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Hawaii GOP picks Sansei state chairman

Honolulu
The Nikkei image appears on both sides of the political spectrum in Hawaii. The two U.S. senators and governor are of Japanese ancestry and Democratic. The party chairman is also Nisei.

Till he retired, a Chinese American was U.S. senator and Republican. Now comes a new Nikkei face, as Republican party chairman, Carl K. Mirikitani, 29, and the youngest state GOP party chairman at the present time nationally.

The Honolulu Sansei attorney defeated a wealthy haole businessman, Lee Gray, at the May 29 party convention by a vote of 272-95, a "trouncing", according to Mark Anderson in the Hawaii Observer.

"Considering the Democratic sweep of the 1976

elections and the comparatively small number of registered Republicans in Hawaii, one might wonder whether the chairmanship of the State GOP is really worth a fight," Anderson conjectured.

As the convention closed, there was plenty of talk about revitalizing the party and strengthening its grassroots appeal. During the hard-fought battle for party chairmanship, the insurgents led by Gray wanted the top officers replaced while Mirikitani, enjoying support of the party regulars, had a slight lead in committed delegate votes.

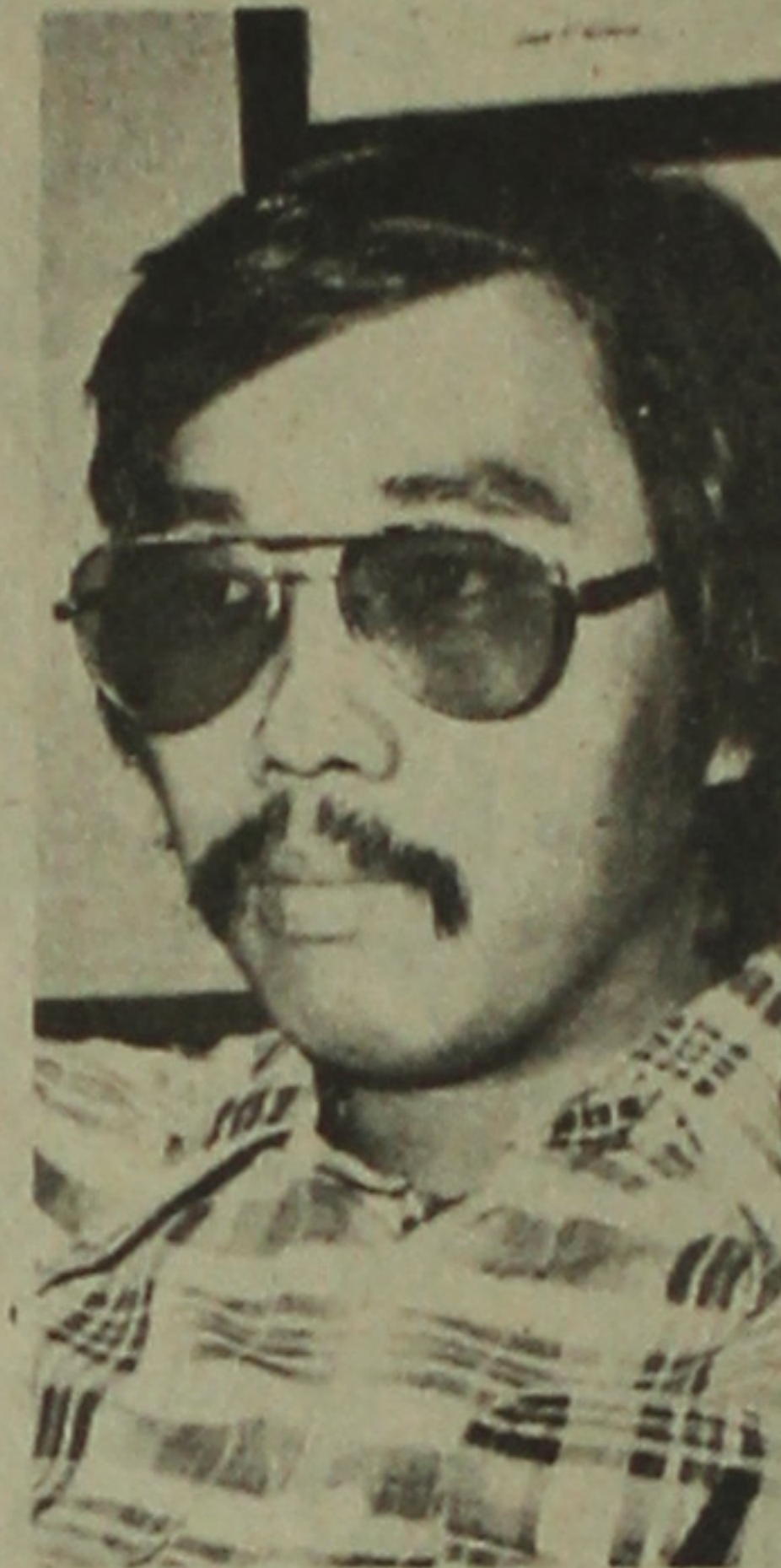
Carl, who has been a party member since he attended Punahou School in 1960, is a Phi Beta Kappa, magna cum laude graduate from Oberlin College (1969), an Order

of the Coif law graduate from the Univ. of Chicago (1972), and served as law clerk to Justice Levison of the Hawaii Supreme Court. He is associated with the law firm of Goodhill, Anderson & Quinn.

He stepped into the party hierarchy by being state rules chairman in 1973, then second vice-chairman in 1975.

Mirikitani believed Gov. Ariyoshi would be easier to beat next year than challenger Mayor Frank Fasi—but this was before the grand jury indictments came upon

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Carl Mirikitani, 29

Hawaii Nikkei 'interested' in White House call to FCC

HONOLULU — Wayne Minami, 35, a member of Gov. Ariyoshi's cabinet as director of the Dept. of Regulatory Agencies, has indicated interest in being considered for a White House appointment to the Federal Communications Commission.

"He said he is interested, but this doesn't mean he's going to be appointed," Sen. Daniel Inouye said Aug. 11. "The Administration is making these inquiries all over."

Inouye said the Carter administration had asked him to speak to Minami about the possible appointment to the seven-member FCC.

His work with the con-

gressional delegation to integrate Hawaii into the national telecommunications system appears to have brought Minami to the attention of the White House, the Advertiser reported. Minami worked to lower telephone rates between Hawaii and the Mainland.

In Washington, the FCC has been accused by the U.S. Civil Rights Commission (CRC) of being unwilling to end racial and sexual stereotyping in programming and its poor employment record. CRC also urges Congress to give FCC power to regulate employment practices of the networks. □

Justice Dept. to stop short of total U.C. support vs. Bakke

WASHINGTON—While the Federal government endorses affirmative action, the Justice Department is expected to stop short of totally supporting the Univ. of California in the Allan Bakke case now before the supreme court, according to the Los Angeles Times Bureau here.

Drew S. Days III, assistant attorney general for civil rights, explained the government does not want to "muddy the waters" by

an "on the one hand & on the other hand" stance.

Final draft will be worked out with the office of the Solicitor General, Wade H. McCree, the official responsible for presenting the government's position before the tribunal.

At a July press conference, President Carter in response to a question on the Bakke case said:

"I hate to endorse the proposition of quotas for minority groups, for women or for anyone else that contravene the concept of merit selection." But he added, "I just want to make sure that if we do make a mistake in this carefully balanced approach, that the mistake might be to end discrimination and not the other way around."

The JACL has signed an amicus brief in total support of the University position. □

For the Record

We had the right intention but the wrong name in the front page headline last week announcing Dr. James Nagatani was sworn in as city councilman in Delano, Calif. Our personal apologies to the family and the city council for this inadvertent error.—Editor.

Cordova board fails to censure chairman

By PAUL MAPES
Sacramento Union

Sacramento, Calif.

An attempt by leaders of religions other than Christianity to get the Folsom-Cordova school board to reaffirm the principle of religious freedom as stated in the U.S. Constitution and blast board chairman Dave Marty, for his support of a Christian-dominated system ended in mixed results Aug. 16.

The vote to censure Marty, contained in a resolution introduced by Joel Moskowitz which began with a historic preamble on religious freedom died under a 3 to 2 vote.

An earlier, straight-forward resolution stating as school policy that the district would not discriminate on the basis of color, creed, or national origin, sex, han-

dicap or age was passed in a confused manner.

The board majority (Marty, Helen Paavola and Craig Burnett) voted to delay enactment of the policy pending review by the county counsel and voted that the Aug. 16 vote be only a first reading of the policy.

Presumably, as Moskowitz pointed out, the board could rescind or change the policy at a later meeting when it was not confronted with a roomful of Japanese Americans and members of the Jewish Anti-Defamation League (ADL) saying that the United States was not founded as a theocracy, but was based on the principle of religious freedom and equality.

Source of the confrontation was a remark by Marty at the Aug. 2 board meeting

in which he said that letting children out of school for religious instruction would be all right with him under the legal released time law provided that the instruction they were to receive were Christian.

Queried by Moskowitz as to whether he (Marty) would allow children out of school to attend Buddhist instruction, Marty said, "Hey, this country wasn't founded on Buddha."

But Marty said Aug. 16 the transcript of the earlier meeting showed he had backed away from this position and he apologized for his earlier remark.

James Ruderman of ADL asked why the majority of the board voted against the censure of Marty and to delay action on the policy.

"Are you trying to sweep

the problem under the rug. You dodge, you duck. Evidently you don't want to face the crux of the problem."

Moskowitz said the resolution was not an attempt at "vilification". He was worried, he said, that people go to school in America "and come out with Marty's views".

Folsom resident William Edison and others could not understand why people were still insisting on passage of the resolutions after Marty had apologized.

Board member Richard Wills said, "I want to see the board take a positive stand on religious and political freedom so that we can get back to the job of educating children. This is a tremendous educational issue," he said.

JACL Issei Center receives \$40,000 in CETA funds

FRESNO, Calif.—The Issei Service Center this past week (Aug. 23) changed its name to Nikkei Service Center to adequately identify their program and services, which includes Nisei now in their 60s. Physically disabled and the blind, regardless of age, who are needy are also being assisted.

FRESNO, Calif. — Through the combined efforts of the Central California District Council of the Japanese American Citizens League, Issei Service Center Committee and Chie Yokota, who was responsible for the writing and submittal of a proposal, a full-time bilingual staff has been selected to better service the Japanese elderly in Fresno City and County.

