review the programs and the budget. The Board must also address accountability and make recommendations. This lets the other half of the Uyehara team off the hook if he follows the usual pattern and forgets Feb. 14.

Last week officers and committee chairpersons received a memo from President Shig requesting reports from us on our assignments. Coping with winter, the driving to work in snow and ice conditions, dealing with troubled youths and insensitive educational system, keeping the feeder filed for the cardinals, blue-jays, juncos, chickadees and more, staying off the common cold, managing the spiraling cost of living, who needs the realization that the National Convention will be upon us with summer?

There is no sign of spring; the forsythia buds are still completely dormant and the rhododendrons and andromedas are curled up in their vigil against frost. Reality encroaches with the aforementioned memo. National Board and staff must quickly move to prepare for the 1978 National Council when the Biennium comes to an end.

The 1974 Convention minutes arrived a few days ago to remind the officers to ask what happened with the decisions on JACL's direction and budget? And I see among my long list of reports to prepare for the Board meeting, one which reads "Nominations."

Since the Constitution states the President selects the Chairperson, I checked this assignment out with President Shig. He asks that I act for him. The Nominations Chairperson is important with the responsibility to oversee the selection of candidates for National Office. It may be time to look at our Constitution and change the sections on Nominations and Election of Officers. The business of selecting the officers should be an on-going concern rather than hindsight as it seems in JACL. That thought made me willing to act for the President and to select a capable person who would give the position much thought.

Dr. Toaru Ishiyama, immediate past President of the Cleveland chapter and member of the National Planning Commission last biennium who made noticeable input there, has a wealth of background and experience with

management, roles, structure and function of organizations in human services. He will be able to give constructive direction with nominations of national officers and to suggest necessary change in the process.

The responsibility of being a national officer in JACL is a big one. It takes a lot of time, more than some people imagine. Sundays are not a day of rest but a day to answer voluminous official correspondence and to attend to committee assignments.

There is the stress and long hours at National Board and EXECOM meetings which require constant decision making. Those of us from the East and Midwest must adjust to the jet lag; 10 p.m. in San Francisco is 1 a.m. in Philadelphia.

You receive advice, suggestions and criticisms but in the final analysis you must think for yourself in what you believe to be in the best interest of JACL in its efforts to secure justice and equal opportunities for Americans of Japanese ancestry and to foster American democracy for all Americans. These unmet goals still challenge JACL so those who seek to effect change and will give the time and energy should be sought to make their contribution.

In behalf of Toaru Ishiyama, President Shig and President Elect Jim Murakami who will lead the National Officers for the next Biennium. I ask that the chapters and District Councils give very serious consideration to the nomination of National Officers. Seek out qualified and able candidates.

We have them for I have observed them in action. We have also had self-directed folks like Dr. Clifford Uyeda, Edison Uno, the Seattle Reparations Committee, Dr. Leslie Hiroaka and others whom I hope will forgive me for not continuing with the listing.

Japanese Americans seem to have difficulty with dissent because of our cultural background which has taught us to resolve problems quietly. Dissent is a basic right in Democracy. We would not be celebrating the Bicentennial without our dissenters.

The JACL needs to have varied and balanced representation of officers; not for the sheer reason of representation but because we can benefit from differing individual philosophies and views and increased avenues of approach to the decision makers of this country. There is enough apathy within our nation today; JACL must be otherwise if we still want the promise of equality and justice for our people.

Congress passes JACL-supported Rice Act of 1975

WASHINGTON — The White House this past week (Feb. 4) received for signature a bill supported by a coalition including the JACL to keep the price of rice from doubling, after the Senate cut off a filibuster 70-19 and rejected a compromise to pass the measure 76-12.

The Washington JACL Office expected President Ford would sign the bill soon. The bill had passed the House just before the Christmas recess with a 311-104 vote.

The Senate action was regarded as a severe setback for senators from the three rice-producing states — Louisiana, Texas and California — which sought to retain the present law providing marketing quotas and acreage allotments.

The so-called "free planting" rice bill had strong support from growers groups in other states, a number of consumer and food industry groups. It was opposed by established growers groups and such major farm organizations as the American Farm Bureau Federation out of fear it might lead to increased surpluses and lower prices.

Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii), in support of the bill, noted without this legislation Americans of Asian descent, who buy rice by the 25 to 100-lb. sacks, would be materially affected by higher costs while to other Americans who buy rice in one to three-lb. boxes, the increase may not seem significant.

With U.S. supplying a third of the world rice export market, it includes some 800,000 metric tons distributed to feed the starving peoples of the world, Inouye added. The old law, he said, would sharply reduce this supply.

Campaigners Among those in the coalition pushing the bill during the initial House campaign were: Dr. Leslie Hiroaka and Wayne Horieuchi, JACL; Florence Rice, Earl M. Consumer Education Council; K. L. Wang, Organization of Chinese Americans; Larry Klepper, Action Committee on Hunger and World Hunger Year; Harry Chapin, founder of World Hunger Year; Robert Tsang, Rice Consumer Institute of America; and the Chinese American Restaurant Assn. of Greater New York.

The House bill (HR 8529) was pushed by Reps. Bill Alexander (D-Ark.), David Bowen (D-La.) and Dawson Mathis (D-Ga.) Managing the House-passed bill in the Senate was Sen. Walter Huddleston (D-Ky.)

It is now in a senate committee on higher education. The bill, SB 2508 authored by State Sen. Nat Washington, was introduced in state legislature last year to grant resident student privileges to aliens. The E-1 status is reserved by the Immigration service for "employees of foreign employers, governmental or commercial, living in the U.S. and in the state where they are employed" — formerly referred to as treaty merchants or traders.

The state council further recommended that this group of foreign students meet the same one-year residency requirement asked of out-of-state students for resident status for purpose of tuition. A full report on the status of bill will be presented at the March meeting of the Pacific Northwest JACL District Council, which has assumed a leading role after the Columbia Basin JACL discovered children of Japan Air Lines employees began graduating from Moses Lake High School and faced a stiff tuition fee at the state colleges and universities.

