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## Angry words fly over J-town housing

By DONALD CANTER  
(San Francisco Examiner)  
San Francisco

The face of Yori Wada, first Asian American to be named a regent of the University of California, flushed in anger.

While testifying (June 21) before the Redevelopment Agency about a controversial housing issue in the Japantown area of the Western Addition, somebody had shouted, "He's a liar."

Turning around slowly at the lectern to face the audience consisting mostly of young Asian Americans who've crusaded against redevelopment, eviction and

housing demolition, Wada visibly tensed as he issued this invitation:

"Come here and say it to my face."

Whoever said it thought better of it. Somebody hissed but nobody moved.

Wada had come to urge that the agency honor its longstanding commitment to demolish an old 16-unit apartment building in the 1800 block of Buchanan Street and make the site available for housing construction as part of the master plan for a four block Nihonmachi (Japantown) development.

CANE, the militant Committee Against Nihonmachi

Eviction and other organizations and individuals, some of them also active in the fight to save the International Hotel, had shown up in force to demonstrate against razing the Buchanan Street building and another on Sutter Street.

The confrontation with Wada came when the demonstrators loudly interrupted businessman Mas Ashizawa, who wanted to build the new housing, after having been allowed to air their own gripes for 40 minutes.

Said Wada, who's director of the Buchanan YMCA:

"I am amazed at these young people who want to talk and not listen."

The shout "he's a liar" came after Wada, who is 60, insisted that the group did not represent "my generation" and whereas he grew up in the ghetto many of the demonstrators were the offspring of parents who'd made it and got out of it.

When his challenge for his accuser to step forward went unanswered, Wada continued:

"I know what it means

Don Canter, urban affairs writer for the San Francisco Examiner, is the same person whom the National JACL had publicly recognized for articles in 1962 that aroused nationwide public support against Federal attempts to tax evacuation claim payments. It developed into the so-called Kuchel-King "no tax" bill which was one of the last pieces of legislation President Kennedy signed into law, a month before the tragedy at Dallas. He was the first journalist to receive the National JACL Certificate of Recognition.

—Editor

living in old housing. I couldn't wait to make enough money to leave that kind of housing."

His question: "What do they (the demonstrators) know?"

But CANE and the Coalition to Support Nihonmachi Tenants appear already to have forced a major change in the renewal plans for the area.

The Redevelopment Agency has asked Superior Court Judge John Benson for a two-week delay in a scheduled hearing on an eviction order issued for both the Buchanan and Sutter buildings because of code violations.

The frequent shouts and organized chanting of slogans but especially the accusation hurled at Wada appeared to have cracked the fragile alliance recently forged between the CANE people and officials of the predominantly black Western Addition Project Area Committee (WAPAC).

The two weeks are to find a "solution" that might consist of a proposal to preserve the Sutter Street building, a 16-unit rooming house and replace the Buchanan Street structure with an apartment house that would include many subsidized low-rent units.

Turning to the crowd, WAPAC chairwoman Mary Rogers said:

"I was ready to support you but you have acted like asses."

Like Wada, Rogers insisted that most of the demonstrators did not live in the area "and I'm tired of people not living there speaking for them (that do live there)."

Arnold Townsend, WAPAC's executive director, expressed a similar resentment.

Said Townsend:

"I disagree with Yori Wada on this issue. But to hear him insulted... who the hell do you think you are." □

## Kawagoe called but not chosen

WASHINGTON — President Carter last month chose Azie T. Morton, a congressional staff aide in the House District of Columbia Committee, to be U.S. Treasurer. She succeeds Francine Neff.

Among the eight who were in consideration for the office was Helen Kawagoe, Gardena Valley JACL president and city clerk at Carson, who had been interviewed earlier this year.

## Asians criticize Census test site

WASHINGTON — The Census Bureau was criticized for favoring Richmond, Va., as the site for the 1980 Census dress rehearsal in testimony presented by Washington JACL representative Wayne Horiuchi before the House Subcommittee on Census and Population this past week.

Also testifying with Horiuchi were Tanya Azores, chairperson-elect of the Census Advisory Committee for Asian and Pacific Island People; Danny Yung, former field coordinator for the Asian American Survey Project, HEW; and Myron Thompson, Hawaiian and head of the Bishop Estates in Hawaii.

Horiuchi testified, "The selection of a dress rehearsal site which has a high concentration of the four major racial and ethnic groups, Black, Hispanic, Native and Asian American, is imperative and will be beneficial by achieving a more accurate count by the Bureau of the Census. Problems which are unique to these groups will be discovered and could be corrected before the actual 1980 cen-

sus is undertaken. "However, the selection of a site such as Richmond, Va., or Omaha, Neb., which is currently being considered by the Bureau and which does not reflect high concentrations of racial and ethnic diversity would be reprehensible and a demonstration of insensitivity at its greatest."

The Bureau of the Census will conduct the dress rehearsal in the spring of 1978.

The Subcommittee on Census and Population, chaired by Rep. William Lehman of Florida, heard Ms. Azores present her own preliminary findings of the Oakland census pretest which showed some confusion by the Asian American respondents who participated in the survey.

Yung and Thompson concluded their testimony by addressing the issue of subcontracting by the Bureau of the Census with Asian American community organizations in conducting the census and the inaccuracy of counting part-Hawaiians in current census methodology. □

## AMA conference tables move to aid Hibakusha

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — The American Medical Association, still very conservative in its thinking and socio-political views, declined to take stand on Hiroshima at its annual meeting held in San Francisco last month.

A resolution proposing AMA support for extending government assistance to the victims of the 1945 Atomic Bombing of Hiroshima currently residing in the United States was tabled until another AMA meeting in October, according to Kanji Kuramoto, chairman of the committee.

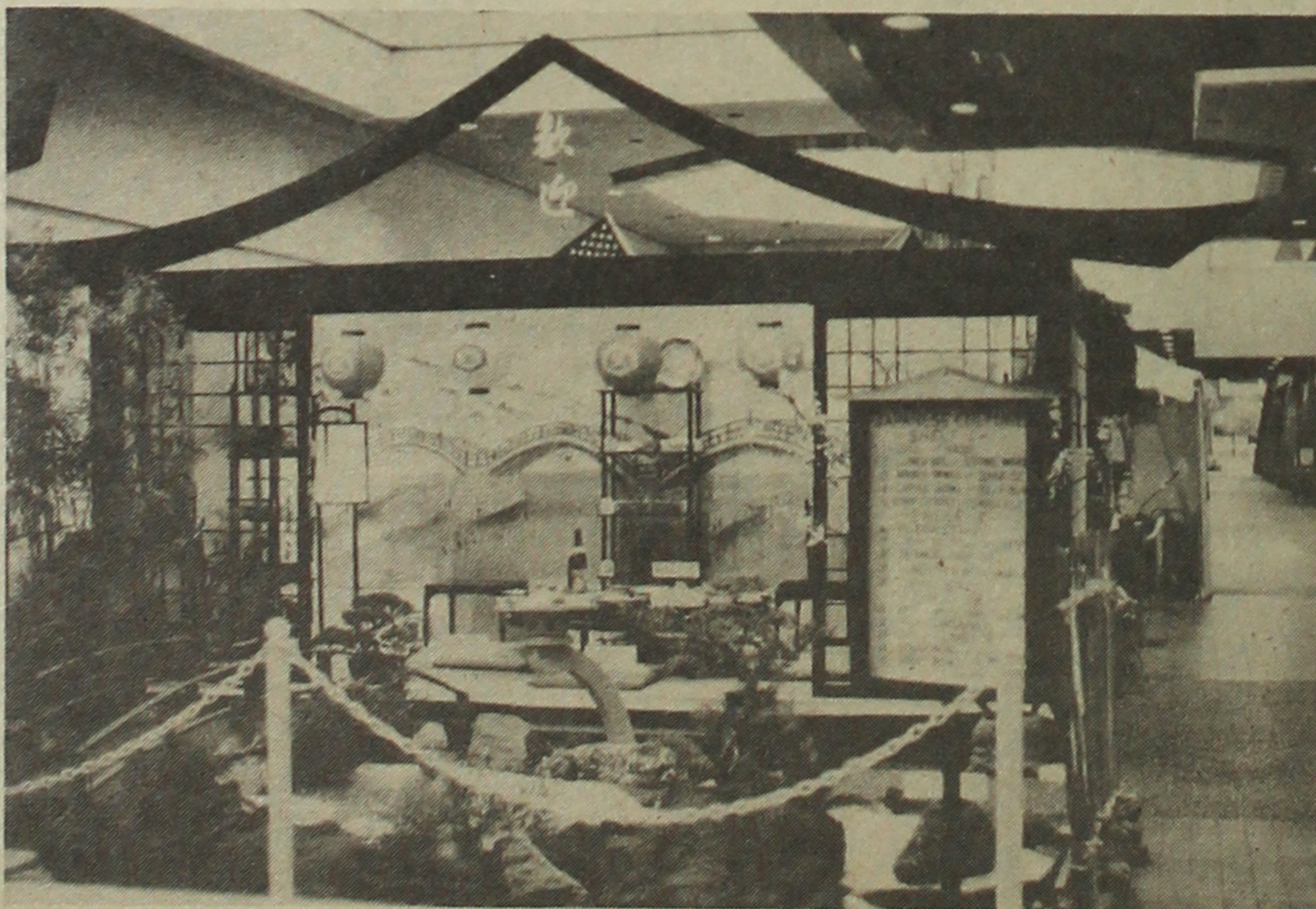
Kuramoto said that County Coroner Dr. Thomas No-

guchi of Los Angeles was in San Francisco to plea for support at the AMA convention. Noguchi made an impassioned plea for AMA support of the resolution.

But his plea fell on the deaf ears of medical doctors from the Southern part of the country, whose insistence for "Remember Pearl Harbor" seemed to bear a greater impact than the humanity involved in this resolution, Kuramoto said.