The results of the proposal amounted to a grant of \$40,000, most of which would be utilized for the staff and approximately 11-12% for administrative and travel costs.

The proposal was submitted to the Fresno Employment and Training Commission, which is under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA), a multi-billion dollar employment and manpower training program passed by Congress.

Cal. Assembly OKs resolution citing WCCA centers

LOS ANGELES — Assemblyman Mike Roos, (D-Los Angeles) announced Aug. 16 that the State Assembly has adopted a resolution of which he is a co-author, which proposes that the 12 California sites used as detention camps for Japanese Americans during World War II be designated National Historic Places.

The sites used as temporary detention camps were located in Fresno, Marysville, Merced, Pinedale, Pomona, Sacramento, Sali-

Under CETA Congress appropriated over \$2 billion for local governments to subsidize the hiring of unemployed persons to provide needed public services. This act permits cities, counties, and states to subcontract with non-profit community-based organizations, allowing them to place public employees in staff positions for as long as a year.

Public service employees have been used to work in clinics, rehabilitate and winterize dilapidated homes, research, and social service centers like that of the Issei Service Center.

The Issei Service Center, sponsored by the CCDC-JACL, is currently involved in a number of service-oriented activities, one of them being the Hot Meals program for any elderly willing to participate at the Fresno Betsuin Annex from 11:30 a.m. every day of the week except Saturday and Sunday. Anyone over the age of 60 may attend.

The Issei Service Center staff currently consists of director Chie Yokota, coordinator Kathleen M. Saiki, Craig Sakaguchi and Donald Tsuruoka, community outreach aides.

Chie has been involved

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nas, Santa Anita, Stockton, Tanforan, Tulare and Turlock.

"The resolution declares that the mass evacuation of persons of Japanese descent, the majority of them American citizens, who were interned behind barbed wire enclosures under armed guards with their only crime being that of Japanese descent, was significant in the history of the United States," the Assemblyman said.

Roos added, "AJR 47 resolves that members of the Legislature recognize that the assembly centers represents an important reminder of the war hysteria and injustices directed against persons of Japanese descent. □

Gardeners fight water use plan

PASADENA, Calif. — Professional maintenance gardeners told City Hall here considering a "no watering" ordinance between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. (same as Los Angeles), the ban would be a "stunning blow" to their industry.

Crown City Gardeners Assn. president Mas Tokorozaki had protested because his colleagues in Los Angeles "are really hurting due to the hour limitations". Shorter days in winter will create additional burdens, it was pointed out. □

Retirement seminar in Seattle

SEATTLE, Wash. — Some are well-off and many are not well-off. Two basic questions facing Nikkei as they face retirement are: Where will you be at age 65? and Where would you like to be?

Addressing these matters will be a 10-member faculty gathered by Dr. Minoru Masuda for the Nikkei Community Retirement Coalition seminar devoted to the financial and legal aspects for six Fridays, starting Sept. 6, 7 p.m., at Bannan Hall Auditorium, Seattle

University.

Attendance will be limited to the first 150 and will require a \$12 registration, payable to the coalition, c/o Seattle JACL Office, 526 S. Jackson St., Seattle, Wash. 98104. Brochure is available.

Program schedule and faculty are as follows:

Sept. 9—Widow/Widower Experience, Wendy Morgan, M.Ed.; Wills, Probate, Community Property, Fred Fogg, Ron Mamiya J.D.;

Sept. 16—Planning for Inheritance, Donald Perkins, J.D.; Elderly Income Tax Benefits, Phyllis Hitchman of IRS;

Sept. 23—Annuities, Pensions, Keogh Plan, IRA, Dick Hull, J.D., CLU.

Sept. 30—Family Financial Planning, Don Allenbaugh; Practical Trust Funds, Fred Wade;

Oct. 7—Social Security Benefits and Support, Harvey Hunter of SSA; Supplemental Security Income, Mark Young of SSA.

Oct. 14—Medicare, Harvey Hunter; Medicaid Benefits, Ann Middlemiss.

Representatives from the following groups assisted in planning the seminar:

Seattle JACL, NVC, Buddhist Church, Japanese Baptist Church, St. Peters Church, Blaine Memorial Methodist Church, Keiro Nursing Home.

Spokane to host next PNW meet

SPOKANE, Wash.—The Pacific Northwest District Council (PNWDC) will convene over the Sept. 10-11 weekend, meeting first at the Highland Park Methodist Church on Saturday night and concluding after lunch Sunday at Davenport Hotel, it was announced by district governor Ed Yamamoto.

Spokane JACL will host a potluck supper during the Saturday session. Meeting will start at 6, recess at 7:30 for supper, and conclude by 10 p.m.

Delegates are expected to make their own room arrangements at the Davenport Hotel, W 807 Sprague Ave. (509-624-2121) or for private home housing with Ed Tsutakawa (509-448-2580).

National Executive Director Karl Nobuyuki will be luncheon speaker on the topic: "JACL and the Nikkei Youth". Full discussion on reparations is expected Saturday while committee reports and new business are slated Sunday morning.

JACL-Blue Shield explains insurance premium delay

SAN FRANCISCO—The JACL/California Blue Shield Health Plan subscribers will be receiving their October quarterly dues notice at the end of September instead of the first of the month, announced John Yasumoto, plan chairman.

This mailing delay will be due to the required three week negotiation period for a new contract, which is to start Oct. 1, 1977.

Forum called for Fresno rest home

FRESNO, Calif.—On Sunday, Sept. 18, the Fresno JACL forum will discuss the desirability of creating a community-sponsored rest home or retirement complex in the Fresno region. All interested people living in the Fresno-Madera-Tulare county areas are invited.

A smorgasbord dinner will begin at 6 p.m. Call Mrs. Shinobu Mikami (266-4045) or Mrs. Sumi Suda (439-4495) by Friday Sept. 16 so that dinner estimates can be made.

Test census added to cover Chinatown in Lower Manhattan

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Without indicating whether the move was the result of growing criticism of its choice of "rehearsal" sites for the 1980 Census, the U.S. Census Bureau announced last month (Aug. 12) that it will conduct a test census in lower Manhattan next year in addition to those previously scheduled for Richmond, Va., and two counties in Colorado.

Faced with complaints about the incomplete statistics, particularly of minority populations, of the 1970 Census, the House Subcommittee on Census and Population recently conducted a public hearing on plans for the 1980 Census which will be the first nationwide census by mail.

(Households will receive forms in the mail which they will be required to fill out and return. Those who fail to do so or who return incomplete questionnaires will be visited by census takers.)

Asian American groups in particular have been very vocal in recent months about what they consider their inadequate ethnic categorization in new sample census forms. They had also pointed out at the recent hearing that the sites previously announced for the "rehearsals" would fail as tests of the questionnaire because of the absence of significant numbers of minority residents.

The test in New York, in September, 1978, will cover

all of Manhattan below Houston Street, an area which includes Chinatown, Little Italy, the lower East Side, and SoHo.

In Los Angeles, a census task force headed by Sue Kunitomi Embrey meets the first and third Thursdays, 10 a.m. till noon, at the Asian Community Service Center, 1851 S. Westmoreland to educate people on the need to fully cooperate with the 1980 Census.

At a recent task force meeting were persons of Cambodian, Chinese, Indian, Japanese, Korean, Lao, Pilipino, Sri Lankan, Thai and Vietnamese backgrounds. John Hernandez of the Census Bureau regional office was present.

Discover some Issei unaware of Supplemental Security Income

FRESNO, Calif.—Issei here at a recent hot meals program knew about Social Security when Ivory Manning of the Fig & California branch of the Social Security Office spoke on Medicare, Medi-cal, Social Security and Supplemental Security Income.

According to the Nikkei Service Center here, many Issei, however, were not aware of Supplemental Security Income (SSI), a federal program helping those over 65 who need additional financial help as well as needy people under 65 who are blind or disabled.

In California, SSI checks may be as high as \$276 if aged and disabled or \$313 if sightless.

Qualifications are that you are 65 years or older or blind or disabled; have little or no income and do not own much in the way of resources.

Savings are considered a resource. Having \$3,000 or \$4,000 may disqualify anyone for SSI. The limit for an individual is \$1,500 or for a couple \$2,250.

However, you can own a car of reasonable value and still qualify for SSI. Even if you are receiving a small Social Security check you may still be eligible.

If you live with a son or daughter and they take care of all your expenses, you may still get SSI checks.

An added bonus for being

qualified for SSI is that you automatically receive the benefits of the Medi-Cal insurance program.

If you think you qualify, it will be very helpful if you will bring the following when making application:

- 1—Proof of age, unless you are already receiving Social Security checks.
- 2—Your latest tax bill or assessment notice if you own a house or other real estate.
- 3—If renting, your latest rent receipt.
- 4—Bank books, insurance policies and other papers that show what resources you have.
- 5—Motor vehicle registration if own a car.
- 6—Pay slips or other papers that show your income.

The Nikkei Service Center, sponsored by the Central California JACL District Council, is currently assisting Issei file for their renters credit rebate. Summary of qualifications:

- 1—You must have lived in rented property which was your principal place of residence on March 1, 1975;
 - 2—The property which you rented must be exempt from property taxes;
 - 3—You must not have lived with anyone who claimed you as a dependent for income tax purposes;
 - 4—You or your spouse must not have received welfare payments which include housing or shelter needs for the entire year;
 - 5—Must have been a resident of California on March 1, 1975.
- Rebates may be claimed for previous years which include 1973, 1974, 1975 and 1976. These rebates must be filled with the Franchise Tax Board in Sacramento.

The hot meals program

for Fresno Issei being served five days a week at the local Buddhist Church annex is now called the Kern St. Hot Meals Program. Elected to its advisory board were:

Tsugeo Yamasaki, Mmes. Hana Kimura, Shinobu Mikami, Aiko Mizumoto, Sei Morita. (Mikami/Morita, treas.)

Program also has an opening for a Site Representative, working six hours a day at \$423 per month as an outreach assistant to meal participants. Details may be secured from the Nikkei Service Center (237-4006).



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New Japanese school opens

MEXICO CITY — An international school, Liceo Mexicano Japonese, opens its doors Sept. 2 to some 475 students from kindergarten through high school.

On campus are two three-

story buildings, six Japanese-style kindergarten cottages, a gym, pool and other facilities built on land offered by the Mexican government; ¥300-million from Japan, ¥600-million from Japanese firms in Mexico and ¥100 million from Japanese Mexicans. Both Japanese and Mexican cultures are to be taught.

