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Inouye urges military draft

HONOLULU — Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) said that some form of military draft may be necessary in the future.

Inouye has urged the Carter administration to put back the draft or "some other form of compulsory universal military training".

He said the world situation was too turbulent and America shouldn't allow her armed forces to deteriorate.

The senator remarked April 13 to a military group that his recommendations would be "most unpopular and politically suicidal".

A report from the Senate Armed Services Committee said the U.S. armed forces are in a "shocking state of combat readiness".

He carefully pointed out the rise of costs for volunteer armed services, high attrition rates of new enlistees and the sharp decline of

reserves.

The WW2 veteran of the 442nd RCT said he wished a life of peace for his son, but was aware that the prospects for a world at peace

"are just not around the corner". He noted he was privy to terrifying secrets to a handful of people at the very highest levels of governments. □



The five-story structure will be the first of four comprising the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center coming up in the Little Tokyo Redevelopment Project on San Pedro St. near Third St. Groundbreaking ceremonies are scheduled Saturday, April 30, 1:30 p.m.

Supervisor apologizes for race slur

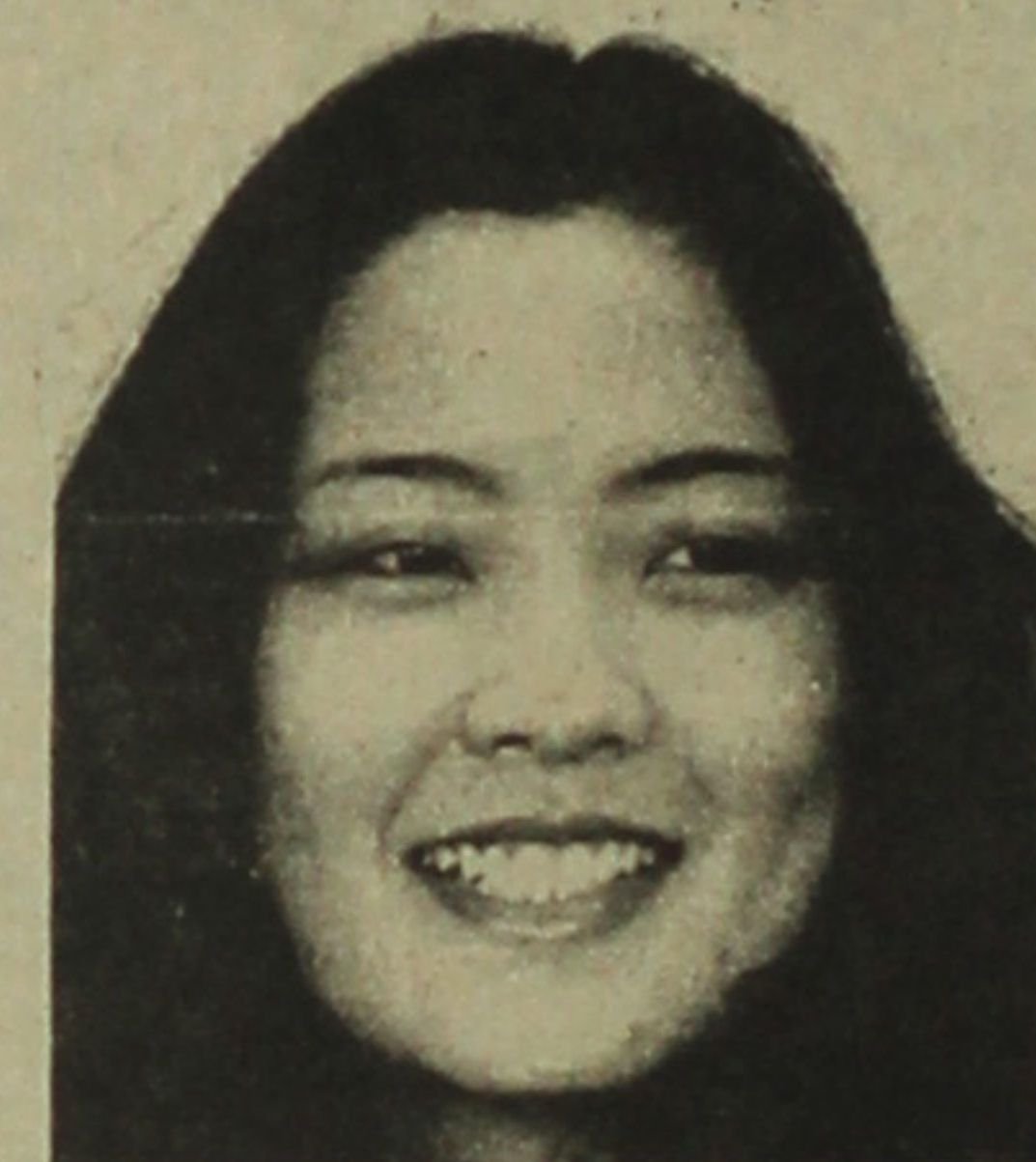
SAN DIEGO, Calif.—County Supervisor Lee Taylor, 61, and a private contractor, used the term "Japs" at an economic conference in April.

"I don't particularly want the Japs to come here and run our businesses," he said during a discussion about inviting Japanese companies to San Diego. San Diego had been making a pitch for Japanese-owned plants.

Beverly Yip, administrative coordinator for the Union of Pan Asian Communities of San Diego County, demanded an apology after the conference.

Taylor said April 18, however, that he had "many good friends that are Japanese," and refused to apologize.

But on April 19, Taylor had a major change of heart. Acknowledging his error and retracting earlier statements, he formally apologized to Ms. Yip over the pejorative term.



Naomi Kato, 21, UC Davis student, is queen of the 10th annual San Francisco Cherry Blossom Festival held last week. She is the daughter of the Kiyoshi Katos of Sacramento.

Minority enrollment in L.A. schools rises to two-thirds; Asians near 6%

LOS ANGELES — Minority student enrollment in Los Angeles City Schools has increased 3.2% in the 1976-77 school year over the previous year, according to the school district's 11th annual racial and ethnic survey completed last October.

The survey fulfills re-

quirements of the U.S. Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare and the State Department of Education.

Statistics showed that current minority enrollment of 373,572 in the district's elementary and secondary schools is 63%, as compared to 59.8 percent in '75-76, and 58.1 percent in '74-75.

The 35,124 Asian and Pa-

Voter registration

STOCKTON—Secretary of State March Fong Eu announced that she supports President Carter's March 21 proposals to facilitate voter registration. It could, she said, increase voter registration some 10-20 per cent.

cific Islanders, including Filipino and other minorities, make up some 5.9% of the total enrollment from kindergarten through 12th grade. Total enrollment is 592,931 students.

Schools with sizeable Asian/Pacific Islander enrollment (at least 1/8) are:

HIGH SCHOOLS—Belmont 900 (25.4%), Carson 537 (15.7), Fairfax 365 (14.1), Gardena 988 (28.2), Hollywood 432 (17), Los Angeles 415 (13.4), Marshall 684 (29.4).

JR. HIGHS—Bancroft 146 (12.5), Berendo 300 (14.2), Burroughs 273 (18), Carnegie 290 (15.3), King 611 (28.9), LeConte 327 (18.3), Marina del Rey 256 (16.3), Nightingale 417 (21.7), Peary 821 (33.4), Virgil 467 (21.6), Webster 238 (15.3), White 288 (12.5). [Perry, Carnegie and White are in Gardena Valley.]

Powerless position helped shape Nisei

New York
The powerless position of the Nisei in times of stress, such as the tensions created by the depression of the '30s and the evacuation caused by World War II, as much as their cultural background, was one of the important factors in shaping their character. This was one of

the points raised by Dr. Harry H.L. Kitano, UCLA sociologist, who conducted a lecture-workshop for about 75 interested persons March 27 at the Japanese American United Church.

In answering the theme question: "Japanese Americans: Who are we and are we really what we think we are?" he emphasized six major variables that have made the Nisei unique. Looking back, he said, it is important to know whether each generation is separate or whether there is a continuity in their existence. He opted for the latter view because of the variables that are always with the Nikkei. He listed the six variables as the body, names, lan-

guage, history of origin, religious identities, nationality.

The body or physical attributes inherited through parental genes may be modified but not changed, he said. Skin, hair and features remain the same, despite double eyelid operations, different hairdos and styles of clothing worn which are but superficial projections of the body.

Family names are obviously different and distinguish the Nisei from their peers. In this connection he asked how many present knew the names of their grandparents. Only a few raised their hands.

In the context of names, though not brought up at the

200 in Reno for JACL Tri-District

RENO, Nev.—Not only was the panorama of the high Sierras clearly visible but the one depicted also for the Japanese American Citizens League at the third biennial Tri-District Conference at the Mapes Hotel Skyroom this past weekend.

While Central California District Governor Robert Kanagawa wondered about the future of JACL in his district, his counterpart for No. Calif. - Western Nevada, Chuck Kubokawa outlined JACL activities on stage throughout California, such as the project to give books about Japanese Americans to public officials and libraries. Immediate past Pacific Southwest district governor Masamune Kojima offered personal interpretations of basic issues facing the organization, such as school integration and the Bakke case.