The AMA decided to take no stand on this issue at the San Francisco convention and tabled it for further study until October, Kuramoto reported. □

## Teahouse display wins first prize



CARSON, Calif. — Eleven ethnic groups displayed their respective cultural arts and heritage at the recent fifth annual Carson Mall Cultural Fair. The Carson JACL's Japanese Teahouse and Garden won first prize. Setting

included a bridge over a fish pond, a sand garden, waterfall, bonsai trees and flowers. Among civic dignitaries congratulating the chapter was Rep. Glenn Anderson.

## San Benito school board reprimands teacher

HOLLISTER, Calif. — San Benito County Unified High School trustees officially reprimanded John C. Buchanan, the history teacher who has since apologized for his use of "Japs" in class comments about World War II and accepted his resignation as social studies department chairman.

The school board's decision of June 28 came after several special and executive sessions to discuss the incident as reported in the school newspaper by Katsu Kuki, a foreign exchange student from Wakayama, Japan, that Buchanan had said, "Remember Pearl Harbor, you Japs" and "as far as I am concerned, the Japs got exactly what they had coming at Hiroshima and Nagasaki". (PC, June 17).

San Benito County JACL president Kiyoshi Kawasaki raised the issue before the school board on June 2. He didn't want to wait to register the chapter's official complaint for fear "it might be swept under the rug" if they had to go through channels. Of the board's decision, Kawasaki said, "I have no

criticism at this time. A reprimand is not really a whitewash—it's on his file."

John Kurasaki of San Juan Bautista, however, found it "very negative". Buchanan was just stepping down as chairman of the department and not from teaching the subject. "This disturbs me," he said.

JACL was planning to meet this week (July 7) with the school board to help establish policy for quality education. Kawasaki was hoping for a firm school board policy on how it would handle a similar situation, if it reoccurs, and see that "teaching of this sort does not happen again".

## Mansfield's slang mystifies Tokyoans

TOKYO — Mike Mansfield, 74, the new U.S. ambassador to Japan, held his first press conference at the Embassy in Minato-ku on June 15 and had Japanese reporters mystified by his American slang at the outset.

Instead of the usual diplomatic niceties about being happy to be here and delighted with the opportunity to live in Japan, Mansfield was introduced and simply said: "Ladies and gentlemen, I'm the new boy on the block. Shoot!" Over 100 Japanese reporters and camera crew were stunned even after the translation. Embassy information officers were later showered with requests for explanations.

"What does he mean — shoot?" one reporter demanded. □

## Yomiuri Shimbun to reprint in N.Y.

NEW YORK — Final morning and evening editions of the Yomiuri Shimbun were scheduled for New York reprinting effective July 1 "to meet the overseas demand" every day. The Japanese community here is served by the New York Nichibei, a bilingual weekly.

## Hearing off on retirement credit bill

WASHINGTON — Because of severe reduction of funds for new employee benefits, a House subcommittee decided last month not to hold public hearings on Rep. Norman Mineta's bill to provide Japanese Americans placed in WW2 internment camps with federal civil service retirement credit.

While the full House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service had recommended \$95 million in the next budget as new employee benefits, the House Budget committee reduced it to \$7 million, "which was extremely disappointing to the subcommittee," its spokesman said.

In San Francisco, the Committee for Internment Credit was assured the Mineta bill, which has 70 co-sponsors, would get serious consideration in the fall when the FY 1979 budget is being considered.

CIC and JACL, chief advocates of the measure, circulated "immediate action" letters to their members to have the hearing this summer as the feeling was Congress will likely take action on the Mineta bills (HR 6412, 6413, 6414) this session.

Pacific Area VFW back Nisei legislation

By ALEX YORICHI (Special to the Pacific Citizen)

TOKYO—The Veterans of Foreign War posts in the Pacific areas — Japan, Korea, Thailand, Taiwan and Guam — endorsed two resolutions of Nisei interest at its department convention June 12 at nearby Camp Zama.

The following have been forwarded for action at the national VFW convention Aug. 19-26 at Minneapolis:

- (1) DPA Res 42—Japanese American civil service retirement credit.
- (2) DPA Res 43—Reparations for Japanese American evacuees.

The resolutions were similar to ones adopted last year by the VFW Dept. of Pacific Areas.

When one asked why the resolution for civil service

retirement credit was being re-introduced after it had been approved at the last national VFW convention in New York, the response was that with a new Congress in session and a big movement underway to secure passage this year, endorsement in August by the national VFW "would be most timely".

For the first time, officials of Japanese veteran organizations were invited. Gen. Ichiji Sugita (ret.) and Gen. Tokuo Nojiri of the Japan Self-Defense Force, in addressing the convention, commented on the continuing need of strong U.S.-Japan relationships and complimented the U.S. for helping nations and peoples in the Far East who seek world peace and freedom. Representatives from veteran groups in Taiwan and Korea were also among honored guests.

Arms sales ban

WASHINGTON—The Senate adopted Sen. Spark Matsunaga's amendment during debate of the International Security Assistance Act to prohibit arm sales to countries which harbor international terrorists. Since 1968, some 800 people have been killed; 1,700 injured in terrorist incidents, including 24 Americans slain.

Sansei returning from Malaysia stay

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia—Kerry Kuroki, 29, was due to return home to Southern California in June following a two-year Peace Corps assignment as a preschool teacher with the Malaysia women's training center.

Her father, Ben, was a WW2 air corps tail gunner.

## JACL tourney bowlers want to make it bigger, 22 teams in first Satow memorial handicap

By CHIZ SATOW (Special to the Pacific Citizen)

San Francisco

National JACL's first annual Mas Satow memorial handicap bowling tournament is history and the participants having enjoyed themselves fully would now like to see it back to the heights it once commanded when 100 teams were signed. The Thursday-Sunday tournament last week at Japantown Bowl accommodated 22 teams.

Grower's Produce of Alameda won the women's with 2616+423—3040, while Mike's Arco of San Francisco paced the men with a strong 2958+267—3225.

Women doubles champions June Kadota/Dolly Taylor with 1128+180—1308 finished two pins higher than the men's doubles winner of Ed Hesson/Voscoe Martinelli 1195+111—1306.

Grace Kasai of Salt Lake won the women's singles with 464+165—629. Kay Yoshimoto is men's singles titlist with 639+54—693.

All events was option with prizes based on scratch score. Dean Asami surfaced with the best at 620s, 672d, 622t—1914; while Dolly Taylor is the women all-events star at 554 662 499—1715. On the lighter side was a special for members who have not bowled in competition the past five years. Their handicap was half of their age.

All Events (Scratch)

MEN'S

Dean Asami 620s 672d 622t—1914; Glen White 555 585 623—1763; Fuzzy

Shimada 590 540 594—1724; Yutaka Handa 520 515 673—1708.

WOMEN'S

Dolly Taylor 554 662 499—1715; Meri Ikeda 544 463 580—1587; Leah Byron 516 537 476—1529.

Team

WOMEN'S

GROWER'S PRODUCE 2619+423—3040; Ayako Kurakazu 503, Cookie Takeshita 526, Frances Chew 524, Meri Ikeda 580, Nancy Fujita 484. (2) Dai Ichi (Oakland) 2467+540—3007.

MEN'S

MIKE'S ARCO (S.F.) 2958+267—3225; Yutaka Handa 673, Kats Handa 531, George Omura 616, Mike Inouye 625, Art Moniz 513; (2) Eden JACL 2752+345—3097; (3) Glenn White's Pro Shop (Alameda) 2808+213—3021.

Doubles

WOMEN'S

June Kadota 466-Dolly Taylor 662+180—1308; (2) Betty Akagi-Doris Okasaki 518 476+282—1276; (3) Grace Kasai-Chiz Satow 429 276+321—1226.

MEN'S

Ed Hesson-Voscoe Martinelli 571 624+111—1306; (2) Kuni Hironaka-Dubby Tsugawa 554 588+132—1274; (3) Luke Nishimura-Roy Deguchi 618 539+108—1265; (4) Mich Takahashi-Glenn White 572 585+84—1241.

Singles

WOMEN'S

Grace Kasai (SLC) 154 159 151+165—629; (2) Dolly Taylor 554+72—626; (3) Meri Ikeda 544+78—622; (4) Terry Kuge 508++108—616; (5) Fumi Kibler 506+105—611.

MEN'S

Kay Yoshimoto 200 226 203+54—693; (2) Harry Kurotori 599+72—671; (3) Yosh Amino 612+36—648; (4) Warren Yamato 565+78—643; (5) Tats Nakae 564+72—636; (6) Luke Nishimura 585+48—633; (7) Joe Matsunami 536+96—632.

Men's Sweepers

(1)1270—Milt Jay 205 204 167 211 258 177+48. (2) 1245—Seiko Kasai 139 176 180 234 182 226+108. (3) 1227—George Omura 167 177 164 191 192 168 +168. (4) 1220—Gish Endo 181 182 204 183 202 190+78.

Women's Sweepers

(1) 847—Ruth Shimada 190 179 195

143+136. (2) 830—June Kadota 190 167 167 162+144. (3) 828—Rose Imazumi 214 166 135 197—116.

Mixed Doubles

(1) 1255—Dolly Taylor 536, Mas Kadota 615+114. (2) 1190—Hisa Hirota 464, Ziggy Akahoshi 540+186. (3) 1167—Yo Ishizawa 480, Ted Iida 477+210. (4) 1162—Ruth Shimada 493, Dick Ogawa 555+114. (5) 1154—Lea Byron 455, Shig Imazumi 522+177.

Special Event

Jug Takeshita 511+28—539; (2) Ben Takeshita 487+24—511; (3) Jim Murakami 466+25—491.

HIGH SERIES (Scratch)

MEN—Milton Gay 1222sw, Kay Yoshimoto 639s, Dean Asami 672d, Ken Narimatsu 683t.