Ethnic studies confab

LA CROSSE, Wis.—Institute for Minority Studies, U. of Wis.-La Crosse, with the Nat'l Assn. of Interdisciplinary Ethnic Studies, is calling for papers and participants for the sixth annual conference on ethnic and minority studies here April 19-22. Theme will be "Minority Women and Ethnicity". Presenters should submit four copies of their paper for review by Jan. 15, 1978, to Conference Director, 101 Main Hall, Univ. of Wisconsin-La Crosse, La Crosse, Wis. 54601.

Theater in Seattle

SEATTLE—A two-story building at 407-7th Ave. South in the International District is being refurbished to house Theater Seattle Foundation's home for four resident minority and alternative theater groups including the Asian Exclusion Act.

Uwate's cooking class

LOS ANGELES—Matao Uwate's "Japanese Foods and Culture" will be repeated this fall quarter by UCLA Extension starting Sept. 2 at Nishi Hongwanji Temple from 7 p.m. For additional details of the weekly Wednesday classes, call 825-1328. Three-hour course is \$70.

Education

The Montebello (Calif.) School District appointed Bruce Matsui, 31, as principal of Winter Gardens elementary school. Former Peace Corps and VISTA worker in El Salvador and Brooklyn, respectively, he had been curriculum coordinator at a nearby Bell Gardens Intermediate school prior to returning to the Montebello district where he had been teacher in 1971. He was born in Manzanar, attended schools in San Fernando Valley with graduate work in teaching at USC ... In Denver, Joe T. Ariki, former principal at Emerson School, was named principal at Cory School. Ariki began teaching 25 years ago. A native of Denver, he finished Otterbein College in Ohio and has an MSW degree from Denver.



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with the Issei Service Center for the last 2½ years. She is a business major at CSU-Fresno and is from Sanger.

Kathy M. Saiki, a graduate of UC-Davis, received her bachelor of science degree in Applied Behavioral Science specializing in community development and Asian American studies. She has done community work in Sacramento for organizations like the Japanese Community Center and Tanoshi-Kai. Kathy is originally from Sanger.

Craig is from Orosi and has lived and been involved in the Fresno Japanese American community for the last five years. He has been active as an advisor for the Central California

Young Buddhist Association. He is currently the advisor for the Western Young Buddhist League. Craig is a graduate of Fresno State University with a degree in philosophy.

Donald is a graduate of the sociology department at CSU-Long Beach, who has worked with the educational opportunity program, the Asian Pride Program on campus. He has been active in an organization servicing the elderly (Pioneer Project) in Long Beach. Donald is originally from Fresno.

With a full-time bilingual staff, an increased number of activities and social services is being planned, such as:

Health clinics, renters tax assistance and renters tax rebate assistance, retirement information, social security, supplemental security income, and Medicare assistance. □

Seabrook Sansei v.p. at Chase Manhattan

NEW YORK—The Board of Directors of The Chase Manhattan Bank recently named Seiki Muroto a vice president of the bank and Frank E. Pistilli a second vice president. Both men are located in the bank's East Meadow branch and serve in the Commercial Lending Group.

The Group is mainly responsible for market and credit facilities for companies with sales of \$1 million to \$1 billion annually. Muroto is a unit leader of the Commercial Lending Group.

Born in Crystal City, Texas, June 6, 1944, Muroto joined the bank in 1969 as an

information coordinator. After one year, he became a special projects trainee in the Credit Department. He was named an assistant treasurer in 1972. In 1974, he was appointed second vice president and manager of International Training.

In 1975, he transferred to the Community Banking Department and served as a team leader in the 48th Street Branch.

Muroto holds a BS from Franklin and Marshall College, 1966, and an MBA in International Business from The American University, 1968.

Muroto was all-state half-back while at Bridgeton

(N.J.) High School. During his junior year at Franklin & Marshall, he quarterbacked the Diplomats to their first undefeated-untied (8-0) season in 15 years. His father, Ginzo Muroto, is an active Seabrook JACL member.

ry M. Sasaki, 30, of Sacramento branch operations officer will be asst. manager of the new Sumitomo branch in Fresno scheduled to open in December at East Shaw near N. 1st opposite the Fashion Fair mall. Kawai's recent post was in marketing at the head office in San Francisco ... Sumitomo also added a properties and system administration department to oversee the bank's physical assets. Vice president Yasuhiko Okiyama was named in charge. Vice president Shigeo Nagata of the Oakland office will fill Okiyama's vacancy as manager of operations administration at the San Francisco head office ... Vice president Kunio Kagotani from Crenshaw moves to Oakland.

Business

Sumitomo Bank of California has made several personnel moves in recent weeks. Vice president Frank Omatsu, manager of the Oxnard office, will head the Crenshaw branch in southwest Los Angeles; Kiyoshi Kawai, assistant v.p. since 1967, is taking Omatsu's post and Jer-

NBC-TV series on Nikkei scheduled in four cities

CHICAGO—A special series of TV shows moderated by Tom Hibino, JACL Midwest regional director, on "Japanese Americans: the Way We Are", will appear during the "Knowledge" segment on NBC-TV owned stations.

Produced at Chicago's WMAQ (5) studio last July, the half-hour series has appeared the week of Aug. 8-12 at 6 a.m. Schedule of the remainder showing in other cities follows:

Sept. 5-9: WRC-TV, Washington, D.C.

Oct. 3-7: WKYC, Cleveland.

Oct. 31-Nov. 4: WNBC, New York.

Nov. 28-Dec. 2: KNBC, Los Angeles.

Stations will have a choice of six sessions to telecast during the week during the "Knowledge" segment. They are: (Check paper for time.)

a) Introduction — Japanese Americans: the Way We Are. Talk show with Noboru Honda and Lillian Kimura.

b) Conversation with Iva Toguri.

c) Cultural arts: Chiye Tomihiro, flower arrangement; Bob Minami, graphic artist; Pami Ozeki, actress.

d) Elderly: Film and talk

Hayakawa gets one nod from ADA

WASHINGTON — Americans for Democratic Action have praised Sen. S.I. Hayakawa (R-Calif.) for consistently opposing amendments to restrict federal funding for abortions.

ADA's reading of the several Hayakawa positions rates him at 50% on civil rights and civil liberties. His senior colleague, Sen. Alan Cranston (D), was one of ten with a perfect ADA score. □

with Masaru Nambu and Dan Kuzuhara.

e) Identity: Talk with Dr. Tohru Ishiyama and Momoko Iko.

f) Camps: Slides and talk with Shig Wakamatsu and Ross Harano.

Series was produced by Jay Ojeda, WMAQ-TV public affairs manager and Susan Rivera, associate producer. □

HAWAII

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the Honolulu mayor several weeks after the Republican state convention.

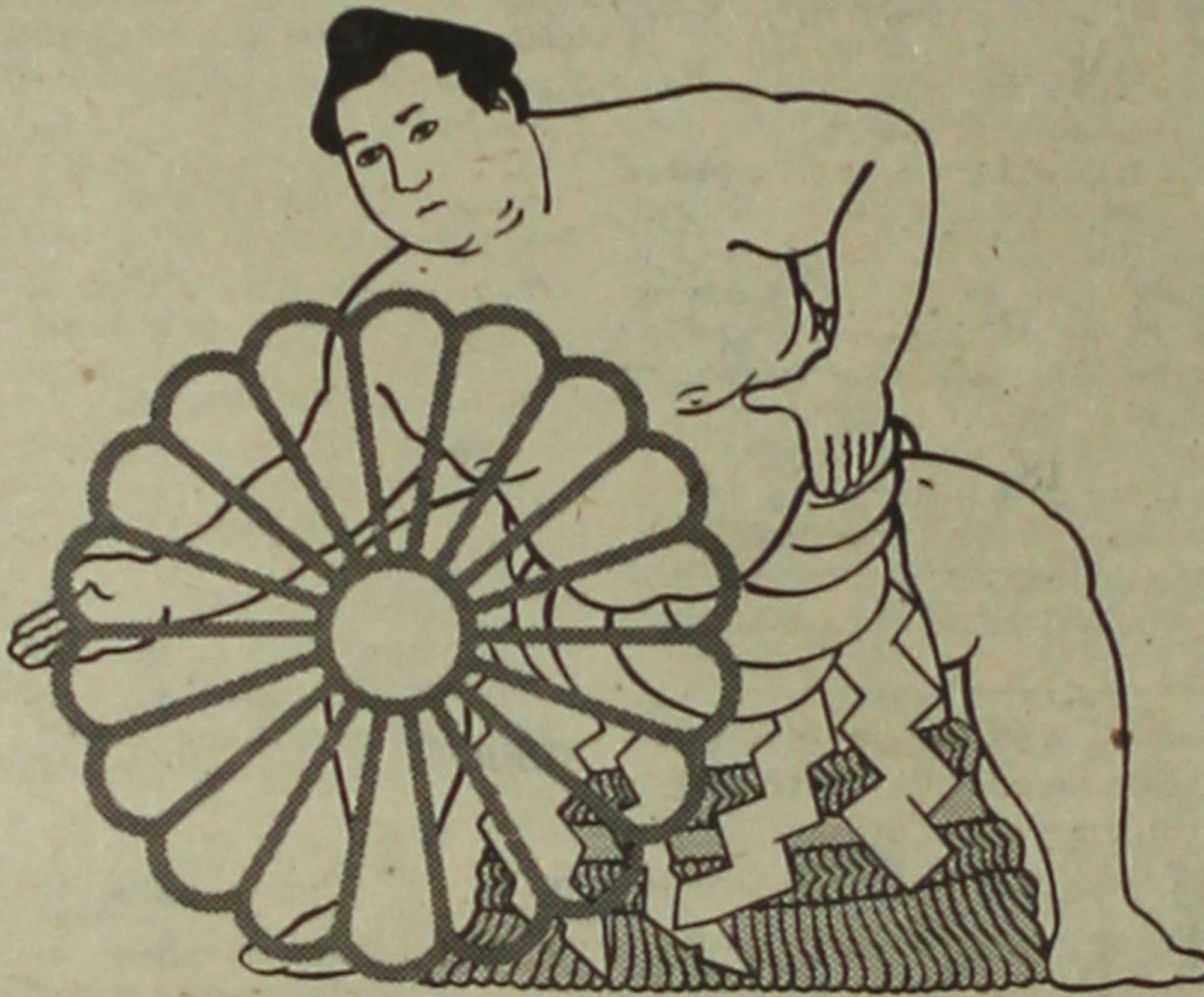
Mirikitani conceded his party has made "a lot of mistakes" but added, "We have always been a party that has been against issues and people and that has got to change."