Kanagawa said rural chapters are finding it progressively difficult to recruit new members and develop new chapter presidents. The situation is desperate, but the rural chapters are not about to quit, Kanagawa assured.

While Sansei are leaving the farms, those who stay can't see joining parents in the chapters; hence, a 20-30 club might be the answer for the Sansei. They'll "come through" when given the opportunity, Kanagawa said.

Kojima's views were the most enlightening heard by delegate and boosters regarding school integration and the Bakke case.

Sansei are losing out both ways, he contended, in the Bakke case. They are considered "white" for purposes of determining admission to professional schools, Kojima noted. Stockton JACler George Matsumoto confirmed it in his son's case. He was not admitted at UC Davis medical school, as was Allan Bakke, whose case is now before the U.S. Supreme Court. The son is now studying medicine in North Carolina.

And if the Sansei were grouped with the minorities, it is likely they would cut into the spots for blacks and Chicanos, Kojima feared. But

as a civil rights organization JACL has to back the Univ. of California against Bakke and silently bear the knowledge that Sansei are being denied, Kojima concluded.

Other JACL chapters will be involved in the school integration issue now affecting Los Angeles area chapters. Kojima noted the pattern that finds Nisei parents moving from the central city to send children to suburban schools—only to now find the children being bussed back to schools in the central city from which they had moved.

Bill Hosokawa, in the conference wrap-up Sunday, commented on the future of JACL, noting the only thing common and "that which holds us together in JACL" are the ideals, such as freedom and equal opportunities". He was cool to JACL focus on numbers since "big was not always better". Factor of race is diminishing for joining JACL though it was important to know "who we are and what we are", he added.

About 200 were present Saturday night to hear Calif. Secretary of State March Fong Eu. She credited the 442nd for shedding the anti-Oriental animosity that began with the coming the Chinese to California in the 1850's. The outcome has been for "better justice" for all Americans for it means "no American will be subjected to the kind of oppression that was heaped upon Japanese Americans during World War II".

Cherry Tsutsumida of San Francisco was toastmistress. Among civic leaders

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Oakland race for mayor into runoff

OAKLAND, Calif. — Superior Judge Lionel Wilson, a black, faces school board president Dave Tucker in a May 17 runoff for mayor. Judge got 44% of the votes in a 10-man race. He is remembered as the judge who lowered the bail for Wendy Yoshimura after her arrest

In neighboring Berkeley, a councilwoman, Ying Lee Kelly, 45, was defeated by a mere 329 votes. Low turnout in student precincts assisted the moderates in claiming the four city council seats.

The Chinese American teacher was the first Asian elected to the Berkeley city council.

On the history of origins he gave "Roots" as an example of an ethnic group which has become keenly interested in their background. The Nisei, on the other hand, tried to repress any interest they may have had in their origins. A duality of nationality caused conflict.

Kitano found the Nisei don't know how to handle diversity. For example, their approach to American-born Japanese brought up in Japan, to the hippies, and in

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Starting this issue, the mailing label is produced "in-house" on the Cheshire-Xerox address lister which was recently acquired by the Pacific Citizen. We have begun including the expiration date for each PC subscriber—information we believe will facilitate JACL membership renewals. The address lister, it should be added, also has the capability of cutting off delinquent subscribers automatically.—Editor.

White River Valley hosts PNWDC spring quarterly

KENT, Wash.—With the White River JACL as hosts, the Pacific Northwest District Council met over the Mar. 26-27 weekend at the Renton Sheraton.

On the heels of the National JACL Board meeting the week prior, a brief resume of the national executive director-designate Karl Nobuyuki was presented. While his credentials and communications skills made him a clear-cut choice for the position, there was some criticism lodged at the selection process.

Mike Honda of San Jose, who succeeded the late Ed-

son Uno as chairman of the National JACL reparations committee, was introduced. Noting the emergency position in which he had been placed, Honda was concerned with "where do we go from here" but added that progress made thus far has not been negated. "We are not exactly starting from ground zero," he exclaimed.

A three or four-pronged approach will be needed to expedite what is now national JACL's number one priority, Honda said.

Longtime Portland JACLer and onetime chapter president Kimi Tambara was introduced as the new PNWDC office secretary. She will attend district meetings also to record and distribute the minutes. Office is located at 327 NW Couch St., Portland, Ore. 97209.

Rowe Sumida of Portland and Toru Sakahara of Seattle were appointed to the National JACL health insurance committee. Mits Takasumi of Mid-Columbia was named chairman of the district nominations committee.

It was also announced a JACL spring tour is originating from Seattle April 1, 1978. A slide presentation on the Seattle Keiro nursing home was shown during the luncheon break.

Nikkei family on TV documentary

SEATTLE, Wash. — Japanese family life was explored in "Full Moon Lunch," on Seattle Public TV (9), April 12, 10 p.m.

The Sugiura family, a group of bento caterers, was the focus of attention on the documentary. Filmmaker John Nathan, a well-known translator ("The Sailor Who Fell from Grace with the Sea"), spent three weeks getting to know the Sugiuras—patriarch Masao, his wife, mother, two sons and wives. He filmed the family for a month, studying things such as the master-apprentice relationship and the preparation of traditional box lunches (obento).

The documentary was a production of Hawaii Public Television.

State shelves Nisei Cannery Row plan

BURLINGAME, Calif. — Tak Enomoto, who seeks space in Monterey's famed Cannery Row, was denied a building permit by the State Coastal Commission April 13 for construction of a 31-room motel and shops on the site. Permit was sought to convert an old warehouse for a tourist project. The Commission said it should be shelved until a special Cannery Row plan dealing with parking, traffic circulation and public access is adopted.

Pianist Ken Noda, 14, hailed as 'great composer-musician'

NEW YORK—Ken Noda, 14, has been hailed as an outstanding composer of opera. The young prodigy has written three operas and performed before huge audiences as a solo pianist with top symphony orchestras.

Noda wrote his first opera at age 10, winning the National Composers Contest in 1973. It is now part of the repertoire of the New York City Opera.

"He is in a class of Mozart and other great composer-musicians," declared conductor Richard Hay-

man, an arranger for the Boston Pops Orchestra.

Ken's parents are both graphic designers who came from Japan 16 years ago and reside in Scarborough, N.Y.

35-year teacher retiring in June

CULVER CITY, Calif. — Frances Kitagawa, a charter member of the Venice-Culver JACL, will be honored May 21 at a retirement testimonial May 21, 6:30 p.m., at Pacifica Hotel. She will conclude this June a 35-year teaching career, the last 22 at Playa del Rey school. Tickets are available at \$11 per person from chapter board members with reservations being handled by:

Jane Yamashita (645-1616 or 397-8124 after 7 p.m.)

KITANO

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the future, to the homosexuals. Generally, they have tended to exclude such persons.

There is more tolerance toward intermarriage. More than 50 per cent of West Coast marriages are interracial, he said. About 90 per cent are with Whites, some Chinese, but hardly any with Black or Hispanic. Studies show a steady growth upward so that he feels that by the year 2000 there will hardly be any pure blood Japanese Ameri-

cans.

For the most part, intermarriages are between White males and Japanese women. Kitano quoted one of the latter as saying the Nisei male has no class. Some women seem to feel, he said, that marrying a White gives them a higher status. Another of their high priority questions is "Is he tall?" In turn, Nisei male used to ask, "What kind of legs does she have?" As far as Nisei parents are concerned, 20 years ago they would ask, "Is he Japanese?" Now they ask if the prospective bridegroom is a doctor, lawyer or professional.

On Nisei reticence, Kitano said that a Nisei psychiatrist gave up his practice among the Japanese because they wouldn't unburden themselves.

Among the comments brought up from the floor was that the Nisei, especially the leaders, were bankrupt, that instead of leading, they followed popular trends and politics. Another was that with the relocation the Nisei lost their authority.

Shig Kaneshiro chaired the meeting. Henry Iijima, filling in for Ron Inouye, president of the board who was in Japan, introduced the speaker. Ruby Yoshino Schaar acted as moderator during the question and answer period.

Dr. Kitano, Professor of Social Welfare and Sociology and Academic Affirmative Action Officer at the University of California in Los Angeles, is considered one of the foremost authorities on Japanese in the United States.

He is author of *Japanese Americans: The Evolution of a Subculture and* (with Roger Daniels) *Race Relations: American Racism*.

He is past director of Asian American Studies Center, UCLA, and of the Univ. of California Tokyo Study Center, International Christian University in Japan, and a visiting professor at the Univ. of Hawaii.

—N.Y. JACL Scene

Restaurateur Leo Goto's main menu: take time to help others

DENVER, Colo. — Noted restaurateur Leo Goto is one of the most successful men here in the business, but he's always found time to aid a worthy cause.

His volunteer work, especially with children, has netted him deserved praise by his community.

In recognition for his efforts at Children's Hospital, he was named winner of the April Community Volunteer Award.

His interest in volunteer work began when his son, Mark, was a pneumonia patient at Children's Hospital in the late '60s.

"I was so impressed with the people there... (that) I wanted to help," Goto recalled.

He didn't forget the help Children's Hospital was, even when his five-year-old Mark was killed in an automobile accident in 1968.

