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UC Davis accepts community development work for tenure

DAVIS, Calif. — UC Davis security has been granted to three minority teachers who had been recommended for firing by their departments.

George Kagiwada, coordinator of Asian American Studies and a prime force since its inception in 1969, was told by Chancellor James Meyer June 28 of his promotion to associate professor with tenure. Others being elevated to the next step with tenure are Dave Risling, lecturer in Native American Studies, and lecturer Peter Leung in Asian studies. Teachers with tenure cannot be fired except for a few serious causes and only after the university has proven its case.

The three had no recommendation from their applied behavioral sciences faculty

for tenure. It resulted in student protests and community pressure during the last few months. (Sacramento JACL was among the main forces in support of Kagiwada.

Chapter president Floyd Shimomura said the reversal of a negative recommendation "is rarely done" and lauded the decision.)

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Dr. George Kagiwada speaking at the UC Davis Campus on behalf of Asian American Studies.

\$100 increase seen on JACL fare to Japan

SAN FRANCISCO—Pending approval of agreement between Japan and U.S. civil aeronautics boards, tentative increase of \$104 is anticipated to become effective next Aug. 1 on group affinity-100 flights to Japan (like JACL's), according to Steve Doi, Nat'l JACL travel chairman.

Passengers signed for JACL flights to Japan departing after Aug. 1 are being notified by their travel agents as to the additional amount due and when payable. If the increase does not take effect, full refund will follow, Doi assured.

Other kinds of group flight fares are in line for increase but the regular coach fare, \$1,004 round-trip from California to Japan is not being affected in the current talk.

Court awards damages for 'intentional' bias

NEW YORK—At least nine and possibly 13 white and Asian students who were denied admission in 1974 to City College's Center for Biomedical Education will receive damages of \$1,500 in settlement of a suit before Federal Judge Marvin E. Frankel last August. The amount of the damages was approved by Judge Frankel on June 23.

Twenty-one rejected applicants had filed suit in January, 1975 under the aegis of the civil rights committee of the Anti-Defamation League.

Judge Frankel had said

last August that the Center for Biomedical Education had used "intentional racial discrimination" in favor of black and Hispanic students.

Eight of the original 21 rejected students had been admitted since the suit began.

Said Larry M. Lavinsky, chairman of the League's civil rights committee, "There is no way that society can benefit from the exclusion of such outstanding students from an opportunity to obtain a medical education. In the end, all people, minority and majority alike, will suffer the loss." □

Eastern-Midwest JACL to meet in Washington

WASHINGTON — The serious side of the forthcoming joint Eastern-Midwest District convention being hosted by the Washington, D.C. JACL July 28-31 at the Twin Bridges Marriott Hotel in Arlington is expected to provide a mid-biennium look at JACL directions.

National Executive Director Karl Nobuyuki will present his "100 Days Report: Where Are We Going?" during the joint session on Sunday morning, while National President Jim Murakami will summarize with a National Board report.

Second half of the Sunday morning session will then feature a national issues panel chaired by Grayce Uyehara, a past Eastern district governor and national vice president, with Tom Hibino, Midwest regional director; Wayne Horiuchi, Washington JACL representative; Lillian Kimura, Midwest district governor; Mike Masaoka, Murakami and Nobuyuki as panelists. Discussion is expected to cover (1) affirmative action,

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Kodak regrets 'Remember Pearl Harbor' proposal

WASHINGTON — Kodak, which was criticized by JACL last month (PC June 24) for one of its officials proposing "Remember Pearl Harbor" on each pack of film, said it does not represent the company's position or attitude.

James S. Bruce, vice pres-

ident and director of corporate relations, in a letter to Washington JACL representative Wayne Horiuchi, not only regretted the incident reported in the June 20 issue of Business Week but said "nor do they fairly represent (William A.) Sawyer, himself"—the Kodak offi-

cial interviewed and quoted by the magazine.

Bruce explained the remarks "albeit inappropriate, were made in a completely facetious manner during the give-and-take of an interview".

Text of the Bruce letter continues:

We consider it unfortunate that they were made at all and we consider their publication, over the company's strong objection, to be entirely misleading with respect to our policies, our practices, and our sensitivities.

Our considerable respect for Japanese photographic manufacturers and for the industry and energies of the Japanese people has been conveyed in apologies extended by Ko-

dak to the Fuji organization, here in the United States and also in Japan. The best evidence of that respect exists, however, not in any isolated communication but in the history of productive relations between Kodak and Japanese industry for a period of more than 50 years.

We regret this incident, Mr. Horiuchi, and we trust you will understand

George Roth: a man Japanese Americans forgot to thank

By DWIGHT CHUMAN
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Los Angeles

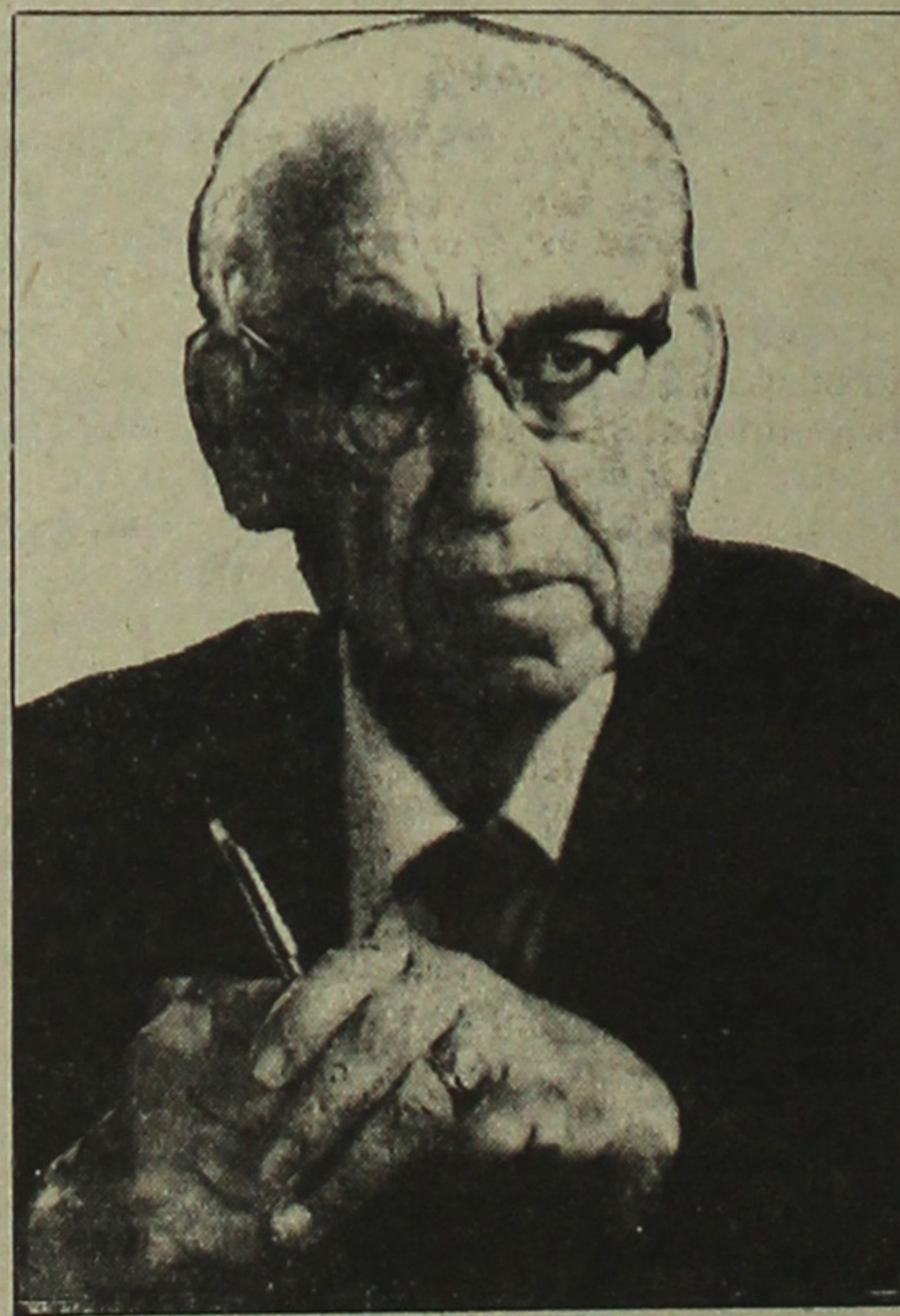
Some may have thought George Knox Roth to be a grandstander or a fool when he volunteered to take to the Southern California radio airwaves in the spring of 1942 to champion the rights of Japanese in the United States. With a young wife and three small children at home and a promising political career in the making, the then 35-year-old Roth had everything to lose and little to gain in aligning himself with such an unpopular group.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt had already issued Executive Order 9066, authorizing the incarceration of some 110,000 West Coast Japanese, and since December 7 of the previous year, Japanese had become the favorite target of every sensational jingoist newspaper, unscrupulous political animal and zealot in the nation. However, Roth, a Quaker and an idealist, believed that the tide of hysteria mounting against the Japanese was entirely unjustified and could be counteracted by a campaign of facts, reason and effective lobbying of local politicians.

With the tacit approval of federal authorities who had advised Roosevelt against the evacuation of the Issei and Nisei, Roth purchased airtime on L.A. radio station KMTR



George Knox Roth (left) as he looked in 1940s when he made his stand on behalf of Japanese



about to be evacuated, and (right) as he looks today at age 70, a semi-retired research man.

Cut Courtesy: Rafu Shimpō

(now KLAC—570 kHz) with funds provided by the Japanese American operators of various commission houses in the local wholesale produce markets. Roth says the late Joe Shinoda, onetime owner/operator of the San Lorenzo Nursery, Osage Produce co-owner Kay Sugahara and sporting goods salesman Sam Minami played key roles in gathering the money to bankroll the anti-Evacuation broadcasts.

Under the banner of the Public Affairs Committee (PAC) of Los Angeles, Roth broadcast five nights a week during prime time—7:15 to 7:30 p.m.—for approximately a month beginning in mid-February, 1942.

According to Roth, some of the earliest defenders of the Japanese to appear on the anti-Evacuation programs came from the leadership of the local Black community who argued against the impending imprisonment on the grounds that it was racist.

Other programs in the PAC series concentrated on the unconstitutionality of the intended action against the Japanese.

Much of the broadcast time, Roth remembers, was devoted to discrediting the inaccurate stories published in the local Hearst-owned newspapers which had been printing stories of sabotage activities by local Japanese. Other broadcasts empha-

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A Nisei 'First' in California

Community college president named



DR. JACK FUJIMOTO

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Dr. Jack Masakazu Fujimoto, dean of Pierce College in Granada Hills, became the first Japanese American this past week to be named as president of a State of California community college when the Board of Trustees of Sacramento City College appointed him to head the school.

Trustees of the Los Rios.

Education

Frank Goishi was promoted to full professorship at California State University at Fresno. He is in the field of industrial arts and technology.

Longtime PTA luminary Betty Kozasa of Los Angeles, now director of the Asian American Voluntary Action Center is a board member of the new Council for Peace and Equality in Education, a Southern California coalition of community groups working for successful implementation of school integration. Arthur Gardner, former L.A. board of education president, is council chairman.

Dr. Shiro Amioka, under heavy fire from faculties of the two-year colleges he administers, has resigned as chancellor of the community colleges in the Univ. of Hawaii system and returns to teaching as a professor in the college of education Aug. 1. He had been selected in June, 1975, to the newly-created post by University President Dr. Fujio Matsuda. A 442nd veteran who also served in the Army G-2, Amioka had been state superintendent of schools and has received a number of awards for his contribution to the understanding of Japanese culture in the United States.

Univ. of Hawaii's official photographer, Masao Miyamoto, retires Aug. 1 after being on campus for 42 years but he'll keep busy trying to label hundreds of his own negatives on file as well as historic ones on glass plates of the University's first graduates.

Deaths

Fred K. Dobana, 61, of Stockton died after a lengthy illness July 10. A longtime JACLer, he is survived by w. Ruby, d. Gail Nishimoto, Carrie and br. Masaru.

Tokinobu Mihara, 79, of San Francisco died July 10. A prewar newspaperman and editor with the Shinsekai-Asahi, he began publishing books and dictionaries during the Evacuation period. Postwar, he returned to open a bookstore, which his son Noby, carries on as the Paper Mill. He also lost his sight about this time (1947). He suffered a stroke in April and had been bed-ridden. Others surviving him are w. Hideko, s. Kiyoshi and gc.

Mrs. Sono Ushio, 87, of Salt Lake City, died June 26. Surviving are s. Shigeki and d. Maurea Terashima, 10 gc and 12 ggc. (Second son Jim preceded in death April 26.)

Community College District, after a brief executive session, voted without dissent to offer Fujimoto a two-year contract at a salary of not less than \$37,950 annually.

District Chancellor Earl L. Klapstein told trustees that Fujimoto would be available August 1 to begin his duties.

Fujimoto will succeed Sam Kipp, SCC president for eight years, who resigned last January to accept a district vice chancellorship but changed his mind and returned to teaching.

Dr. Fujimoto has been teaching Japanese classes at the Venice school for the past 14 years.

A native of National City, Fujimoto, 48, graduated from UCLA, where he received his Master's Degree in 1962 and a Ph.D. in 1971.

He has served as dean at the San Fernando Valley

college for the past five years. Prior to that he taught mathematics at Marina Del Rey Jr. High, Valley College and Pierce Agricultural College.

A testimonial dinner for him will be held Saturday, July 23, 7 p.m., at Tin Sing Restaurant in Gardena under the joint sponsorship of Venice Japanese Community Center and Venice Garden.

A West Los Angeles JACLer, Dr. Fujimoto served with the U.S. Army Counter Intelligence Corps, after completing a course in Japanese at the Presidio of Monterey.