MRS. BANNAI 'SECOND' IN SCHOOL BOARD PICK
LOS ANGELES — USC law professor Howard Miller was named last week (Feb. 5) to fill the vacancy on the L.A. Board of Education on a 5-1 vote, the one vote for Mrs. Hideo Bannai of Gardena, on the second round.

The wife of Assemblyman Paul Bannai was among 16 Asian Americans in the field of 337 named to fill the vacancy. Miller is remembered as a star in the TV series, "The Advocates."

vention being hosted by Sacramento JACL.

At the 1978 convention being hosted by the Utah JACL chapters, nominations will again be open for the office of national president.

Nominations are open for five other positions: four national vice presidents (a) general operations, (b) research and services, (c) public affairs; and the treasurer.

Chapters submit nominees through the district council. A form is to be distributed to the chapters, calling for biographical sketches, platform on JACL affairs and signature of the candidate pledging performance if elected.

Nominations must be for a specific office. Districts are to have no more than one nominee per office. Candidates must be active JACL members and at least 21 years of age, except for President who must be at least 30 years of age. (Murakami will be 550 next Sept. 6.)

After the expiration of the 90-day deadline, the nominations committee does not consider further nominations until they are made from the floor at the National Council. Such nominations require the majority endorsement of his/her member chapters in the district and signature on the nominations form.

The slate based on nominations from the district councils is prepared by the committee for announcement at the first meeting of the National Council.

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SEATTLE, Wash. — The Washington State Council on Post-Secondary Education, meeting Jan. 20-21 at Seattle Pacific College, recommended passage of a bill liberalizing "resident student tuition privileges" for certain foreign students attending institutions of higher learning in the state.

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David Ushio

Only Asian on N.Y. rights staff cut

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NC-WN eyes own nat'l JAYs parley

(By DORIS OKANO
NC-WNDYC Correspondent)

OAKLAND, Calif. — While the regular JACL members are gearing for their biennial convention at Sacramento, the Japanese American Youth's (JAYS) have their sights on their own National JAYS Convention to be held in August in Minnesota.

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Ushio to resign as JACL director

WASHINGTON, D.C. — David Ushio, National Executive Director of the Japanese American Citizens League, this past week (Feb. 5) submitted his resignation to President Shigeki Sugiyama. The resignation would become effective Sept. 30 at the end of the National JACL fiscal year.

In a letter to Sugiyama, Ushio said he was making his decision known at this time so the matter could be brought before JACL's National Board meeting in San Francisco this weekend.

The letter did not specify Ushio's plans for future employment. He wrote: "In evaluating the past five and one-half years that we have devoted totally to the cause of JACL, my wife Judi and I have decided that it is now time to explore ways we can serve a wider segment of society to which we have committed ourselves. In moving to meet these new challenges, I want to assure you that my appreciation for JACL has not diminished. I shall continue my dedication to its objectives, and will support the organization in every way that I can."

Upon learning of Ushio's resignation, National JACL President Shig Sugiyama stated, "David's resignation will be felt at all levels of the organization and we are sorry he will be leaving us. As National President I wish to personally thank David for his faithful and dedicated service to JACL."

Sugiyama continued, "David's public relations efforts and his ability persuasively communicate with many constituencies has won new friends for Japanese Americans from among local, national, and international leaders in government, media, business, education, and human rights. This talent used on behalf of JACL has been the major factor in the organization's emergence as a truly national human rights organization."

The National President said, "During his tenure as National Executive Director, Ushio provided the organizational leadership to raise \$500,000 to plan and construct the first JACL National Headquarters building. He had the foresight to advocate a solution to JACL's long-term financial and program needs through the establishment of a development program for JACL."

Noting that Ushio has at times been a controversial figure in the Japanese American community, Sugiyama commented, "During a period of change and turmoil within our nation and within JACL, we can be proud of David's positive leadership which has resulted in new opportunities being opened for JACL programming at national and international areas heretofore untapped."

Ushio's letter expressed gratitude "for the opportunity of serving JACL and JACLers in a period of important change."

Ushio moved to San Francisco as National Executive Director in 1972 succeeding Masao Satow who retired after 27 years service. During Ushio's administration a fund drive was launched for a National Headquarters building which was completed last year at 1765 Sutter Street.

Controversies

Ushio's administration has been marked by sporadic controversy. His appointment was opposed by a number of Southern California chapters at the National Convention in Washington, D.C. in 1972. The staff of the Los Angeles regional office resigned after his appointment was confirmed.

Ushio also has been under fire at times for the way National Headquarters was operated, but the National Board has consistently backed him. The letter of resignation expressed Ushio's gratitude "for the support of thousands of JACLers whom I have come to know as friends, and the constructive criticism of those who disagreed on substantive matters."

Ushio, 30, is a native of Salt Lake City. He and his wife Judi have two children, Misti, 4 and Jocelyn, 1. His resignation letter said one major reason for his decision was that his duties "left little time for my family and I feel a growing sense of personal obligation to them."

Text of Letter

Following is the text of his letter to Sugiyama:

February 5, 1978
Mr. Shigeki Sugiyama,
President National JACL
8319 Cushing Court
Springfield, Virginia 22153

Dear Shig:
It is with mixed emotion that, by means of this letter, I am submitting my resignation as National Executive Director of the Japanese American Citizens League effective September 30, 1978.

I am informing you of my decision at this time so the matter can be taken up at the National Board meeting February 13, 14, and 15 in San Francisco.

The effective date was set at September 30 to coincide with the end of the National JACL fiscal year which would seem to be an appropriate point for a new director to assume his duties. The intervening weeks also will make possible a smooth transfer of responsibilities to a new National Executive Director.

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity of serving JACL and JACLers in a period of important change. JACL has become a truly national organization in the consciousness of the public at large. Through the advocacy role initiated these past few years, a broad segment of American society has become aware of JACL and our humanitarian goals, and the welfare of all Japanese Americans has been enhanced thereby.