A Mark Goto Memorial Fund was set up and hospital staff members are, even today, awed by the contributions that keep coming.

A frequent visitor, Goto provided encouragement to distraught parents. Rocky Mountain News called him a "sympathetic listener" and a "quiet-spoken Nisei fellow with the bushy mustache," who gave tremendous help.

He would boost the morale of young patients with "Leo's Hom Bows" on their meal trays on Chinese New Year.

While a freshman at Univ. of Denver, he took the job (as dishwasher) to defray expenses. "That's how a Japanese got into Chinese food."

After completing his military service at Fitzsimons, he went to Portland, Ore. as assistant maitre'd at Trader Vic's. Returning to Denver he managed the Outrigger for eight years and then opened his own restaurant, Leo's, in 1969.

While at Outrigger he met a United Airlines stewardess, a New Jersey girl of Hungarian roots. They were married in October, 1963.

Leo is a hard worker, starting his day at 8 a.m. and working until 10 p.m., six days a week. His Sundays are spent for family, church at St. John's Episcopal Cathedral, brunch and a basketball game. That is, if there is time from his many projects, such as civic celebration for the Centennial-Bicentennial, serving on the Mayor's Committee for '76, projects for the Asian community, holiday feasts for senior citizens, etc.

"It's fun getting people involved," Leo said. □

Asian film festival

SAN FRANCISCO—Chonk Moonhunter Productions (950 Stockton St., San Francisco 94108; 534-2939) stages a noncompetitive Asian/Pacific Island American festival of super-8 and 16mm films at Comm. Stockton High School, May 20-21.

Mainland 442nd vets plan Europe tour

LOS ANGELES—Veterans of the 442nd RCT on the Mainland are sponsoring the first European tour, departing here in time to participate in the Liberation Day rites at Bruyeres, France, Oct. 16.

The 15-day tour at \$1,250 covers France, Switzerland and Italy, departing Oct. 11 and returning Oct. 26. Those wishing to join may call:

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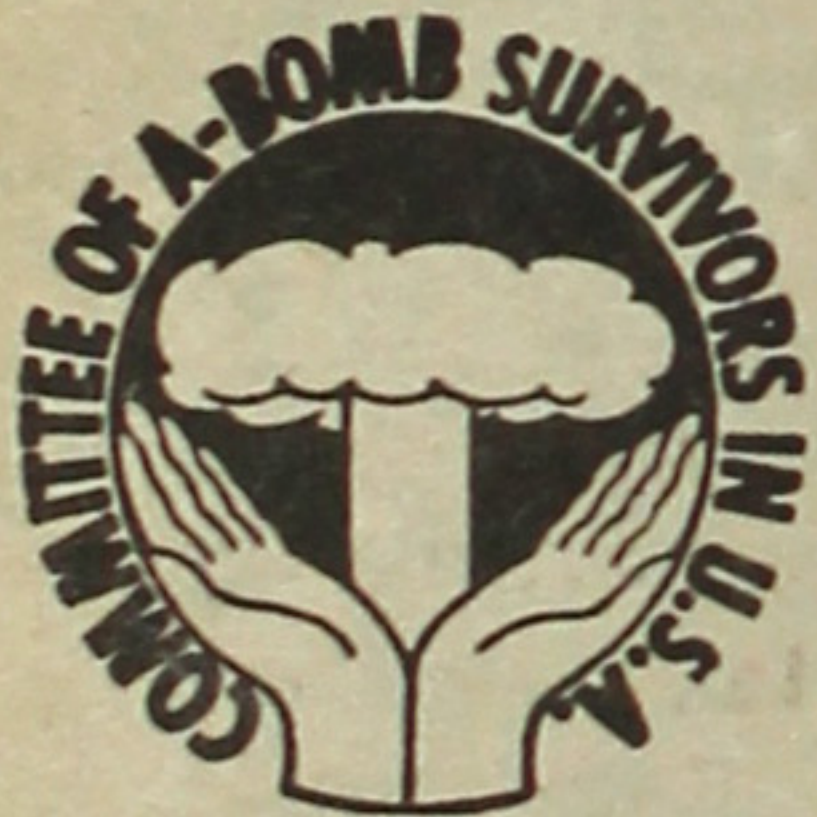
SAN FRANCISCO—"The Nature of Japanese Art" exhibit of 19th and 20th century fine art, is being shown at Chevron Gallery, 555 Market St., through May 18. Gallery is open free of charge weekdays.

Donation to JACCC

LOS ANGELES — Ohbayashi America Corp. and a parent company from Japan, Ohbayashi-Gumi, Ltd., donated \$5,000 to the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, Inc., George Doizaki, JACCC president, reported.

Summer session

LOS ANGELES—Moroyuki Takata, Chuo University graduate in law and associate professor at El Camino College, will teach summer courses in elementary and intermediate Japanese at Occidental College from June 20.



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New York JACLeR to lead theater arts tour in Japan

(As advertised, the two week theater arts tour of Japan under auspices of New York JACL departs from New York Oct. 24 and return Nov. 7. Fare is based on a 100-group affinity, subject to change. All inclusive price of \$1,480 includes airfare based on 100-group affinity which is subject to change and \$800 for the land tour. Tour is open to all JACLers who have been members at least six months prior to date of departure.)

By RUBY Y. SCHAAR
(New York JACL)

Can you imagine spending your birthday in Kyoto all by yourself and having a ball? My first trip to Japan and I'm like a kid let loose in a large toy shop.

There's so much excitement and wonderment felt,

all the beautiful and exotic sights and sounds, one cannot decide what to do first. I am slowly coming down from a new high I had not sensed in a long while. This is indeed going to be an exciting trip.

I believe I have put together the first theater tour from America to see the old art forms of Japan.

We are going to stay in deluxe hotels in Kyoto and Tokyo. However, wherever possible we shall be using taxi, subway and private railway to get about as the natives do. We shall also eat in small restaurants, sample from street vendors' carts and use the many large cafeteria-type restaurants as the Japanese do.

Since this is a cultural learning trip and the emphasis will be on learning rather than tourism, we want to take advantage of opportunity to see how the people of Japan live. To be sure, it will be a superficial observation, but to get the feeling or the pulse of the cities, one must get out and walk among them.

Our tour will start from Kyoto, staying one week there, taking a day trip to Osaka to take in the famous puppet show, the Bunraku theater in the original Osaka City, spending the day walking and taking our meals in the famous eight block area of restaurants, theaters and shopping arcades. Another day trip to Takarazuka City to see the fam-

ous all girl revue at the Grand Takarazuka Theater. The theater is part of a huge Family Land, similar to our Disneyland so there is much to see and explore during the day. We shall also see the beautiful traditional palaces, shrines, temples and gardens. There will be optional tours to Nara, and other points of interest can be arranged.

In the Tokyo area we shall see the famous Kabuki players at the National Theater, the Noh drama at the Kaikan, a private rehearsal of Gagaku, and many other surprise bonus optional trips to the Ginza and to the wholesale market areas for food, omiyage shopping, and a day trip to Nikko. □

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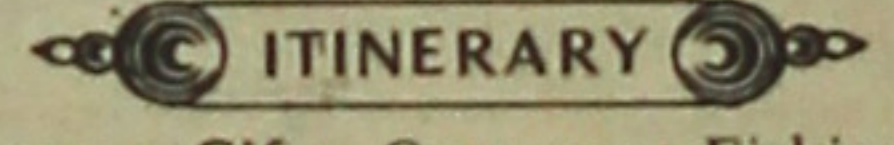
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EDITORIALS:

Bunka Kaikan (JACCC)

The Japanese language can be flowery and literally breath-taking. But in the case of the cultural and community center, for which ground is being broken in Little Tokyo tomorrow, what takes 42 letters in English (Japanese American Cultural and Community Center) can be said and understood in 11 letters (Bunka Kaikan) in Southern California. Who knows, the young people may trim that to B.K.

It's the fruition of a dream that goes back some 50 years when the upstairs Yamato Hall (no longer standing) proved inadequate for community functions. After the evacuees returned in 1945-46 to Little Tokyo, the dream was revived when proceeds of the Nisei Week Festival were placed in a community center building fund. About \$10,000 was raised and it has been turned over toward building Bunka Kaikan. The campaign continues on the first phase and the price tag is \$2.5 million.

The kind of sacrifice the Issei displayed for the benefit of the Japanese American community still abounds in the Nisei—as manifested by their support for hospitals, rest homes, churches, schools and community centers, setting up scholarships and we should add here—the JACL Headquarters building.

The volunteer fund raisers for Bunka Kaikan have faith the Japanese American community will see the greatest enterprise to date succeed on schedule. Groundbreakings have the energizing element to spur not only the campaign but the community which stands to benefit.

Bunka Kaikan might be compared to being the flagship of Little Tokyo community pride. It's a respect that no commercial structure, no matter how high, can muster.

A Corner for Our Guests:

The Question of Nisei Loyalty

By TOM TAKETA, Ph.D.

San Jose, Calif.