In order to win a major political seat in 1978, he hopes "to turn the party completely upside down (by taking) the party back to the people, by having meetings in each of the 27 representative districts on all the Islands ..."

Anderson, writing in the Observer, concludes:

"Mirikitani's youth and his Japanese ancestry should help the GOP's image problem (one party official associated it with "country club"), but the Republicans will continue to suffer at the polls until they can prove they are on the right side of the bread-&-butter issues that concern most voters." □

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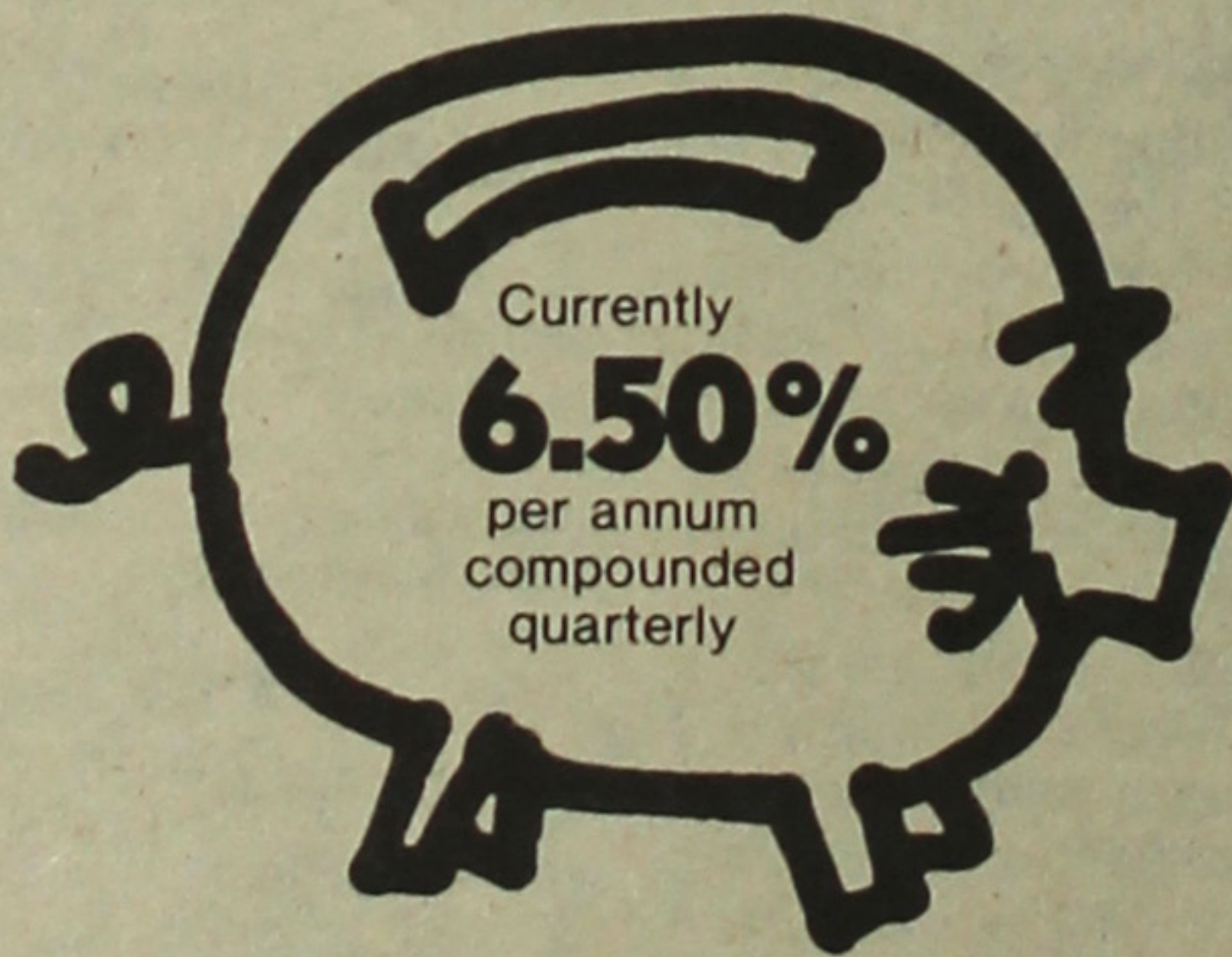
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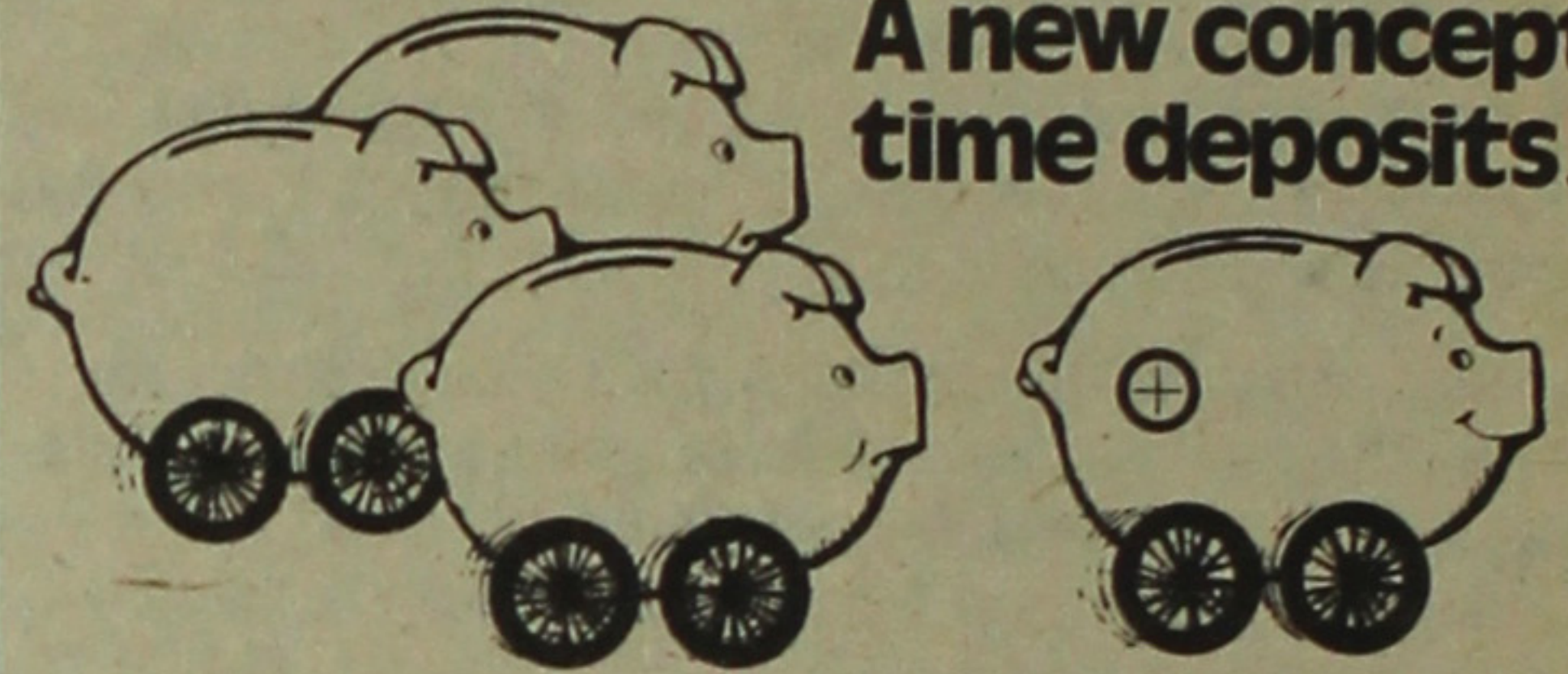
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EDITORIALS:

45 Weeks Until ...

This may be the last chance for a summer vacation as the Labor Day holidays zing around this weekend. At one time in JACL history, national conventions were held over the Labor Day holidays until the two days became inadequate to take care of business or the host JACL chapter found some other organization had beat them to the punch reserving adequate hotel space.

And as the organization grew, so did the scope and grandeur of conventions with officials and staff involved with a whole week instead of a weekend.

The Salt Lake and Mt. Olympus JACL chapters are most aware less than a year remains to prepare the 25th biennial National JACL Convention being held at Little America Hotel, Salt Lake City, the third week in July next year—that's only 45 weeks away.

So, the countdown has started!

Utahns know how to put on conventions. If you've never been to one of theirs, mark July 16-22 on your 1978 calendar and enjoy a week with a group of Nisei whom we regard as the "keystone of our generation". Without them, JACL could have disappeared with the many prewar organizations which had no home after Evacuation. The Intermountain Nisei sustained the national organization through its leanest years during World War II when it was situated in Salt Lake City.

The national convention looms as the biggest Nisei event in Utah for 1978. It may beckon many of the Utahns home for a reunion, too.

Is there enough room for everybody?

BY THE BOARD:

Cash Balance: \$47,079

By EDDIE MORIGUCHI, National Treasurer
San Francisco
Cash, Operating Fund Balance, July 31, 1977\$47,079

Periodically, there will appear in this column the cash balance of the National JACL operating fund. It does not include cash in other funds that have restrictions on their use.

Our monthly disbursements, currently, amount to around \$40,000. We hope there will be enough cash coming in so that we will not have to borrow before Sept. 30—the end of our 1977 fiscal year. But it appears that between now and January, 1978, when our membership money starts coming in, we shall have to borrow to help us carry over.

President Jim Murakami has set up "teams" headed by national officers and with team members consisting of other National Board members. On the Finance Team are Gerry Mukai, Ray Hongo, Robert Kanagawa and Eddie Moriguchi.

The finance team is responsible for various fiscal matters, including fiscal planning, budget, cost control, audit, investments, fund raising, foundation solicitation and government grants.

Following committees to which the Finance Team are responsible are: (1) Fund raising, Moriguchi; (2) District Funding guidelines, Mukai; (3) Building fund, Steve Doi; (4) National travel program, Doi; (5) Budget, Moriguchi; (6) Mas Satow Memorial Fund, Mike Masaoka; (7) Okubo-Yamada Fund, Frank Oda and George Baba.