In evaluating the past five and one-half years that we have devoted totally to the cause of JACL, my wife Judi and I have decided that it is now time to explore ways we can serve a wider segment of society to which we have committed ourselves. In moving to meet these new challenges, I want to assure you that my appreciation for JACL has not diminished. I shall continue my dedication to its objectives, and will support the organization in every way that I can.

Trial date likely to be set Feb. 23 for W. Yoshimura

(By LEE RUTILE
Special PC Correspondent)

OAKLAND, Calif. — In the interests of justice the courts, prosecution and defense, all seek a "speedy trial", but it appears as if Wendy Yoshimura, accused of possessing explosives, may face further delays before she can be brought before a jury and her fate determined.

Two pre-trial hearings have thus far been held in Superior Court of Alameda County, and a third hearing is scheduled for Feb. 23, before Judge Martin N. Pulich. This hearing is on a defense motion to suppress certain physical evidence allegedly traceable to Wendy.

It is Judge Pulich's desire that a trial date be set at this time. However, a spokesman for defense attorney James Larsen indicated more defense motions may be introduced, thus further delaying trial date.

When asked about the possibility of a Federal Court action against Wendy, the person interviewed was of the opinion that a Federal action was "rather remote," although still a possibility presumably based on evidence linking Wendy with the so-called "Symbionese Liberation Army". Attorney earlier stated that as far as he could determine after extensive investigation, no such link existed.

Meanwhile, Wendy Yoshimura is, in her own words, "kept very busy" conferring with her attorneys in preparation for trial.

When asked at the last court appearance if she had, while at Santa Rita Facility or since her release been able to resume her interest in art and do any sketching, she replied, "No I haven't, although an artist never 'loses interest' in art." She then turned to Karen Takata, PC staff artist assigned to making courtroom sketches, and the two girls had a lively conversation about California College of Arts & Crafts where Wendy once attended and where Karen Takata is now a student.

As they were leaving the Court House, several newsmen asked Mary Ann Takagi, wife of Dr. Paul Takagi, in whose home Wendy is staying, if Wendy is a "good house guest." Mrs. Takagi breezily replied to the inane question, "Of course, she's delightful!"

MORI SUPPORTS CYA HIRING OWN

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Assemblyman S. Floyd Mori (D-Pleasanton) was successful Jan. 29 in having the assembly pass his bill, AB 1713, to allow "graduates" from the California Youth Authority be hired as counselors to other youngsters who might be heading for stay in the state's penal system.

"It makes no sense to teach a youth that he can have a fresh start (after being discharged from CYA)—but only if he learns to live with the civil disability label hanging over his head," Mori said.

"Aside from the obvious justice of such a system, the state is missing a great opportunity to keep other kids from turning to crime. These are potentially no better counselors than people who themselves have seen that crime is not the answer."

Utah archives seeking material on Nikkei

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — The Utah State Historical Society is in search of source materials and documents for its Japanese American archives, according to researcher Paul Kato.

Families who wish to deposit such material may write or call the State Historical Society, 803 E. Temple, Salt Lake City 84102 (533-5755).

DWP deputy named

LOS ANGELES — Carl M. Tamaki, who served as interim general manager of the L.A. Dept. of Water and Power during a nationwide search for a new manager, was named principal deputy to Lewis Wnward, who became the new manager Feb. 2. Tamaki will receive \$59,496 a year as assistant to the new DWP chief.

From JACL Nat'l Headquarters Communication

Jewish-Nikkei forum held

(While the PC reprinted this story as it appeared in the Nichi Bei Times, added insight and details are provided in this report filed from Headquarters for this section.—Ed.)

San Francisco
The JACL and the American Jewish Committee cosponsored a panel discussion, Jan. 22 and the topic of the event was Jewish and Japanese American sensitivities. The presentation was hosted by JACL at the National Headquarters in San Francisco.

Chuck Kubokawa, one of the meeting coordinators said, "This meeting was very informative in bringing together the attention of our common problems. We should continue to hold similar discussion groups so that we can inform the public of our plight in fighting bigotry, racism, and discrimination." Other organizers of the event were Tak Shirasawa and Frank Iwama.

The American Jewish Committee is a human rights organization, particularly concerned with dealing with the contemporary causes of Anti-Semitism, with over 40,000

members across the country. The Bay Area AJC Director is Ernest Weiner, who was one of the evening's panelists. Together, with AJC board member Sue Branstel, the two shared views of the Jewish American community.

Jewish Stereotypes
Sue Branstel pointed out that it is stereotypical to consider Jews as being loyal to Israel more than to the United States. She said that the statement is defamatory and typical of anti-Semitic sentiment.

Weiner added that the negative stereotyping of Jewish Americans has been the misconception of ignorance; of being strange, and thus, strangers. Consequently, Weiner said, "We (Jewish Americans) must accept the fact that we haven't been homogenized in the American mainstream—at least not in the perception of the majority of Americans."

David Ushio, JACL National Executive Director, discussed the misconception that the Japanese Americans is loyal to Japan first. Along with Dr.
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New leaflet—'1000 Club'—published

What is the "1000 Club"? and an application form. There's even information for "1000 Club" members, like "How much does it cost and how will I benefit from it?"

All these questions are being asked by people interested in one of JACL's biggest programs. Now, because of so many inquiries, a brochure has been published that tells everything you want to know about the "1000 Club".

Included in the brochure, "A New Look at the JACL 1000 Club", are answers to frequently asked questions

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The brochure answers these questions in a complete and concise manner.

If you're interested in joining the "1000 Club", contact your chapter "1000 Club" chairperson for a brochure and how to join the chapter club. If your chapter 1000 Club chairperson doesn't have the brochure contact the National Headquarters at 1765 Sutter St. in San Francisco 94115.

Japan Flight 1 schedule changed

San Francisco
The National JACL Travel Committee announced a revision in the departure of its Flight 1 to Japan from Los Angeles. Schedule was changed to April 6-26 from March 26-April 16. Passengers who signed up for Flight 1 have been notified by mail.
Seating availability report indicates Flight 2 (April 5-26 from San Francisco) has been sold out with a few on the waiting list. About 10 pct. of the seats on other flights have been confirmed.