How dare a member of President Carter's transition team question the loyalty of a Japanese American (JA) candidate being considered for a high administration post by asking, "Do you think this person would be loyal to the United States or Japan in a crisis?" (PC, March 4, 1977). Such a question is an affront to all JA's and especially to the many thousands of Nisei who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II with great distinction not only in Europe but also in the Pacific; to the thousands of Nisei GI's who were wounded on the battlefields; and to the families of the Nisei GI's who made the supreme sacrifice by giving their lives.

Although having been uprooted from their homes and literally herded under armed guards into concentration camps as undesirable for no reason other than their ancestry, thousands of Nisei internees volunteered, as I did, for military service soon thereafter,

when given the opportunity to do so.

What motivated us, many who were still in our early twenties, to respond positively to the call to arms issued by the very same government which had ordered our Evacuation and confinement? Whatever reasons that may have been expounded, the underlying motivation was the desire to prove our worth—our loyalty beyond any shadow of doubt. A desire which stemmed from the high sense of responsibility, honor and pride inherited from our Issei parents.

What greater test of loyalty to the U.S. can there be than to serve with great distinction against our parents' country as thousands of Nisei did in the Pacific?

Even during the greatest possible crisis—war—between the U.S. and Japan there has been no evidence of Nisei disloyalty to the U.S. Based on such experiences, how can our loyalty still be questioned?

If President Carter allows his staff members to ask such question without repre-

mand, then he, like so many whites, is two-faced and talks with a forked tongue (as the Indians would say), when he strongly advocates the principles of human rights and justice to other nations. It would do well for the President to clean up his own backyard and make sure that members of his administration practice what he preaches.

Should the loyalty question of the JA candidate for a high administration position go unchallenged? I say "No", for reasons given above and because this attitude of distrust and prejudice against JA's apparently transcends from the very top throughout our bureaucratic government administration and is undoubtedly the basis for the prevailing discriminatory employment practices in government against JA's and other Americans of Pan Asian ancestries in general.

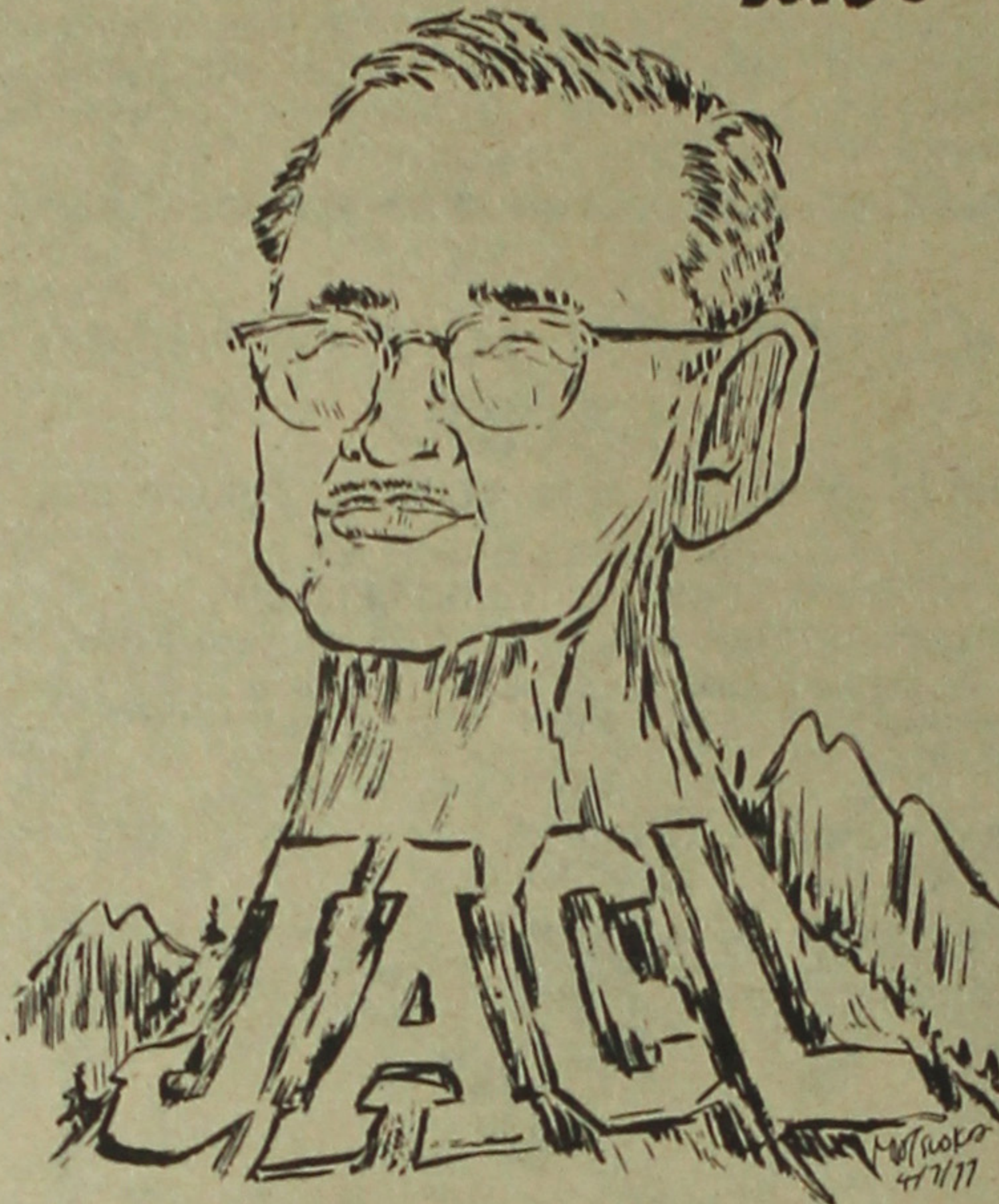
I firmly believe that we—individuals, JA congressmen and organizations such as the JACL, Nisei Veterans and others—should make this an issue. We should collectively raise our voices so

loud that our indignation will reverberate throughout the nation, if not the world, and lay to rest any question of our loyalty and trust forever. We should seek a meeting with President Carter and his staff to demand an apology, but also to enlighten them about JA's.

Apparently, the President and most members of his staff and cabinet are not sufficiently acquainted with the humiliating experiences and contributions of the JA's during World War II. If they did, the loyalty question would not have been asked. I urge the JACL to arrange said meeting with the President as soon as possible for a delegation of concerned JA's.

Or should we remain quiet Americans as in the past and continue being treated as second class citizens?

Until proven otherwise, I believe that the slowness or lack of appointing Pan Asian Americans (PAA's) to high administration positions by the President is due to the prejudicial attitude of his staff, and, perhaps, of the President himself to PAA's. □



... A TALL MOUNTAIN AMONG THE TALLEST...

Saburo Kido

Dear Harry:

Saburo Kido's death will be mourned by all of us who knew and loved him. He was a man of principle, courage, perseverance and vision—perhaps the greatest of all of JACL's lay leaders.

Because of health problems he was relatively inactive during the last decade and many of today's JACL leaders did not know him. This is regrettable since the example that Saburo Kido set inspired the leadership which paved the way for JACL's greatest accomplishments.

Some day the JACL Story will be written and only then will the stature of this man be truly appreciated.

ROY M. NISHIKAWA
Past National JACL President
Los Angeles

Amnesty by Carter

Editor:

A full, unconditional amnesty, pardon or clemency for Vietnam War resisters will do a great service for the gooks in America.

While I was in the Army, I had seen and heard at very close range the hatred of officers and men who had a son, brother, or relative killed in war with gooks—and this includes the blacks and Chicanos. Now that President Carter has granted amnesty, it will remind those who suffered in Vietnam that they had been "taken". Now, all that hate is bound to turn against the President.

T.S. SHIRAKI
San Francisco, Calif.

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SABURO KIDO

'Ethnic Disaster'

Editor:

I do not share with Jon Inouye his apprehensions (PC, Mar. 25). Though I take issue with much of what he said, I shall limit my comments to two points I consider most cogent.

I cannot dismiss the terms "America" by his phrase a "hasty generalization" connoting an entity that was begot as if by mere accident or happenstance. America is the noblest of human experiments with the highest regard for the individual anywhere in the world, including Japan for sure. It is also always improving itself. It is this truism so elevating to the spirit, that we choose to be a part of it and devote ourselves completely.

And when we are part of a society made up of like-minds pledging their allegiance to the same ideals, the natural course of choosing one's spouse can only take place as a consequence of Love, whoever it might be.

Culture and values do not die in such blessed circumstance, it grows by sharing.

YOSH MACHIDA
Florence, Oregon

Editor:

I support the most of Mary Ann Wakasugi Wight's statement (PC, Apr. 8) on intermarriage. However,

her sensitivity fails when it comes to AINU, and indigenous people of Hawaii and North America.

The Ainu were not crowded out, starved out and bred out by the immigration of foreigners. They have intermarried respectfully with members of other tribes of Japan. It happened prior to the recorded history except in Hokkaido which had been relatively isolated until 100 years ago.

The first white men reaching Hawaiian Islands were British and later colonized by the U.S. The plantations were established by the colonizers and the workers were brought in from the other side of the Pacific. Subsequently, the immigrants from Asia rose to break the condition of subservience to Euro-Americans. Meantime, the indigenous Hawaiians stayed out of the struggle against colonialism.