WOMEN'S—Rose Imazumi 712sw, Dolly Taylor 554s, Dolly Taylor 662d, Meri Ikeda 580t.

## item per inch

\$4,000 raised

LOS ANGELES—Ladies Auxiliary of the Japanese Philharmonic Society raised \$4,000 from its Symphony Fashion show held May 22, according to Mrs. Virginia Thompson, Auxiliary president, and fashion show chairman Mrs. Ruth Watanabe. Check was presented to the Society's orchestra leader Akira Kikugawa.

Kimono exhibit

RIVERSIDE, Calif.—A collection of kimonos, including a set from the Harada family and Frank Miller's Mission Inn, are on exhibit June 1-Aug. 31 at the Riverside Municipal Museum, 3720 Orange St., open daily except Monday.

Senior program director

SAN JOSE, Calif.—A part-time program director for the San Jose Japanese American Community Senior Services, sensitive to the needs of the elderly and able to speak Japanese and English is being sought. Contact person is Geri Mitsunaga (408—295-1250 or 295-3806), 565 N. 5th St., San Jose 95112 by July 15.

## Hayakawa after aliens on welfare

WASHINGTON—Sen. S. I. Hayakawa (R-Calif.) has introduced legislation to require sponsors of immigrants to U.S. to be responsible for their welfare for a period of three years.

It aims to halt a widespread practice whereby legal aliens admitted under sponsorship of relatives or friends receive Supplemental Security Income and Medical support shortly after their arrival. Annual cost is near \$500 million, he was told.

In two other actions the same week of June 27, he persuaded his colleagues to remove the \$10-million U.S. contribution in support of the United Nations University in Japan but was unable to amend the mass transit appropriations bill that would remove almost all restrictions on the operation of taxis.

## Deaths

Tsutae Kamimoto, 54, of San Juan Bautista died June 21. He was San Benito County JACL president in 1964 and is survived by br Kay Kunizo, Mitsuo, sis Teruko Taketa.

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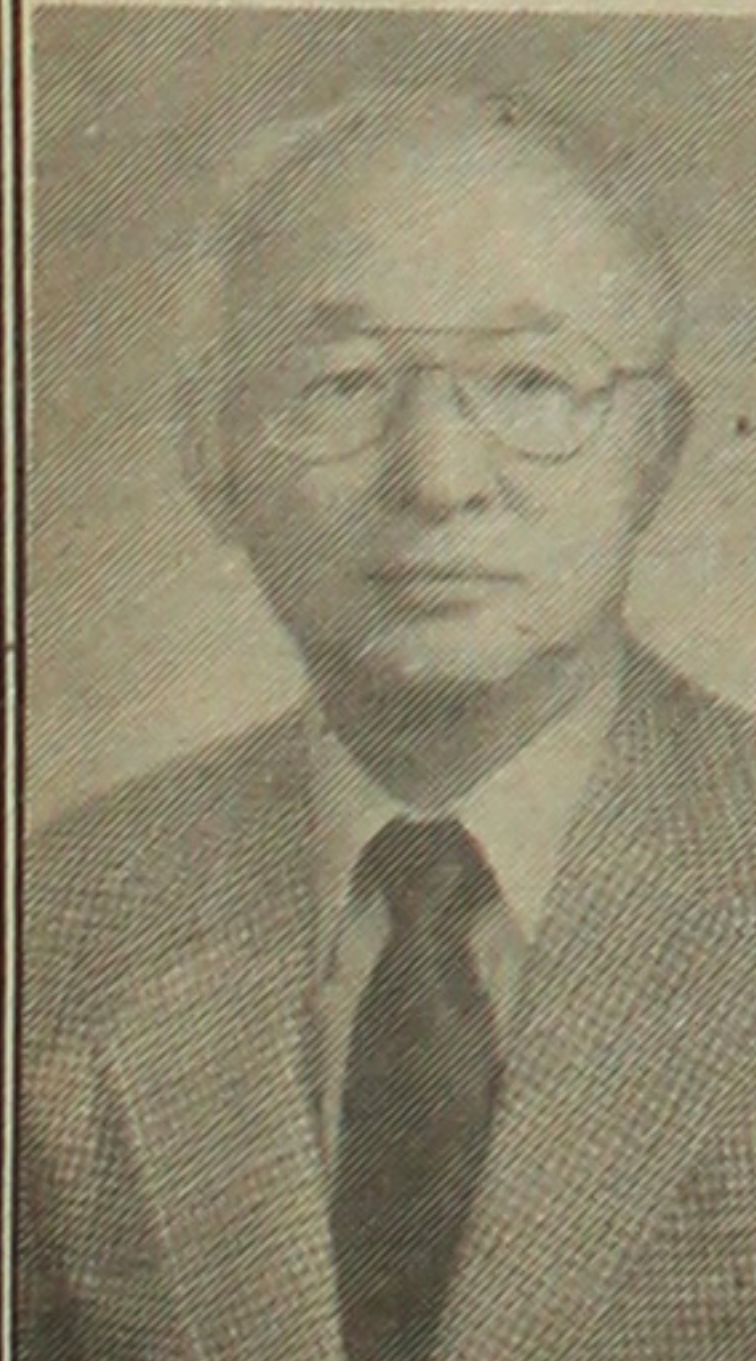
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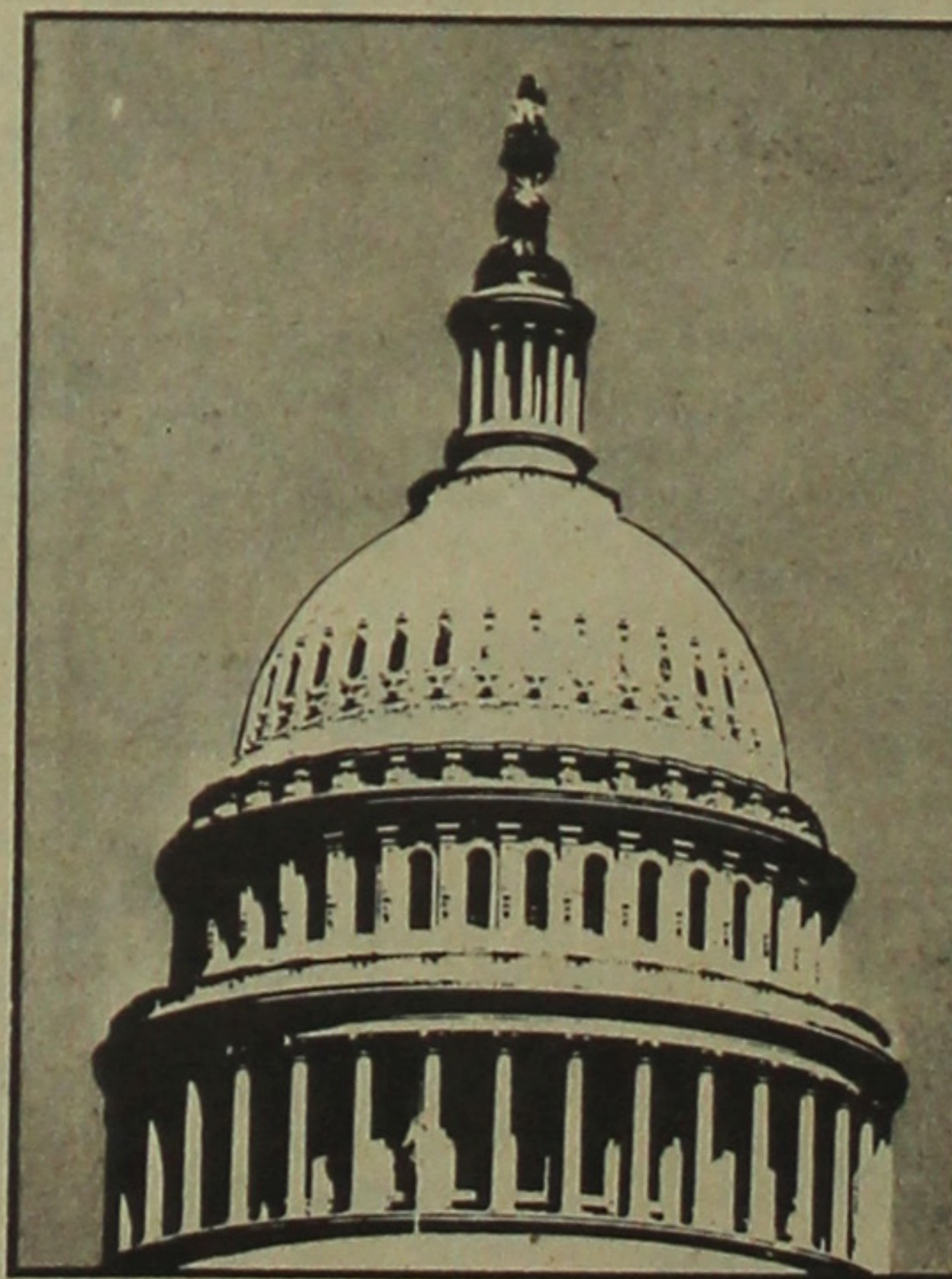
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## Probation officer's quick action disarms assailant

LOS ANGELES — A Nisei was among 15 county employees from six separate departments selected for the 1976 Valor Awards by the 30,000-member, Service Employees International Union Local 660 "for courage above and beyond the call of duty."

The 11th annual awards were formally presented at a special ceremony before the Board of Supervisors this past week at the Hall of Administration.

Masaru Hisamune of the Probation Dept. was cited for quick action in the face of death while in his El Monte office last July.

Deputy Probation Officer Hisamune was confronted by a man on probation hold-

ing a loaded shotgun and a 4-foot sword. The suspect had entered the building through an employee's entrance and aimed the shotgun at Hisamune which he quickly knocked aside with his forearm and wrestled the suspect to the floor, where he kept him pinned until the police officers arrived. The man was arrested and jailed on suspicion of assault with intent to murder.