Thirty seats have been allocated to Central California for the summer flight No. 6 (Aug. 7-Sept. 4 from San Francisco).

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EDITORIALS

Convention Deadlines

As the National JACL Board convenes this weekend at Headquarters to consider the most immediate question of David Ushio's resignation as national executive director as well as prepare for the 1976 National Convention about four months away, a number of standing organization deadlines face the chapters and officers.

With the first day of the National Council meeting being Tuesday, June 22—the JACL Constitution ordains a number of things need to be disseminated as follows:

90 days prior (March 24)—District Council nominations of national officers.

60 days prior (April 23)—Proposed budget sent to all Chapters. Chapters to be in good standing must have paid all national and district dues as levied.

Six weeks prior (May 11)—Proposed amendments to the National JACL Constitution filed at Headquarters.

30 days prior (May 23)—Text of Constitutional Amendments as proposed and the proposed Convention Agenda to all Chapters.

It will be the "fastest" three months for JACL inside, setting up the critical matters for a hectic week of decision-making by chapter delegates.

Let Freedom Ring

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

The average income of Indians and Alaska natives is among the lowest in the United States, averaging less than \$2,000 annually per family. They are among the most impoverished and isolated of any U.S. peoples, and often are deprived of the basic life-serving necessities such as good nutrition and a sanitary environment.

7th Generation

By HOMER YASUI (Portland JACL)

Once upon a time, shortly before World War II, America was called the greatest melting pot of humanity. That is, it was so-called by a great many people, among whom were numbered the church people, social workers, and politicians, to name but a few groups.

This idea of an Aslantry notwithstanding? American movement is fine for those who believe that it's their bag. Let the believers give it a whirl. Let the believers proselytize.

My personal opinion is that this is all but a passing phase of imitation; as an "in thing" to do, and something to get all worked up about—for the moment. I'm willing to crawl out on the limb and predict that in less than 20 years, the Aslan American activists will dwindle down to almost nothing, insofar as it concerns the Nikkei.

GUEST COLUMN

At that time, it seems that the majority of the ethnic minorities have been inclined to proclaim that America is not the melting pot, but is, rather a "pluralistic society". Maybe so.

I can recall that while I was attending the Univ. of Denver during the war, a highly popular and constantly recurring theme of the evening Nikkei students in the English writing classes was about assimilation of the different ethnic groups, as contrasted to amalgamation. There's some irony in this, because I doubt that less than 1% of us understood what an ethnic group was. That includes me, of course, but so did it include a lot of our English professors. That just was not a popular term then, just as we had never heard the term "Nikkei" before.

I believe this because, as far as I'm concerned, the handwriting is on the wall. This handwriting tells me that in something like four more of our generations—which would be what... Nanase?—there will be almost no full-blooded Nikkei left in America. Folks, we aren't going to be assimilated. We are damned well going to be amalgamated. And if that isn't essentially being boiled in the melting pot, I don't know the meaning of the term.

By the seventh generation, the Japanese blood is going to be part of the alloy of the humanity of our country. We aren't going to remain undiluted like shining pieces of yellow brass in a heap of copper, black, brown, or white coins.

Intermarriages Up Look at the faces. How many of your Nisei relatives have married non-Nikkei? Then figure out how many of your children, or your nieces or nephews have also married non-Nikkei. Surprising, isn't it?

Just imagine—if your children, who may have a homogenous Japanese blood line, happens to marry a white person, then their children will be 1/2-Nikkei. This would be equivalent to a Yonsei. Now if the 1/2-Yonsei marries a white, their children will be 1/4-Gosei.

Carry this further, and by the time your descendants have become a Nanasei, how much Japanese blood will they have? 1/16th, that's what. And nobody is going to convince me that anyone with 1/16th Japanese blood is a Nikkei—not by my definition, they're not. The Nanasei are going to be white, or whatever, but Japanese and Nikkei they won't be.

All this hoopla about the Japanese American remembering their Japanese heritage, culture, background, and ethnic identity is certainly pertinent to us now. But again I predict that 80 years in the future, all of this great stuff will only be of genealogical interest, and maybe an occasion for now and then eating omei and wearing a kimono or sort. Amalgamation Inevitable

25 Years Ago

In the PC, Feb. 17, 1951

Feb. 18—Rev. Takie Okumura, 88, Honolulu, died; founded Mikkai Christian Church in 1902. Feb. 12—JACL proposes bill to restore citizenship rights to Nisei stragglers who voted in Japan elections during Occupation. Feb. 17—Justice Dept. reaffirms evasions cannot collect damages arising from a death in relocation camp or compensation for own mental suffering, loss of earnings. Attorney General estimates \$46,000 will be paid claimants, despite overall cuts in Federal budget. But by then Mickey or I

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Negative Ethnocentrism

Editor: I feel impelled to call what Edison Uno said (PC, Jan. 2-9) in his assessment of the statement by Hosokawa and his comments on Hayakawa's statements regard the Evacuation—"negative ethnocentrism". It is a commonly used technique for survival among nonwhite minorities in America.

Ethnocentrism holds that customs, values, beliefs, institutions and social practices of one's own group are the best and most important. Negative ethnocentrism says that the other's systems, standards, etc. are superior to one's own. It unconsciously accepts that white is good and black is bad. While whites succeed and nonwhites have all manner of obstacles placed in their way, it is little wonder that the idea of white is superior gains support.

Hayakawa shows negative ethnocentrism clearly with his downgrading young Japanese Americans who attempt to examine the wartime experience of their parents and grandparents. Hayakawa prefers to be a "good" or "model" minority member in effect, buying acceptance by the larger society by rejecting the truth and experiences of his own group. To gain acceptance by denying one's own heritage is a primary behavioral pattern among nonwhites in this country.

It's a comfortable position (in which to be)—accept the status quo, don't question your "superiors", don't make waves. Haven't we made such enormous progress by this passive acceptance of our status and role? But he's kidding himself. It's an illusion.

Why were the immigrant Japanese so hated? It's because they refused to "keep their place". The Issei struck during harvest time to at least get equal wages as white farm laborers. They constantly complained to Japan about the mistreatment they had received. They should have suffered in silence to please their employers, but they did not. They refused to give up their human dignity.