Chinese Folk Art

LOS ANGELES—The first comprehensive exhibition of Chinese folk art ever organized will be on view Aug. 2-Oct. 2 at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. The exhibition of 157 pieces was organized by Professor Tseng Yu-Ho (Betty) Ecke of the Univ. of Hawaii.

Minorities workshop for Oregon teachers planned

PORTLAND, Ore.—In the wake of racist, pro-Nazi literature being distributed in the Beaverton area schools, a group of concerned citizens in Washington County School District 48 has scheduled a workshop on minorities for teachers on Aug. 31, according to the Portland JACL newsletter.

The committee also called

for Japanese Americans to assist in a review of the social studies curriculum to help teachers deal with prejudicial materials on minorities and the World War II.

Committee would also like to see more material on the Japanese American evacuation experience incorporated in the studies, the JACL newsletter noted.

Longtime dance studio owner is businesswoman of year



MARY KASAI

POCATELLO, Idaho — The local Idaho State University professional business fraternity, Phi Chi Theta, recently honored Mary Kasai as Pocatello's Business-

woman of the Year. She has been a dance instructor for the past 30 years. But her community activities — some of them connected with her talent — were recognized in extending the coveted honor.

Nominated by the Soroptimist International, the Idaho-born Nisei woman, who is remembered as dancing and entertaining with her sister during the war years, is a past president of her club and currently the Rocky Mountain region treasurer. She assisted the Dance Productions, Inc., of Utah in a project to aid mental retardation research and has been a judge of the Miss Pocatello Pageant for seven years.

She is also active with the YWCA board, Lady Lions, music and dance shows staged for nursing homes and civic functions. She was among a select group of dance teachers to see the Bolshoi and Kirov companies in Russia last year.

Her husband, Richard Suenaga, who operates Suenaga Masonry Supply, constructed the Kasai Dance Studio in 1948. They have two children, Marcia Miller of Seattle and Hugh, who works with his father, and a grandchild in Seattle.

\$4 million school named for Issei

STEVESTON, B.C. — Construction began here in July for the new \$4 million Tomey Honma Jr. Secondary School. "Naming of the school is apropos with the current celebration of the Centennial of Japanese Canadians," noted Betty Spears, school board official.

(Tomekichi) Honma is remembered by Japanese Canadians for his valiant struggle in the 1900s as a naturalized Canadian citizen who was denied his right to vote because of anti-Japanese sentiments. He was naturalized in 1893.

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Applied behavioral sciences department chairman Orville Thompson said these cases are the first in his department where faculty recommendations were turned around by the university.

Thompson refused to speculate on whether the decision would create any conflict in the department.

Another lecturer in the same department, Isao Fujimoto, is also being considered for tenure, but Thompson said a decision on Fujimoto did not have the same July 1 deadline as the other cases. Fujimoto recently left for Montana, where is taking a year's leave of absence to work with a group studying humane technology.

Kenwood plant expands

CARSON, Calif.—Kenwood Electronics, headed by George Aratani, president, broke ground for a new U.S. headquarters site here at Watson Industrial Center. The 90,000 sq. ft. facility will include warehouse, quality control facilities and a showroom. Kenwood was the first Japanese audio firm to establish marketing operations in Southern California.

Business/Finance

California First Bank has promoted four officers in the Los Angeles Region to Assistant Vice President: Yuji Arai, 5th & Main Santa Ana; James Hatana, Los Angeles Regional; Junichi Nakano, Artesia/Cerritos; and Toshio Kamei, Montebello, who transfers to the Crenshaw Office from his current assignment.

East Los Angeles sporting goods store owner Kenji Taniguchi was appointed to the Pan American National Bank board of directors recently. A businessman in the area for over 25 years, he is active with the JCYC (Japanese Community Youth Council) athletic program involving some 2,300 youth and is an advisory member to the City Parks and Recreation Dept. and the L.A. City Municipal Games.

Harry T. Kurotori, San Francisco insurance agent celebrated his 25th anniversary with the Franklin Life Insurance Company. He resides with his wife, Rose, in Hayward, and his office is located at 1911 Fillmore Street in San Francisco.

Onetime Downtown L.A. JACL president, Harry M. Fujita, CLU, with Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co., Los Angeles, attended the annual Million Dollar Round Table conference the last week of June at Atlanta, Ga. With some 4,500 members present, the meeting is the largest and most comprehensive sales forum in the life insurance industry.

EDC-MDC

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(2) reparations — which plan? and (3) legal defense program.

Eastern District Council, at its June 18 session at Seabrook, N.J. voted to support former EDC governor John Yoshino in his legal action against the Dept. of Transportation seeking redress of alleged discrimination.

EDC also budgeted \$200 to initiate a legal defense program.

Yoshino had charged that since June, 1969, he was passed over eight times for promotion from GS-14 to GS-15 (PC, Oct. 17, 1975). The controversial civil rights case ("Nisei vs. Black") came to light in the Federal Times earlier in the year as it noted the case is "chock full of irony" involving a Nisei equal employment specialist charging he was being discriminated against because he is a Japanese American by the black director of civil rights.

The recent EDC resolution also noted the National JACL has established an ad hoc committee to gather data nationwide of employment discrimination against Asian Americans.

The EDC-MDC convention opens with a Thursday night mixer, chaired by Lily Okura. The Friday schedule features a special White House tour, a Congressional luncheon by ticket only, afternoon tours and separate district council meetings.

A visit of Arlington National Cemetery is planned for Saturday morning where a special presentation of a Nisei plaque is scheduled, followed by laying of a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and visit of Nikkei war dead.

Opening ceremonies of the convention are scheduled Saturday at 1 p.m., followed by a forum-panel on the role of Japanese Americans to be moderated by Dr. Mary I. Watanabe of Philadelphia, who is national president of Pacific/Asian Coalition. Panelists will be:

Canita Pian, HEW consultant on Asian American affairs; Judge William Marutani of Philadelphia; K. Patrick Okura, NIMH executive assistant to the director; and Tino

15,000 additional refugees may come

WASHINGTON—The State Dept. has a new proposal to admit another 15,000 Indo-Chinese refugees now stranded in Thailand and throughout southeast Asia who are what voluntary agencies estimate to be a part of 80,000.

Cranston & Hayakawa clash

WASHINGTON — California's two senators had their first confrontation in the Senate July 12 when freshman S.I. Hayakawa sought unsuccessfully to defeat or modify legislation initiated by Alan Cranston that would grant collective bargaining rights to employees at UC's Lawrence Livermore Laboratory.

Calabria, community advisory member of the Asian American Mental Health research committee.

Respondents who are being allowed 20 minutes to comment are Joji Konoshima, director of Asian-Pacific American affairs for the Democratic National Committee, and Juanita Lott, acting director, Asian American affairs division, HEW.

Being provided five minutes to present perspectives and strategies are:

Reiko Nakawatase Gaspar, JAL-JACL fellowship recipient in 1969 and now Museum teacher at the Civic Center; Tom Hibino; Wayne Horiuchi; June Arima Schumann, Philadelphia social worker and president of the Asian American council of Greater Philadelphia; Paul Uehara, paralegal, Delaware County (Pa.) Legal Assistance Assn.

Congresswoman Shirley Chisolm (D-N.Y.) will be keynote speaker at the EDC-MDC banquet Saturday night. She will speak on the "Bakke Case", the so-called reverse discrimination case to be heard this fall by the Supreme Court.

The JAYS are also scheduled to hold their own convention but in separate quarters at the Twin Bridges Marriott Motor Hotel.

Key Kobayashi, convention general chairman, is being assisted by:

Ira Shimazaki, co-chmn; Ray Murakami, chap pres; Harry Takagi, adv; Joe Ichijui, treas; Seiko Wakabayashi, Mary Toda, sec; Toro Hirose, fund-raising; Aki Iwata, regis; Claire Minami, banq; Jim Kurihara, fin; Lily Okura, mixer; Mike Masaka, tours; Gordon Yamada, post-banq mixer; Ben Kitashima, photos.

KODAK

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that it in no way bespeaks the character or the feelings of Eastman Kodak Company.

Horiuchi also viewed the publication of his protest in the July 11 Business Week objecting to the racial slur made by a Kodak official adding "credibility to the JACL objection" and more importantly putting other public representatives "on notice that these kinds of insidious racial slurs cannot be condoned without public exposure".

Horiuchi's letter carried the heading "Remember the 442nd" in the Business Week letters section. The closing paragraph of the Horiuchi letter noted:

On behalf of the largest Japanese American national civil and human rights organization, we strenuously object to this statement. The comments, though aimed at companies in Japan, denigrate the Japanese Americans and Japanese nationals. The statement only serves to rekindle racial prejudice and inflame public emotions about a regrettable period in history.

Japanese Americans are a proud and distinguished race and need only point to the honor and distinction of the 442nd Regiment, the most decorated regiment in U.S. Army history, and the prominence of U.S. Senators S.I. Hayakawa, Daniel Inouye, and Sparky Matsunaga.

GEORGE KNOX ROTH

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sized the Depression-era contributions of surplus food by Japanese farmers to hungry, unemployed whites. (Roth knew first-hand of the Southern California Japanese farmers' charitable actions as he was chief of a self-help section of the L.A. County Dept. of Rehabilitation from 1934 to 1938.)

One of the final PAC broadcasts included a moving farewell message by Japanese Americans headed for assembly centers prior to relocation in the infamous War Relocation Authority camps.

History documents that Roth's efforts on behalf of Japanese Americans did not stop with the radio broadcasts.

In March, 1942, he gave extensive, meticulously prepared testimony against the wartime camps before the Tolan Committee on Defense Migration of discounting hysteria-promoting rumors that Japanese farmers were poisoning produce sold in the greater L.A. area. He also produced reports which pointed out that more than a \$45-million depletion in California farm production would occur as the result of mass evacuation of Japanese from west coast farms.

Roth also gave the Tolan Committee access to information which confirmed the absence of crime and reliance on public welfare in the

Southland Japanese community.

During this same period, Roth said he used money from the Nisei commission house owners to obtain a writ of habeas corpus in federal court in an effort to force the Roosevelt administration to show cause why an evacuation of Japanese Americans should be carried out. This attempt was thrown out of court.

Of course, the efforts of Roth and others to keep Japanese out of the World War 2 internment camps ultimately failed. West Coast Japanese were forced inland into "relocation centers".

And an ordeal which would continue well past the end of the war began for the family of George Knox Roth.

✓ Roth was subpoenaed by the Calif. State Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, chaired by state Sen. Jack Tenney (R-Los Angeles). Tenney, a would-be California gubernatorial candidate, convened his committee in L.A. at the height of anti-Japanese sentiments and demanded that Roth reveal the names of the Nisei behind his PAC broadcasts. Roth refused and was charged with contempt of a legislative committee. He was later (October, 1942—Ed.) tried and convicted of the charge in L.A. municipal court.

✓ Due to the contempt conviction, Roth says the L.A. City Board of Education refused him employment. He finally landed a teaching position in Vista, Calif., at \$2,100 a year and supplemented this meagre income working in an avocado grove for "bracero wages" of 35 cents an hour. Roth states that he was relieved of this teaching job after a clipping from the L.A. Times concerning his contempt conviction was made available to school officials.

✓ Roth's name was listed for several years in the California un-American Activities Committee "redbook". He was listed along with those termed subversive. In postwar years, he was often mistakenly labeled a Communist, and rumors that he had been convicted of treason were circulated.

✓ A conscientious objector, Roth finished out the war teaching at the Calif. Youth Authority's Fred C. Nellis School for Boys—a reform school.

✓ After teaching for three years (1948-51) at John Muir College in Pasadena, a new system for checking the criminal records of teachers was established. Local newspapers discovered Roth's conviction, and he was dismissed. Roth sued the Pasadena Board of Education, but lost in superior court.

✓ The three-year teaching job at John Muir College was

to be the longest position Roth would be able to retain in the field of teaching after his involvement with the Japanese American internment issue and his contempt conviction. Following the Pasadena dismissal, he reportedly had experiences with the Glendale Public Schools, an Oxnard school and one-day teaching job with the San Marino Unified School District.

✓ In 1959, a business college Roth bought with borrowed money in Modesto, Calif., was denied accreditation reportedly because of Bureau of School Approval's knowledge of Roth's support of Japanese. He was forced to sell the school at a loss.

✓ In 1967, Roth discovered that the criminal investigation section of the State Dept. of Education still maintained a file indicating that he had been convicted of contempt of a legislative committee. He states that the file also included the notation, "Nisei Sympathizer"

Most of the files on George Knox Roth evidently have been wiped clean within the last decade. Roth is now 70. He and his wife, Irma, now reside in a modest Claremont apartment.

Joe Shinoda, a Nisei friend of the Roths who helped to make the PAC broadcasts of

1942 a reality, passed away several years ago.

Sam Minami, who only vaguely recalls the clandestine meetings he had with Roth to transmit funds from the Japanese American commission house owners, owns a sporting goods store and is a prominent citizen of the City of Gardena.

Kay Sugahara, another of the young Nisei who refused to take the threat of forced evacuation lying down, now known as the "Japanese Onassis", controls a fleet of oil tankers and commutes between offices in New York and Tokyo.

The only record of Roth's activities during the period prior to the incarceration of the Japanese exists only in transcripts of the Tolan Committee hearings; a single paragraph in Morton Grodzin's "Americans Betrayed"; in the memories the Roths and in the consciences of those who persecuted them for more than a quarter of a century.

Now living in semi-retirement on social security and looking back on their lives, George and Irma Roth say they don't regret anything that they have done.

"When we thought we were having a hard time during the war, all we had to do was think about the people in the camps or somewhere else. Everybody suffers during war." □

Community to honor Roth for his anti-Evacuation fight

Los Angeles

On Saturday, Aug. 13, a fund-raising testimonial dinner will be hosted by the Pacific Southwest JACL District Council and the Friends of George Knox Roth Committee at Little Tokyo Towers. Seating is limited to approximately 250 inside with the overflow possibly sitting at fresco.