Our bookkeeper for the past year and a half, Diane Erholm, had to return to her home in Anacortes, Wash., last month. We miss her and hope that all is well.

We have some temporary help in the office to keep things current. We are looking for a bookkeeper/office manager. If you know of anyone that can help us out, please have that person send their resume to National Headquarters.

"By the Board" is the title reserved for members of the National JACL Board—the nationally-elected officers, district governors and district youth chairpersons. They have an "open invitation" to communicate with the membership through this column.

Comments, letters & features

Human Rights

Editor:

In my community a school board member advocating releasing children for a one hour a week Christian religious instruction but no release time for non-Christian instructions, with the added comment "This country wasn't founded on Buddha".

As Henry Tanaka's column on the Midwest page (July 22) implores, "human rights" is an issue on which the JACL should be vocal and aggressive. Conservatism will not keep our rights. Nor will our democracy guarantee fair interpretation of our rights i.e., Evacuation.

Nisei, Sansel, Hakujuin to the "left of the middle" need support in saving our Human Rights.

BEN MATSUMOTO
Placer County JACL
Rancho Cordova, Calif.

'The King & I'

Editor:

I find Joseph Halprin's letter (PC, Aug. 19) concerning "The King and I" to be insensitive to the Pan Asian community. I was one of the six who met with the Starlight Opera Co. to protest their production.

I find Mr. Halprin's statements to be insensitive to the Pan Asian community. He doesn't seem to realize that we do not find it to be an "innocent musical". He doesn't seem to realize that it's simply a continuation of the racist, negative stereotype images the media presents as being Asian.

Mr. Halprin finds "The Mikado" to be amusing and entertaining. I admit that I am not familiar with the story, but I do find the names to be offensive. I have a Japanese name that in no way resembles Yum-Yum or Pi-Bo. He also states that it "... is so absurd that it is hard that anyone could take offense—the real Japan

being vastly different from this 19th century Victorian presentation."

Many people cannot distinguish reality from a media misrepresentation. For some who have never met Pan Asians, it is likely that they do believe the stereotypes. Mr. Halprin, whose ethnicity is unknown to me, probably hasn't experienced any of the hatred, discrimination or ridicule that Pan Asians have suffered for generations:

—Having the language of one's native country mimicked, ridiculed.

—Being called "Gook", "Chink", "Buddha-head", "Jap".

—Job discrimination, educational discrimination.

—Being misrepresented by the media with Anglo actors playing the part with taped eyelids, buckteeth and "Ah-So" English.

—Being stereotyped as aggressive, passive, stupid, intelligent, evil, subservient.

—Being locked in concentration camps.

We protest "The King and I" because it is a misrepresentation of the Thai people and their culture. It is racist and demeaning. We protest because there are some who don't know that it is a gross misrepresentation. There are some (bigots) who feed off the ridiculing of people of color.

You say people don't believe the stereotypes? Then why are instructors surprised when Pan Asians are not the top students? Why do people assume that all Pan Asians major in Biological or Physical Sciences? Why do people assume, since I'm Japanese that I speak the language, don't speak English, or know everything there is to know about gardening?

Our protest is valid. We, Pan Asians, have suffered long enough. We want to be treated like human beings. We want to be able to watch TV, attend a play or see a movie without

being offended. We want some respect for our people, our culture.

Look at the Pan Asian hero models the media have fabricated for our youth: Charlie Chan, Mr. Moto, Samurai Assassin on NBC's "Saturday Night", the Calgon commercial with the "ancient Chinese laundry secret", "Kung Fu" with David Carradine, and the biggest example of blatant racism, "Kung Fu Fighting".

The member of Japan's royal family who wasn't offended by "The Mikado" probably didn't mind because unlike Pan Asians in this country, at home he is in the majority. He has not had to face prejudice, discrimination, incarceration.

Mr. Halprin finds the teaching of evolution somehow analogous to this situation. What Darwin said is true. But, we (Pan Asians) must protest the lies and caricatures that have plagued Pan Asian people for generations.

BONNIE YURIKO YAMAMOTO
San Diego, Calif.

Tamotzu Gallery

Editor:

I read Bill Hosokawa's Tamotzu Gallery (PC July 29) with great interest.

Right after Pearl Harbor, Tamotzu was one of the first to join in the New York Japanese American Committee for Democracy's fight against the Axis—Germany, Italy and Japan. Tamotzu also put his signature to a Dec. 12, 1941, anti-military Japan resolution by New York artists which said in part: "... to bear arms if necessary to insure the final victory for the democratic forces of the world." Among other co-signers were: Yasuo Kuniyoshi, Isamu Noguchi, Thomas Nagai, Sakari Suzuki, Leo Amino and Bunji Tagawa.

Tamotzu, however, did not serve with the Office of War Information

(OWI) in the CBI theatre as the article indicated. Together with three other Issei and a Kibei, he was sent to Kunming, China in 1944 as an Office of Strategic Services (OSS) civilian and housed on a small island in Lake Tien Chin in a beautiful mansion that once belonged to a Chinese warlord. While they were carrying on "clean-and-dagger" missions, we eight Nisei GI's attached to the OWI Psychological Warfare Team in Kunming, were working, with the help of some Japanese POWs, on propaganda leaflets, etc., to be dropped on enemy-occupied territory.

There were nearly 100 Issei, Kibei and Nisei men and women who served with the OWI and OSS during WW2, among them were many well known writers and artists, such as Ayako/Eitaro Ishigaki and Mitsu/Taro Yashima. It is about time that someone writes the story of especially the Issei on their heretofore unknown secret missions, faithfully helping the democratic forces against their mother country—militarist Japan.

These courageous Issei and Kibei had foresight and served well in the time of war against fascism and for the Japanese American communities. They should be given their justly deserved recognition.

KARL G. YONEDA

San Francisco

Short Notes

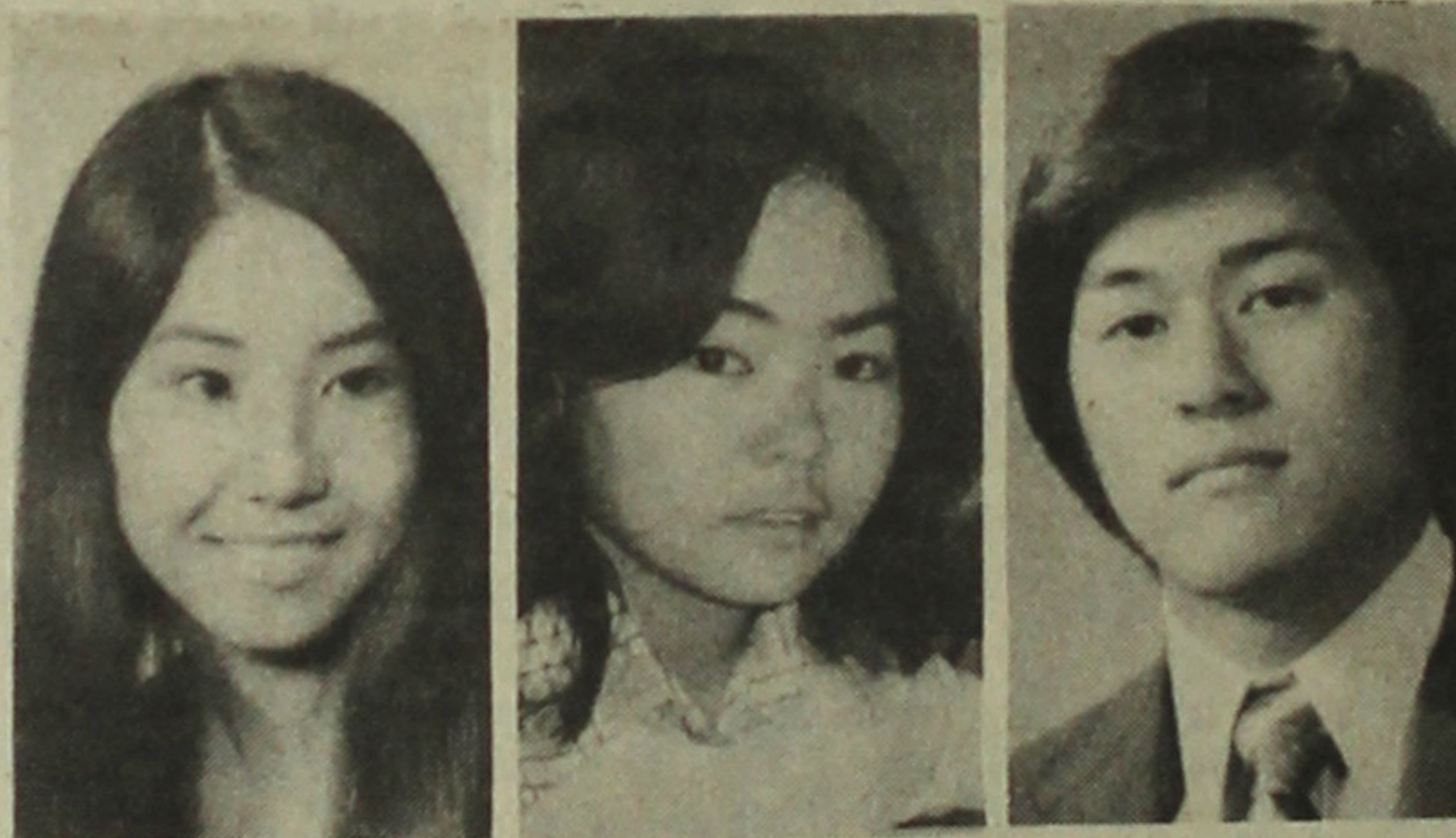
Editor:

I must say Sachiko Seko's writing is very fine, very poetic. She's even crowding out Bill Hosokawa in (our) interest rating. She ought to consider putting some of her essays in book form. I've been clipping out a few of them—particularly the one about her husband's cake-making adventures.

VAUGHN M. GREENE

San Francisco

4 JACL graduate scholarships awarded



Caryl Hashitani Jane Kawasaki John M. Yamamoto

SAN FRANCISCO — The four recipients of the 1977 National Graduate Scholarships were revealed this past week by Rich Okabe, JACL Interim Youth Director. They are: Nisaburo Aibara Memorial Graduate Scholarship—Caryl Linda Hashitani; Sumitomo Bank of California Scholarships (2)—Jane Junko Kawasaki and John Mikio Yamamoto; Magoichi Kato Memorial Scholarship—Dianne Emi Arakawa.