What kind of thanks do we show our parents who suffered so much for our benefit, if we do not build on the foundation they laid—their courage, stamina, strength and efforts?

It was not necessary for Hosokawa to stress the idea the Nisei earned their citizenship rights by the blood spilled on the battlefields. There was no need to earn it when it was theirs by right. . . . Neither does Hayakawa have to deny his peoples' experience, nor gain white acceptance by assuming a subordinate status. He has within him the recognized expertise in his field, his talents and record. What need has he to deny his fellow Japanese Americans their experiences?

Negative ethnocentrism is a subtle, insidious thing. It gnaws away at the fabric of one's self-esteem in an unrecognized fashion, but the consequences are no less destructive. It needs to be understood by nonwhite. It permits the denial of our human and civil rights. We don't need it.

IVY DOWN Loomis, Calif.

Senate Bill 1

Editor: On matters before the JACL, which the Pacific Citizen tries to report, and a great deal of effort is being made in that direction, I believe it would be in interest of the organization to study Senate Bill 1, especially section 541-54, and 1111-1124. If we can keep this bill from passing, our opportunities for reparation can be prolonged until a settlement can be effected.

TSUGIE KIBE Portland, Ore. Brief letters (about 250 words) are preferred in the PC Letterbox. They are subject to condensation and require signature and address in writer. If the party does not wish the letter to be condensed, it shall be returned so that the preferred length can be submitted. Please use a double-space typewritten copy.

Nominations -

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At the final session of the 1975 Convention in Seattle, it was generally agreed that district governors serving their first term of office not be nominated for a national office—the rationale being the general building principle. By virtue of their office as governor, the person is a member of the National Board.

District Councils are also advised to confine nominations to those from their own area.

At the 1974 election, five ran unopposed for their respective offices but three were named for the office of vice president-general operations. At the 1970 elections, there were 13 candidates seeking one of the seven offices include three for national president—the most ever in JACL history. At the 1958 election, there were 19 candidates seeking six offices—the largest slate ever presented.

Ushio -

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One other major reason for my decision needs to be mentioned. My duties, requiring a heavy travel schedule, have left little time for my family and I feel a growing sense of personal obligation to them.

I am grateful for the support of the hands of JACLers whom I have come to know as friends and for the constructive criticism of those who disagreed on substantive matters. Especially do I give thanks to the leadership of JACL both past and present, and to the dedicated members of my staff. The shared concern of elected leadership and staff made service to the Japanese American community meaningful and worthwhile. I hope that the membership of JACL, whom I dearly love and respect, will understand the reasons for my decision. With warmest personal regards and appreciation for support.

Sincerely, DAVID USHIO National Executive Director

PC Observer

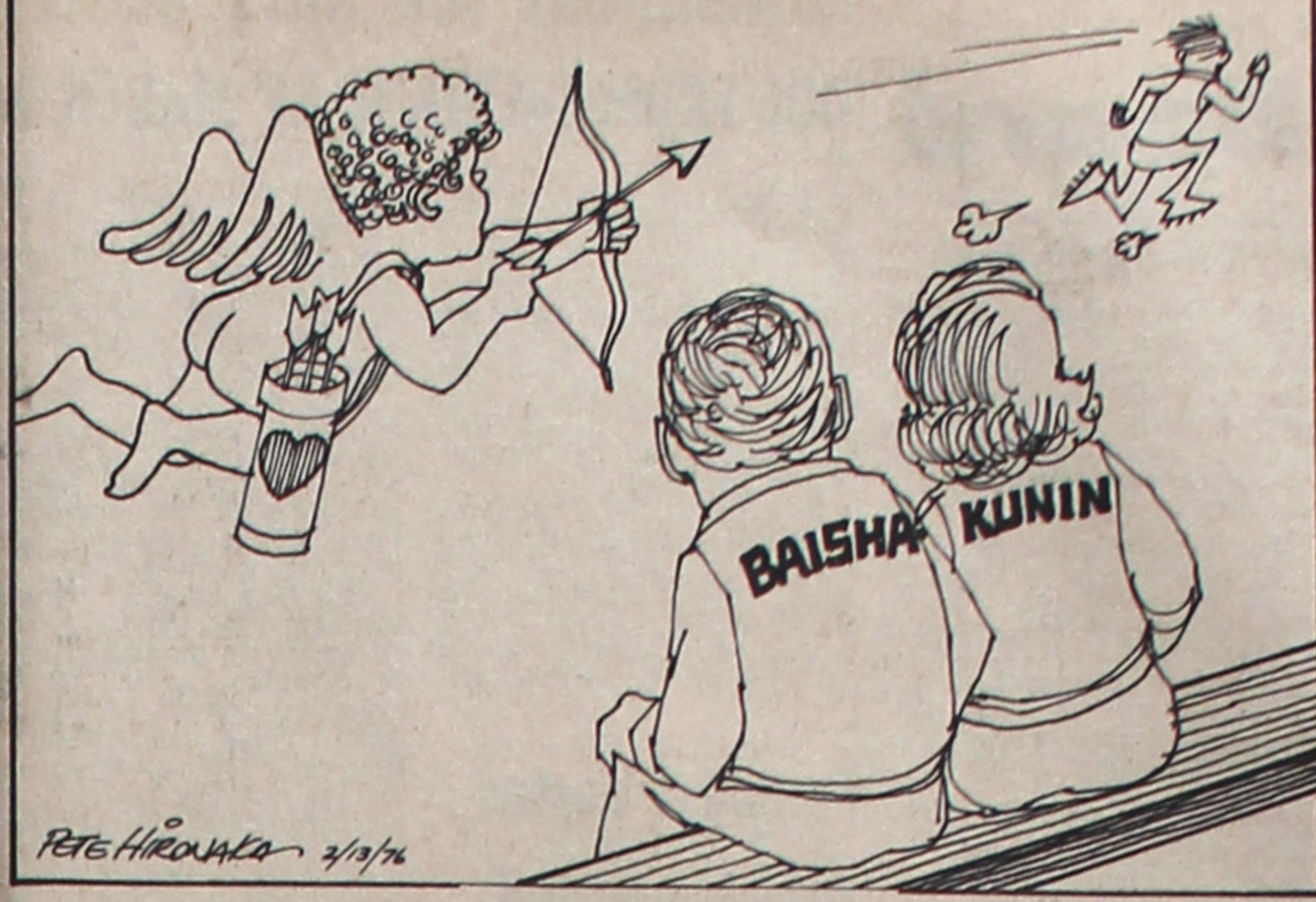
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Bench Reserves FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

The Shinnen Kai

Denver, Colo. Late in January three long-time Denver organizations held their annual New Year's Party. They were the Japanese Association (Nihonjin Kai), Hiroshima Prefectural Association (Hiroshima Kenjin Kai), and the Northern Californians' Association (Hokkaijin Kai).