Tickets are \$10 per person, by writing to "Friends of George Knox Roth", c/o Calif. First Bank, 120 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90012. Committee is also soliciting contributions to a retirement fund for them. Dinner tickets should be reserved by Aug. 5. For further information, call the JACL regional office, 626-4471.

Retirement with Rock Music . . .

100th Infantry vets mark 35th reunion

Honolulu

First of two all-Nisei fighting units of WW2, the 100th Infantry Battalion, held a quiet 35th anniversary reunion in June. Collectively speaking, they are ready to move to the sidelines after having made local and national headlines.

They changed Hawaii, destroyed the racist myth that Americans of Japanese ancestry couldn't be trusted and paved the way for Statehood of Hawaii, recounts Honolulu Star-Bulletin editor A. A. Smyser. But after attending their last reunion, they were talking of retirement. Many are already retired, he was told.

Gathering of the Club 100 saw an unscheduled and spontaneous tribute of thanks delivered by former State Rep. Dorothy De-

reaux. But the main speaker, a successful practitioner of retirement, was Brig. Gen. Kendall J. Fielder (ret), 81, an Army intelligence officer in 1941-42 who spoke up on behalf of the loyalty of Hawaii's AJAs (Americans of Japanese ancestry) and who persuaded the Army brass to create the all-Nisei combat team—the 100th and the other well-known 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Introducing Fielder was Hung Wai Ching, 71, then a YMCA leader who with Fielder had gone to bat for the Japanese Americans on the Islands.

Club 100 members averaged 24 years of age in 1942—plus 35 makes them 59, grayer, thicker around the waist and thinner of hair, observed Smyser.

When the 100th Infantry

shipped out in June, 1942, to train on the Mainland (Camp Sparta, Wis.), the exit was a relief to some Army planners. The enemy Japanese were storming on Midway. But to others, dream of an all-Nisei fighting unit was a way to have the question of loyalty of AJAs settled for the record.

Smyser sums it well. "That dream came true. The men of the 100th Infantry—5,000 in all—fulfilled it with the most outstanding combat record of any American fighting unit: three Presidential Unit Citations, more than 2,600 individual decorations, a low in AWOLs and disciplinary problems—but at a price of more than 300 deaths in combat in Italy and France and more than 1,700 Purple Hearts for wounds (in addition to the other decorations.)"

In the 35 years, its veterans became the first two brigadier generals of Japanese ancestry in the U.S. Army, a U.S. senator (Spark Matsunaga), a number of state legislators, judges, successful businessmen and civil servants—"roles that would have been hard for AJAs to win before WW2", Smyser points out.

When the speeches were over at the 35th reunion at the Hilton Coral Ballroom, the orchestra took over and the floor was alive. Rock music didn't thin it out, either. "We know how to live," one member assured Smyser.

In Tribute to George Knox Roth

A teacher who tried publicly to prevent the Evacuation of Japanese Americans in 1942 by purchasing radio time to counteract the anti-Nisei hysteria . . . A man who refused to tell the state (Tenney's) Un-American Activities Committee the names of his Nisei backers and thus convicted of contempt of this legislative committee . . . The Pacific Southwest JACL District Council is hosting a fund-raising testimonial dinner to express a long overdue debt of gratitude on Saturday, Aug. 13, 7:30 p.m. at Little Tokyo Towers, 455 E. 3rd St., Los Angeles . . . Please join us.

Friends of George Roth, c/o Calif. 1st Bank, 120 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90012

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EDITORIALS:

To the Youth of '77

Another high school class, fresh from the accolades and honor upon honor amassed at graduations across the nation, nervously awaits the start of that harrowing first year of college, an undeniably exciting yet frightening prospect. Yes, "frightening"—they want to prove (if only to the individual graduate) that they can make it "out there" with "what it takes". No longer can they rely on comforting thoughts that everyone knows you were class valedictorian, All League shortstop or the homecoming princess.

Yet, for all the anxious anticipation, that first year appears irresistibly exciting—for the first time they feel the exhilaration of standing on their own two feet. Maybe they won't become that brain surgeon or astrophysicist they had their heart set on, suddenly realizing that Russian Lit is really the thing. That's all a part of the inevitable learning process with the discoveries proving alternately painful and delightful.

Another National JACL Scholarship selection & awards process draws near—a formidable task given the number and high caliber of applicants. In reviewing this program which spans a number of years, we may tend to lose sight of those beginnings which paved the way for the present picture. Who are the donors of the numerous National JACL scholarships? What were their motivations to contribute to the further educational development of so many young people today? In recognizing their tremendous efforts, we commend them not only for practical foresight regarding today's soaring cost of education, but for a desire to cultivate young excellence so crucial to the development of a finer tomorrow.

We are indebted to Kim Hatamiya of Marysville, who was helping at National Headquarters this past month, for her research on the scholarship donors and her words of encouragement to this year's high school graduates as expressed in the above editorial.—HH.

The profiles are arranged alphabetically by scholarship classification: Freshman, Continuing, and Collegiate.

FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIPS

A trust account to JACL (a format now popular when a scholarship is being administered by National JACL) from the estate of **Kenji Kasai** of San Francisco has provided annually from 1969. "Mr. Kasai was always active in community affairs," JACL director Mas Satow acknowledged in his letter to Mrs. Aya Kasai and her son George. "His remembering us so generously is another evidence of his deep concern for the community. We appreciate his wonderful encouragement to JACL and our Japanese American youths..." Longtime head of Nikko Kasai Securities, he was prominent with the Nichi Bei Kai and the Japanese Benevolent Society, raised funds for Issei naturalization and the Oyama case that invalidated the alien land law.

Author **James A. Michener** and his wife, nee **Mari Sabusawa**, have been donors since 1969. (For 1977 only, they have contributed a second scholarship.) At the time, there were only three donors in the JACL program while as many as 60 were being nominated by the chapters. The Michener award assured another deserving scholar was recognized. (Until the system was altered several years ago, applicants were nominated by chapters and each chapter was limited to but one nominee. This year, 216 have applied.)

Mari's record in JACL in the late 1940s is notable. She was the first female president of Chicago JACL, first woman district governor and first woman elected to the National JACL Board. Husband-author "Mich" has accumulated numerous honors for his widely-read, critically acclaimed works. He was a summa cum laude graduate in 1929 from Swarthmore College, studied and traveled widely in Europe before receiving his master's in 1937 from the Univ. of Northern Colorado. He was teaching (and writing for fun) until WW2 when he joined the Navy. He turned to writing full-time after his "Tales of the South Pacific"—a Pulitzer Prize piece and then a stage and film hit. The Micheners were married in Chicago in October, 1955.

Especially aware of ever-rising costs of higher education, **Mr. and Mrs. Takashi Moriuchi** of Morristown, N.J., established the "JACL Scholar" awards in 1976 in the amount of \$1,000. The Moriuchis grow apples and peaches, are active in community, business and cultural affairs. Takashi is in the Rotary (past pres.) and on the board of directors for First National Bank of South Jersey and a community retirement home. Yuriko enjoys flower arranging and garden club work. They were married in Philadelphia in 1946. Takashi was born in Livingston, Calif., and graduated from UC Berkeley in business, and was evacuated to Amache. Yuriko, born in Oakland, grew up in Los Angeles and evacuated to Rohwer.

In 1967, Mrs. Hisaye Nakamura of Los Angeles initiated the **Gongoro Nakamura** award in memory of her pioneer Issei leader-husband. Though a USC law school graduate in 1922, Mr. Nakamura being an alien ineligible to citizenship (he was born in Okinawa, Japan) and thus barred from practicing at the bar, be-

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Comments, letters & features

A Corner for Our Guests:

Calif. '3rd worlders' unite

Freelance writer Phil Jordan of Sacramento conducts the "Buta Dofu" column, which appears regularly in two Japanese vernaculars, *Kashu Mainichi* and *Hokubei Mainichi*. Dymally's statement, we missed, but we're glad Jordan saved it for his commentary this past week.—Editor.

By **PHIL JORDAN**
(*"Buta Dofu"*)

Sacramento

To paraphrase a fellow, if mythical, Mick, "Being lieutenant governor is no disgrace, but might as well be."

California Lt. Gov. Mervyn Dymally has already learned this lesson; according to a hardy state capitol rumor, he'll not run for reelection, plans to try for a Congressional seat instead.

In a way, it's a shame—if, indeed, the rumor is on the money—because the federal government's gain will be the state's loss. Perhaps because so few people pay any attention anyhow, Dymally from time to time points out things that other political figures overlook, sometimes accidentally.

Gov. Jerry Brown, for instance, with both eyes locked firmly on the White House, seems not to have noticed how his—our—state is changing.

Dymally has not only noticed how it is changing but how fast it is changing.

A few weeks ago, in a statement that attracted little notice, Dymally predicted California is on the verge of becoming what he termed "a Third World state," one in which whites would be in a minority.

More recently, though

with little, if any, more notice, Dymally has published a study backing up his contention.

It makes interesting reading—particularly for Asian Americans.

According to the 1970 census, California's population was a tad more than 20 per cent minority. According to Dymally's study, our state's population is now almost 35 per cent minority.

But, says Dymally in the study's introduction, "Most ethnic leaders believe that the (minority) population is anywhere from 38-41 per cent, and I find myself in this category," by which I'm sure, he means his own belief.

In any case, his study projects, by 1985 California's minorities will total 49 per cent of our state population, while by 1990 that will have soared to more than 60 per cent.

Mexican Americans have shown the greatest numerical increase since the start of the decade, 1.8 million to 4.2 million, by Dymally's figures. This is the result of accidents of history and geography; it's not unlikely that our fellow Americans of Mexican extraction will soon equal, if not outnumber, hakuji-type Yankees... which we'll most likely be spelling "Yanquis" when that time comes.

Our black fellow Californians, on the other hand, are growing much more slowly, from 1.4 million in 1970 to not quite 1.7 million today.

But look at the figures on

Asian American Californians...

The state's combined Japanese, Chinese, Filipino and Korean groups totalled less than 550,000 according to the 1970 census.

Today, by Dymally's estimates, these groups have been joined by some 80,000 Vietnamese (and I suspect that figure is already dated), plus an equal number of Pacific islanders, for a total close to 1.3 million.

Projecting these trend, by 1985 or so Asian Americans will have moved into the Number Three ethnic slot, following whites and Mexican Americans—not necessarily in that order.

"It is clear," Dymally study concludes, "that California is rapidly becoming a state composed primarily of Third World minorities..."

"The State and Federal government (sic) have failed to recognize this emerging phenomena and consequently is (sic again) and will be, unprepared to meet the challenge it will take to provide for this type of population realignment

"Now is the time for this phenomena to be understood and for responsible public policy makers to begin implementation of necessary programs to accommodate those groups."

Well, I take no responsibility for the syntax of either Dymally or the interns who did the study for him; perhaps the first of the "necessary programs" should be one of grade school level English usage.

Asian and other Californians, though, might do well to start thinking about what these figures will mean to them in the next few years. Pardon the materialistic approach, but it looks like, for instance, there's going to be one heluva growing Asian American market here to be catered to.

It—as well as other ethnic markets—may be even bigger than Dymally's figures would suggest, because Dymally and his interns have failed to take an important factor into account.

What about intermarriage? Come the turn of the century, say, how many Californians will be a mixture of two—or more—racial backgrounds. Given our relatively easy-going California lifestyle, it could be several millions.

There was a time, maybe not too long ago, when immigrants, and even more the children of immigrants, too often wanted to forget or at least ignore their ethnic traditions, become as "American," i.e., "Anglo-American," as totally and as fast as possible.

This is no longer the case; our new Vietnamese Californians, for instance, are proudly introducing their preceding immigrant neighbors to a highly pungent (and that's charitable) sauce known as nuoc mam. If the neighbors turn up their noses, well, that's the neighbor's loss.

It's been my observation

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Nisei in Japan: Barry Saiki

Public Opinion of the Nikkei in America

Tokyo

PC readers will agree that the overall U.S. public attitudes towards the Nikkei have improved tremendously, when compared with the pre-war period. Strong anti-Orientalism then prevailed on the West Coast or during the semi-hysteria shortly after Pearl Harbor.

Why has it improved? What are the contributing factors? Ere we answer these questions, we should note that many Americans in the non-West Coast states still cannot differentiate between a Japanese and a Nikkei. Having seldom seen an Oriental, it usually takes a bit of conversation before they understand.

Away from the Pacific Coast, how often have you heard people say, "Oh, you must be Japanese. Your country's products are excellent. In fact, I have a Nikon (or a Toyota, a Datsun, a Sony, a Seiko, a National, a Suzuki, etc.)."

As long as we retain physical appearances and names traceable to our racial origin, we are prone to be initially identified as Japanese; and what Japan does, either well or badly, can directly or indirectly affect our relations. After all, the Evacuation came about, not on the basis of what the Nikkei did, but because of the decades of anti-Orientalism that was prevalent on the West Coast and of the sudden Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

As for the U.S. of today, many contributing factors have caused great improvement in U.S. opinion about the Nikkei. The subject is broad enough to make a good thesis.

Briefly, we can say that the main influencing factors would include the following:

1—The groundwork laid by the Issei through their long years of industry, forbearance and code of ethics.

They laid the seeds for most of the Japanese cultural activities that exist in the U.S. today.

2—The expanded contacts and the increased opportunities gained by the Nisei through Evacuation and relocation, through service in the armed forces, through specialization in many fields including the Government and the educational spheres, and through successful elections to political offices. Of special note were the achievements of the 100th and the 442nd with their brilliant combat records and the Nisei contribution to the Pacific Theatre during and after the war.