Hisamune received a minor cut on his forearm during the scuffle.

Hisamune said he was mainly concerned with those around him and said, following the incident, "I had another client in the office and my duty was to protect him."



Photo Courtesy: Sacramento Union

Mrs. Midori Hiyama teaches Sacramento City College students to improve their reading skills. This year her work was cited by her faculty members. She is chairperson of Sacramento JACL's scholarship committee, which selects 13 high school and two community college award winners.

## Nisei teacher strong advocate of basic reading at college

Sacramento, Calif.

Every teacher is a teacher of reading is the theme of Mrs. Midori Hiyama, reading instructor at Sacramento City College.

Her concern for students and her great energy, enthusiasm, and dedication were officially recognized by the college last month when she received the Division Council Recognition Award, which is presented to a faculty member for outstanding contributions to the college's instructional program.

Mrs. Hiyama joined the college staff in 1965 and has been a strong advocate for the development of reading programs.

She served as a delegate to the first International Conference of Reading in Paris in 1965, co-authored two reading texts, "Free to Read" and "World of Ideas", and served as reading consultant and speaker at several conferences, including a Western United States Math conference.

Mrs. Hiyama recently told Sacramento Union writer Michael Fallon that 1,800 students were getting formal assistance in reading this past year. She believed the reading weakness largely reflects the increasing reliance on radio and televi-

### Jan Ken Po school

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—In its second year as a summertime parent-cooperative school, Jan Ken Po Gakko (school) is sponsoring the local appearance of the 27-piece Count Seinow Orchestra from Tokyo at a fund-raising dinner dance Aug. 5, 7:30 p.m. at the Woodlake Inn. Tickets (\$15) may be purchased from Sheridan Hamamoto (442-1249) or any Jan Ken Po Gakko parent.

### Hotel study grant

LOS ANGELES—New Otani Hotel presented a \$9,000 study grant to Cal Poly's hotel & restaurant management department, enabling students-faculty for an on-site study of the opening of a major downtown hotel. Otani is scheduled to open here Sept. 1.

## Law denying college aid to aliens invalidated

Washington

Jean-Marie Mauclet of New York, a French citizen with an American wife, was denied a tuition assistance award to support his graduate studies at SUNY-Buffalo in 1969.

In a close 5-4 decision of June 13, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a New York law that authorized financial aid to student aliens if they had applied for

U.S. citizenship or signed a statement intending to apply.

The law was also challenged by Alan Rabinovitch, a Canadian citizen attending Brooklyn College who qualified for a Regent's scholarship but was barred from receiving it by state law.

The justices said even though the law does not apply to all aliens—just to those who have not applied for citizenship—it violates the Constitution's guarantee that all persons must be equally protected by laws.

States have no business passing laws that provide incentives for aliens to become U.S. citizens, since only the federal government controls immigration and naturalization, the Court said.

"Resident aliens are obligated to pay their full share of the taxes that support the assistance programs," Justice Harry Blackmun wrote in the majority opinion. □

### Education

Goleta area students winning awards from the Santa Barbara Scholarship Foundation included Glen Fukumura, UC Davis science major, Dal Pozzo Memorial Award; and Laura Takaya, USC journalism major. Susan Suzuki of Santa Barbara is spending the summer in Hitachi-Ota (Ibaraki-ken) with other Dos Pueblos High School students in the second segment of the U.S.-Japan High School Exchange Service. Earlier this year, a group from Ohta High school in Hitachi-Ota visited Dos Pueblos and stayed with families in Santa Barbara-Goleta.

Dr. Anand Yang, Univ. of Utah history professor, was guest speaker at the 108th anniversary of the driving of the golden spike at Promontory Summit, Utah, May 10.

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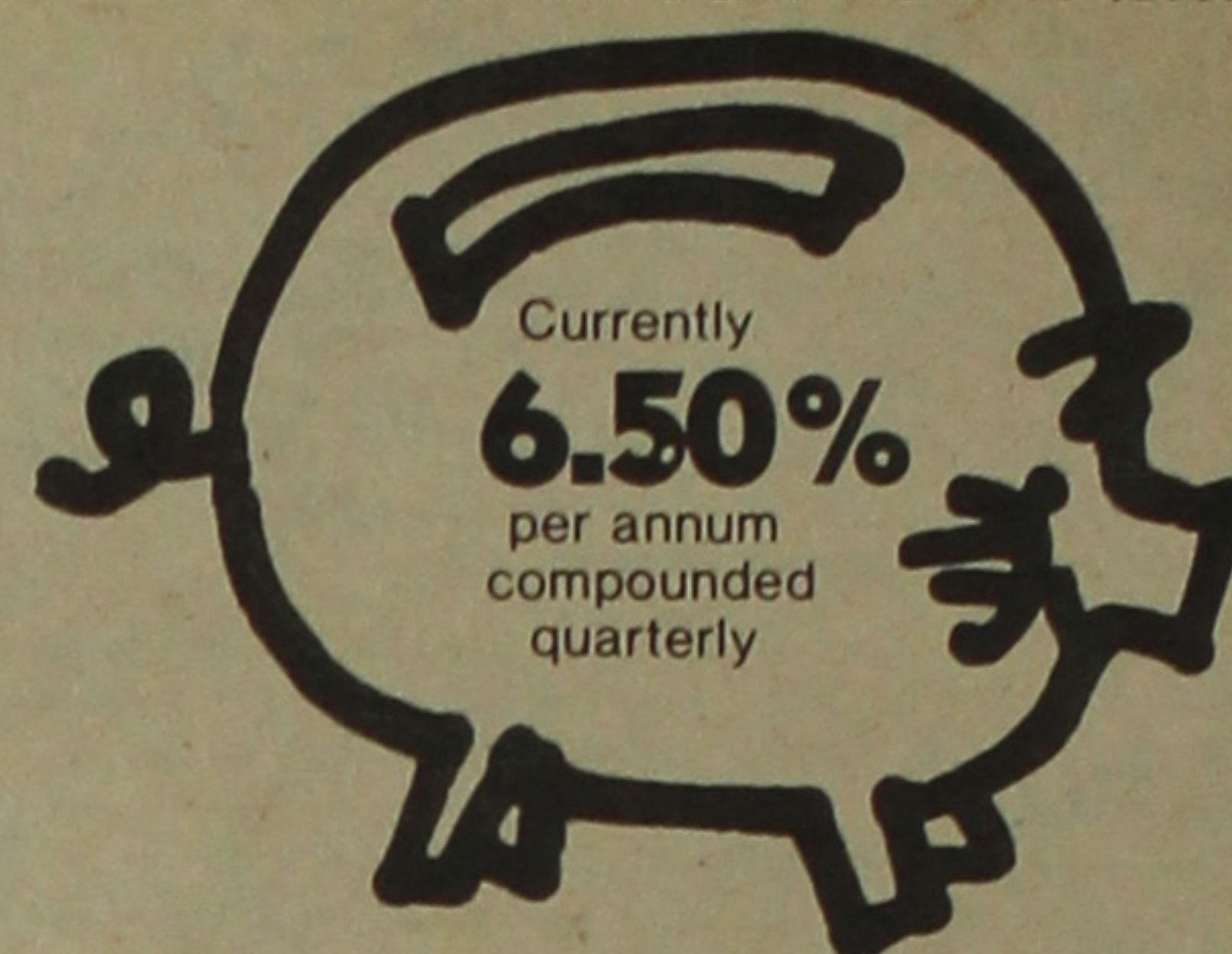
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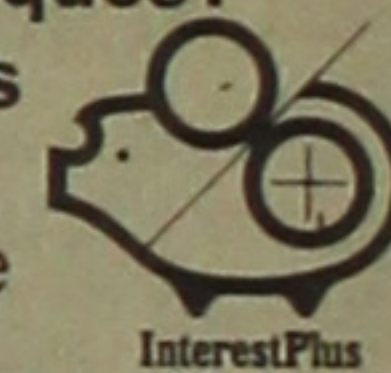
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## EDITORIALS:

## Time to Sound Off

Not since the JACL campaign in 1971 to repeal Title II of the Internal Security Act of 1950 has a measure surfaced in Congress with direct appeal to Japanese Americans and generating strong support as the Mineta bill—the Japanese American Internee Federal Pension Bill—to provide retirement credit for federal employees who were evacuated or interned during World War II. There are three same bills (HR 6412, 6413, 6414) to accommodate a technicality that no more than 25 Members of Congress can co-sponsor a single piece of legislation. (There isn't enough space on the front cover of the document placed in the hopper for more than 25 names, I guess.)

Through initial impetus of the San Francisco-based Committee for Internment Credit (CIC) and the natural concern by the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) as an organization ever vigilant of the rights of persons of Japanese ancestry in America, the bill is comprehensive—so that there won't be any misunderstanding by the Civil Service Commission when it implements the act to provide the maximum benefits allowable to currently employed as well as retired Nisei federal civil service personnel.

Referring to current tables, the CIC answers those who may be wondering what may all come of this. For each year in camp, retirement annuity increases range from \$14 a month when the "high three" annual pay averages \$8,000 and about \$3.30 a month additional for every \$2,000 increase in the average annual pay ... So, if the average pay at retirement figures at \$16,000, it means about \$25 per month more for each year of "camp" time.

In essence, the legislation if adopted gives retirement credit to Japanese American internees who joined the federal civil service subsequent to internment as well as those who had been federal employees before Evacuation. The highest salary for evacuees in the camps was \$19 a month. This was pay from Uncle Sam, so why shouldn't time be credited to their federal pension accounts? No such credit is allowed while now social security recipients have credit for "camp" time.

Bill also regards "time" in the camps as having "performed civilian service in the Government" for which retirement credit is to be allowed. Think about that and it makes sense. The evacuees went as a "convenience for the Government".