In years past each of these organizations, and many others, would hold separate parties. This meant there was a series of parties through almost every January weekend, and sometimes into February. The Lotus Room, the only Chinese restaurant in town with a banquet hall large enough to accommodate parties of this kind, prospered. Now most of the other Issei-oriented community organizations have disappeared, and this year the three surviving groups decided to hold their party jointly.

There was nothing wrong with that since many people belong to all three associations. Yet, the joint party, the main social function of the year for many of the members, could attract a total of only about 50 persons. They were mostly elderly Issei, some of them frail and infirm with advancing years.

The Issei who were able to attend had a good time. There was lots of conversation and reminiscing. Much of the food was left untouched because old folks can't eat as heartily as they used to. There was plenty of champagne, too, donated by Ken Ota of Japan Air Lines who couldn't come, but much of that was consumed either.

After the customary speeches, which were kept mercifully short against all tradition at the urging of the toastmaster, some of the Issei performed. They sang ancient ballads, songs popular in their youth, and several even sang simple little songs from their long-ago childhood.

It was a time of remembering, as old people like to do, and they were happy and comfortable with it. What may have disappointed them, although none said anything about it, was that not one Sansei or younger Nisei had bothered to show up. If these younger people had wanted to experience something of Japanese culture as the Issei remembered it, they lost a great opportunity.

Two things came to mind after we had shaken hands and voiced our thanks and departed. First, if the tradition-bound, close-knit, clannish Issei community itself—with its sense of obligation and duty and face and all that—cannot hold itself together, is it any wonder that the Nisei and Sansei communities also are disintegrating as the members go their individual ways?

Scores of opportunities and interests are drawing them away from the ethnic community. Such dispersal is neither good nor bad, simply natural. The other thought was about Herbert Wong's big annual Chinese New Year party at his New China Restaurant, scheduled just a week after the Japanese party. The Japanese have kept their parties to themselves; outsiders were rarely if ever invited.

Wong invites leading city, state and federal officials, plus scores of personal and business friends. His several hundred guests feast and drink and have a grand time. They look forward each year to Chinese New Year. But whoever outside the community has heard of Japanese New Year?

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Plain Speaking

SENATE ACTS ON RICE BILL

Washington

In the last several weeks while lobbying for the Rice Production Act of 1975 in the Senate, one thing has become clearly consistent to me—the irony of the political system.

The U.S. House of Representatives passed the Rice Act overwhelmingly by a vote of 311-104. However, one man is now holding up passage of the bill in the Senate though we have the votes to pass it.

Senator Russell Long of Louisiana is orchestrating a filibuster against the Rice Act. Supporting him are Senators Cranston and Tunney from California and Tower and Bentsen from Texas who represent old rice growers.

Here's where the irony gets thick. The bill is rather insignificant when compared to the issues of jobs, the economy, energy, and campaign financing though the bill is important to JACLers because the price of rice may double without passage.

However, one man, Senator Long, is willing to stop the nation's business because of this one seemingly insignificant bill.

Here's some more irony. A petition for cloture (to limit the filibuster) has been filed by the supporters of the Rice Act. This means that 60 votes are needed to support cloture. It used to be that two-thirds of those present and voting in the Senate was necessary to invoke cloture, but this was changed earlier last year.

The irony is that some Southern senators who support the bill may not support the petition for cloture because of their long standing tradition in the South to support the filibuster rule and the philosophy of protection to the rights of the minority.

Another ironical situation is the present law regulating the farming of rice. Not everyone can grow rice. Unless you have an allotment to grow rice from the government, you can't grow it. Those who think this is a free enterprise economy may have to think twice.

JACL is supporting the bill which will open production to anyone who wishes to grow rice. And supporting the bill is one of the strangest coalitions ever developed in legislative history.

Harry Chapin, the famous rock and folk singer, David Humphrey, Senator Hubert Hiramphrey's first cousin, industrial producers of rice, some southern senators whose states want open production of rice, the Ford Administration, the Agricultural Department, and ethnic consumers such as the National Black Consumers, League of United Latin American Citizens, and JACL all support the bill. There is an old political saying "politics makes strange bedfellows" and the example of the Rice lobby is no exception.

The final irony is the vote for cloture itself. If 60 votes are cast, the passage of the Rice Act will be moot and the Senate will pass the bill pro forma. This means that consideration of the bill will be less on merit and more on senatorial procedure and tradition. Gone will be the arguments about price support or the issues of acreage allotted to grow rice or the concerns of the impact on consumers. Gone will be the USDA statistics, the testimony by Les Hiraoka and me before the House and the Senate, and the overwhelming passage by the House of Representatives.

The bottom line will be whether we can get 60 senators to stop the filibuster. Politics is full of irony. (The Senate on Feb. 3 voted 70-19 to cut off the filibuster, rejected Sen. Long's compromise 62-25 and passed the Rice Act 75-13).

(The final irony is writing a column for the PC on such matters, action having been taken after the deadline for columns has passed.—Ed.)

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TOKYO — Finance Ministry says a ¥500 coin will be issued to replace the bills of the same denomination which are wearing out faster as a result of rising prices.