3—The growing initiative of the Sansei, concurrent with the wider acceptance of the Nikkei as peers, which has led to rapid integration. It can be said that the need for the U.S. to become more involved in international affairs has in

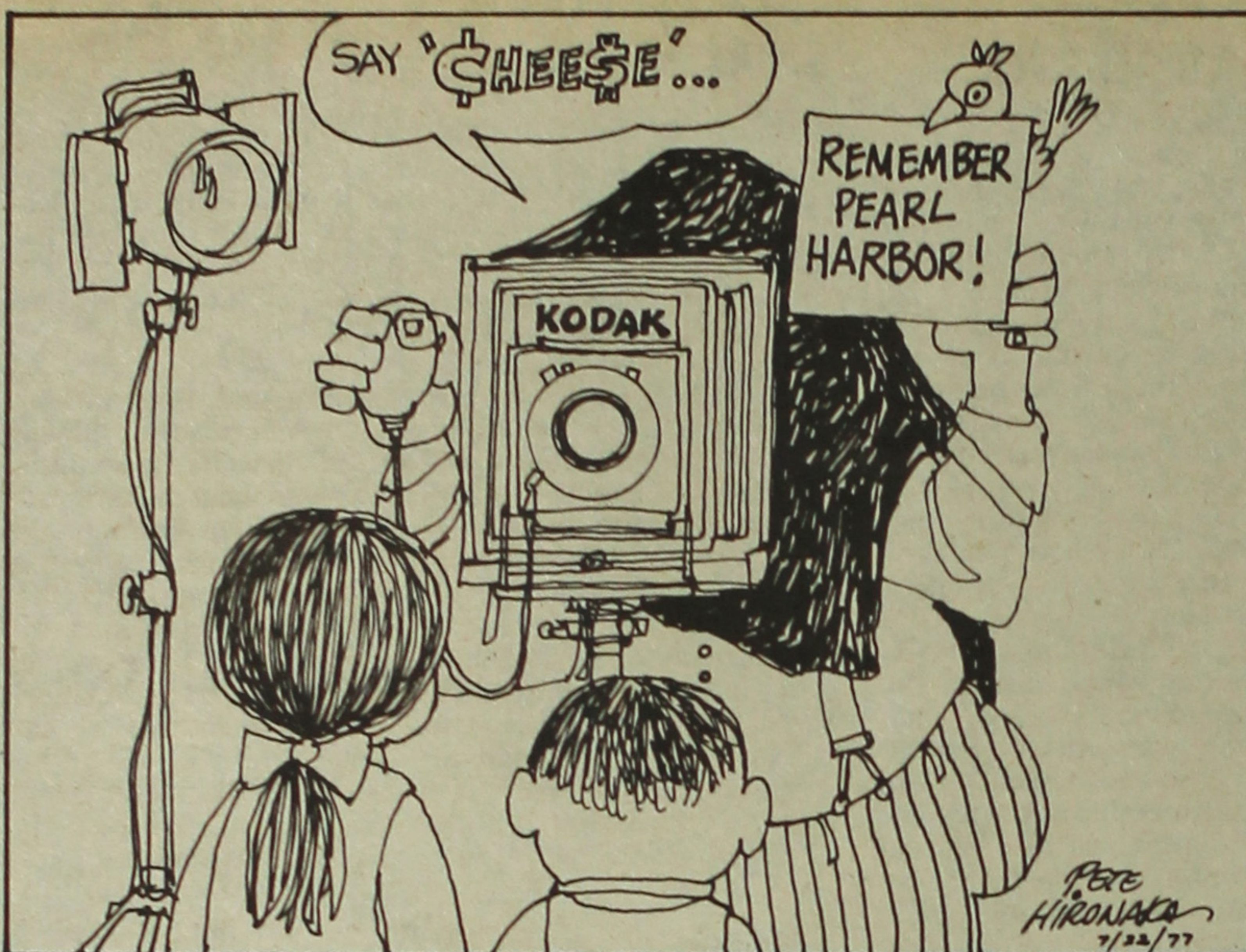
turn broadened the tolerance within our borders.

4—The "war brides", who can be regarded as the pace setters for integration. For them, their intermarriages were instant integration with many individual handicaps, and not a tri-generational process.

5—The Occupation and the subsequent stationing of U.S. troops and civilians, with their families in the Far East, placing more than a million Americans into close contact with the Japanese. Some brought home wives, but nearly all, returned with some degree of appreciation for the many facets of Japanese values, from the uniqueness of Japanese dolls to the austere elegance of Zen gardens.

6—The remarkable recovery of the Japanese industries, which established technical excellence in various fields, from shipbuild-

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Plain Speaking: Wayne Horiuchi



A-bomb survivors

Washington simple: This past week Congressmen Norman Mineta and Edward Roybal have again so graciously come to the assistance for the JACL and the Committee for Atomic Bomb Survivors. They have jointly introduced to the 433 other Members of Congress a "Dear Colleague" letter which has requested co-sponsorship for the HR 5150 that provides medical treatment for the U.S. citizen and permanent resident survivors of atom bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

This humanitarian legislation has already received a good response from Members of Congress and should be ready for a hearing shortly.

I believe that it's very important that the membership of JACL get behind the bill and write to their own elected representatives in Congress to encourage them to join HR 5150 as a co-sponsor. Their address is:

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The most effective reason you can give for encouraging co-sponsorship is very

simple: HR 5150 is humanitarian legislation that will provide medical treatment to a group of people who suffered extremely horrible physical and mental anguish.

It's also important to note that the survivors who will benefit from the bill are U.S. citizens and permanent residents. They pay taxes and should receive benefits from a program just like others who receive benefits from similar social programs such as Medicaid, Medicare, the public health service, etc.

You can also write to your congressional representative and tell him or her that the bill has received the official support of not only JACL but also the Japanese American Medical Association, the Los Angeles County Medical Association and the California State Medical Association.

Dr. Thomas Noguchi, Kaz Suyeishi and Kanji Kuramoto who head up the committee for atomic bomb survivors do a terrific job. They can be contacted at:
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From Happy Valley: Sachi Seko

Brandy with a Wagging Tail

Salt Lake City

He has been gone for a week now, but I imagine I see his silhouette in the glass panel by the door. Every time we enter our driveway by car, I expect to find him waiting in the recessed entry. At night, another dog's low bark reminds me of him.

Brandy, the neighbor's Alsatian German shepherd, who shared our lives for the past two years has moved home to Minnesota where he was born. Since he had a family of his own, we tried not to grow too attached to him.

But Brandy had other notions about relationships, as he did about everything else. He was a thoroughbred and he knew it. There was an arrogance to his carriage as he strutted up the road.

The long fur of an Alsatian and his distinctive markings combined to make such a handsome creature that people always turned to stare at him.

He permitted strangers to admire him from a distance, but discouraged their attempts to touch or address him. Unlike some dogs and people, who accept each nondescript scrap of flattery, Brandy was selective. He snarled at those who exceeded the bounds of propriety.

Quite a number of Japanese Americans have told us stories of their dogs, and how they could recognize other Nisei. Some boasted that their dogs preferred people of Japanese ancestry. Not Brandy. He was too democratic for that. He

hated almost everyone equally.

He was a puppy when he first appeared in a snowstorm and he was in his magnificent prime when he left us. Brandy was such a coward at first. When the rowdy gang of the furry, four-footed used to come for their morning stroll, he would panic and seek some hiding place.

Emitting yelps of distress and danger, he made me join him in the garage and would plead that the door be closed. Once safe, he tried to redeem his honor by standing at the windows and barking at his canine adversaries.

But sometimes he was caught alone by the gang and he fared poorly, as noticed by the ruin of his fur. Last year, he grew out of his



From the Frying Pan: Bill Hosokawa

Warren's Memoirs

Denver, Colo. Last week this space was given to a discussion of former Chief Justice Earl Warren's "apology" for the role he played, while attorney general of California, in bringing about the decision to suspend the civil rights of Japanese Americans and evacuate them into inland concentration camps.

The apology appears in one paragraph of a two-page section given to Japanese Americans in his posthumously published book (The Memoirs of Chief Justice Earl Warren, \$12.95. Doubleday). The apology, as was charged last week, is straightforward enough but the total effect is awkward and mawkish.

The unanswered question, which probably is also unanswerable since Warren is dead, is why he chose to make his apology in the way he did. There are only theories.

To understand why Warren felt he had to make an apology, it is necessary to know the record. Warren, by reason of his position as the chief law enforcement official of California, was a principal witness in the hearings conducted in the early spring of 1942 by a Congressional committee headed by Rep. John Tolan of Oakland. Warren's testimony, including a detailed written statement, covers 50 printed pages in the Tolan committee's report, which is hardly the impulsive action he admits to.

Gist of Warren's testimony was that Japanese American farmers had clustered around strategic installations in California by sinister intent, that while it was possible to test the loyalty of Caucasian aliens the Japanese were different, and that the Nisei were potentially a greater danger to the national security than the Issei.

Under questioning by the Congressmen, Warren admitted there had been no sabotage and no fifth column activity in California. "But I take the view that this is the most ominous sign in our whole situation," he said. "It convinces me more than perhaps any factor that the sabotage that we are to get, the fifth column activities that we are to get, are timed just like Pearl Harbor was timed..."

When Chairman Tolan suggested that

sabotage would be timed with a Japanese attack on the Pacific Coast, Warren replied: "Exactly."

Now, he has written in his book, "It was wrong to react so impulsively, without positive evidence of disloyalty... I have always believed that I had no prejudice against the Japanese as such except that directly spawned by Pearl Harbor and its aftermath. As district attorney, I had great respect for people of Japanese ancestry, because during my years in that office they created no law enforcement problems."

Because of the irresponsible nature of Warren's charges, his later position as chief justice, and his excellent civil rights record while on the Supreme Court, wringing an admission of error out of him held a high priority among some of the more activist young Japanese Americans a few years ago.

There are a number of indications that even without their prodding Warren was troubled enough by the Evacuation episode to be on the lookout for a convenient and graceful opportunity to say he had made a mistake and was sorry.

I have heard from two independent sources in a position to know that Warren on a trip to the West Coast, had agreed to a television interview and indicated he would not object if he were asked a question about his evacuation role. In other words he was ready to make his apology, which understandably was not an easy thing for him to do.

It was at this time, according to these sources, that Warren was cornered unexpectedly on a campus by some young Japanese Americans who aggressively demanded an apology. The encounter had other than the desired effect. Whereas he had been ready to make a public statement, the stance of the Japanese Americans unnerved Warren and caused him to shy away from the subject until he wrote his memoirs.

The result is a brief and inadequate passage in a book likely to be consigned to near-obscurity, and that's a crying shame. Under other circumstances, if he had not been spooked, he might have engaged in a truly meaningful dialogue.

cowardice and challenged Bruno, a St. Bernard with the physique of a wrestler. They engaged in combat at the top of the rock garden, a noisy and vigorous joust.

And then Brandy, with a final thrust of strength, toppled Bruno from the top of the garden. Bruno fell with a mighty thud and rolled down the rocks, breaking the shrubs and plants in his path. Word of the contest must have gotten around, because since then dogs approaching our house did so with guarded caution.

There used to be a saying about not being able to teach an old dog new tricks. Maybe that's true, but there's another idea which should be explored. Dogs can teach pretty old people a lot of new things. Brandy gave us

a new awareness of our environment.

He brought the smell and the wetness of the creek he swam in. The sun's purity and warmth were caught in his drying fur. When the massive head was lifted to the wind, we noticed branches that seemed common before. Through the fields he took us, among wild flowers growing so close to the ground that their beauty went unknown so many years.

Old phobias fell away. There was the morning, when he insisted I come to the carport. Taking my wrist in his mouth, he tugged me out of the house, tail wagging in anticipation. He had a surprise.

Instead of the expected praise, he heard me scream, "That's Bambi's head." For

indeed, he had brought us the head of a newly killed deer. Neighbors used to periodically telephone that Brandy could be seen hauling dinosaur bones into our yard, bones twice the size of him.

They weren't quite that, but the remains of cattle that he discovered. I learned how to dispose of the deer head and bones, dead birds and a strange assortment of other articles. After all, what good are friendships if you can't take care of your best friend's garbage.

Brandy also dispelled what I considered a scandalous myth about Japanese Americans. I used to bristle when one of the persistent

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calendar

July 22 (Friday)
Fresno—Dnr mtg, Yturri Basque Hotel, 7 p.m.; Dr. Tetsuyo Shigyo, spkr; Development of Emergency Medical Services System.
July 23 (Saturday)
French Camp—Bazaar, Community Hall, 4 p.m.
Milwaukee—Day at the Races.
July 23—24
Seattle—Bon Odori, Buddhist Church.
Los Angeles—Crenshaw Square Festival.
July 24 (Sunday)
Reno—Picnic, Bower's Mansion.
Seabrook—Picnic.
Berkeley—Family outing, Montclair Recreation Center, Oakland.
July 28—30
Washington—Joint EDC-MDC convention, Twin Bridges Marriott Hotel; Rep. Shirley Chisholm, Sat dnr kevnoter.
July 30 (Saturday)
San Francisco—Golden Gate Nisei VFW Post 25th army dnr-dance, Miyako Hotel.
July 31 (Sunday)
Seattle—1000 Club golf tournament, Jackson course.
Seattle—NVC picnic, Lake Surprise.

August 4 (Thursday)
Milwaukee—Herb Day festival, Whitnall Park, Hale's Corner.
Aug. 5 (Friday)
Sacramento—Jan Ken Po benefit dnr-dance, Woodlake Inn, 7:30 p.m.
August 7 (Sunday)
Mid-Columbia—Picnic, Rooster Rock State Park, 11:30 a.m.
Cincinnati—Picnic, Maple Ridge Lodge, Mt Airy Forest.
August 8 (Monday)
Alameda—Mtg, Buena Vista Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.
Las Vegas—Mtg, Osaka Restaurant, 8 p.m.
August 9 (Tuesday)
Sequoia—Bd mtg, Palo Alto Issei Hall, 7:30 p.m.
August 10 (Wednesday)
Orange County—Bd mtg, Calif 1st Bank, Santa Ana, 7:30 p.m.
Washington, D.C.—Bd mtg.
August 12—14
Tacoma—35th army Pre-Evacuation reunion, Bicentennial Pavilion.
August 13 (Saturday)
San Jose—Baseball night at Candlestick (Giants vs Cincinnati), order by July 22.
August 14 (Sunday)
Milwaukee—Picnic, Brown Deer Park Area 3.
St Louis—Bd mtg, Stix House, 2 p.m.