Referred to the House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, the CIC-JACL backed bill is under study by the Subcommittee on Compensation and Employee Benefits, chaired by Rep. Gladys N. Spellman (D-Md.). Last month, CIC and JACL were advised that drastic reductions in the budget for new employee benefits just about pigeon-holes the bill (though not said in that blunt fashion). The subcommittee sees no need to hold hearings at this time. What happened was that the House Budget Committee sliced a \$95 million request for new employee benefits to \$7 million—thus their placing the Mineta bill on the back burner.

It appears, then, the humiliation of internment continues — "the humiliation of being regarded as traitors by their own government," to quote Rep. Norman Mineta (D) when he introduced this measure last April. The subcommittee, we are certain, understands the need for equity and redress for wrongful acts. But they (Democrats Cecil Heftel of Hawaii, William Ford of Michigan, Herbert Harris II of Virginia, James Howard of New Jersey; Republicans Jim Leach of Iowa and John Rousselot of California) need to know how much the rest of the country cares about the bill and how urgent it is to schedule that public hearing this summer as had been anticipated.

## San Benito teacher

Editor:

I find it unbelievable that a former army officer and a history teacher in the employ of San Benito County school district, paid by the taxpayers and with a captive audience, i.e. his students, is permitted by the school officials to spew his venom at random.

Had Mr. Buchanan done his homework, he would know the (Japanese) Code was broken and known a good year before Pearl Harbor. The question is what did President Roosevelt and Washington do about it? ... What was actually destroyed at Pearl? Was it the center of town and its civil population the main target or was it battleship row?

Just recently, Admiral Hyman Rickover exploded the myth that the USS Maine had been blown up by the Spaniards. We have long read how we went to war against Spain with the cry, "Remember the Maine".

Has Mr. Buchanan ever heard of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team—the Christmas tree regiment because of their many, many decorations by its famous Nisei youngsters—many from American concentration camps to fight and die for U.S. to show their first allegiance was to America. He should try reading Michi Weglyn's "Years of Infamy" ...

And had Mr. Buchanan been further concerned, he would know General MacArthur had informed President Roosevelt as early as January, 1945, that Japan wanted to surrender, but it was not heeded. Eight months later, Japan surrendered, accepting terms they would have gladly accepted in January. Does it occur to Buchanan that dropping the atomic bomb on Japan and destroying the lovely cities of Nagasaki and Hiroshima along with countless non-combatants was tantamount to "beating a dead horse"? I regret to think it was the U.S. that has dropped the first A-bombs on open cities. There is a saying that pigeons do come home to roost ... In the next war, we must remember General Sherman's famous words that the winner is the one who gets there "fustest with the mostest". War will not be declared; it will just happen.

While I respect Buchanan's opinions, but bluntly speaking, they belong in a gin mill ...

DENNIS A. ROLAND

Astoria, N.Y.

Mr. Roland, an American merchant seaman, was in Calcutta on Dec. 8, 1941, captured at sea by a German raider and put ashore at Singapore. The ship's crew became Japanese POWs and later helped build bridges, among them one over the River Kwai. Last October he at-

tended a pilgrimage with fellow prisoners and captors at that bridge. —Editor.

Editor:

Two stories in the June 17 PC have a link: San Benito High school teacher John Buchanan was under fire for his vehement anti-Japanese statements (page 1) and the L.A. city unified school district teachers/administrators participating in the multicultural seminars at Hispanic Urban Center and funded under the Emergency School Aid Act (pg 3).

The San Benito County School District is certainly in an emergency situation. From board president Jay Jackson, principal Kenneth Casanega, to John Buchanan and other teachers possibly in that district—all are in need of training in multicultural education—one which is encompassed in the HUC Syllabus developed by Ms. Micki Nakagiri.

## Nisei in Japan: by Barry Saiki

## 'Oh, Say Can You ... Kimigayo'

Tokyo

On June 8, the Education Ministry officially recognized *Kimigayo* as the national anthem by announcing in its teaching guides, subject to approval in July. Some controversy is expected since it is opposed by the left-oriented Japan Teachers Union.

*Kimigayo* has its origin as far back as 905 A.D. Its words appear in the *Kokinshu*, collection of poems. Its starting line meant "May you live in peace over a thousand years" with *you* meaning anyone. It was sung on festive occasions throughout the centuries.

In 1870, John W. Felton, a British music teacher, composed the music for the poem but it was proved unpopular. The new music was chosen from ones submitted by the Imperial court musicians. The selected music was written by Hiromori Hayashi, adapting a Gagaku form, in 1880. Franz Eckert, a German musician in To-

kyo, wrote the harmony. It was officially adopted in 1890, with "Kimi" being interpreted as the Emperor.

From 1893, the *Kimigayo* was taught in all schools until it was banned by the Occupation in 1947. Unofficially revived in 1950 by the Education Minister Teiyu Amano, it has been sung in some schools since 1958.

Opponents of *Kimigayo* maintain that revival of this song is undesirable since it arouses the memories of the millions who died during the war for the Emperor. Factually, the words make no mention of the Emperor—only the meaning of "you" was changed to mean the "Emperor" in 1880. The anthem is played throughout the world in current international sports events, when Japanese representatives march in or win a victory. It is doubtful that any of the winning Japanese athletes regard the meaning of "Kimi" as the Emperor.

These seminars meet, in part, the requirements of Article 3.3 of the California Education Code, and guidelines of the State Dept. of Education.

San Benito County JACL and National Headquarters under our new executive director, Karl Nobuyuki would do well to continue their efforts which was forced upon them. They can begin an investigation as to the number of teachers in the district who have taken any kind of multicultural courses in the recent past years. If few have, JACL's job should be to insist that the district begin teacher in-service classes. And that job is made easy since there is the teacher resource manual already available to JACL—the Ethnic Heritage Project developed under a grant of the U.S. Office of Education, HEW, titled "The Experience of Japanese Americans in the United States." Workshops I and II slide presentations are also materials developed by Don Estes for JACL. These are not without errors or imperfections, but they are valuable guides to begin with.

For all of us educators who mouth the rhetoric of the American dream, this must be our priority—the study of Asians in America is urgent and necessary in California as is the study of Third World peoples since California is fast becoming a Third World State.

It is generally agreed that race relations is one of America's greatest problems. Multicultural education and awareness must begin in the schools—and the earlier the better.

Congratulations to the San Benito County JACL and National ... may their tribe increase!

SUE KUNITOMI EMBREY  
Los Angeles

## A Corner for Our Guests:

## What \$50 wrought in 30 years

By SUMI SHIMIZU  
(Chicago JACLer)

Chicago

With the Chicago JACL Credit Union celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, we prevailed upon three officers of the first board to describe the early days; Jack Nakagawa (who not only was the first president but holds passbook account #1), vice president Noboru Honda and treasurer Shig Wakamatsu—all prolific and enduring community leaders.

Noby, then chapter president in 1947, was concerned about how JACL could better serve its membership and community. Because of his keen interest stemming from the Tule Lake Co-op operation, he saw a great opportunity to help Nisei with their financial problems since many had no credit standing with lending institutions at that time. Jack was delegated to look into the incorporation of

what was to become the Chicago JACL Credit Union.

According to Jack, it was like pulling hen's teeth to induce members to come up with the initial \$5 deposit. Ten JACLers finally came through:

Kiyoshi Kasai, Thomas Masuda, Jack Ota, Mari Sabusawa, Vincent Tajiri (who has just authored his first book, "Valentino: the True Life Story", \$1.95, Bantam Books), Kumeo Yoshinari and the three aforementioned officers.

The credit union was now in business with the munificent sum of \$50. If the aphorism that comptrollers of giant corporations generally end up as president holds true, that would apply in a sense to Shig. His first exposure to an elective JACL office was that of credit union treasurer and, as we all know, he went on to become National JACL president.

Shig was confronted with a perplexing problem when

an applicant wanted to borrow \$800 to get married—the first biggest loan request and less than \$100 in the treasury. A wild scramble ensued with a director's wife providing the entire amount. Another situation found donations being solicited at the board meeting to meet the nitty-gritty expenses of staying in business.