EO 9066 DINNER TO HOST GORDON HIRABAYASHI

LOS ANGELES — Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi, professor in sociology now at the Univ. of British Columbia, will be honored by E.O. 9066 Inc. at a dinner here at the Japanese Home for the Aged, 4th and Boyle, on Feb. 21, 6:30 p.m. Dinner is being co-hosted by the PSWDC.

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While Hirabayashi will relate some of his WW2 experiences informally earlier in the day at the Manzanar Committee presentation from 10 a.m., Edison Uno of San Francisco will be keynote speaker at the dinner. Tickets are \$10 per person, \$5 for full-time students.

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February Events

Pocatello-Blackfoot JACL holds its annual carnival at the American Legion Memorial Hall on Feb. 21 with the entire membership and supporters expected to assist in the fund-raisers. Co-chairmen this year are Kunio Yamada, Ike Kawamura and George Sumida.

Gardena Valley JACL, under leadership of Mike Ego, is sponsoring a tennis clinic at Cal State Dominguez Hills, meeting Saturday mornings for eight weeks starting Mar. 14. Classes are of one-hour duration, being taught by men and women varsity stars at the college.

Groups are limited to five members, youth or adult. Enrollment, however, dictates this ratio. Registration fees (\$20 juniors, \$22 adults) are being accepted until Mar. 5 by the Gardena Valley JACL, PO Box 2381, Gardena 90247.

East Los Angeles JACL announced its 3rd annual scholarship benefit ball will be held at Mayflower Ballroom, 234 Hindry Ave., Inglewood, on Saturday, March 27, 8 p.m., with Henry Miranda's band. Tickets at the door will be \$5 per person.

March Events

CLEVELAND JACL ELECTS JAY LEADER FURUKAWA
CLEVELAND, Ohio — Scott Furukawa, Midwest District Youth Council chairman, was elected chairman of the Cleveland JACL board and installed Jan. 25.

His assumption to chair JACL board marks the progressive transition from the JAYs to the senior ranks—fulfilling a hope of advocates of the Jr. JACL program when it was initiated in the late 1950s.

Pulse Installation



Installation of 1976 officers led by Ellen Kishiyama for Santa Maria Valley JACL was held Jan. 17 at the McLintocks at Shell Beach. Helen Kawagoe, national JACL v.p., was installing officer. The event also welcomed the new year of the Dragon.

JACLER Toru Miyoshi, candidate for city council, spoke of his current campaign and asked for support.

Program for the year includes the teriyaki sale to raise scholarship funds in February, participating in the Festival of Nations at Santa Maria High School in March and a mothers-daughter luncheon in April.

Sansel graduates will be honored at a banquet in May, the Issei field trip in June follows with a community picnic in September, the Keiro-kai in October and elections in November.

Chapter also remembers Issei birthdays during the month, making a friendly visit and bringing flowers to those who are confined.

Marin County -

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development of a youth program including sports and social activities. Mo Noguchi, one of the founders of the new chapter, will chair the committee on youth projects. No less important is the chapter's place to afford the young people an opportunity to voice their concerns and learn about the various aspects of their heritage.

With the first six months after organizing, the Marin County Chapter has held three events featuring three noted Japanese American figures well-versed in problems relating to the Japanese Americans. They included Mas Sato, past National JACL Director; Jerry Enomoto, Director of the California State Department of Corrections and a past JACL National President; and Edison Uno, authority on World War II evacuation and concentration camp experience of Japanese Americans.

Included in the Chapter's program for this year will be participation in the Marin

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Snake River's float wins winter parade prize

ONTARIO, Ore.—The Snake River Valley JACL won first prize for organizations for its float entered in the recent Winter Wonderland parade here. It featured a map of the U.S. including Hawaii and Alaska with Mt. Fuji pulling the entire float. Yosh Sakahara was in charge of the float committee. It was announced by John Tameno, 1975 chapter president.

Alumni fund campaign

LOS ANGELES — Attorney Jun Mori, 1955 UCLA graduate, is co-chairman of a \$2 million fund drive for the UCLA Foundation to construct the James E. West Alumni Center on campus. Structure is scheduled to be completed this fall.

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Feb. 13-15 Nat'l JACL-Bd Mtg. Hq. San Francisco.
Feb. 14 (Saturday) Chicago-JAY's Parents Appreciation.
Feb. 15 (Sunday) St. Louis—Inst dnr, Le Chateau, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia—Gen mtg, Bryn Mawr.
Feb. 16 (Monday) West Los Angeles—Auxy Potluck, Mrs. Moon Kataoka's res.
Feb. 17 (Tuesday) Idaho Falls—Gen Mtg.
Feb. 20-22 Chicago—JAY's retreat, Camp Reinberg.
Feb. 21 (Saturday) Orange County—Inst dnr, Grand Hotel, Anaheim, 6:30 p.m.; Taketsugu Takeda, spkr.
Salinas Valley—Inst Dnr, Towne House.
PSWDC—Dnr with EO 9066 for Gordon Hiraba yashi, Japanese Home for the Aged, 5th and Boyle, L.A., 6:30 p.m.; Edison Uno, spkr.
Feb. 22 (Sunday) NC-WNDYC—Forum: Reparations, JACL Hq. San Francisco.
PSWDC—Metro L.A. hosts: 1st Qtrly Session, Little Tokyo owers, 9 a.m.
Santa Maria Valley—Chicken teriyaki sale.
Feb. 28 (Saturday) Nat'l—JACL Credit Union Dnr. Presidential Plaza, Salt Lake City, 5 p.m.
Feb. 29 (Sunday) Puyallup Valley—Membership polluck.
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Mar. 13-14 PNWDC—Qtrly Session.

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Hawaii Today

up by Shochiro Honda, retired founder of Honda Motor Co., has purchased the Pearl Country Club in Alea from another Japanese company for an undisclosed amount. . . . Twenty-nine murders on Oahu still remain unsolved from 1975, the Honolulu police reports. . . . An investment group wants to turn the old Kakaao Fire Station into a restaurant-fire dept. museum. Among the group are Ichiro Inamaru, president of Imperial Hotel, Tokyo; Tono Senda, Japan Air Lines; Sammy Davis Jr., Steve Parkner and Shirley McLain.