Pacific Northwest office move to Seattle proposed

HOOD RIVER, Ore. — The Seattle JACL proposed the Pacific Northwest district office be moved from Portland to Seattle, during the recent district meeting hosted by Mid-Columbia JACL last month (June 12).

The Portland office was established prior to the national convention held in Portland in 1974 to serve both Pacific Northwest and Intermountain district councils. The arrangement to serve both districts was severed at the 1976 national convention because of changes in budgeting.

On matters of anti-Nikkei discrimination, Min Masuda of Seattle noted four issues were pending: (1) hiring of Asian Americans to the President's Commission on

Mutual Health, (2) the Seattle Argus article on "Hoard of Illegal Aliens Jeopardize U.S. Economy", (3) business advertising in Seattle newspapers that perpetuate racial stereotypes, and (4) negative media presentation of the Jon Hayashi murder case.

Emi Somekawa, Puyallup Valley, was appointed to finish out the term of district 1000 Club chairman with resignation of Jim Iwasaki, Portland.

The informal district meeting which followed the Mid-Columbia dinner honoring graduates focused on reparations. It was felt another meeting of the national committee is necessary to initiate Phase II—that of developing a survey and a rough draft of the bill. □

chapter pulse

● Cincinnati

Cincinnati JACL's annual picnic at Maple Ridge Lodge in Mt. Airy Forest will be held on Sunday, Aug. 7, from 2 to 8 p.m. with Masako and Bob Van Dieren-dock in charge of plans, which include games, dancing, and a white elephant sale.

Chapter will provide plates and utensils for the potluck picnic, free lemonade and watermelon.

Meantime, the chapter is also gearing for the 1977 International Folk Festival to be held Nov. 18-20. Vernon Gilbert, chairman, is being assisted by:

Masato Nishioka, culture; Chieko Gilbert, food; Barbara and Cliff Patterson, Barbara and John Neumann, merchandise.

● Seattle

The unsolved murder case of Jon M. Hayashi, 18,

has become the concern of parents and community because of implications in the media that he was involved in Asian youth gang activity while his peers deny the implication and seek to clear his name. Issue was presented at a recent meeting with Paul Isake named to head an ad hoc committee to study the situation in depth. Hayashi was slain Jan. 23 while riding as a passenger in a car, which was riddled by bullets fired from a passing car. Police is reported to have suspects but not witnesses willing to testify, the chapter was informed.

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Eastern District legal defense fund on Yoshino case started

SEABROOK, N.J. — The Eastern JACL District Council, at its June 18 meeting here, initiated a legal defense fund for John Y. Yoshino, Washington, D.C. JACler, whose job discrimination case has smoldered over the past eight years, and such other cases.

The district also budgeted \$200 to meet expenses to mount a fund-raising campaign.

Yoshino, a fair employment specialist with the Dept. of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration, has charged he was passed over eight times since June, 1969, for promotion because he was a Japanese American.

EDC noted the national JACL had recently established an ad hoc committee to gather data on a nationwide basis concerning employment discrimination of Asian Americans. Dr. Tom

Taketa of San Jose, Calif., is chairman.

Wayne Horiuchi, in his report on the Washington JACL Office, reviewed the Bakke case, bill for civil service retirement credit, aid for atomic bomb survivors, a petition to have fashion designer Kenzo's "JAP" trademark cancelled, and the Yoshino job discrimination case.

Ruby Schaar presented a full report on activities of the New York JACL public relations office, the reparations meeting and the New York Nisei retirement workshop held in February.

Nominees for the EDC election, submitted by Charles Nagao, were as follows:

Vice Governor—Ruby Schaar, New York; Hiroshi Ueyehara, Philadelphia; Ellen Nakamura, Seabrook; and Seiko Wakabayashi, Washington, D.C. (one will be selected district governor). Treasurer—To be announced at the EDC-MDC meeting July 28-31. □

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arguments for restricting housing was that we would lower the property values. It seemed such an outrageous suggestion.

I can't refute that premise anymore, when I observe the destruction and deterioration of our home and property. Brandy was so quick and thorough that every repair was soon undone.

He ripped the lawn apart in a creative game he invented of tagging a shadow and then whirling and running for the fence. He did his teething on the wood which bordered the flowers. A childish curiosity made him taste the bushes and those he liked he uprooted from the soil. □

Every door leading into the house bears his autograph, where he scratched when clamoring to get in. He didn't miss a single one. The scouring and painting and cleaning began the day after he left. One day the original order of the house will be restored, but it won't be the same.

The hillside, too, will grow back where his trail can be seen. The path which he made from his house, past an adjoining neighbor's down the hill and through our yard. In the winter he carved the path out of snow.

This spring, he trampled the wild daisies and snapdragons, leaving a streak of exposed ground. That will grow over, but other paths he has made, will take longer to mend. □

Film festival

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—Three films produced by Visual Communications will be shown July 23, noon, at the Buddhist Church, 2929 Market St., with Bob Nakamura and other VC members as guests. Titles are: "Wataridori—Birds of Passage", "Pieces of a Dream" and "Cruisin' J-Town".



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Pioneer worker with Asian handicapped to be honored

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Sachio Kano, founder of Asian Rehabilitation Services, will be honored July 22, at the Golden Palace Restaurant for his pioneering work in developing services for handicapped Asian Americans.

Kano was born in Japan and immigrated to the United States in 1955. He studied community theater and directing at the Chicago Art Institute.

While in Chicago, he reacquainted himself with the human service field working with Japanese Senior Citizens in an employment workshop operated by the Japanese American Service Committee. He continued, however, to pursue a theatrical career, directing local community theater, and then, teaming for a time with Avery Schreiber performing at various nightclubs. Schreiber is currently appearing in many television commercials such as the Doritos commercials.

Funnyman Schreiber, who delighted guests at the 1974 Nisei Week Coronation Ball with his improvisation will be on hand at the dinner to honor his former comedy partner.

In 1961, Kano's theatrical career was highlighted in a nationally televised one-man show. He performed a half hour long mime routine in CBS's "Repertoire Theater", becoming the first Asian to start in that manner.

Sachio moved to Los Angeles in 1962, where he continued to pursue a theatrical career, doing some television in addition to live performances, until 1968.

In 1968, he returned to human services accepting a position as a Japanese-speaking social worker with the Oriental Service Center. He worked predominantly with low income families during his tenure as a social worker with the agency. That experience evolved into a perception that employment services, especially for persons with some disability, was a critical community need.

Kano started out with the

PACE summer program

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—Pacific Asian Culture and Education (PACE) project for local youth 6 through 14 meets at two locations: Chinese Community Church, 1750-47th St., and Barton School, 7260 Linda Vista Rd., during the weekday afternoons from July 11—Aug. 26. Project is sponsored by the Union of Pan Asian Communities (232-6454).

Nisei Singles—No. Calif.

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The Northern Cal Nisei Singles Club meets every fourth Friday at the Sumitomo Bank social hall, 515 N. 1st St., with Rick Tamura, president, in charge. Tom and Nadine Yamamoto conduct dance practice after the meeting.

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allocation of two small rooms and his time. The total assets of what was to eventually become Asian Rehabilitation Services were comprised of two corrugated cardboard tables. In 1972, the first year of the workshop's operation, the facility had resource to work with eight clients.

The development of a sheltered workshop is a complicated proposition. Clients have a wide variety of needs because of the varied and interdependent disabilities that have precluded them from working in the marketplace. The needs of these clients have to be kept in constant adjustment with the needs of subcontractors, who provide work to the facility and need a quality product returned.

In those early days, his job title as Program Development Specialist for Oriental Service Center translated to mean administrator, contract procurer, production foreman, rehabilitation counselor, truck driver, warehouseman and friend.

Kano's energy and dedication attracted others in the community, who began assisting in the development of the workshop. He recruited individuals, organizations, agencies and corporations into the effort wherever he could. Local fraternities and sororities, women's clubs, social clubs, civic organizations, boy scout troops, church groups, social service agencies, business persons, friends and relatives were all recruited by Kano and became the basis of the agency.

By 1974, sufficient growth had taken place to warrant moving the activity to larger quarters and a building at 1921 E. Seventh Street was leased. The total number of clients served multiplied 500% during the first three years of operation.

ESL summer tutors

LOS ANGELES—Service to Asian American Youth (SAAAY) needs English-as-Second Language teachers for the summer during the late afternoon and early evenings for about 10 hours a week, according to Andy Uchiyama (742-6817). (Former PSW-JACL regional director Craig Shimabukuro is currently director of SAAAY and is in need of volunteers to help him with financial planning for his agency.)

In 1975, the workshop incorporated as Asian Rehabilitation Services, Inc. What began as a lofty dream in 1971, approached realization in the pursuing five years. By 1977 the workshop served 50 clients daily in the workshop. An additional 250 persons received services from ARS outside of the workshop itself.

Outside of the direct service delivery effort, ARS is spearheading a statewide effort, coordinated through the State Department of Rehabilitation, which is seeking to insure that Asian Americans and Pacific Island people are able to utilize existing rehabilitation services, and advocating for the development of services to provide for existing needs that are not being met.

Sachio Kano constantly reminds staff, board members and friends of ARS that the achievement of this agency has been a group effort.

Inside a dream-come-true



LOS ANGELES—Workers at Asian Rehabilitation Services do hand assembly work inside the sheltered workshop at 1921 E. 7th St., which has been in operation now for three years. Its director Sachio Kano is standing in the back, looking over his left shoulder. (Photo was taken in 1975.)

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fort. However, all of those who have worked with the agency have become cognizant that it has been his energy that has persisted over the years to continue to survive and grow.

Reservations for the dinner may be obtained by calling ARS at (213) 627-3288. Tickets are \$15. All donations to ARS are tax deductible.

AANBA back to one office

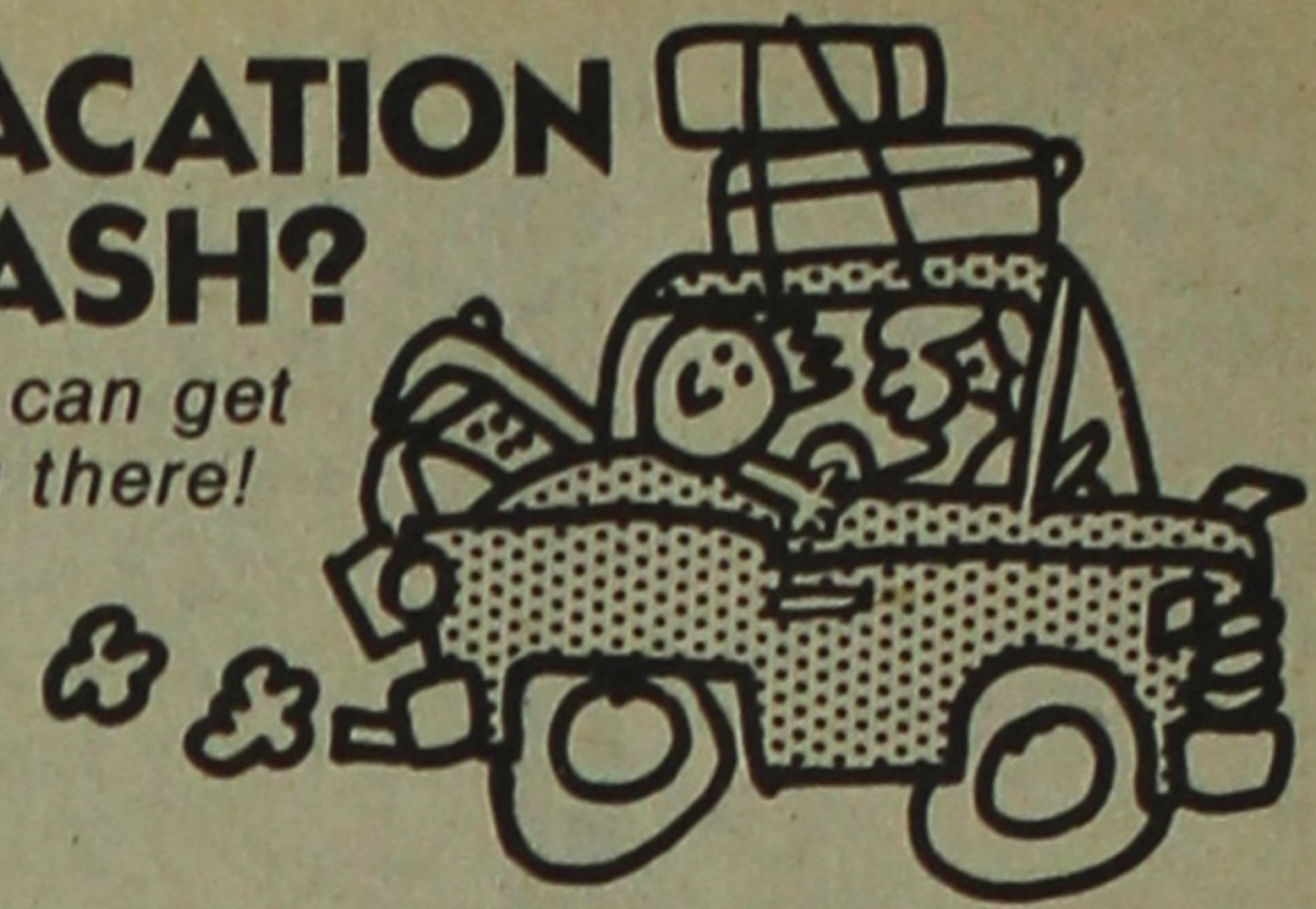
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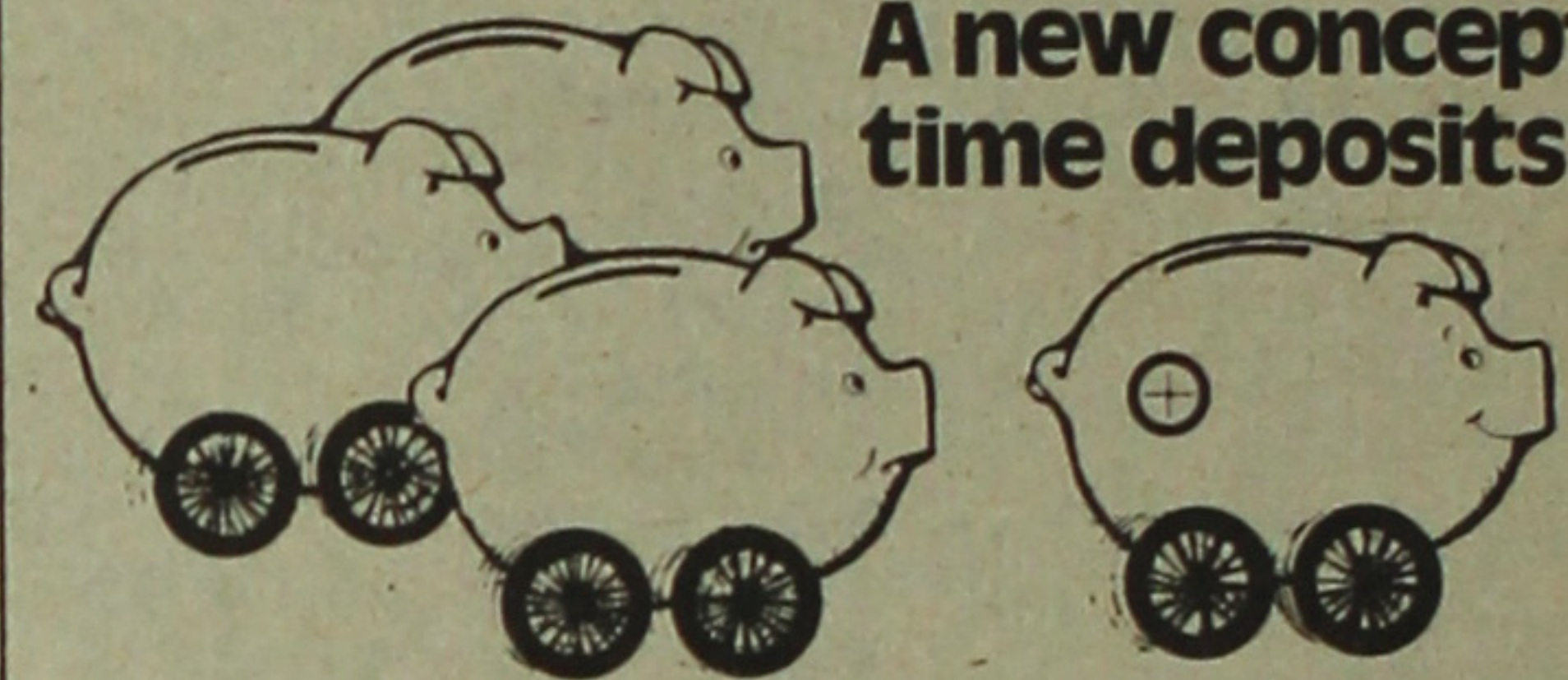