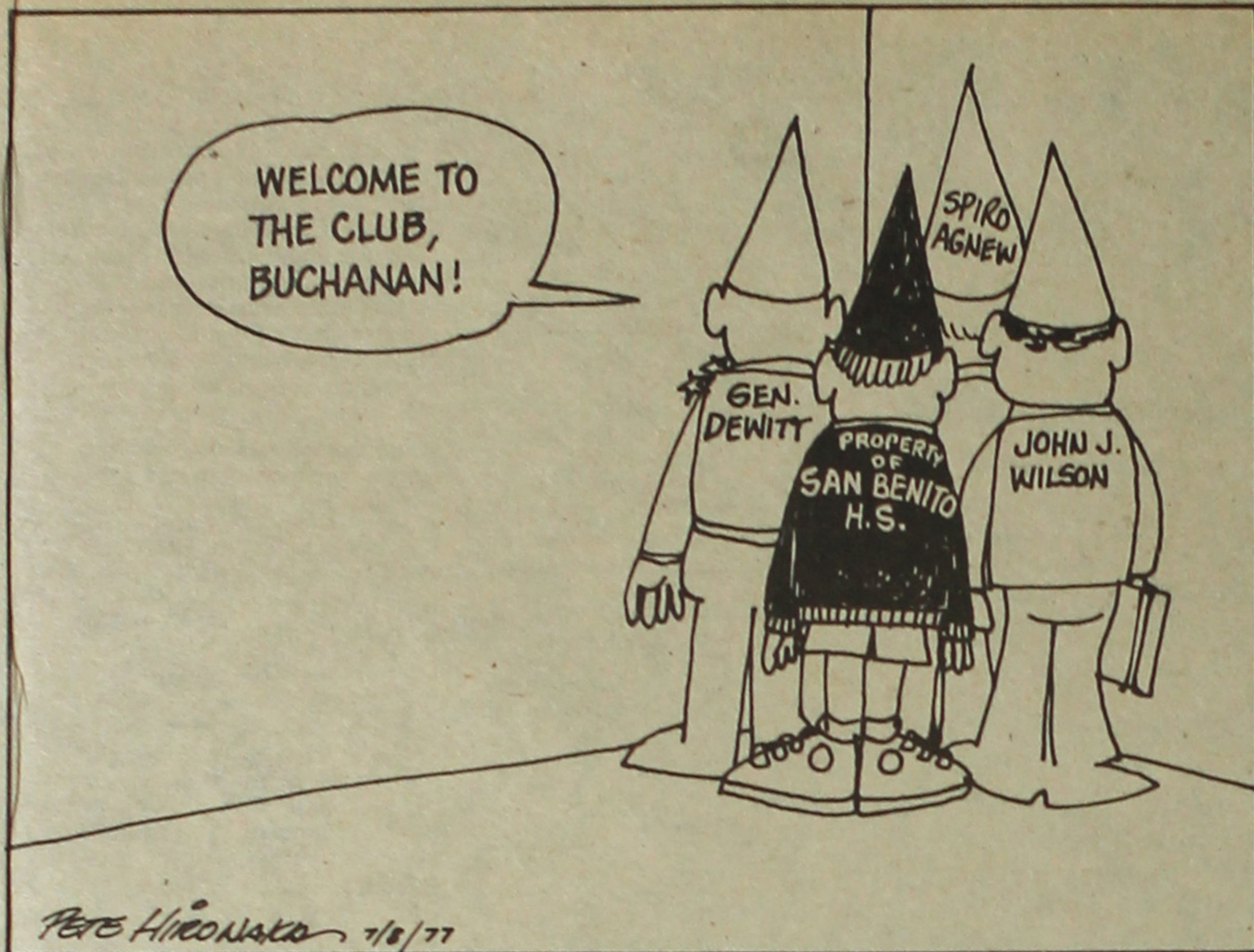
The tables are now completely turned—the Nisei credit impeccable, their need to borrow no longer urgent, and what started with \$50 in assets has snowballed into \$630,000.

During Dr. Roy Teshima's presidency (1962-68), the board deemed it was time to expand its sphere of operation to include states other than Illinois. An application was filed with the Bureau of Federal Credit Unions for conversion from a state to a federal chartered credit union.

It was frustrating, however, as the initial application was denied on the grounds, among other things, that the reasons for conversion were "not sufficient", that there was a lack of a strong, common bond which is required of all federal credit unions" and "a definite objection to credit unions being made up of ethnic groups".

Reapplication was made, stressing representation by one vote per member as opposed to the number of shares held under the state charter and thus dispel the theory that large shareholders were in control. But the bureau countered with further requests—which many felt to be frivolous in scope—in order to gain consideration. This sort of thing went on until we enlisted the aid of Congressman Sid Yates, since it appeared the original reason for denial

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Plain Speaking: Wayne Horiuchi

## A \$27 Billion Pie

I serve on the National Board of Directors to a new and upcoming coalition of groups which are trying to make the philanthropic process more responsive. So in this week's column I'm going to re-print a short description from the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy for your information.—WKH.

Almost \$27 billion annually is spent by private philanthropy on what are loosely termed "public needs". Yet studies done recently document how few dollars from private philanthropy flow to organizations working actively to correct injustices suffered by racial/ethnic minorities, by women and by other Americans generally powerless before the major governmental, economic and other institutions in the United States.

Most private philanthropic dollars are contributed by individuals. Nevertheless, private foundations, community foundations, and corporations distribute over \$3 billion annually, and federated fund-raising from \$1-2 billion annually.\* These figures are relatively small compared to governmental expenditures. But then again, there is an extremely limited availability of government dollars to fund organizations which challenge how the government conducts its business, or how business often tried to conduct government, or how business, government and major non-profit institutions not infrequently disregard the rights and interests of racial/ethnic minorities, women, poor people, older Americans and other citizens outside the mainstream.

Therefore, the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy has been formed:

1—To focus more attention on what private philanthropy does, and does not do, with its critical dollar resources;

2—To challenge the secret or inaccessible decision-making that determines priorities

for many foundations, corporate giving programs, and federated fund-raising campaigns; and,

3—To work with individuals and groups, from inside and outside of philanthropy, who believe it important to change philanthropic grant-giving priorities and procedures to better serve the "public needs" of America's millions of powerless citizens.

What can you or your organization do? The National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy has some ideas. For example, because of the lack of information, we believe that assessments of the patterns of philanthropy need to be made in every major locale and in every critical area of public need. We think that these assessments should look at the priorities of philanthropic grant-giving programs, at the public's access to philanthropy's decision-making and at philanthropy's accountability to the public. Further, we think that wide publicity should be sought for the findings and recommendations for reform which emerge from these studies. Last, but certainly not least, we believe that action efforts should be developed to follow up on the studies' conclusion.

The National Committee would like to hear your thoughts about what can be done. Write to Bob Bothwell, Executive Director, at 1000 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007, or call him at 202/965-5380 if you are interested in undertaking assessments of philanthropic giving or if you have other ideas about what can be done. The National Committee wants to establish active working partnerships with all interested organizations and individuals. □

\* There is a small overlap between corporations' distribution and federated fund-raising collections.

## CHICAGO

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smacked of racial discrimination. Thanks to Mr. Yates, approval was finally extended with the charter presented Aug. 31, 1967.

It is ironic that the federal examiner should admit, "it was one of the easiest examinations for conversion", while the actual process for application was

most difficult and tedious.

During Dudley Yatabe's administration (1969-75), total assets passed the half-million dollar mark and thus paved the way to grant student loans under the government guarantee program.

Under current president Lincoln Shimidzu (he previously served as president in 1957-61), the board endorsed a cancer protection plan offered to credit union

members only. Annual premiums are \$28 per person and \$40 per family.

To the young people in JACL, the credit union movement is deserving of their interest and support. The founding philosophy is simply people helping people, pooling of funds not for the sake of profit but for service and of concern for others. □



From the Frying Pan: Bill Hosokawa

## Our Bag of Mail

Denver, Colo. Frank Wada of Pingree, Idaho, whom I have never met, occasionally sends me long and detailed letters about things in this column that have stirred his interest. One nice thing about the letters is that he insists I must not feel obligated to respond, although I write back when I can.

What moved him to write this last time was mention here that Warren Tsuneishi of the Library of Congress, who took me to task for not showing greater interest in Lady Murasaki's book *The Tale of Genji*, admitted in passing that he had been unable to finish *War and Peace*.

Well, Wada has indeed read *War and Peace*, all the way through, which was accomplished with not a little effort. "I started the book years and years ago," he writes, "but last March I took a chartered tour of Russia so all winter long I tried to read Russian literature. *War and Peace*, I finished, but Dostoevski's *Crime and Punishment* I quit half way—too depressing. And *Brothers Karamazoff* I have yet to finish.

"I feel I've done okay," Wada writes and Warren Tsuneishi probably would join me in saying Wada certainly has.

Wada also enclosed a handsome reproduction of a painting of Lady Gracia Hosokawa, who was converted to Catholicism in 1587 and who was the subject of another one of these columns. Wada clipped the picture out of some book or magazine, and I hope the act did not ruin the volume. Since Gracia was difficult for Japanese tongues, her name is written Ga-ra-shi-ya in *kana*.

Lady Gracia is described as a beautiful woman and the picture shows her as such. However, she is depicted with a rather long nose which is unusual for a Japanese. My father had a nose of more modest proportions, the tip of which drooped a bit and his progeny, namely me, and my offspring, have been inclined to show this family trait.

From Happy Valley: Sachi Seko

## Nisei Marriages Evolving

Salt Lake City

We are going to observe our twenty-sixth wedding anniversary in our usual way, by having another argument. I remember our first, within an hour of our marriage. We fought about, "Whose dumb idea was it to get married?"

The Nisei marriage is an interesting institution. It serves in some ways to indicate the changes which have evolved and are evolving among us. In spite of surveys which point to the structure of our families as continuing cultural heritage, there are signs of a silent, but strong refutation of this.

Through marriage, most of us realized our first independence. Even the matter of choosing a mate was a new exercise of freedom. In our case, we married despite strong parental disapproval.

His mother distrusted a woman who smoked cigarettes and wore dirty saddle shoes and had been to college and had a careless disregard for money. His father said I wasn't good enough

for his son. He was probably right.

My parents weren't anxious to have me set up housekeeping elsewhere. It was too convenient to have me at home while we were engaged in a mutual business. They felt threatened. Family commitments were a deterrent to marriage for some Nisei. Some delayed marriage or grew too old for it or the desire died.

My mother's one threat to her daughters upon their reaching puberty, had been, "If any of you should become pregnant before marriage, I'll kill you with my my own hands." She would have, too.

So we waited three years to have our first and only child. There was a strong tribal taboo regarding sex. A "used" woman or a "second-hand" husband were objects of scandal and scorn. But the saddest cases were those who got caught. All those "six-month babies" provided the ethnic community something to cluck and titter about.

It was the family that suf-

fered more than the involved individuals. Family honor was betrayed. Tribal stigma was attached to parents whose children broke the moral code. Their integrity was questioned, "What kind of parents are they?"

One also was expected to marry for life. Divorce suggested weakness of character. The Issei marriage was offered as a model of stability. In covenants which were predominantly not of free choice, often between complete strangers, there was a quality of endurance. Suffering and endurance were admired. And if one was the recipient of physical abuse, it was accepted. I recall observing the black and blue marks on the flesh of Issei women. They used to come into our store's kitchen and reveal the beatings which they concealed under heavy clothing.