The indigenous people of North America were systematically exterminated by the U.S. Army, predominantly Euro-Americans. For example, several thousands of Cherokees, men, women and children, were forcibly moved on foot from Carolina to Oklahoma under the "escort" of the U.S. Cavalry. One third died on the way. This was just the beginning of the elimination ...

NOBUYUKI NAKAJIMA
Sheffield Lake, Ohio

For Today & Tomorrow: by Jon Inouye

Bringing It All Together

One weekday in April, I had a chance to speak to JACL's new National Director, Karl Nobuyuki.

This young, 32-year-old Sansei took a very positive and somewhat energetic attitude towards the JACL. If he can fully tap this youthful vitality into organized and constructive channels, JACL might turn out the benevolent and strong organization it aspires to be.

One goal mentioned was that of "bringing it all together".

Although he stated this privately (and I do consider PC to be your paper not subject to top secrets), his goal is certainly nothing to be ashamed of! In recent times, JACL has really split up over certain issues, and in one or two instances has undergone outright scrutiny over certain "scandals".

I am not standing on the podium for Karl. What I am advocating is the apparently honest goal to bring the splinters together, and to boost communication amongst the alienated. In order to do this, the League will need a leader—not a pretended leader, but an actual one. This is easier said than done.

That the JACL has a National Director (finally) after a hiatus is a relief. In any democracy, a mob or mass of people can do a lot of shouting, a Congress can do a lot of legislating and a court can decide on a multitude of laws. But when an effective executive is missing, we have a loss of that "personal touch".

Wayne Horiuchi correctly remarked that the National Director sets the whole flavor and path the JACL is to take.

"JACL is for everyone," Karl Nobuyuki had said.

The emphasis is on civil rights and freedom for the individual. These undeniable facets of existence should be open to all groups,

of whatever race. But the flavor will be distinctly "Japanese".

These are all fine goals, but I hope Karl can pull them off.

You see there is one stigma to youth in an executive, and that is the stereotype of that new senator or congressman out to "change it all". After two years his hair has greyed, his gloom pervades the office, and the former youth is now concerned only with staying in office. Some people call this politics, but I call it loss of integrity.

It is possible not to lose integrity—despite what hardhat politicians might tell you.

I might be overshooting a platitude by saying:

Only the very, very strong have managed to retain their integrity and vitality in a given job. Even I have difficulty doing this (and some of you out there are saying, "And how!"), but I know it has been done. On examining history, only a handful come readily in view. Those who maintain their true goal, who have managed to "bring it all together" and make it go right, are to be cherished. They're more valuable than the National Treasury.

It is very apparent why the late Masao Satow was so mourned—he was one of these men who "brought it together", and all without a single ounce of integrity lost.

If a National Director can indeed influence the flavor of JACL, we are fortunate to have someone with an optimistic attitude.

There's too much gloom permeating the world we live in, especially the political arena.

It is possible to be successful and to come out ahead. Perhaps an executive with this attitude can fulfill some Nikkei dreams.

From the Frying Pan: Bill Hosokawa

'The Tale of Genji'

Denver, Colo.

There is in my library a book I have been intending to read for a long time. It is "The Tale of Genji" by Lady Murasaki, translated from the Japanese by Arthur Waley.

I have started the book on several occasions but never was able to stay with it. The type is small, the action slow. There are, someone said, more than 800 characters in the story and Waley took more than 1,130 pages to complete the translation. What a labor of love it must have been for Waley, a British Orientologist who never got around to visiting either Japan or China.

Yet, "The Tale of Genji" is considered a classic. It was written about the year 1000 by Murasaki Shikibu, a Japanese court lady. The main character is Genji, illegitimate son of an emperor, who takes concubines, mistresses and engages in incestuous relationships with equal aplomb. Lady Murasaki relates all this without being sexually explicit; the reader is left to let his imagination roam. Perhaps that is one reason the book is hard to read.

pleted her manuscript. The New York Review of Books obviously sees the Seidensticker translation as something of a literary landmark.

Unfortunately I am no more moved to read Seidensticker's translation than Waley's, and this is vaguely troubling.

As a fairly literate Japanese American, it seems I ought to be more interested in reading this story than whatever current book I happen to be occupied with.

But is this a valid assumption? Just because a person happens to be a Japanese American, must he have an interest in Japanese literature, woodblock prints, tea ceremony, flower arrangement, brush painting and other highly admirable Japanese arts?

Is it wrong or undesirable or unnatural or odd that a Japanese American should be more interested in African art, Indian sand paintings, Italian operas, Russian literature, Renaissance painters or Strauss waltzes than kabuki and Hiroshige prints?

In the context of the struggle of many Japanese Americans to find their "identity", whatever that may mean, the question above isn't entirely frivolous.

Now, lest this essay becomes too serious, let me wind it up by quoting from a recent letter from Lee Ruttle of Oakland, who was kind enough to respond to a recent Frying Pan column about the seeming lack of humor in the Pacific Citizen. He writes in part:

"It has been my contention that when the people of any ethnic group lose their sense of humor and cannot laugh at themselves and their foibles, they lose ground, lose respect and understanding from others outside of their communities. So, whenever possible, without being facetious or extracting humor at someone else's expense, let's all try to include a few chuckles or belly laughs."

Amen. End of discourse. □

What brings up this matter is a lengthy review, occupying the first pages of the Feb. 3 issue of the slightly highbrow The New York Review of Books, of a new translation of Genji. This work was undertaken by an American, Edward G. Seidensticker and one of the more eminent of contemporary translators of Japanese literature. Knopf has published the book, which runs 1,090 pages, and retails for \$25.

The reviewer is V.S. Pritchett, a novelist in his own right, and it is obvious he knows a good deal about both this and the original translation.

Lady Murasaki's novel about life in the court of medieval Japan was probably the world's first novel. She lived nearly four centuries before Geoffrey Chaucer, the first great literary artist to write in English. Johann Gutenberg, considered the father of modern printing, invented movable type some 450 years after Lady Murasaki com-

From Mid-America: Tom Hibino

Our Cousins in Canada

Chicago

One hundred years ago Manzo Nagano landed at Victoria, British Columbia, and became the first Japanese immigrant to settle in Canada. This year Japanese Canadians will commemorate the event with major celebrations and special events across the country.

Organized by the Japanese Canadian Centennial Society, Centennial 77 will be launched on Saturday, May 14, which has been designated Centennial Day. On this day, according to the Society's brochure, many communities will be conducting dedication ceremonies or holding Centennial dinners which will be attended by government and civic leaders.

Subsequent events will include a Japanese Canadian youth conference in Toronto, a workshop in Winnipeg on the Japanese experience in Canada, an Ontario art exhibition, and a national film festival. For those interested, a Centennial 77 calendar has been developed.

The purpose behind many of the events is to raise the awareness of all Canadians about the contributions of

those of Japanese ancestry to the history and development of the country. In this regard, such continuing projects as a bibliography of all works on or by Japanese Canadians, a JC poetry anthology, and a multimedia display on Japanese Canadians for libraries, will be of benefit long after 1977.

In reading the brochures and newsletters the Society has disseminated, I was struck by the tremendous similarity between the history and experience of Japanese Canadians and Japanese Americans. Despite having an aunt from Vancouver, I guess I never took the time to learn very much about our "relatives" in Canada.

Both groups emigrated from Japan during the same period, both helped build transcontinental railways which opened up their country, and both were evacuated from the Pacific Coast and placed in concentration camps during World War II. Happily, it also appears that Japanese Canadians as well as Japanese Americans have made tremendous strides during the post-war period and are now well in-