The four were selected from among the 41 applications which were received at National Headquarters. They were chosen on the basis of scholastic achievement, extracurricular activities, and financial need. Twenty-one females and 20 males applied with 15 of the applicants choosing medical careers. Other fields of study included business, law, education, health, and foreign studies.

The Pacific Southwest District Judging Committee were:

Mitsu Sonoda, chairperson; Phil Shigekuni, Harry Kawahara, Frances Kitagawa, Roy Nishikawa, and Alan Nishio.

Nisaburo Aibara Memorial Graduate Scholarship: \$500

Caryl Linda Hashitani, 26, is the daughter of Mrs. Faye Hashitani of Watsonville. She was graduated from Univ. of California at Santa Cruz with an A.B. in Sociology. She is in her third year of graduate work at UC Berkeley.

Caryl graduated with honors from Santa Cruz and has maintained a 3.8 GPA in grad school. As a participant in the UC Abroad Program, she spent a year at the American University of Beirut where she was on the Dean's List. She is a recipient of a Graduate Minority Fellowship, a Caroline C. Clow scholarship, and received the highest honors in the UCSC Sociology Comprehensive.

Sumitomo Bank of California Scholarship: \$500

Jane Junko Kawasaki, 22, is the daughter of Kazue and Theodore Kawasaki of Los Angeles. She is a graduate of Pomona College and will be entering the Univ. of Wisconsin to obtain a Ph.D. in Statistics.

Jane was a Pomona College Scholar, a member of Pi Mu Epsilon, the math honors fraternity, and received a research stipend in statistics. On campus she was a member of Claremont Colleges Asian Students Alliance, President of the Pomona Math Club, a Freshman Sponsor, and a dean's staff member.

John Mikio Yamamoto, 23, is the son of Irene and Kazuo Yamamoto of Sun Valley, Ca. John has completed his first year in the Masters of Business Administration at the Univ. of Southern California. He is a graduate of the California State University at Los Angeles.

John made the Dean's List for seven semesters at Cal State and was nominated to the Phi Kappa Phi and Beta Gamma Sigma national honor societies. He is the recipient of a B.L. Hoyt Scholarship and a Business Department award.

John has worked with the Sun Valley Nisei Athletic Union and has been a volunteer instructor at the Valley Judo Institute.

Magoichi Kato Memorial Scholarship: \$350

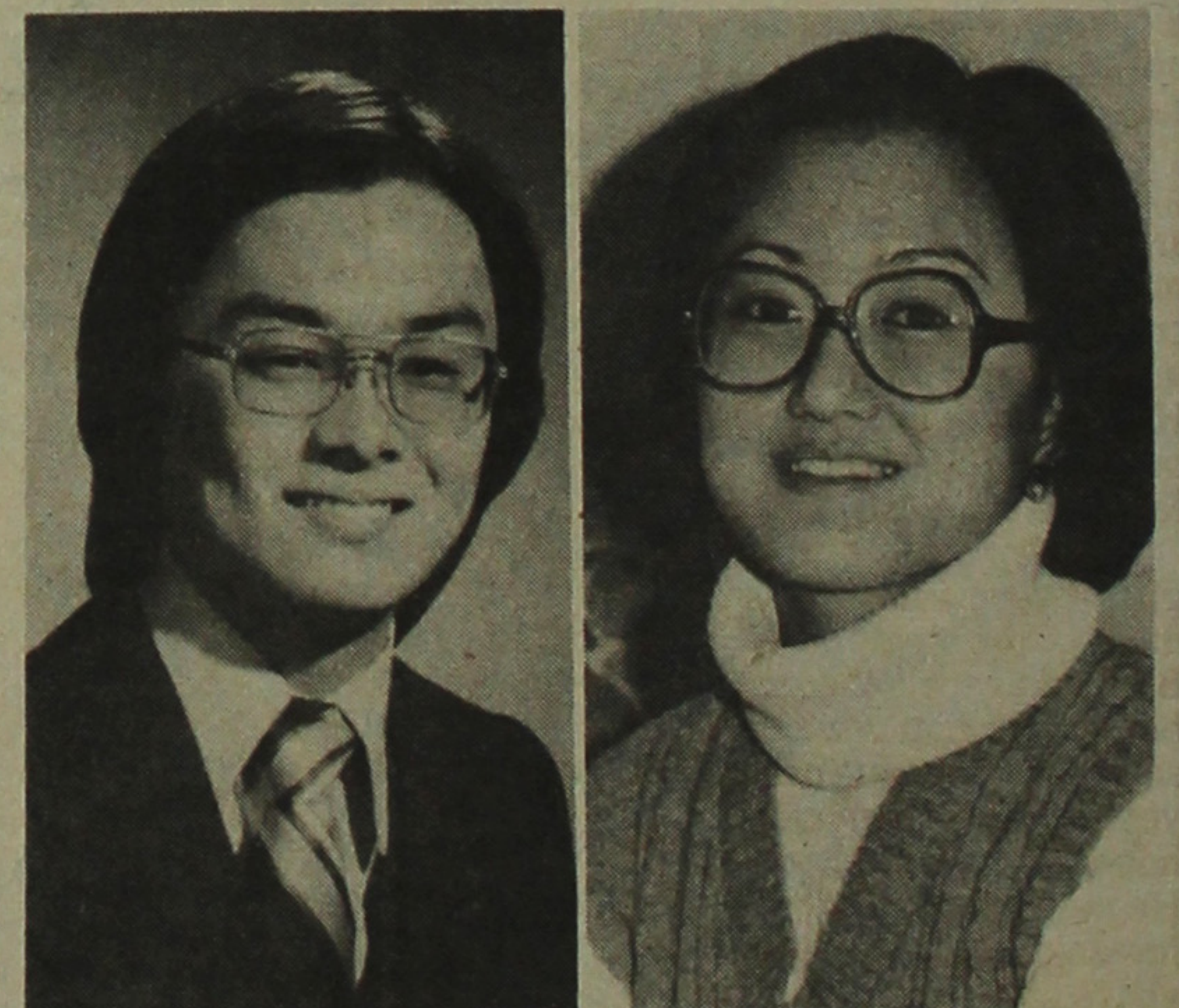
Dianne Emi Arakawa, 25, is the daughter of Kazuko and

Wallace Arakawa of Honolulu. She was graduated from Wheaton College with an A.B. in religion and art. She is currently in her second year at Harvard University Divinity School working for a Masters of Divinity.

Dianne is a recipient of a Davison-Foreman Foundation grant, and a Williams Fund grant. She was a staff member with the Unitarian Universalist Association, a member of Harvard's Program on Religion and Education Requirements Committee and a staff writer for "Sampan".

Word of Wisdom for This Day—The man who talks much about his religious teaching but does not practice it himself is like a cowman counting another's cattle. —SHOKO MASUNAGA

JACL-Hayashi law scholarship



Starting their law school studies this fall with \$500 grants from the JACL-Tom Hayashi Law Scholarship Fund are Bruce Hironaka (left) of Sacramento who is bound for Stanford and Carol Izumi of St. Louis who will be at Georgetown Law Center, Washington, D.C.



Nisei in Japan: Barry Saiki

Permissiveness Spreading

Tokyo
As an inveterate smoker who has been now classified in the same category as a chronic alcoholic or marijuana user according to a recent statement of President Jimmy Carter, I am seriously thinking of turning to Jintan. There was a time I thought of switching from tobacco to chewing gum but the obvious danger is that environmentalists will then begin a campaign to save the South American sapodilla trees from extermination.

Carter's message to the Congress on liberalizing penalties for possession of marijuana comes at a time

when major crimes in all American cities are rising. No viable solutions seem to appear to the multitude of social problems. It may be the relative free use of marijuana may help us to forget these problems still exist.

Carter indicates 45 million Americans have tried marijuana and 11 million can be considered regular users. With the federal penalties reduced, he surely does not expect these statistics to go down.

Another changing characteristic noted during my recent Stateside visit was the growing permissiveness toward the use of drugs and

marijuana. Words, dropped here and there, mentioned that a friend or a close associate was somewhat involved or fears were expressed by parents about the school activities their children are attending.

The wider use of marijuana and hard drugs started more than 20 years ago, proliferating in the New York area and then spreading throughout the U.S. Its roots can now be found in underground refuges of many west coast cities.

To a degree, instrumental for wider acceptance of marijuana and drugs by

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From Happy Valley: Sachi Seko

'Bigamist', Nisei Style

Salt Lake City
I have been married to a bigamist for twenty-five years. We had only been married a year when Ern acquired his second wife. My emotions regarding this situation have ranged from jealousy to acquiescence. I have always known that she came first.

It was proven this month when they observed their silver anniversary. I can remember ours which occurred last year. To begin with, he had the wrong date. He came home bearing a bunch of red roses, the least favorite of my flowers.

I can't remember all the gifts we have exchanged during the span of years. But I do recall the watch I bought for him one anniversary. It was during our early years and I had carefully hoarded the money to buy it. He never did wear it much. I haven't seen it around for years so he probably gave it to some panhandler.

He has a new watch now. She gave it to him together with a substantial check and other tokens. There was a luncheon with mutual

friends at the Hotel Utah where some nice words were exchanged. Later there was a cake and punch with more friends. Congratulatory letters and telephone calls came from across the country.

He came home that night with the Rolex watch. He showed me where it was engraved with his name and a crest and the date, August 11, 1977. He has worn it every day since he received it. It means a lot to him, much more than the watch I gave him. It should.

Ern's other wife has been the company he works for. They just observed a milestone as he was welcomed into IBM's Quarter Century Club. Even for a man who ordinarily dislikes ceremonies, asserting they are too pretentious, this day was one of importance.

For one thing, neither of us seriously thought that he would reach this day. Many of those with whom he associated in his earlier years have left the company. And then there were those who

died, sometimes months short of their anniversary. As we left their bedsides, we would agree, "It's a conspiracy. You die before you make it." It was our private joke.

His employment with IBM was one of those fortuitous accidents. He had abandoned a projected career in court reporting and had begun an intensive search for employment with some national concern.

As he made his rounds, he learned a curious fact. Almost every place he was interviewed he was told that he was the first Japanese American applicant. He was asked why other Nisei had not applied for positions with these national firms.