Psychological abuse was hidden elsewhere. Lately there have been small revelations about the true interior of the Issei woman and the burden she has borne.

But getting back to *The Tale of Genji* for a moment, I was favored by a letter from still another reader, Florence G. Strong of Morro Bay, Calif. You may recall that Tsuneishi, mentioned above, suggested that I read the new Seidensticker translation of this Japanese classic. But Ruth Schneideman of Whitestone, N.Y. contended the earlier Waley version was more readable. Mrs. Strong diplomatically seeks to mediate this disagreement. "It is my belief," she writes, "that men would prefer the terser Seidensticker style, women the more romantic Waley. I love them both. But for ease of reading, the new Seidensticker editions has the Waley beat a mile. Paragraphs two solid pages long are deadly to wade through, and besides breaking these up, the new edition is beautifully illustrated... Kyoto comes alive for the modern visitor who has read Murasaki's book."

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# calendar

**July 9 (Saturday)**  
 San Jose-West Valley—Joint potluck dnr-dance, El Paseo de Saratoga Shopping Ctr, 7 p.m.  
 Washington, D.C.—Schol/Cult Affair night, River Road Unitarian Church, Bethesda

**July 9-10**  
 Los Angeles—Nishi Hongwanji Obon Festival.

**July 11 (Monday)**  
 Alameda—Mtg, Buena Vista Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.  
 Las Vegas—Mtg, Osaka Restaurant, 8 p.m.

**July 12 (Tuesday)**  
 Sequoia—Bd mtg, Palo Alto Issei Hall, 7:30 p.m.

**July 13 (Wednesday)**  
 Orange County—Bd mtg, Cal 1st Bank, 5th & Main, Santa Ana, 7:30 p.m.  
 Washington, D.C.—Bd mtg, Ray Murakami's, res.

**July 15-16**  
 Riverside—Sendai Festival, Riverside Plaza.

**July 16 (Saturday)**  
 Philadelphia—Summer outing, Smedley Park  
 West Los Angeles—Asian Festival West L.A. Mall  
 Los Angeles—Miss Teen Sansei ball, Biltmore Hotel

**July 16-17**  
 Orange County—Buddhist Church Obon Festival.

**July 17 (Sunday)**  
 Portland—Folkfest/Neighbor Fair Waterfront Park, 10 a.m.  
 Contra Costa—Picnic, Little Hills Ranch, San Ramon

**July 18 (Monday)**  
 San Jose—Bldg comm mtg, Wesley Methodist Church.

**July 20 (Wednesday)**  
 Los Angeles—Asian American Education Comm, L.A. Unified School District election mtg, Bd of Educ H-163, 7:30 p.m.

**July 23 (Saturday)**  
 San Francisco—Golden Gate Nisei VFW 25th anny dnr-dance, Miyako Hotel.

**Los Angeles—S.C. YPCC camp, San Jacinto State Park**

**July 23-24**  
 Seattle—Bon Odori, Buddhist Church.  
 Los Angeles—Crenshaw Square Festival.

**So. Alameda bazaar**  
 UNION CITY, Calif.—The Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church holds its annual bazaar on the church grounds here at 32975 Alvarado-Niles Rd. this weekend, July 9-10.

## San Fernando Valley's scholars ...



Eleven top students are honored by the San Fernando Valley JACL and Community Center at a leadership-scholarship award night June 3. They are (from left): front—Janice Takimoto (Ldr-shp), Mary Honma, Terese Higashida, Jacqueline Ueda, Ellen Shimomura, Rhonda Sakaida; back—Michael Ohsawa, Jon Tsuchiyama, Warren Mori, Craig Shoda and Richard Uyeno.

## chapter pulse

### East Los Angeles

East Los Angeles JACL again presented scholarships to recipients in the seven high schools which are in the chapter membership area, the Takematsu Hayashida Memorial Award to Miss East L.A. JACL and a new award in memory of Edison Uno for a total of nine awards this year, it was announced by Miki Himeno and Michi Obi, scholarship committee co-chairpersons, and Dr. Robert Obi, chapter president.

Individual recipients are:  
**CHAPTER AWARDS**—Mark Hayashi (Alhambra High), son of Mark and Ruby Hayashi; Arthur M. Teranishi (Garfield), son of Joe and Mielo Teranishi; Mitchell Nakagaki (Mark Keppel), s of William and Luanne Nakagaki; Laura L. Kubota (Montebello), d of Raymond and Jean Kubota; Abe Tadashi Kochi (Roosevelt), son of Makes and Meiko Kochi; Gail Y. Kawasaki (Schurr), d of Jun and Tomoe Kawasaki; Linda K. Sonoda (Toshio and Aiko Sonoda).

**HAYASHIDA MEMORIAL**—Susan E. Takei, d of Toshihiko and Kazuko Takei.

**UNO MEMORIAL**—John Derek Nakashima, s of Tad and Sally Nakashima.

### Berkeley

Berkeley JACL sponsors its community family outing on Sunday, July 24, 2 p.m. at the Montclair Recreation Center picnic grounds, 6300 Moraga Ave., Oakland. A barbecue steak luncheon is being offered at \$3 per person with tickets available from chapter board members or by calling Dr. Gary Oda (531-8872). The children under 6 can have a hot dog and hamburger luncheon for \$1.

## Playwriting contest deadline nears

LOS ANGELES — Applications for the 1977 Miller/Quo playwriting contest are still obtainable from East West Players, 4424 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles 90029 as the deadline nears July 30.

Play dealing with some aspect of Asian American experience (authors need not be of Asian descent) should be unpublished and unproduced and constitute a full evening in theater. Winner of the \$500 prize and opportunity to work with the actors in producing the play will be known Dec. 31.

### Chicago

Plans are still "go" for the Asian American art fair at the Midwest Buddhist Temple for Saturday, Aug. 27, the Chicago JACL Office announced. Those interested in exhibit and selling their works at this juried fair can contact the chapter, care of its office, 5415 N. Clark St., Chicago 60640.

The recent 1000 Club box lunch social netted approximately \$800 which will be used toward the \$3,000 commitment made to maintain the Midwest Office, it was announced by president Chiye Tomihiro. The board congratulated Dr. Frank Sakamoto for his outstanding efforts.

### Sequoia

The 1977 Sequoia Chapter scholarship awards of \$100 each were presented to five recipients at the annual potluck dinner held on June 4. Each applicant submitted an essay on the important effect the Japanese American community has had in their life, and letters of recommendation from a teacher and one from a peer. Recipients were:

Alan Tatsuo Fukui, son of the George Fukuis, Cubberly High, formed the first Asian Students Union; active in church, school and JACL sport programs.

Kathleen J. Kashima, daughter of the Mitsugi Kashimas, Cubberly High, active in church and JACL-sponsored athletics; studied Japanese for six years and feels it was one of the greatest tools in increasing better communications.

Valerie Tami Kitaura, d of the Tamo Kitauras; Sequoia High; active in music, athletics and student government.

Sharon Chiyemi Makishima, d of the George Makishimas, Mt. View High; active in Buddhist Church; Japanese school and JACL basketball league.

Diane Oniki, d of the Ben Onikis, Woodside High; active with the Teen Board at Emporium, school drill team and marching band.

## Sendai Festival set for 10th annual show

RIVERSIDE, Calif. — The tenth annual Sendai Festival, sponsored by the Riverside JACL will be held at the Riverside Plaza July 15, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Saturday, July 16, till 3 p.m.

The festival is named in honor of Sendai, Japan, which has been Riverside's sister city since 1957.

The Friday highlights are brush painting demonstrations, folk dancing at 8 p.m. and serving of Japanese food until 8 p.m. Dancers have been practicing in recent weeks under direction of Mrs. Yoshiko Rich.

### Personal

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## Rev. Moon's Unification Church held 'incompatible' by Christians

NEW YORK—The Unification Church of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon is "not a Christian church" as it professes to be and many of its teachings are "incompatible" with Christian belief, according to the Commission on Faith and Order of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

The assessment of the

### YPCC to rejoice at 50th anny. reunion

BERKELEY, Calif. — The 50th anniversary reunion of the Young People's Christian Conference will convene on Sunday, Aug. 28, at the Pacific School of Religion in the afternoon and that evening at the First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way.

Mrs. Sumile Morishita Gda of Tokyo will be the banquet speaker, in place of Dr. Roy Sano as previously announced. He will be on a special mission in South America at the time. George Kyotow of New York will be the toastmaster.

Pre-registration at \$15 person to include lunch, banquet and program are being accepted until Aug. 10 by:

Yas Koike, 1808 Elm St., Alameda, Calif. 94501 (Check payable to N.C. YPCC Reunion Fund).

### Sansei in Church centennial project

SAN FRANCISCO — Fifteen Sansei are Japan-bound this summer to learn of ethnic minority situations there as well as their cultural heritage as a project for the national centennial celebration of the Japanese Christian Mission in North America here Oct. 5-9.

The youth will present a program based upon the study-tour which is being

led by: Moon movement which took a year to make came in a report dated June 21. Officials of the Unification Church, in a news conference called June 24 at its headquarters here, charged the commission had consistently "refused" to meet with Unification theologians "despite constant requests to get together". Neil Salonen is president of the Unification Church.

The commission, comprised of executives of 24 Protestant, Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholic denominations, is regarded by many church leaders as the nation's most representative body of Christian theologians working together.

Born in North Korea in 1920, Moon founded his church in Seoul in 1954, formally known as the Holy Spirit Assn. of World Christianity after his release from a North Korean concentration camp—hence his strong anti-Communist message mixed with a heavy dose of his own personal revelations. He claims that on Easter Sunday 1936, he met Jesus Christ on a Korean mountainside and was told to go to America to fulfill God's kingdom. He came to America in 1965 and

is a permanent resident alien.

At the height of his evangelistic successes several years ago when he toured the U.S., he defended President Nixon and had even suggested his complicity in the Watergate "might be justified by God".