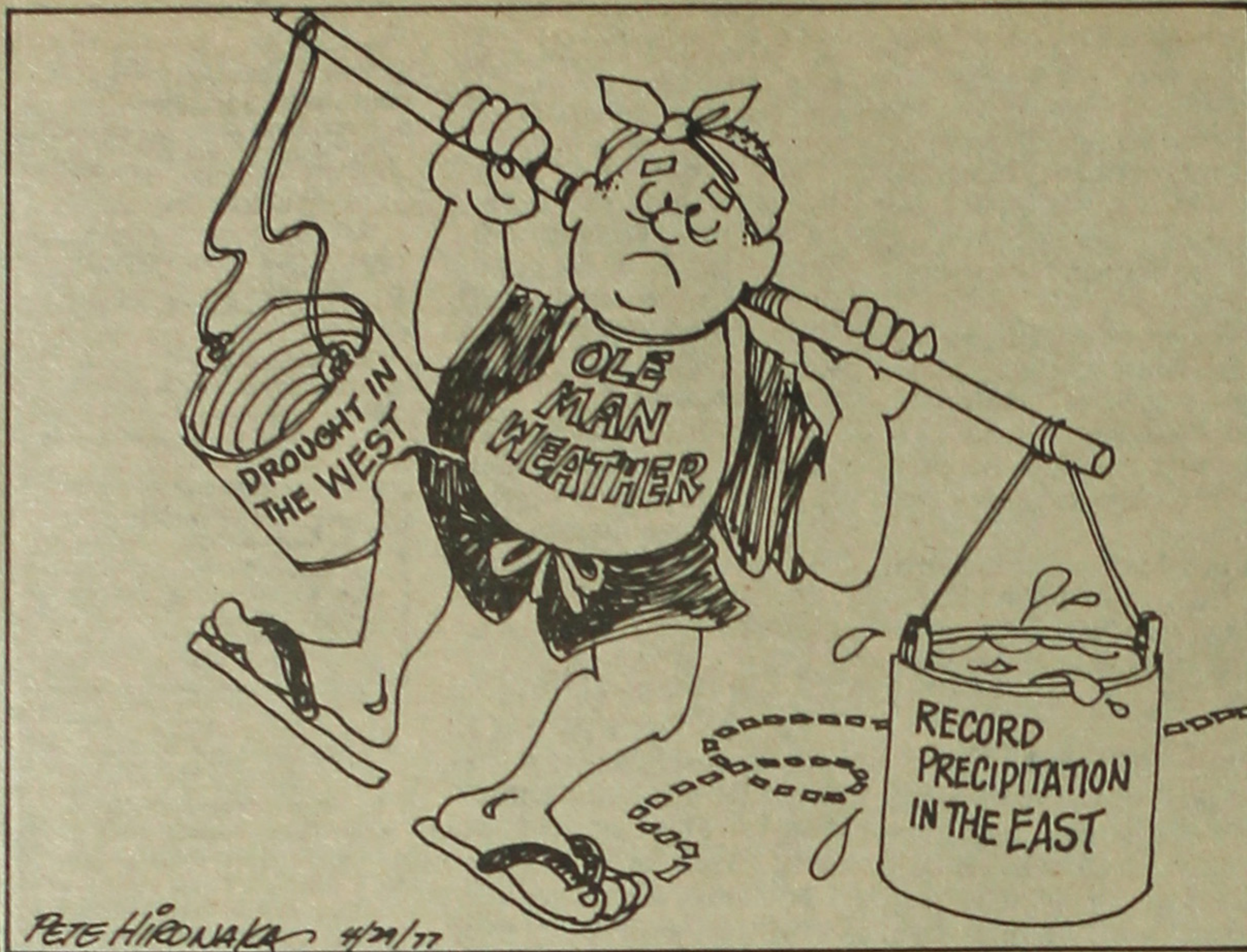
tegrated into most areas of their society.

One difference in the two groups is the population. There are only 40,000 Japanese Canadians as compared to 600,000 of their American counterparts. On the other hand the U.S. population is about ten times as large as Canada's. Nonetheless, the small number of JC's might explain the Sansei intermarriage which was placed at 90% by the Society, which is significantly higher than in the U.S.

Hopefully, the Centennial will spark new interest among the Canadian Sansei in their own unique heritage and experience. I am especially interested in the outcome of the youth conference in July which has as its theme "Where Do We Go from Here?"

That sounds like a topic we Sansei in this country might address as well.

P.S. For more information on Centennial 77 events or if you'd like to make a contribution to the Japanese Canadian Centennial Society, the National Headquarters address is 479 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M5V 2A9. □



PETE HIROUKA 4/21/77

From Happy Valley: Sachi Seko

Springtime of the Mind

Salt Lake City

Snow-in-s-u-m-m-e-r replaces the snow of winter. The curling leaves of the clumped and crawling ground cover are a greyish green against earth still damp from recent moisture.

Some mornings before the sun has stretched across the eastern mountains, I almost expect the telephone to ring. I remember this, about watching for the light to make a carving on the purplish hills, while I sat in a robe talking to my friend. I miss those intimate conversations in the peaceful time before the day's demand began to encroach.

She has been gone a few springs, dying on a Christmas day, but her presence remains in our garden. Her name was Kame Toyota. When she was living, we always referred to our outdoor surroundings as "her garden".

When we bought this place, almost 13 years ago, it was not only uncivilized, but the contour of the lot had a perpendicular perversity which seemed to present an almost impossible cultivating problem.

The wildness of this area appealed to me, as wildness of any variety usually has, but I knew we could not live with it as it was. Being city born, my only experience had been that of a petunia planter. We received some professional advice, but most of the suggestions although maintenance conscious, would have destroyed the natural charm of the yard.

Mrs. Toyota, then having difficulty walking, offered come to view our dilemma. I thought she would despair at the sight, for her garden was an offering of beauty and care. There was a reverence for nature in it. In the summer evenings, we used to see her on her knees, patiently tending each plant as

if it alone was a botanical rarity.

On the evening we went to get her, she was waiting with an assortment of cardboard boxes which felt damp and heavy. She indicated that they were to be loaded into the car. When we asked what they contained, she laughed, cupping her hands over her mouth in a very girlish gesture, and said, "They are surprises."

I was anxious about her reaction, since most of our acquaintances had concurred that the lot could never be tamed. But Mrs. Toyota could not contain her excitement. Even her bothersome legs did not deter her from darting here and there, her agile mind imagining the yard which eventually came to be. She inspected every tree, each boulder and all the strange things sprouting from the ground.

With her arms moving energetically, she told us what wild growth had to go, what should be kept. And then, instructing us to unload the boxes from the car, she showed us the plants and cuttings which she had collected for us. She told us exactly where everything should go, considering the light and wind directions.

And so each spring and fall, we benefited from her advice and generosity. She never came here, except that once, but retained in her mind a photographic blueprint of the yard. If she had two trees or bushes of the same variety in her garden, she would insist that we take one. And always she chose to give us the one which was sturdier in growth, or more aesthetic in shape, keeping the less desirable one for herself.

Of all the things we received, the snow-in-summer had been the most useful. It spread quickly and helped to retain the soil. In the

spring it flowered, solid banks of delicate white flowers. It has a strangely beautiful sight by night, so much whiteness.

I remember one early spring day, about this time of year, she called and said I must remove most of the snow-in-summer. She said the garden had outgrown the need for much of it, that it would retard the growth of quality plants whose spreading time had come.

When I demurred, asking whether I couldn't delay the removal, wanting to enjoy the white blooming for one more spring, Mrs. Toyota disagreed. The roots would become deeper entrenched if I waited.

"Give them up while it is easy. Do not want them," she said.

It was another spring and my mother was dying. I recall again the early morning telephone call and the voice of my friend, "You must let your mother go. You must not be wanting."

These are the words of comfort I remember. And coming from this most extraordinary of Issei women, they were not strange. They were words I needed, about letting go and not wanting.

And sometimes when I observe us as Nisei, busily repairing the mistakes of the past, I wonder when the time will come when we can let go. So there will be spreading space for new ideas whose time had come. □

RENO

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introduced after the speech were Nevada Lt. Gov. Robert Rose and Reno Mayor Clyde Biglieri. Reno JACL was in charge of facilities; NC-WNDC hosted the Tri-District. Delegates came from 22 NC-WNDC, 6 CCDC and 5 PSWDC chapters.

'Fuji Hour' starts fourth year



Seabrook JACL's "Fuji Hour", a Sunday evening Japanese broadcast over WSNJ, Bridgeton, N.J., enters its fourth season. Staff volunteer JACLers who tape the show are (from left) Mariko Ono, announcer; Rev. Shingetsu Akahoshi, Seabrook Buddhist Church, chief commentator and program director; Ray Ono, technical adviser and engineer; and Ellen Nakamura, coordinator and alternate announcer. Started through an IBM community service grant, the JACL radio project is now sustained commercially.

Clocking the Board

San Francisco

One can assess the major issues taxing the National JACL Board by clocking the time devoted to the subject matter.

A timecard for the Mar. 18-20 meeting here at National Headquarters would punch out as follows:

- 5 hrs.—Selection of national executive director: Karl Nobuyuki, effective May 1.
- 3 hrs.—Review of JACL travel guidelines; authorization of West L.A. JACL 1977 flights upon submission of their 1976 financial statements.
- 1 hr.—Review of FY 1976 national JACL finances.
- 1 hr.—Reparations campaign.
- 1 hr.—Affirmative Action policy reaffirmed (Bakke and Minnick cases).
- 45 min.—The 1978 Convention plans.
- 45 min.—JAYS/Youth programs.
- 45 min.—Membership services, 1000 Club emeritus fellow proposal.
- Remainder of agenda (42 items) was cleared inside 7 hrs. or 10 min. per item.

Calendar

- JACL DEADLINES**
- May 1—Nat'l JACL Graduate scholarships.
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 - May 15—Special PCYA summer session. Contact Wash'n JACL Office.
 - May 16—Nat'l JACL-Satow Memorial Hdcp Bowling Tournament entries (Forms at JACL Hq., chapters.)
 - July 1—JACL Hayashi Law scholarships (Forms, N.Y. JACL, 50 W 67th St, New York 10023.)
- April 30 (Saturday)**
- Chicago—Box lunch social, Gemini Hall, Niles, 6 p.m.
 - Puyallup Valley—Member potluck, Olympia.
 - Sacramento—Family potluck, Japanese Methodist Church, 5:30
 - Tulare County—Benefit Japanese movie, Visalia Buddhist Church, 7:30 p.m.
- May 1 (Sunday)**
- Alameda—Golf tournament Galbraith course.
 - Portland—Graduates banq, Benson Hotel.
- May 2 (Monday)**
- Mid-Columbia—Parents appreciation day, Westside School.
- May 4 (Wednesday)**
- Pocatello—Honors Night, Cathay Cafe, Blackfoot, 7 p.m.