Recent deaths: J. Walter Cameron, 79 former board chairman of Alexander & Baldwin; Stanley Bento, 58, asst. supt. with Dept. of Education, of Waialuku, Maui, Dec. 28; Boyd MacNaughton, 67, president of C. Brewer & Co. (1856-1970) and board chairman of C&M Sugar at time of death, Dec. 29.

Political Scene

While former Gov. William Quinn has announced he would seek the Republican nomination to the seat to be left vacant by Sen. Hiram Fong at the expiration of his present term in January, 1977, the upcoming campaign for the Democratic nomination is being called the "Matsy-Patsy battle".

Names in the News

Mesgr. Charles Kekumano, pastor of St. Anthony's Church in Waialuku, Maui, is leaving this month for Alaska to help Bishop Francis Hurley in some legal work. . . . Coralie Sai Lin Chun, 19, daughter of the Peter Chuns, is the 1976 Narcissus Festival queen. She was picked from a field of 13 candidates. . . . Sen. Daniel

Inouye was named '75 Salesman of the Year by the sales and marketing executives of Honolulu. Similar honors in the past went to Hilo Hatties, Jack Lord, Chinn Ho, Neal Blaisdell, Robert Krauss and Euke Kahanomoku.

Education

Ralph Miwa was named full-time chancellor of the new West Oahu College. . . . Because Ilocano comprises about 95% of the recent Filipino immigrants toawaii, an Ilocano bilingual-bicultural program is being planned as pilot project for the Island secondary schools. . . . Albert Minn, Roosevelt High principal for 11 months, is temporary principal at Kailua High. Change is regarded as promotion since Kailua has almost 1,000 more students than Roosevelt. . . . Jon Kawata, 19, graduated in December with a BA degree in math after 2 1/2 years at the Univ. of Hawaii. A total of 1,249 bachelor degrees were presented.

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Redevelopment

Tsutomu "Tots" Uchida, director of the Asian American National Business Alliance, of Los Angeles was reportedly up for nomination to succeed Togo W. Tanaka, whose term as commissioner of the Community Redevelopment Agency expired last Nov. 1. Tanaka refused reappointment since he had accepted to serve on the L.A. Unified School District's citizens management review committee.

Courtroom

Addressing the Assn. of Trial Lawyers of America at its convention in Las Vegas Jan. 26, Los Angeles county coroner and chief medical officer, Dr. Thomas Noguchi, called for a scientific task force to investigate any future political assassinations with the ability to act quickly and prevent destruction of evidence. John Kobayashi, assistant U.S. attorney in Denver, prosecuted the government's case in which John Haro, a Chilean leader, was found guilty of four counts of possessing unregistered, illegal firearms. Kobayashi, a Sansei, is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas K. Kobayashi of Denver.

Churches

Rev. Dr. Allen Maruyama, who hails from Las Animas, Colo., was installed as co-pastor with Rev. Kenneth Bailey and Richard Hutchison at the Montview Blvd. Presbyterian Church, Denver. The three had shared pastoral responsibilities over the past year. Under the system, there is no single person with fundamental authority. Dr. Maruyama,

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Joe Saito

Longtime Snake River Valley JAELer Joe Saito, 56, was appointed by Oregon Gov. Robert Straub to the Oregon Economic Development Commission. The Ontario farmer is president of Saito-Mathews Inc., vice president of the Oregon Agri-Business Council, and has previously served on the Oregon State Board of Agriculture and Oregon State Board of Health.

Japan Today

AROUND TOKYO—A man-made strand 1 1/4-mile long and 100-ft. wide in Tokyo Bay in Edogawa-ku will open for bathers and beachcombers in April. . . . Over the New Year holidays, Tokyo Electric spent \$30 million to remove an estimated 6,000 kites tangled in their power lines—a sign the kite-flyers craze has reached new heights. . . . About 14,000 high rise apartments priced at \$15-million (\$50,000) for middle and lower-income brackets remain unsold, while one deluxe suite near Meiji Shrine Outer Garden at \$200 million (\$666,000) had a quick take.

Military

Don Furuta, who served in the Vietnam war after graduating from U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, is now a pilot instructor for Braniff Airways and is based at Dallas, Tex.

Crime

Two women who allegedly robbed and shot Michael Ishikawa, 56, a San Diego liquor store owner, have pleaded guilty in the case. Superior Court Judge Douglas Woodworth set Feb. 24 as the sentencing date for Ann D. Gordon, 38, and Janice Dunn, 20, who was sentenced Feb. 11.

Architect

Hideo Sasaki Associates of Boston would be hired to survey the proposed sites of the Univ. of Colorado cultural center either on campus or in the city of Boulder, under a city council resolution adopted recently. Center may cost \$9 million.

Milestones

Dr. Robert Yamauchi, 54, of Spokane died following a long illness on Jan. 28. A general practitioner since 1953, he was a former president of the St. Luke's Memorial Hospital medical staff, a 442nd veteran and graduate of the UW Medical School. A native of Pasco, he is survived by wife Kazuko, four children, three brothers, Charles, James, George (Portland), and four sisters, Mmes, Lou Williams, Chiyo Hamilton, Mary Muneakiyo and Spady Koyama (Spokane).

SDF-favored

TOKYO — A recent Japanese Cabinet poll of 2,400 indicated 80% favored maintained the Self-Defense Forces, revealing a growing inclination to keep the Japan-U.S. security arrangement. Poll in 1972 showed 73% were in favor.



GARDENA — Art Kanemaru

(left), president of Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute, receives another \$1,000 donation from Gardena Valley JAEL vp Henry Nagahori, bringing total chapter contribution to \$3,000.

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Los Angeles

The L.A. Junior Chamber of Commerce seminar on "The Century of the Pacific", Mar. 2-4 at World Trade Center, will feature U.S. Ambassador to Japan James Hodgson and former Japanese consul general Henry T. Shimanouchi as main speakers. Details are obtainable from Thomas E. McLain (489-4000), conference chairman.

S.F.—East Bay

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