Core teachings are contained in "Divine Principles" and "The Master Speaks". The followers who live in church communes lead strict lives; i.e., no premarital sex, drugs and smoking.

The NCC commission, while citing its differences with the Unification Church, emphasized the critique was in no way questioning their right to exist

### Religious radio shows go on air

NEW YORK—A religious radio program developed as part of the newly created Special Ministries to Japanese in Metropolitan New York is part of the foreign-language broadcasts over WHBI-FM, Newark.

Special Ministries is funded by four denominations with tapes made in Japan by the Commission on Audio Visual Activities, a Christian communications center under direction of Matthew Ogawa, Program was conceived in April 1976 by the Rev. Justin Haruyama, pastor of the Japanese American United Church here.

Religious programs are separately produced for the Los Angeles and Fresno areas.

## SEKO

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But even before this, in gatherings of the sisterhood in the store kitchen, I learned the pain and bondage of some marriages. And in wonder I would watch the retreating backs of wives as they meekly went to rejoin their husbands.

Both of us had grown accustomed to the models for marriage presented by our Issei parents. One was supposed to be locked into a marriage, as one was expected forever to be locked into a parent-child relationship.

The boundaries of safety were clearly defined and they assumed the shape of a box, a casket. The box was narrower for women than for men and it was jealously guarded by tribal elders.

Maybe the old models of marriage have worked for some. They are safe because the pattern is established. Questions have either been resolved or dissolved. Acceptance and resignation contain their own comfort.

But in recent years, the attitudes of some Nisei, particularly of women toward marriage has been changing. They are breaking out of their boxes. Individual fulfillment is becoming an attainable promise. Women

and preach its belief under the First Amendment—the freedom of religion.

One newly-arrived Korean immigrant, who has started a fruit and vegetable store in New York, has a sign in his window, "Moon-

### Religion

The Rev. Mineo Katagiri of San Francisco in charge of the United Church of Christ Conference for Northern California-Nevada, one of 39 regional conferences in the U.S., attended the church's 11th general synod June 30-July 5 at Washington, D.C. He is the first Asian American conference minister. His district has 114 churches, including several Japanese American congregations. Others expected to attend were the Rev. George Aki of San Luis Obispo, the Rev. Ken Iha and Mrs. Sachi Fujita of Montebello, Mrs. Yuri Kaneda of San Diego, Rev. Brian Ogawa, Julia Estrella, Mary Tomita, Miye Okawara of El Cerrito, and Mrs. Yuri Okamoto of Fresno.

Japan-born Kazuhiro Kikuchi, 32, was called June 10 to assist the Rev. Yusuke Hidaka, pastor, in ministering to the Japanese-speaking congregation of Christ Presbyterian Church of Hollywood, 4011 Clinton St. He is a third year student at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena. He and his wife Keiko reside in Whittier.

Speakers for the Buddhist Churches of America Pacific seminar July 22-24 at Asilomar Conference Grounds at Pacific Grove, Calif., were announced as follows: Dr. Lewis Lancaster, UC Berkeley assistant professor in Oriental studies; Rev. Tetsuo Unno of Los Angeles, and Rev. Masao Ichishima, assistant bishop of Shingon Temple, Hawaii. For registration information, write to BCA Pacific Seminar, 1710 Octavia St., San Francisco 94109, (415-776-5600) by July 11.

are learning to say, "no" to husband, children and tribe.

If endurance was a quality of the old immigrant marriages, courage is part of the relationships today. Change conveys not only challenge, but is one of the most fearful aspects of life.

It is like gambling, where one moves from the insertion of coins into slot machines to the largest game of all. Traditionally we have been small-time, almost petty gamblers. We play for small stakes, where winning or losing is only of transitory elation or depression.

We play for the moment in the most impersonal transactions for the commonest reward. It is a game for cowards, who require assurance that the game quickly is resolved by winning or losing.

There are definite rules by which the scoring is kept. In a growing marriage, that safety is removed. We risk the security of conditioned years. It is perplexing and sometimes frustrating to realize that we are no longer certain of rights and wrongs. We find less useful the admonishments of the tribal elders.

And most of all, perhaps, we find them remiss in their instructions. For all their careful counting of rice in the bowl and babies in the crib, no mention was made of the bird song and wind song.

ies Not Welcome". Part of the prejudice and resistance facing the new immigrants stem from rumors many of them are members either of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency, which is under federal investigation, the Rev. Moon's Unification Church, or both, according to storeowner C. Hyan Han who has a food store at Hunts Point and a fruit stand in Queens.

(Fruit & vegetable store-owners in New York have a loosely-organized group, Korean Buyers Assn., which recently protested discrimination in pricing practices.)

(The area's Korean population is estimated at 60,000—many of them well educated, unafraid to work long hours, noted John Kim, a lawyer who came here 30 years ago.)

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# pc's people

## Sports

Colorado State first baseman Glenn Goya was invited by the San Francisco Giants last month during the free agent draft. One of the top collegiate batters in the nation, in early spring he had a four-year total of 464 AB, 186 hits for a .401 average, 25 HRs and 110 RBIs. ... **Wally Yonamine**, the Hawaii Nisei who skippered the Chunichi Dragons to the (Japan) Central League baseball championship in 1974, may be fired because of the poor showing thus far (12½ games back in 5th place as of

June 26), so speculates the Tokyo sports reporter despite denials by the club owner Kiyoshi Nakagawa.

## Courtroom

Los Angeles County public defender **Rose Oda** is ready to have the court decide whether her client, a Long Beach youngster accused of being drunk in public after eating 17 little rum-soaked Italian cakes (Babarums) available in retail stores. With 6% alcohol content, it also inspired urgency legislation in Sacramento to restrict its sale.

## Radio-TV

Onetime L.A. County human relations commissioner **Marie Shibuya** was named KNBC-TV administrator of its community

## Spartan Beat: Mas Mambo

# Still Strumming Strong

✓ **Hawaiian vocal and hula star Ethel Nakata will star with a top Hawaiian band, Buckie Shirakata and His Aloha Hawaiians, in the Sanno's Hawaiian Night May 27 ...—Pacific Stars & Stripes item**

Tokyo

A number of Nisei have been standouts in the entertainment field in Japan but none has been more durable than Buckie Shirakata. He just plays his guitar on and on.

Hawaiian-born Shirakata has been making sweet music in Japan since the pre-Pacific War days. That was when there were such Nisei songstresses performing as Betty Inada of Sacramento.

And it was also when trumpet player Sash Moriyama of San Francisco and guitarist Tib Kamayatsu of Los Angeles played and sang in a band at the Florida in Tokyo, the top dance palace in the country.

Now with the passing of years, Tib's son Hiroshi and Sash's daughter Ryoko, both well-known pop singers who also play guitars, have taken over as entertainers of the family. And you don't hear much of the dads, although Tib, silver-haired and wearing glasses, did appear on an old-timers' musical program on TV recently.

On the other hand, after 40 years or more, Buckie is still going strong. While the Aloha Hawaiians band may have undergone countless personnel changes, it remains synonymous with Hawaiian music as its main guy—Buckie—is still in there playing the steel guitar.

The diminutive Hawaiian is a steel guitar virtuoso, composer and teacher and, according to the Pacific Stars & Stripes, the military publication, a graduate of the University of Hawaii.



In late May, Buckie (at right), who doesn't show his years much, was in a TV program featuring the Hawaiian lovely, Agnes Lum. He appeared along with Japanese movie and television stars Yujiro Ishihara (at left) Rumiko Koyanagi, Mitsuko Mori, and Shinichi Mori.

## TV COMMERCIALS

Speaking of Hawaiians in the entertainment field, the 50th State's gift to Japanese sumo, Jesse Kuhaulua, is to dance once again in a television ad to be shown in the near future.

The veteran Jesse, or Takamiyama, sumo-dom's heftiest wrestler, has come up with a socko performance with some fancy steps in plugging a portable television set in his last ad. Dolled up in a suit with flower in the button hole and a felt hat set jauntily atop his head, a smiling Jesse shows surprising rhythm in his brief appearance.

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relations department last month. She had been head investigator and staff supervisor for the station's Action 4 segment. She is a California-born Nisei who graduated in education/sociology from the Univ. of Nebraska.

## Music

Oakland trombonist **Peter Tomita** won first prize in the International Gaudeamus Festival for Interpreters of Contemporary Music in The Netherlands. A specialist in avante garde trombone music, he will be in concerts later this year in Italy, England and France. He attended Julliard and Curtis Institute of Music and now resides in Paris.

## Agriculture

Cortez JACler **Jerrold Bookwalter**, a transplanted Californian in Washington state's fertile Columbia Basin, is general manager of Sagemoor Farms which is producing fruit and wine grapes. He sees the same ingre-

dients for success in south central Washington's wife grape and fruit agriculture as California has enjoyed.

## Elections

**Kathy Hoshijo**, who was disqualified as a candidate for lieutenant governor in Hawaii because she is too young, said she would not challenge the issue in court because the appeal would force the state to spend "our tax dollars defending a case that would most likely go all the way to the Supreme Court". Besides, with the Constitutional Convention scheduled next year, a more inexpensive way to change the constitutional age requirement of 30 for governor and lieutenant governor is available, she pointed out.

## Toyota-Japan trip

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If most people in Japan and in the United States do not know the words to their national anthems, they are for different reasons: One, because it reminds them of a catastrophic war, and the other, perhaps the development of indolent neglect. □

# SAIKI

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The Constitution, first captained by Isaac Hull and later by Stephen Decatur, earning its name of Old Ironsides; Commodore Oliver H. Perry, in defeating the British on Lake Erie, reported "We have met the enemy and they are ours"; while Capt. James Lawrence on the USS Enterprize as he lay dying cried

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## Powell St. festival

VANCOUVER, B.C.—Over 7,000 came out to celebrate the Japanese

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