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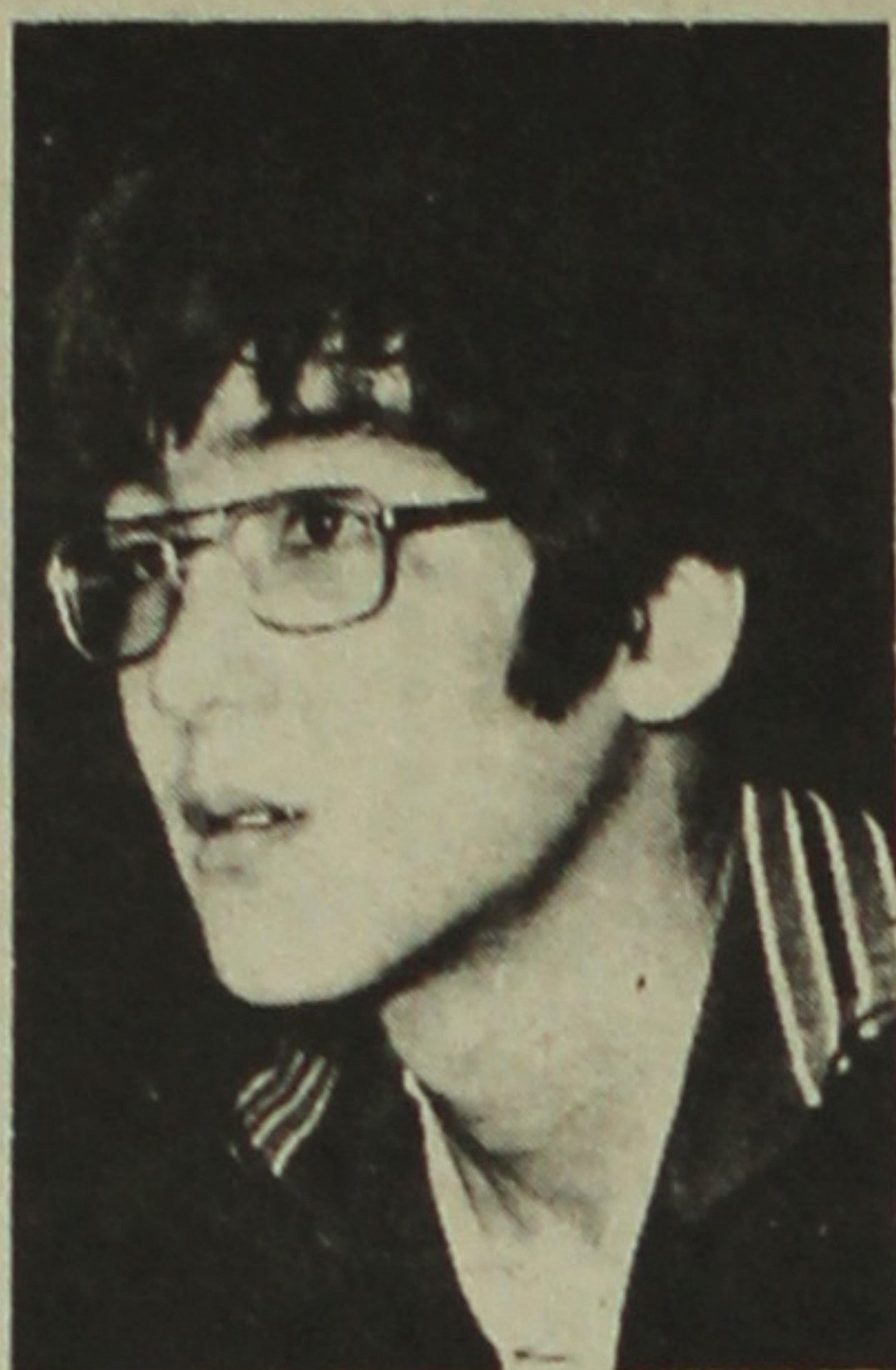
Oregon City, Ore.

A recent Oregon City High School graduate now heading for Oregon State, Mark Eiji Hirota at 115 lbs. ended a distinguished varsity prep athletic career on the wrestling mat and as a cross country runner.

The 17-year-old son of the Stanley Hirotas, when he was honored with other outstanding senior athletes of Oregon last month, hoisted a clean 36-0 senior season record which included defense of his state AAA 115-lb. championship.

His four-year varsity record of 93-10-4 began at the end of his freshman year when they started to bring up newcomers to the varsity "to fill gaps", young Hirota recalled. He did well, finished third in the 106-lb. class at the district tournament. In his sophomore year, he finished third again in the district.

As a junior, still at 106, he won the Wilco League title and went on to finish third in the state meet. That summer, he grew some and returned at 115 for his senior year competition and taking



MARK HIROTA

it all—league, state, and ranking as the only Oregonian named to the Scholastic Wrestling News "All American" team of 42 outstanding in the sports, community and school. (Mark finished with a 3.85 GPA and plans to major in engineering in the fall at Oregon State.)

Hirota now weighs 120 lbs. and is happy the "best wrestling school on the West Coast" is nearby—down the Interstate at Corvallis.

Amateur song contest

LOS ANGELES—Entries for Radio Li'l Tokyo's amateur Japanese popular song contest Aug. 6 at Koyasan Hall are due July 30 at 110 N. San Pedro St., Los Angeles 90012. They must include the \$10 participation fee and music sheet (no folk songs) which the contest pianist Eiko Matsui will play as accompanist. Contest is divided into two divisions, up to age 51 (but no minors) and over age 51.

Flower View Gardens to open second shop

LOS ANGELES—Flower View Gardens will open a second shop in the New Otani Hotel in Little Tokyo in early September with Art Ito Jr. in charge. Delivery service will be provided in coordination with the main shop at 1801 N. Western Ave., which was founded in 1917.

L.A. Nikkei lawyers to honor jurists

LOS ANGELES—Japanese American Bar Assn. of Southern California will honor five Nikkei members of the Southern judiciary on Saturday, July 30, 7:30 p.m. at Biltmore Hotel's Gold Room. For tickets, call Kathryn Doi Todd, 250 E. 1st St., Suite 1112, Los Angeles 90012 (626-4419).

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came a court interpreter. Because of his extensive work in Little Tokyo service organizations for Issei, the FBI arrested and detained him during WW2. While in a Texas camp, he lost his first wife. He returned to Los Angeles after the war, continuing his community work. He cherished being JACL's first naturalized Issei chapter president (Downtown L.A., 1959). He died Sept. 28, 1965, at age 74.

Because of state escheat laws, proceeds from the property sale of South Park "Nihon Gakko" (a Japanese language school founded by rural Seattle Issei farmers in the 1920s who didn't want to transport their Nisei children to downtown Seattle every day after regular public school classes) was placed in trust and donated to National JACL in 1970. The South Park Japanese Community award recalls the once-thriving farming area just south of Seattle, which today is industrialized and site of the Boeing plant. Nihon Gakko board members who made the decision were John Kanetomi, Toru Araki, Saburo Hisayasu, Shigeru Kiba, Paul T. Mizuhata, Saige Shiomi, Kiyo Tada (all of Seattle) and Takashi Mikasa (Mercer Island). This represents National JACL's first community generated scholarship award.

Sumitomo Bank of California—see COLLEGIATE.

The story behind the Dr. Takashi Terami memorial award portrays well the virtue of perseverance. Terami came to the U.S. in 1910 from his native Okayama, Japan, attended Los Angeles High and eventually gained the honor of being the first person of Japanese ancestry to earn a Ph.D. (in mathematics) from the Univ. of California. Because of anti-Japanese prejudice and his alienage, he was denied teaching credentials. Instead, he taught Japanese till the Evacuation at Walnut Grove, Calif., one of the few communities which had segregated schools for Japanese. While at Amache, Colo., he was finally teaching math at the camp high school and then resettled in 1945 in St. Paul, Minn., where he was professor of mathematics at the College of St. Thomas until his resignation in 1962. In accordance with his last wishes, Mrs. Hisako Terami of Sacramento in 1966 established the award for applicants in mathematics or science.

One of the founders of National JACL, Walter T. Tsukamoto continues to be remembered each year through the award established by his widow, Tomoye, in 1962. A successful attorney in prewar Sacramento, he was national JACL president (1936-38), Nisei of the Year (1940) and represented evacuees at Tule Lake at the 1942 emergency conference charting JACL's wartime policies. When the Army lifted its ban on Nisei induction, he enlisted and made the military his second career. He was a law officer (military judge) with the U.S. forces in Germany at the time of his death at age 56 in January, 1961. He received a number of military honors and saw service in the Korean conflict.

In 1975, the five surviving (of 8 children of Mrs. Majiu Uyesugi established a trust fund in memory of their mother who had always stressed education and faith in youth. (Incidentally, this is National JACL's only award named for an Issei matron.) She had come as a picture bride from Kumamoto, Japan, in 1916, joining her husband Sakuichi to operate a restaurant in Marysville. Because of the rice-growing boom drawing many Issei to nearby Colusa, the Uyesu-

gis opened Nippon Grocery there and did well till the Depression. They returned to running a restaurant in Colusa until Evacuation. Meantime, her husband had died in 1935. She resettled in Cleveland, starting a hostel for other evacuees and was an active church worker until stricken in 1972. She passed away in 1975 at age 78.

In 1972, Mrs. Fusako (Yoshihara) Yonemura of Seattle, through onetime National JACL officer and attorney Bill Mambu, presented a scholarship trust in memory of her husband, Mitsuyuki Yonemura, a 100th Infantry combat veteran who quietly resumed his daily life in Seattle. As recalled by Mrs. Yonemura, they were not socially known in the community. Mitsuyuki was a proud life member of the Nisei Veterans Committee. Because "we had no children" he always wished to be able to set up a scholarship for young Japanese Americans, she explained. He was 52 at the time of his death in October, 1971.

CONTINUING SCHOLARSHIP

Newly established this year (see May 27 PC), the California First Bank commemorated completion of its headquarters building in San Francisco with a "continuing" scholarship—the first for National JACL (organizationally, the JACL—Tom Hayashi Law scholarship administered by Eastern District Council precedes this)—providing an incentive for the successful high school graduate to successive awards in each of the four years of higher education if good standing is maintained. The incentive is \$1,000 a year. As a condition to the scholarship, it is limited to California residents because of corporate restrictions. Masao Tsuyama, bank president, in presenting the scholarship to JACL in March sought "to encourage young Japanese Americans to pursue and attain commendable objectives in life through higher education".