- May 5 (Thursday) St. Louis—Dedication, Japanese Garden, Missouri Botanical Park.
- May 6 (Friday) Santa Maria Valley—Scholarship Awards dnr, Santa Maria Club
- May 7 (Saturday) Riverside—Gen mtg, UCR International Loung, 7:30 p.m.; Slides on South Africa, Frank Takatori.
- Downtown L.A.—Mother's Day luncheon, Man Jen Low, 12n.

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Alameda

The annual Alameda JACL golf tournament will be held May 1 at Galbraith course with prizes in three flights: regular handicap, Calloway and veterans (over age 60).

Yosh Sugiyama, tournament chairman (568-4545) announced the tournament is open to chapter members, their dependents under 18 and invitees of the committee and chapter cabinet.

Meanwhile, the chapter summer bowling league starts May 10, 9 p.m. at Mel's Bowl. The Tuesday mixed foursome is chaired by Don Kuge (523-5273). The chapter bowling tournament, under supervision of Mas and June Kadota (533-7361), is scheduled for May 21, Mel's Bowl, from 7 p.m.

The dance class continues to meet on Monday nights, 7:30 p.m. except the 2nd Monday (when the chapter

For the Record

The San Gabriel Valley JACL luau, listed previously in the Calendar as May 1, will be held on Sunday, May 29, 3-7 p.m., at the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, West Covina.

board meets) with Ernest Haeusslein as instructor at the Buena Vista Methodist Church.

Cincinnati

During the Dayton-Cincinnati JACL installation in December, hosted by the Dayton chapter, Ben Okura of Cincinnati JACL received the JACL Silver Pin for exceptional service to the chapter for a minimum of 10 years.

Among other things, Ben served as chapter president, treasurer, chaired the Zoo Food show, picnic, potluck and the sales booth at the International Folk Festival.

Judy Ibarra was installed by MDC Gov. Lillian Kimura as Cincinnati JACL president, succeeding Fred Morioka.

Downtown L.A.

Takekuma Takei, president of the Japanese Community Pioneer Center (and father of TV actor George Takei), will be the main speaker at the Downtown L.A. JACL Mother's Day luncheon May 7, noon, at General Lee's Man Jen Low in New Chinatown.

Mrs. Fumi Niiyama, 90, and Mrs. Taki Imai, 96, are to be honored as the 1977 Mothers of the Year. The program will also recognize previous honorees, according to Frank Hirata, luncheon chairman. The list in-

cludes:

- 1964—Nawa Munemori; 1965 — (No record); 1966—Ike Fujitsubo, Hiro Miyatake, Mrs. Eiji Tanabe; 1967—Yoshie Uyeda; 1968—Shizue Takahashi; 1969—Toku Magara; 1970—Ruth Hide Fukushima; 1971—Misao Yoshitomi; 1972—Fumi Kuida; 1973—Shige Nishizu; 1974 (not held); 1975—Mitsuyo Inadomi, Sumiko Murakami; 1976—Shika Kato.

Mrs. Niiyama and her husband Tanezo are prewar residents of Tacoma with a family of four daughters, one in Seattle and the other three in Gardena. She has 15 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Imai raised seven children after her husband Tsunekichi, a San Francisco photographer died in 1929. She now has 11 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Gardena Valley

"Miss Gardena JACL" will be selected at the Gardena Valley JACL coronation ball May 7 at the Proud Bird Restaurant. Proceeds from one of Gardena's most treasured social events will

be used for senior citizen programs.

Tickets for the dinner-dance are \$12.50 per person. Dance-only tickets good from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. are \$4 per person. The "Good Sounds" will provide dance music. No tickets will be sold at the door, it was emphasized by Dudley Otake (324-7606).

All chapter board members have tickets for sale. Reservations are being handled by:

Karen Mizusaki (321-6000, 325-8254) or May Suyeoshi (327-9301).

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● Houston

Houston JACL held its second annual inaugural banquet Feb. 19 with Don Hayashi, associate national JACL director, as installing officer. Hayashi also discussed some of the national issues with which JACL has been involved and challenged the chapter to be concerned enough to become aware of specific issues, such as the Iya Toguri case.

Rev. Kagenobu Nakamoto described the prospect of JACL growth in Texas.

Hiroshi Sakahara is the 1977 president.

The chapter awarded its first life membership to Cecile Lancaster, 80, a retired Baptist missionary in pre-war Japan and postwar Hawaii. She had returned to the U.S. in April, 1941, and taught at Gila River WRA Center during WW2.

Orange County school named for Nisei GI ready for garden

FOUNTAIN VALLEY, Calif.—The recent dedication of the new Kazuo Masuda Elementary School in the Fountain Valley School District of Orange County, has recalled a promise made by the Japanese community for a memorial Japanese garden, which is to be built on the school grounds as soon as possible.

The school was dedicated in the memory of Staff Sgt. Kazuo Masuda (Co. F. 442nd), killed in action in July of 1944. Sgt. Masuda, born and raised in the immediate vicinity of the new school, was posthumously awarded the U.S. Army's highest valor award, the Distinguished Service Cross, for bravery

● Portland

Oregon Nisei Vets are chairing the annual Portland community graduation banquet May 1 at the Benson Hotel. The Portland JACL will be responsible for printing and distributing of dinner tickets.

● Puyallup Valley

Puyallup Valley JACL announced the following amendment is subject to vote: "That the cabinet will be increased from 13 to 14 members with the addition of a Social Chairperson under Article V, Section 1 of the By Laws." This addition will be voted at the May 9, 1977 regular meeting.

● San Gabriel Valley

The recent blood bank project for Kazuo Mayemura resulted in 36 pints of blood, it was reported April 15. Kazuo, currently at UCLA Medical Center, has leukemia and is in need of direct transfusions of white cells.

San Gabriel's luau was incorrectly announced. The

benefit affair will be held Sunday, May 29, 3-7 p.m. with Hawaiian entertainment throughout the evening. Net proceeds from luau will go to ESGVJCC Building Fund Drive. In charge are:

Ted Hamachi, general chm, 238 N. Walnutaven Dr., W. Covina 91790 (337-8436), Kim Hatakeyama (337-2601); president Sam Imai, chief cook.

● San Jose

The San Jose JACL will sponsor their third annual bridge party on Saturday evening, May 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the Wesley Methodist Church social hall, 566 N. Fifth St.

There will be social bridge for fun, duplicate sections for intermediate and advanced players. Trophies and prizes will be awarded in all three categories, announced Mrs. Aiko Nakahara, chairperson for the event.

Door prizes include a case of wine donated by Paul Maison Vineyards through Fred Tamoto. Entrance fee will be \$2.50 per person. Committee members include:

Jane Asanuma, Amy Higuchi, Dorothy Hiura, Grace Kawakami, Diane Kawamura, Swanee McKay, Sachi Miki, June Miyakusa, Sadie Sakamoto, Eiko Shimizu, Helen Uchiyama, Mrs. Aiko Nakahara, (408) 258-7874.

● Wasatch Front

Jenny Aoki reported on her experience in Washington, D.C., as the Intermountain District Council representative at a recent Presidential Classroom for Young Americans, during the Wasatch Front North JACL family night party April 23 at the Ogden Buddhist Church.

Food and refreshments were prepared by the chapter ladies. Cartoons were shown to the youngsters while there was bingo for the adults. Harry Suekawa, v.p., was in charge.

● Washington, D.C.

Pioneer Issei, now in their 70s, 80s and 90s, were honored April 16 by the Washington, D.C. JACL at a dinner held at River Road Unitarian Church in Bethesda.

Younger members of the chapter and students of the Japanese Language school, under guidance of Mrs. Lillian Oie, dance instructor, entertained. JAYs presented a modern dance routine, led by Mrs. Michiko Kitsmiller and accompanied by

Aiko Hiratsuka at the piano.

On the dinner committee were:

Kazuo Kimura, chmn; Kay Akagi, Ruthelley Enokida, Joe Hirata, Fumi Iki, Betty Kitashima, Claire Minami, Toyoko Miyashiro, Joanne Obata, Yasue Redden, Etsuko Smith, Miyuki Yoshikami.

S.F. JACL Jr. Olympics set

SAN FRANCISCO — The San Francisco JACL will celebrate the running of its 25th annual Junior Olympics competition on Sunday, June 12, at Laney College's track field in Oakland.

The annual event draws a field of approximately 250 young Asian American men and women between the ages of 8 and 18 years from throughout Northern California.

Entry forms will be available shortly and teams may be sponsored by JACL chapters or other community organizations. Individuals may run unattached if they or their parents are affiliated with the JACL. For inquiry, contact either:

Robert T. Fujioka, c/o Mitsubishi Bank, 425 Montgomery St., San Francisco; or Steven T. Okamoto, Occidental Life, 361 Lytton Ave., Palo Alto.

8 No. Utah cage teams in tourney

OGDEN, Utah — Kro's Loft emerged as champions of the Northern Utah basketball tournament here April 6-8 at Layton Armory and North Davis Jr. high gyms.