Ern didn't know the reason at that time. He had no intimation of the West Coast Nisei psyche which was inhibited by fears of prejudice. His father had been a section foreman for the Union Pacific and he had grown up in isolated all-white communities.

Sometimes we Nisei of



From the Frying Pan: Bill Hosokawa

Family from Flagstaff

Denver, Colo.
No doubt I've said this before, but it's probably worth saying again: The nature of this newspaper makes it necessary to emphasize the "Japanese-ness" of the Americans who subscribe to it. The great preponderance of the news items and opinion columns it carries underscore this point. The adjective "Japanese" usually must modify the noun "American" to make a personality, event or issue of interest to this publication. It would not be serving its function if it concerned itself widely with other matters.

This newspaper's preoccupation with "Japanese-ness" unfortunately leaves our image vulnerable to a certain distortion. Reading the news stories and commentaries, one easily can get the idea that all of us Japanese Americans are deeply and perpetually engrossed with the fact of our ethnicity.

Of course that isn't necessarily so, because regardless of facial characteristics a goodly number of Japanese Americans work in, live in, move out in, and demonstrate their primary interest in the greater American society beyond the Japanese American community.

In knocking around the country from time to time I am frequently impressed by the number of ethnic Japanese I meet who are doing interesting and significant things that have nothing to do with ethnicity. They are, despite their names and facial features, simply Americans doing the kinds of things they want to do. Obviously one can meet only a very small percentage of Japanese Americans who have left ethnic confines to seek their fortunes out in the great world, so their total numbers must be substantial indeed.

All of this came to mind the other evening meeting some folks here in Denver which doesn't quite qualify as the crossroads of the world. Bill and Mary Shimasaki were here from Flagstaff, Ariz., where they have settled after a career that took them to

many exotic parts of the globe. You might be interested in their story.

Shimasaki is from Auburn, Wash., and Mary's family, the Kanazawas, lived just a block from my old digs in Seattle. They met in Indiana. Mary worked for a while at Occupation headquarters in Tokyo. Bill is an irrigation engineer, so after they were married they spent ten years in the Columbia Basin in Washington where he worked for that huge water project.

After that Shimasaki joined the Agency for International Development, or maybe it was one of its predecessors. The Shimasakis were abroad for most of the next 17 years working for AID in such places as Jordan, West Africa, Tunisia, Laos, Rio de Janeiro and Brasilia. Taking early retirement a year or so ago, the Shimasakis settled in Flagstaff because Bill was interested in getting into solar energy. He recently made a trouble-shooting trip to Iran where his irrigation know-how was needed. Meanwhile, both Bill and Mary have become deeply involved in Flagstaff's community life.

They happened to be in Denver visiting Mary's cousin, Alice Yamamoto, whose husband, Albert, is also in an interesting business. He manufactures the gold alloys which dentists use, and his products are shipped from his Denver laboratory to dentists and dental supply houses all over the country.

A day or so later we ran into Dick and Helen Yamamoto, no relation, and happened to inquire about their son Ron, a doctor of medicine. Ron, they said, is practicing near Dallas, Tex., and his specialty is athletic injuries, including knees which so many professional football players succeed in tearing up.

These good folks are "doing their thing", which is how the expression goes, just as truly as those who dedicate their energies and concerns to Asian-American movements, JAACL or other ethnic concerns. □

the pre-war West Coast areas forget that further inland existed other persons of Japanese ancestry. Because of their environment and experiences, they are a different breed of Nisei.

So long before the clamor for equal employment with major corporations there were a few within the establishment. Some like my husband were actively recruited for corporate employment back in 1952.

He had not accepted any of the other offers because they did not pay what he thought he deserved. Instead he had settled down to a position in federal civil service when IBM offered him a job. He took a pay cut to go with them because he thought there was a future in it.

Having been hired long before the enactment of equal employment opportunity acts precluded a question which many conscientious minorities ask of themselves. Was I hired because I was qualified or to fill a quota?

Sometimes Ern is asked if

being one of the first minorities to work for IBM hasn't had its awkward moments. What the question suggests is was he sensitive about being of a different racial background.

He was the first Nisei contact for a number of people he met through cross-country corporate travel. There were some who commented on how well he spoke the English language. But in these cases of mistaken identity, Ern has not made an issue of it. He knows how to make corrections quickly, tactfully and briefly. I think too many of us read absent innuendos into innocent statements.

Some of our Nisei friends have suggested that it was to IBM's benefit to have a Japanese American for an employee. I can recall one instance where it could have been. Many years ago the president of Japan's IBM was visiting several of the branch offices across country.

He spoke English, but his wife and daughter who were traveling with him did not.

Since he had expressed a wish to stop in Salt Lake City, the branch manager thought that if Ern accompanied the family on a brief tour of the city, they would feel more at ease.

The problem was that although my husband has an understanding of Japanese, he speaks very little of it. So although Ern did accompany the distinguished guests, he required the services of an Anglo IBM'er who spoke Japanese to act as his interpreter.

In summarizing this period, Ern says, "The first twenty-five years are on-the-job training so the second quarter century should be easy." The matter of race has not worked to his advantage or disadvantage.

I think our son makes the best observation of this marriage between a man and his company when he says, "I hope I'll be as lucky in my life's work as dad has been." And that is something that all the laws in the land can't guarantee, but the individual can. □

calendar

Sept. 4 (Sunday)
 Delano—Reunion Day, St. Mary's Hall, 12n lunch, 6 p.m. dnr.
Sept. 7 (Wednesday)
 Chicago—Bd mtg.
Sept. 8 (Thursday)
 Salt Lake—Bd Mtg, Jimi Mitsunaga's res. 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 9 (Friday)
 Puyallup Valley—Inst dnr.
Sept. 10 (Saturday)
 PNWDC—Qtrly sess, Spokane JAACL hosts.
 Contra Costa—Barbecue dnr
 Cleveland—Picnic, Neosa Camp, Leesville.

Sept. 11 (Sunday)
 NC-WNDYC—Volleyball, Terra Linda High, San Rafael.
Sept. 12 (Monday)
 Alameda—Mtg, Buena Vista Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.
 Las Vegas—Mtg, Osaka Restaurant, 8 p.m.
Sept. 13 (Tuesday)
 Sequoia—Bd Mtg, Palo Alto Issei Hall 7:30 p.m.
 Stockton—Bd Mtg, Calif 1st Bank, 8 p.m.
Sept. 14 (Wednesday)
 Orange County—Bd Mtg, Calif 1st Bank, 5th & Main, Santa Ana, 7:30 p.m.
 Washington, D.C.—Bd Mtg, Susie Ichijii's res.

chapter pulse

● Contra Costa

The fall social calendar for Contra Costa JAACL begins with the annual barbecue at El Cerrito Community Center Sept. 10, 3-8 p.m. with swimming and games on tap besides eating. Reservations are being taken until Sept. 1 by:

John Shinagawa, 3011 Phillips Ct., Richmond 94806 (222-0141); Jack Imada (236-9109), Dan Uesugi (524-2749).

A San Francisco Bay cruise, embarking Oct. 1, 7:30 p.m. from Pier 43½ in San Francisco aboard the Harbor Queen, means a Chinese dinner, dancing, casino and door prizes at \$35 per couple. Tickets are available from:

Harold Sano (233-2756) or William Nakatani (526-9228).

And popular TV co-host Jan Yanehiro will be commentator at the Ochiba (Fallen Leaf) fashion show on Sunday, Oct. 23, 1 p.m. at H's Lordships, Berkeley. The scholarship benefit is being co-sponsored by the Berkeley and Contra Costa chapters.

Fashions of Oshare Corner of Japan Trade Center, Silverman's from Richmond and Alameda Sporting Goods will be modeled by members of both chapters. Early reservations at \$8 per person were advised through:

Sachi Yamada (234-3100), Terry Yamashita (527-7980), Grace Goto (233-2586) or William Nagatani (525-9228).

● East Los Angeles

East Los Angeles JAACL's fourth annual Scholarship Benefit Ball will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10, 9 p.m. at the International Ballroom of the Lafayette Hotel, 140 Linden Ave., Long Beach. Henry Miranda's band will

provide the music.

Nine scholarships are presented each year: the Edison Uno memorial for the most outstanding East L.A. area graduate, a chapter award to a top Sansei graduating from one of the seven high schools in the chapter area, and the Hayashida award to the newly chosen Miss East L.A.

Mattie Furuta, benefit ball chairman, is being assisted by:

June Tanikawa, Marie Ito, George Yamate, Min and Mable Yoshizaki, Sam Furuta.

Tickets at \$5 per person will be available at the door or from:

Mattie (262-8580), June (665-4995) or Marie (262-8920).

Hotel is on the corner of Broadway and Linden, and can be reached via the Long Beach Fwy and exit on Broadway and continuing eastward about a mile to Linden.

● Salt Lake City

Salt Lake JAACL's Monte Carlo Night will be held on Saturday, Sept. 17, 7 p.m. till midnight, at the Buddhist Church with musical entertainment, box lunches, refreshment stand and bar added to the gaming tables for a variety of prizes.

Chapter president Jimi Mitsunaga was elected chairman of the local Asian Coalition organizational ad hoc committee. Other groups include:

Korean American Society of Utah; Chinese community; Cambodian Assn. of Utah, Logan; Somsai Phan Risuong, Lao community group; Vietnamese Friendship Assn.; and the Filipino Society.

Approximately 12,000 Pacific-Asians are estimated living in Utah at the present time.

● West Los Angeles

The 10th annual Senior Citizens Appreciation Day, sponsored by the West Los Angeles JAACL Chapter and Auxiliary, has been set for Sunday, Sept. 11, at the Japanese Institute of Sawtelle, 2110 Corinth Ave., from 2 to

5 p.m.

Preparations are now underway for a very interesting afternoon with Veronica Ohara as gift chairman; Toy Kanegai as program and entertainment chairman, and Yuki Sato as refreshment chairman. Each guest will be presented with a gift; there will be live entertainment and a movie; and also light supper will be served.

Senior citizens, particularly Issei, over 65 years of age

living in the Santa Monica Bay area, are invited.

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These were the kind of comments made about Karl Nobuyuki after he spoke to members of the San Mateo, San Jose, Sequoia and West Valley JACL chapters, on Aug. 9, here in Palo Alto. The four-chapter event, hosted by Sequoia Chapter, gave neighboring communities an opportunity to meet one another and the new National Director.