COLLEGIATE SCHOLARSHIP

A unique family history unfolds in the Magoichi Kato memorial award. He had emigrated to Peru in 1914 and entered the distillery business. Ten years later, he returned to Japan, got married, came back to Peru and had a family with four children. Because of WW2, the Katos were uprooted from their home in Peru and interned by the U.S. at Crystal City, Tex. They repeatedly tried to return to Peru after the war and they were each time denied. The Katos relocated to Seabrook, N.J., staying there for three years. Their odyssey ended when the Katos started a grocery business in Los Angeles in 1950. He retired in 1961 but was active with the Baptist Church until his death in 1973. Mrs. Shizuko Kato, the widow, in establishing the award, requested it be given to a college student planning to enter the ministry or medicine.

To mark their 15th year of operation as the Sumitomo Bank of California in 1967, the bank provided four awards of \$500 each—two for high school graduates and two in college or graduate level. Since their research at the time found relatively few Japanese Americans preparing for business-finance, it was specified applicants be interested in business administration, banking, finance, economics, international trade, accounting and the like. Again, because of corporate restrictions, these awards are limited to California residents.

The Turlock Social Club pays special tribute to the late Nisaburo Aibara by naming a collegiate scholarship after the venerable gentleman who was 103 at

the time of his death in 1973 and then the oldest living JACL member. Though trained in veterinary medicine before coming to San Francisco in 1896, he became engaged in community relations before that concept gained currency among social scientists. He was spokesman for Issei unable to communicate with their non-Japanese neighbors in the Turlock area from 1913 and pioneered the growing of cantal-

loupes as an economic contribution to the area. By the 1920s, the language barriers were changing as he undertook to teach Japanese to the Nisei while continuing to teach their parents English—a vocation he pursued till Evacuation. After the war, he returned from Amache to Turlock and opened a hostel in a hall owned by the club. When need for the hostel was met, it became his home.

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Bilingual Schools

In Chicago some 50,000 public school children have been identified as speaking limited or no English. Many of them are recent immigrants from Asia, Latin America and other areas.

The rights of such students to obtain a meaningful education was expressly upheld in 1974 by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Lau vs. Nichols*. The Court supported the contention of monolingual Chinese-speaking students in San Francisco that their inability to understand English effectively excluded them from the educational process.

Subsequently, the Department of HEW, in implementing the decision, established affirmative steps that school districts should take to open up the instructional programs to non-English speaking children. Specifically, the guidelines called for the development of bilingual-bicultural programs.

Despite the actions of the Supreme Court and HEW, there remains today a great deal of resistance to the concept of bilingual education. A frequently heard argument by opponents is that new immigrants who want to come and live in America should learn English and attend "regular" schools like everybody else.

This attitude is not inconsistent with the philosophy of bilingual-bicultural education. In Illinois, for example, the basic purpose behind the programs is to enable non-English speaking children to eventually learn subject content (e.g. math, social studies) entirely in English. However, while they are still in the process of learning English as a second language, in a bilingual program they are able to study subject content in their native language. Thus they will not fall behind in other subject areas as they would if it took a couple of years exclusively of English language instruction before being able to participate in regular classes.

A second argument against bilingual-bicultural programs points out the many previous generations of immigrants who managed to survive without them. While the Issei in California and various European immigrants in Chicago did get by, it is clear that their lack of English language skills restricted them in certain occupations. Many Issei became farmers while the European immigrants worked in factories and steel mills near Chicago.

Today, however, in our highly technical society, there is much less need for non-English speaking manual laborers, as there was in the early 1900's. Without at least a high school diploma, most jobs are unattainable.

It is our belief that equal educational opportunity is the right of all children in this country. For children who speak little or no English we support the development of bilingual-bicultural education programs.—MDC Page Editorial Committee

Speaking Out:

To Advocate or Administer?

By HENRY TANAKA
(Cleveland Chapter)

In my book, JACL is a human rights organization. As an advocate for responsible change, JACL's track record over the span of its existence has been enviable.

However, in recent years, less advocacy seems apparent. Is this indicative of an eroding interest in human rights, or a swing of the pendulum towards internal concerns, or perhaps a feeling that the major human rights issues have been successfully resolved?

Whatever the reason, JACL's apparent change from the highly visible, outspoken pro-actor role of an advocate to that of a relatively visible, silent, behind-the-scenes reactor role raises serious questions about the directions in which the organization may be heading.

A review of the past year's issues of the Pacific Citizen reveals a woeful lack of substantial articles in which JACL has made official public statements on human rights issues. Surely, it is not the policy of the Pacific Citizen to play down public statements by our National Office because such may be controversial or unpopular concerns? Surely, the National Office is aware of these issues

which affect its well-being?

Since the Pacific Citizen is the only media for communication between the National Office and the general membership, it remains an excellent vehicle for National JACL to present its plan for program development, fiscal management, public education, special projects and other matters of interest to its membership. While these matters may be presently communicated to a select mailing list, the general membership remains uninformed.

Several issues of national significance to which National JACL, to my knowledge, has not directly responded via the public media include: the identification of Asians in the 1980 census, the reparations project, the Internment Credit bill, Nisei retirement, needs of recent Asian immigrants, school desegregation, etc.

In my opinion, one-line statements in support or not of these issues are grossly inadequate. The general membership and Pacific Citizen readers deserve to know more—allowing us better understanding of the views of our National Board and staff and helping us to understand the positions of our national organization.

To some, the seeming lack of visibility of National JACL is viewed as an insidious growth of so-called conservatism. While I tend not to support this view, I am reminded of increasing conservatism in other national human rights organizations such as the NAACP and the diminishing voices of liberals.

To others, the concentration of JACL on housekeeping chores reflects an unfortunate withdrawal from a people-oriented perspective. To me, this seems a reasonable criticism.

Immediate efforts should be made to reverse the growing image of our national organization as a status quo, economy-bent, watchdog-type organization.

It's easy to rationalize and find fault for JACL's somewhat floundering and apparent lukewarm attitude toward human rights issues, but JACL membership needs its leaders to lead, to speak out, to stimulate others to be advocates for responsible change. Can our

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Asian studies in St. Paul approved

ST PAUL, Minn.—The St. Paul Public Schools has received \$51,402 for 1978-79 to develop a project, "Integrating Asian American Curriculum into the Classroom", under Title IV, part C of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. This is one of 13 developmental projects which were funded out of 69 proposals.

Gloria L. Kumagai, author of the proposal and project director, indicates that initial activities will include stocking an Asian American Resource Center in one of the schools, securing educational materials and resources, developing curriculum on Asian Americans, especially those in the Midwest, and implementing an in-service program for teachers to integrate Asian American studies into their classroom curricula.

Approximately 36 teachers will participate in the initial stage of project activities.

Spanning a total of three years, the project, in its first phase, is funded by both Federal and local funds.

Top five cities

NEW YORK—Latest edition of the United Nations Demographic Yearbook show Shanghai as the most populous at 10,802,000; followed by Tokyo 8,640,000; Mexico City 8,591,750; New York 7,646,818; and Peking 7,570,000.

MDC delegates to mull aid for regional office

WASHINGTON—The Midwest District chapters face a difficult decision at the EDC-MDC Convention. The issue confronting the delegates involves the future of the Midwest Regional Office.

At Sacramento in 1976, \$24,000 per year was requested to maintain the regional office at its present level. Due to financial difficulties, only \$18,000 was allocated.

In November 1976, the Midwest chapters voted to contribute the extra \$6,000 for one year, by assessing its District membership at \$3 per person to be contributed from chapter budgets—above the current individual member contribution of \$12 to National and \$1 to MDC.

"The financial burden has been great," states George Sakaguchi, 1st and St. Louis president. "At a time when a few chapters have extra money, it takes many hours of work by members to raise the contributions."

Yet, the Regional Offices are unquestionably vital. Henry Tanaka of Cleveland calls them the "keystone of JACL". According to Tanaka, "As long as we're issue-oriented, we must have a Regional Office. Chapters have little impact nationally, but regionally they can

be organized effectively, so this information can then be fed into the National organization."

Judy Ibarra, Cincinnati president, states, "Individual chapters lack overview, and a regional office can offer direction. Scattered throughout seven states, the Midwest chapters lose contact with one another and the issues unless some sort of a regional organ exists."

"Volunteers can't be depended upon to do everything," comments Lillian Kimura, MDC governor. "Since we are so widely dispersed, it's important we have a professional staff person doing the jobs that we can't."

"The issues are so complex today," notes Gordon Yoshikawa, vice-governor. "So many of the services provided by our staff person are intangibles, and chapter members fail to see

the results."

Tanaka adds, "Like the cases of many public servants, we don't always see the results, but assume that they're out there working for us."

Yet, in the end, the decision may be based upon financial considerations. Several chapters have had difficulties meeting the previ-

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ous commitments, and will now find the problems even greater. "It's regrettable," comments Yoshikawa. "There's so little room for mistakes, and if we disband the office or release our professional staff, we might have tremendous problems reestablishing in the future." □

\$500 prize set for unpublished writers

NEW YORK — The Council on Interracial Books for Children, Inc., is offering \$500 to "encourage the publication of children's books that relate to Third World perspectives and liberation struggles."

Asian American writers are eligible if they are previously unpublished in the children's book field.

Judges will be from the writer's own minority group. Manuscripts must be double-spaced on 8½ by 11 paper using one side only. Contest expires on Dec. 31, 1977. The stories, fiction or nonfiction for any age level from pre-school to high school may be submitted to:

Council on Interracial Books for Children, 1841 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10023.

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THE BAMBOO PEOPLE: The Law and Japanese Americans. By Frank Chuman. Del Mar, Calif., Publisher's Inc., 396 pp., \$12.95. (From the American Bar Assn. Journal, May 1977. Reviewer is a member of the New Hampshire and New York bars.)

Lincoln suspended the writ of habeas corpus, but that does not prevent lawyers from considering him one of the great presidents. Earl Warren imprisoned thousands because they or their ancestors came from Japan, and he is known as a great chief justice.

Both acts are dramatic, sad, and shameful, but in themselves they did not signify that the person was unworthy of the regard in which he came to be held. Nonetheless it was California Attorney General Warren who "provided the single most powerful voice for the ultimate decision of the United States Government to remove all persons of Japanese ancestry from the Western Defense Command."

Whether or not subconscious guilt for this act led Warren to become the activist civil rights leader he was as chief justice is not a question for this review or this book. Warren was one of many people held high in

public esteem who panicked. Although Hawaii did not find it necessary, the West Coast, particularly California, deemed it expedient to imprison residents and citizens of Japanese ancestry.

This carefully documented volume is flat and unemotional. The author, an attorney, traces the history of early Japanese immigration to the United States (1869 to 1907) through the post-World War II period when corrections were made, in law, to the racial and national inequities. Mr. Chuman carefully indexed his work, setting forth statutes, cases, and the legal interpretations that led to the eventual oppression and belated recognition of those from the distant islands.

Justice Tom C. Clark in the preface disagrees only with Mr. Chuman's "generalized depiction of those responsible for carrying out the policy of evacuation." To this removal effort Franklin D. Roosevelt gave strong support, particularly with the election of 1942 at hand and the issue a popular one. Justice Clark takes issue with the author's claim of inequity in the postwar

program for payment of property losses. Others must decide where the balance should lie. But the justice rightly gives high praise to this short volume for going beyond a mere historical treatise.

The author speaks from the viewpoint of law. He explains the conflicts within the Japanese American community itself. There were differences between the Issei, born in Japan and indoctrinated with ancient social and cultural customs, and the Nisei, born in America and apt to deplore the drudgery and oppression inflicted upon their Issei par-

Lee Ruttle novel to be published

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — Lee Ruttle's first novel, "The Private War of Dr. Yamada", will be published by San Francisco Book Co. with a January, 1978, release date.

An ex-Marine who fought in the Pacific, Ruttle has created a character, Lt. Col. Hiroshi Yamada, a doctor in the Japanese imperial army in charge of a field hospital in a cave. The story is told in Dr. Yamada's secret diary as U.S. Marines start invading Peleliu.

Publishers feel the book belongs in the tradition of "All Quiet on the Western Front", where the moral dilemmas of war play on the conscience of decent men.

Eating words has never given me indigestion.
—Winston Churchill

ents, and who did not feel familiar with Japanese customs. A third group added to the conflict within. This was the Kibei, a small number who had been sent back to Japan to study. On returning they found a cultural proximity to the Issei but a cultural gap with the Nisei.

From the Japanese American community, especially the Nisei, there were volunteers who served gallantly—particularly in the European theater—as the 442nd "Go For Broke" Regimental Combat Team. Unknown to many may be their significant service in the Pacific. General MacArthur's chief of staff, Charles Willoughby, stated that "these Nisei troops had shortened the Pacific Theatre war by at least two years and saved hundreds of thousands of American casualties." They did this by acting as interpreters, going behind enemy lines, confusing orders to the imperial troops, and by

showing extraordinary loyalty considering that at home they were thought of as "potential enemies."

There is drama in the story, but the pathos, the resignation, the stubbornness in seeking legal remedies for inflicted wrongs must be read between the lines. Rarely is there a mention of those attorneys who persisted in the cases that ultimately succeeded in righting wrongs. Yet this book deals with questions of law, and the lawyers concerned are worthy of a footnote. A novel may yet be based on this period, one that will capture the imagination of non-Oriental and give those readers a sense of the situation endured. Any novel, however, should be based on facts, to give credence to the accuracy of the development of events outlined.

The book itself is a worthy reference for those dealing

with civil liberties and human rights who believe that "We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator, with certain unalienable Rights . . . Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."

Wiser than many, those portrayed, whether Issei, Nisei, or Kibei did not ask for happiness; they asked for the right of its pursuit. The pursuit, not the attainment, is joined with life and liberty. No more should anyone seek.