Eight teams participated in the tournament, which had received a \$400 pledge from the Intermountain District Council for finances. They were (in order of finish):

Kro's Loft, New Bamboo Noodle Parlor, Salt Lake City, Ogden Jr. YBA, YABA, Honeyville, Stan Nakano's Warriors (consol champs), Syracuse.

Selected to the all-tournament team were:

Scott Watanabe (W), Craig Hamada (New Bamboo), John Imaizumi (K), Fred Fernandes (K), Dale Aramaki (SLC).

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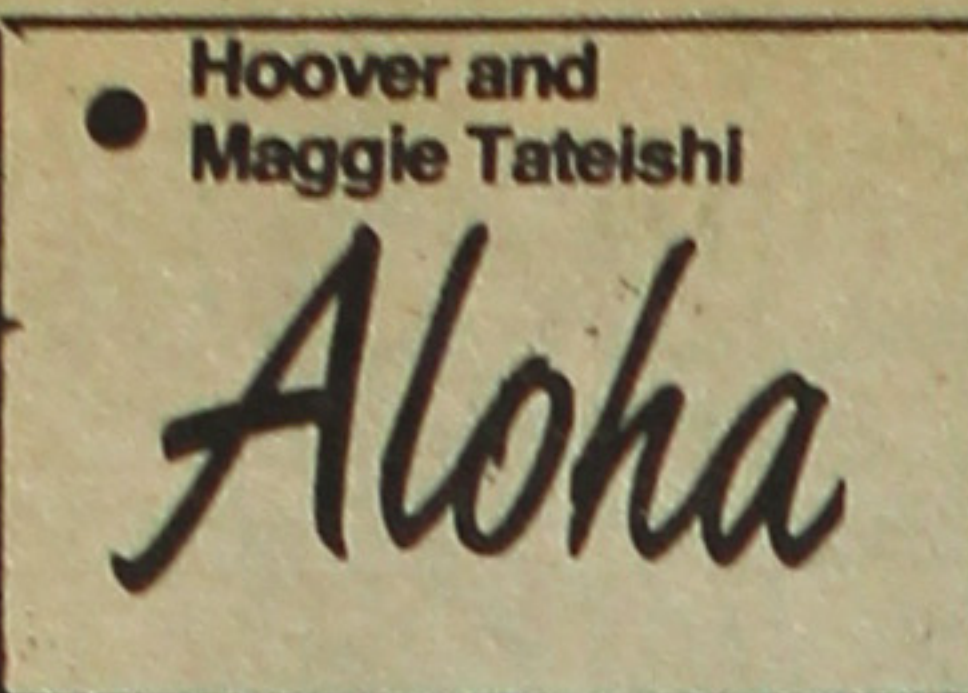
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YOUNG PEOPLE

Among eight National Merit Scholarship winners announced on April 6 was Mark Mugiishi, son of Mr. & Mrs. Dixon Mugiishi. Mark's four-year scholarship grant is sponsored by Prudential Insurance Co. of America. A student body president at Iolani, he is editor of the school paper, co-captain of the math team and member of the varsity golf team and the debate team... Kathy Hoshijo who surprised politicians last election by waging a vigorous campaign for U.S. Representative as a candidate of the Independents for Godly Government has just announced her interest in the lieutenant governor's race. This may require a court challenge as she will be a few months short of 30, the age required of candidates for that office. The flurry of interest in the lieutenant governor's office was caused by the announcement by Nelson Doi that he will not seek re-election.

PREP TENNIS

Wendell Kwan, Kalani tennis coach, ended the season with his girls team record of 45-0 and boys team 44-1. In a 22-team league, Kalani High School has captured eight consecutive titles for boys and seven in eight years for girls. From the Kalani team, statewide ranking players are Stuart Saiki, 18, Reid Fukumoto, 15, and Mona Ho, 18.

KAHOOLAWE

The return Kahoolawe movement was tragically faced with the death of two young men as they attempted to occupy the island. George Helm, one of the early leaders of the movement and Kimo Mitchell, a young Molokai resident, were lost at sea and subsequent searches by the U.S. Navy as well as families and friends of the men have been unsuccessful.

In Washington D.C. Senator Dan Inouye met with President Carter proposing that Kahoolawe be used jointly by civilians and the military, that only inert bombs be used for further bomb practice and that a partial cleaning project be undertaken. President Carter ordered a study be made.

MALE TOURISTS BEWARE

The State House of Representatives passed and sent to the Senate a bill which would make the customer of prostitutes liable for arrest. In its committee report, the House Judiciary Committee noted that "the customer, knowing that he would also be liable, for the crime, would be greatly hesitant, if not totally discouraged in dealing with prostitutes." A suggestion from Kauai Democrat Tony Kunimura that prostitutes wear signs in different languages warning customers of their liability to arrest did not pass. It remains to be seen whether the Senate will concur with this bill. (We'll keep you posted right up to Gov. Ariyoshi's signature.)

3-year scholarship at seminary offered

MADISON, N.J.—The Japanese American United Church of New York and Drew University are offering a three-year scholarship to help a qualified Japanese American student for the Christian ministry.

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GORO ASAKI: Washington, D.C. JACLer

Appointed to state school bd.

ANNAPOLIS, Md.—Gov. Marvin Mandel of Maryland appointed Goro George Asaki of Pasadena, Md., as a member of the State School Board in February, 1977. Asaki has been a member of the Ann Arundel County school board for the past 10 years and will serve on the State Board from July 1.

Asaki is an electrical engineer for the Westinghouse Electric near Baltimore, and has been with that company for nearly 30 years. A native of Hanford, Calif., he was interned at the Jerome (Ark.) Relocation Center, attended the Military Intelligence School in Minnesota, and served with the Army in the Philippines, Japan, and Korea toward the end of World War II. Later he received his BS at Univ. of Illi-



GORO ASAKI

nois at Champaign, and joined the Westinghouse Electric.

He has been active in many civic associations and served as president of PTAs, Boy Scouts and the

school board. He is married to chi of Seattle, and they have two sons and a daughter.

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Churches

The Rev. Jonah Chang of San Francisco continues as executive director of the national federation of Asian American United Methodists, which held its national caucus Mar. 25-26 at El Segundo, California. Formed two years ago on a regional basis, the group is now national in scope with the board comprised of representatives from the five jurisdictions, and chaired by Rev. A.C. Ubalde Jr., Filipino, of San Francisco's Bethany Church. The Rev. Lloyd K. Wake, San Francisco, was the first chairperson.

Sports

Gymast Yoichi Tomita of Cal State Long Beach is the 1977 NCAA champion on the parallel bars. A junior, he had qualified in all six events at the Western Regionals at Houston. The nationals were held at Arizona State Mar. 31-Apr. 2. He is remembered as the member of the high school team from Japan which toured the U.S. in 1974, defeating

Nikkei aims to row across ocean

FORT WORTH, Tex.—A 25-year-old Texan, Steve Kurachi, put the finishing touches to his 17-foot homemade rowboat last March. His goal: a 3,000-mile row across the North Atlantic.

Kurachi figures the trip will take from three to five months. He has named his boat "K. Davenport."

the best collegians locally... Fred Yamano, 31, former backfield coach, was named head football coach at Jordan High, Los Angeles.

Music

Asian Americans performing with the recent Berkeley Adult School choral presentation of Brahms' Requiem with Eugene Jones, conductor, were Louise Chang, Mary Chin, Tazi Hirano, Aiko Yamamoto, altos; and Kent Matsumoto, bass.

Education

Rob Kamai, president of UC Davis Student Assn., spoke at annual Charter Day ceremony in Berkeley, April 7. The all-campus event celebrated the university's 109th birthday... David K. Wakita, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wakita of San Mateo, was awarded a 1977 Chemical Engineering freshmen scholarship at UC Berkeley, Mar. 28. Wakita is currently a senior at Hillsdale High.

Radio—TV

Elaine Yoneda of San Francisco appeared on KGO TV's "Perspectives", April 9, a live 1½-hour program produced by Mike Lee and hosted by Jeannie Lum. Elaine was one of the few Caucasians to be held in the World War II camps for Japanese Americans. She chose internment with her husband Karl and son at Manzanar rather than freedom without her family.

Fine Arts

Riverside JACLer Robert H. Meltzer won the \$350 first prize for his watercolor, "The Wrangler", in the ninth annual Watercolor West nation-wide open competition. The painting will be on exhibit at Riverside Art Assn. Galleries through April. The Beaumont artist is a national vice president of the American Watercolor Society, Far West region, and is married to the former Betty Hikiji of Kauai. They have two children Eleanor Kikumi and Abraham Chui-chi.

Education

Dr. Michio Nagai, minister of education in Prime Minister Miki's cabinet, spoke on "Japan Today and Tomorrow" before the Los Angeles World Affairs Council April 7 at a Hilton Hotel luncheon... Dr. Sammy Lee, now of Orange County, spoke on the experiences of Asians in medicine and major sports at the April 13 meeting of the Asian American Educators Assn. at Myung Dong restaurant, Los Angeles. Dr. Lee is the Korean American diver of U.S. Olympic fame.

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