Dividing his concerns into administration, general services, and programs, Nobuyuki spoke to JACLers about this first three

months with the national organization, and his future aspirations for JACL.

The Japan-American Friendship Act was also discussed by Nobuyuki. He pointed out the fact that at the present time, Japanese Americans have no vote in how the \$30,000,000 trust fund is to be spent. The money is to be spend promoting friendship between Japan and America. If there were an Ireland-American Friendship Act, could we imagine Irish-Americans being completely excluded from the decision making, he asked. He asked for feedback as to how members felt about this matter and any other JACL concerns, so that he can better serve the membership.

Yasuko Ito, president of San Mateo Chapter, spoke about the many different community services which the chapter offers its mem-

bership. She announced that they have just hired clerical help. The money for this position was obtained through CETA funding. Different corporations donated office equipment for the chapter's use.

President Jan Kurihara of San Jose Chapter, spoke in the chapter's latest activity, the Asian Law Alliance. The San Jose Chapter was instrumental in forming and helping to fund this legal service which is available to all Asians. Lawyers from the Alliance helped negotiate the Hollister dispute.

Bob Kaneko, president of the West Valley Chapter, spoke about their senior citizen program and their plans to expand these services. At the present time, they have to limit the number of participating senior citizens to 200 as the center will not hold any more people. They are hoping to buy another piece of property to build a larger center and a convalescent home.

Amy Doi, president of Sequoia Chapter, talked about the situation in Sacramento, and the desirability of having a JACL representative

in the State capital. Harry Hatasaka reported on the swim meet recently sponsored by Sequoia.

With almost 50 people in attendance, the consensus was that local chapters should get together more often. Local chapters can learn from each other, and they can help each other by being more supportive of each other's programs. □

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Berkeley, Contra Costa, Marin County, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Jose, San Mateo, Sequoia, Sonoma, Sonoma JAYs, Tri-Valley, West Valley, and a National Staff entry.

The tournament is intended as a "good time" tournament to give members in the

district a chance to meet and get better acquainted.

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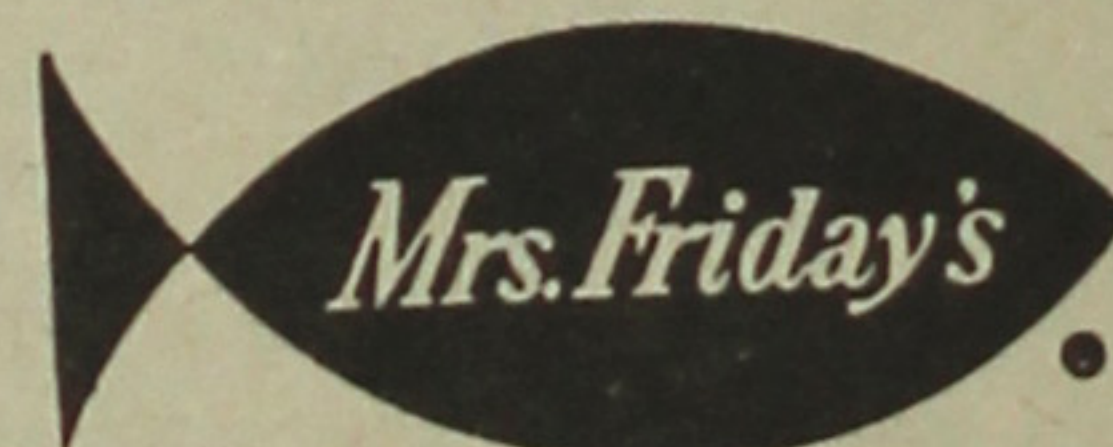
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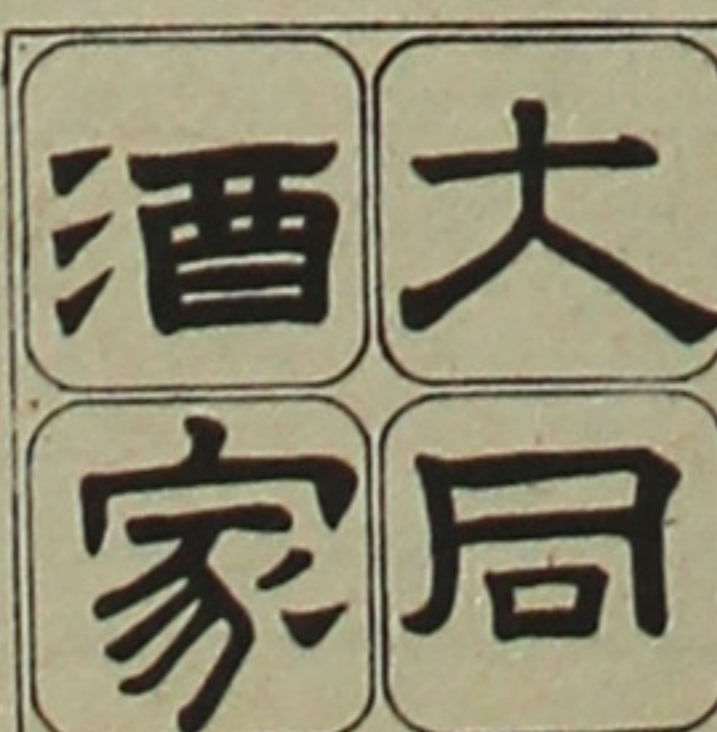
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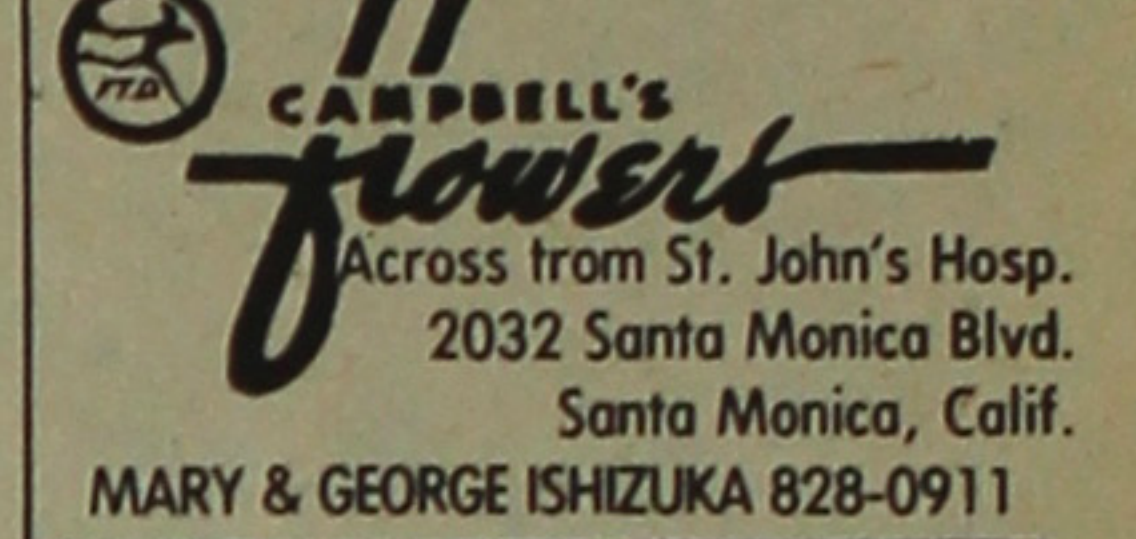
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Sports

Seattle Central College sprinter **Gary Namba**, 21, competing with the U.S. team in the World Games for the Deaf July 20 in Bucharest won a silver medal for his 10.8 effort. Occupying Hawaii's berth in the USGA men's amateur championships (Aug. 31-Sept. 5) at Oronimink, Newton Square, Pa., is **Clark Miyazaki**, UH senior, who carded a 71-72 at Waialae.

Government

Ben Takeshita, active Contra Costa JACler, has been promoted manager of the Gilroy office of the State Dept. of Human Resources (Employment).

Japan Scene

Ban of American cherries will be lifted next year after U.S. and Japanese agricultural officials agreed on ways to exterminate parasites in the American fruit. Two giant Japanese salamanders, designated as endangered species, were presented to Indonesia by Premier Fukuda when he visited the country Aug. 12-14.

More significant, however, on the swing through the Southeast Asia were Fukuda's promise of \$1 billion to the five ASEAN nations to carry out major industrialization projects in Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand; plus ¥600-million in food to Burma in what the press has noted as the "Fukuda doctrine" of economic integration of the region. Also planned is an ASEAN University in Malaysia with Japanese professors and Japan-trained Southeast Asians.

The "New Nessie" hysteria—since the catch of the monster-like creature off New Zealand—has been oversaturating the media. The top marine biologists have asked Japanese ships in the vicinity where the plesiosaurs-like carcass was dumped back to sea to be on a lookout; some are speculating the Russians may beat the Japanese in the recovery, others are guessing it may have been a

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some sectors of the youth and middle class has been the earlier advocacy of LSD by ex-professor **Timothy O'Leary** (whose family was subsequently involved in trafficking marijuana), the nihilistic and escapist philosophies of "hippyism" and growing acceptance of public permissiveness. Vietnam also contributed by providing easy access to drugs.

Though statistically invalid, several users I have met certainly seem addicted (as much as I am to tobacco), since they were willing to employ any reasonable and often unreasonable means to assure themselves of future supply. Being a lawbreaker already, to them, meant further violations were permissible.

What should be of public concern is their attitude toward the law. Instead of questioning the morality of their judgment, they question the legality of the law. Marijuana appears to give the user temporary euphoria—a feeling that he has more power at his command until the effect wears off.

radiation victim from the French nuclear tests in the Pacific. New Zealand hopes the publicity means more free-spending tourists from Japan.

Some alcoholics are affected this way. The desire for continued euphoria may lead to addiction and, perhaps, to harder drugs.

In recent years, a large number of Americans have been arrested in many foreign countries for trafficking in marijuana and hard drugs. They have tended to flock to countries that have reputations for laxity, such as Mexico, Thailand and the Netherlands.

Like it or not, the ugly re-

flexion of U.S. permissiveness has spread to many regions of the world. In Japan, most of the foreigners who are arrested are charged with drug violations and they happen to come from America. Major local sources are the Japanese gangster groups.

Current Japanese laws are very strict on possession or use, though the penalty may not be as stringent as in other countries where long prison sentences are

possible. In Thailand, a major smuggler was executed.

While many foreign lands welcome the export of American know-how, food, capital and their goods, the export of our permissive standards are not. We have

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