—CAMERON K. WEHRINGER

More books on Japan

LOS ANGELES — The Univ. of Southern California Library received a \$5,000 grant from the Commemorative Assn. for the Japan World Exposition 1970 to expand its holdings on books on Japanese history and international relations. USC's Center for East Asian Studies was recently recognized by the federal Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare as a major U.S. research and teaching institution concerned with Japan and East Asia.

Pictorial essay on Asian Americans

Los Angeles

Visual Communications, a non-profit educational materials development center, has produced "In Movement: A Pictorial History of Asian America", a compilation of the best photographs in the Visual Communications' collection of almost one-half million pictures collected over the past six years. Funded by a grant from the Ethnic Heritage Studies Program of the Dept. of Health, Education, and Welfare, it required

over two years in the making.

Complementing the pictorial essay is a text written by Dr. Franklin Shoichiro Oda, professor of Asian American Studies at CSU-Long Beach, giving an overview of the history of Asians in America.

The photographs, collected from family albums, museums and libraries, depict the Japanese, Chinese, Filipino, Samoan and Korean peoples in the various facets of immigration, work, and

community and illustrate long neglected role that Americans of Asian ancestry have played and continue to play in United States history.

The 200 photographs reproduced in this book are of excellent quality. Printed by renowned craftsman Frank Noda of Triangle Lithography in Los Angeles, the book will be available soon. 160-page book will be available soon at:
c/o 338 E. 2nd St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90012.

Nisei MIS story to be written by Floridian

MONTEREY, Calif.—Here-tofore unpublicized activities and contributions of the 6,000 Nisei in the U.S. Military Intelligence Service between 1941 and 1952 will be prepared as a popular history by Joe Harrington, 2501 Lincoln St., Hollywood, Fla. 33020, it was announced by Shigeya Kihara, history committee chairman of the No. Calif. MIS Assn.

Arrangements to have the Floridian undertake the MIS Assn.'s assignment was announced July 6 as MIS veterans, staff and faculty whether affiliated with an MIS association or not are being requested to submit their experiences—first by

way of responding to a questionnaire from the author.

Besides telling a dramatic and fascinating story of the Nisei whose exploits in the Pacific theater during World War II were secret because of the nature of their work, the history is expected to inform the American public the wartime contributions of the Nisei were not confined to battlefronts in Europe, and sacrifices that were made to demonstrate their loyalty to the U.S.

"Indeed, it should inform the people of Japan that the Nisei spread some of the finest traditions of Yamato Damashii and Bushido in lands outside their origin," Kihara added.

'Two Worlds of Jim Yoshida'

Now Published in Japanese

TOKYO—The book, "The Two Worlds of Jim Yoshida," has been translated into Japanese and was placed on sale last week by the Bunka Publishing Co. of Tokyo. Its Japanese title is "Jim Yoshida No Futatsu no Sokoku."

The book is the true story of a Seattle-born Nisei football star who was trapped in Japan by the outbreak of World War II while visiting relatives. Drafted into the Japanese Army, he was forced to fight in China.

Yoshida returned to Japan after the surrender only to be told he had lost his American citizenship. When war broke out in Korea in

1950, Yoshida went to the front as an unpaid volunteer with an American military police unit.

Eventually Yoshida regained his U.S. citizenship in a landmark case heard by a federal judge in Honolulu.

The original book was written by Yoshida with Bill Hosokawa and published by William Morrow & Co. It was translated by Yukio Morita, professor of American studies at Aichi Prefectural College in Nagoya, and Prof. Kaname Saruya of Tokyo Women's College, a well-known writer and commentator on American affairs.

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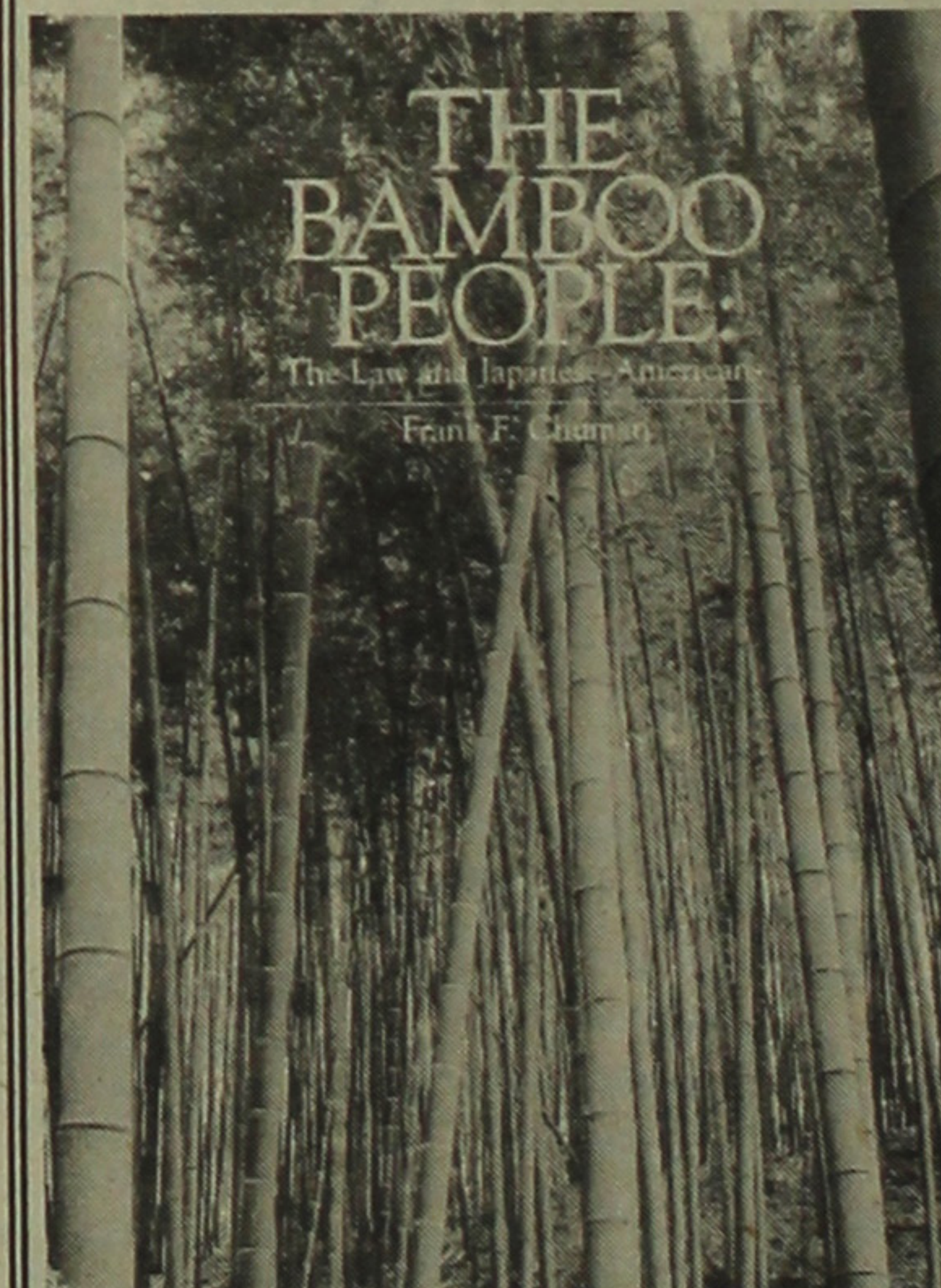
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Mountain near Vancouver named for Manzo Nagano

OTTAWA — A mountain for Manzo!

The Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographical Names has decided to name a mountain in British Columbia after the first Japanese immigrant to Canada a 100 years ago, Manzo Nagano.

D.F. Pearson, the British Columbia member of the Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographical Names, has selected a mountain southeast of River Inlet—still a popular commercial fishing area for Japanese Canadian fishermen — to Manzo Nagano. The mountain rises above 6,400 feet.

In a recent letter to the Japanese Canadian Centennial Committee, Alan Rayburn, executive secretary, Energy, Mines and Resources Canada and Secretariat Geographical Names, requested that the official naming ceremony take place at the Permanent Committee's annual meeting in Banff, Al-

berta, on Oct. 7. The J.C. Centennial Committee will be sending representatives to this event.

—The New Canadian

Anti-immigration campaign begun

NEW YORK—The Zero Population Growth foundation started a nationwide campaign to sharply curb both legal and illegal immigration to the United States, according to an appeal signed by Paul R. Ehrlich, author of "The Population Bomb" and honorary president-founder.

While the letter refers only to "illegal aliens", ZPG lobbyist Melanie Wirken in Washington said May 8 the organization also favors "a drastic reduction in legal immigration".

Yotsukaido-Livermore

LIVERMORE, Calif.—The local Sister City group headed by Samuel Cohen, Tri-Valley JACL president, makes its first official visit of its affiliation in Chiba-ken, Japan, Yotsukaido, Aug. 9-18. Featured will be the home stays in at least 30 homes by the 13-member delegation, Cohen said.

Ringside Seat: George Yoshinaga

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Los Angeles
Just to set the records straight, there are a number of things I enjoy about Japan.

Many people ask me if there are any features about Japan that I like because they say I always seem to touch on the negative when talking about Japan.

One thing I always enjoy is the train ride from Tokyo to Osaka because as you sit in the bullet train as it makes its three hour and 10 minutes (320 miles) run is that you can sit quietly and watch the Japanese countryside passing by and you get the feeling that you are watching a Cinerama travelogue of Japan.

One can see farmers working in the fields, factory workers playing baseball during a break, children walking along a rural road on the way to school.

You can also see the sea-coast and fishermen preparing their vessels to go out to sea.

The one thing I miss on the bullet train is the "eki-ben".

That's what the Japanese call the lunch boxes which used to be sold at each station.

Since the bullet train does not make any stops nowadays, the passengers have to be satisfied by grabbing a snack in the diner.

But this does not compare with the "eki-ben".

It used to be served, complete with a pot of tea, which came in a disposable teapot.

Of course, a couple of times I came down with stomach problems after eating an "eki-ben".

The Japanese don't have too good of a refrigeration system so the bento often

was not as fresh as it should be.

It didn't surprise me to read about the mass food poisoning in Osaka the other day, after nearly 2,000 were felled ill after eating bento.

Unlike the U.S. where pre-made sandwich lunches have dates stamped on them to give the consumer an idea of how old the sandwiches are, the Japanese bento contains no such information.

During my last trip to Japan with the circus, I kidded the concession stand operator about the freshness of the bento they were selling at the arena.

"How do I know this isn't the same bento you were selling yesterday?" I asked the lady at the stand.

"Oh no," she exclaimed, "this is fresh, made just for today."

"Then what did you do with the ones you didn't sell yesterday?" I asked because I knew that at the end of the show on the previous day, there was a lot of bento left over.

"Do you have a day-old bento shop somewhere?" I asked, as I know they do with bakery items in the U.S.

She told me that they throw away the unsold bento.

I didn't quite believe her because I didn't see anyone carting off the unsold bento.

Just to be on the safe side, I stopped eating bento after that.

Instead, I walked about three blocks to a small restaurant in the neighborhood.

And would you believe, I got an upset stomach anyway, combined with the "runs".

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Medicine

Internationally known sports figure and U.S. Olympic team physician in 1952 and 1956, Dr. Richard W. You of Honolulu was accused by the State Attorney General July 1 of issuing an excessive number of prescriptions that "may be a significant source" of illegal and dangerous drugs. The AG petitioned the state board also to have his license revoked.

Church

A survey on sexuality was conducted by Dr. Yoshi Fukuyama, head of the department of religious studies at Pennsylvania State University and presented before the 11th general synod of the United Church of Christ meeting in Washington. Among the findings of the 700 delegates polled: 78% favored full and equal rights for homosexuals, 80% did not feel uncomfortable discussing homosexuality, 56% agreed the Christian church had been so weakened by recent changes in society that it was no longer able to serve as the primary shaper of sexual values.

Press-Radio-TV

KHON-TV reporter Scott Shirai in Honolulu was among 13 defendants of a \$51 million libel suit filed June 23 by Hawaii land board member Larry Mehau who denied reports about him that he is the "godfather" of Hawaii's organized crime syndicate. Other defendants include three TV stations, three newspapers, one radio station, one state legislator and the UPI. Mehau accused Shirai for defaming him in a Feb. 2 broadcast about an unnamed "godfather" who was "sitting on a State board", although there are hundreds of members on state boards. Shirai is being sued for \$6 million.

Flower-Garden

Nob Arita and Ken Nakamori of the So. Calif. Gardeners Federation and Pasadena area members of the federation donated their talents to create a garden for blind students at the Braille Institute of Los Angeles.

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membership afford its leaders to be otherwise?

For some time, I've heard rumblings that JACL has reached a point of no return as a human rights organization. While our goals and philosophy may clearly espouse our commitment to advocate responsible change, our organization continues without appropriate change in its program or structure.

Perhaps those who feel JACL should become a fraternal organization have a point. This would insure a unified, self-supporting organization interested in furthering the quality of life for its members. JACL membership could then surround itself with all the good things that bring forth harmony, contentment and self-fulfillment.

A new national director can hopefully aid our organization

SAIKI

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ing to automobiles, and from cameras and watches to television and calculators.

7—The atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the Evacuation of 1942 in the U.S., which left on a large segment of the public, a measure of both guilt and sympathy, as well as the realization that U.S. policy decisions could be wrong.

While Nikkei achievements have played important roles, it cannot be denied that the parallel developments that took place with the Occupation and through the postwar progress of Japan have also laid widespread bases for the forming of favorable U.S. public opinion.

This fact will become even more obvious if we review in closer details the current extent of Japanese or Nikkei influences in the United States.

in making some positive changes. Now is the time for us to make a choice with regards to the direction in which JACL

should head, and in my book, JACL should strive to be a responsible advocate for human rights.

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