

# Will group legal insurance be popular? Yes, No in JACL

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Two years ago, a couple of Orange County lawyers came up with what was then, and apparently still is, a novel ideal among JACL chapters.

Based on the old theory that the more resources you merge, the more bucks you save, the lawyers enacted a group legal aid plan which essentially provides quality

legal representation at lower costs.

It was one way to offer JACL chapter members another community service, which is a major concern of the national JACL itself.

"We get a lot of people of mixed marriages from Japan who have no other legal means," said Ben Shimazu who, with lawyers Tom Kumagai and Jim Okasaki, was initially involved in the

group.

"We haven't been getting too many calls lately. Japanese, you know, are reluctant to get in a group and have their picture in front of the general public. It's (the plan) a good thing—lots of savings. But there's got to be more publicity," Shimazu said.

While group medical insurance has caught on quickly in the JACL, group legal

practices—particularly the relatively new concept of group legal insurance—are still being kicked around.

The Orange County JACL chapter, while not offering an insurance-type plan, has the nearest thing to a group legal endeavor to survive beyond the planning stages.

Basically, the chapter has available to members a panel of attorneys who agree to provide services under a reduced fee schedule. As an example of savings, the Group Legal Services charge \$25 per hour for consultation time, in comparison to the prevailing commercial rate of \$60 per hour. Still this, in Orange Coun-

ty at least, has not been enough to lure potential clients. As Shimazu said, Japanese are reluctant to bring legal problems out into the open.

This feeling, in fact, may be one reason legal aid has not become much of a JACL concern. More and more, however, other organizations nationwide have tuned in to the idea of pre-paid legal insurance.

One Honolulu attorney has gone so far as to form a network of 100 lawyers nationwide who are paid monthly insurance premiums in return for legal services. Such services include the handling of divorces, bankrupt-

cies and small claim proceedings.

Though there's been no mention of such a plan yet in the national JACL, there is a definite possibility legal insurance will soon become a mainstay of the organization, according to Frank Iwama, JACL legal counsel.

"If you're well-to-do, you can plan for your own legal services," he said. "But if you're in the average income category, you can't afford them. I think the legal profession has been far behind the medical and dental. The average person is just not

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## Affirmative action compliance means changing racial stereotypes on jobs

LOS ANGELES — Because Japanese Americans have been saddled with numerous racial stereotypes, employment opportunities for them have been confined to only a handful of departments in the county government, according to Michael Ishikawa, director of the newly-formed County Office of Affirmative Action Compliance.

"There is a clear stereotype of what jobs Japanese will fit into," he said. "It's one of our biggest frustrations. You find a lot of Asians in the accounting, engineering and road departments, but very few Asians in management and supervisory positions.

"Up until now there's been a lack of sophistication regarding the hiring of Asians. Japanese Americans have been strapped with the stereotype that they are hard-working, but are not good material for management positions. The majority of

statistics show that Japanese are generally found at entry level and clerical jobs."

Overcoming these stereotypes and bringing Asians into a better employment picture will be one of the first major thrusts of the Affirmative Action Office. Presently, Asians comprise 5% of the ethnic working force in Los Angeles County, Ishikawa said. Only the American Indian at 1% has a lower rating, while blacks hold 29% of the jobs and Hispanic, 13%.

"Japanese are your most excluded minority," Ishikawa said. "There's that automatic assumption that when you talk about minorities, you're talking about blacks and Chicanos. We've got to stress, especially in Los Angeles, that Asian Americans are a significant cultural group to consider."

Appointed last November to head the affirmative ac-

tion program, Ishikawa was among approximately 200 applicants for the position. After a grueling five-month screening process, he won the job after the field was narrowed to four finalists and became the second Asian American to head a county office. (Medical Examiner-Coroner Thomas Noguchi was the first.)

At 33, Ishikawa is well acquainted with the existing affirmative action guidelines. He formerly was the chief field representative here for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and is the current governor of the JACL Pacific Southwest District Council.

The county affirmative action program is believed to be unique in its status nationwide, Ishikawa said. Every city has affirmative action personnel, but Ishikawa's office is "probably the only operation created that has a direct access to policy-makers."

The office gained a foothold when an ordinance authored by Supervisor Ed Edelman was approved by the county Board of Supervisors in late 1975. After a year's preparation, it was officially inaugurated last month and has gained substantial support in the county.

"We've been sitting down with department heads and seeing what realities there are for promotion and for increasing outreach efforts," Ishikawa said.

"We're also making sure there is a commitment that if vacancies should come up, minorities and women will be given an opportunity to compete."

Unlike special admissions programs under the Univ. of California system, the county affirmative action pro-

gram does not operate on a quota basis, Ishikawa stressed. Rather, county employers are asked to try to provide a strong outreach program to ensure minorities will be considered "in good faith" for jobs, he said.

"It's a very important distinction to make," he said. "Affirmative action in employment talks about goals and timetables. We say there should be X-percentage in every class or if you hire, say, three people, that one would be a minority."

The task ahead will be a challenging one in an area that is often riddled with controversy. Still, for Ishikawa, the operational plan is basic.

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## Enomoto apologizes to Chicano group

FRESNO, Calif.—Bristling over charges it has supported groups with ties to prison gangs, the Mexican American Corrections Association (MACA) accepted an apology from the head of the state Dept. of Corrections.

The group also urged the Dept. of Corrections that "steps be taken to insure such charges are not repeated."

Ending its sixth annual conference here in Oct. 29, the members sent a letter to Jerry J. Enomoto, head of the state prison system, acknowledging the apology he made at the opening session earlier in the week.

"Though the director (Enomoto) personally apologized for statements issued by a department official recently ... MACA would appreciate it if the director would issue a memorandum to all institutions directing them to ignore any (such) statements ..." said Charles Pineda, state president of the 4,000-member group.

Pineda thanked Enomoto in the letter for his prompt action disavowing comments made by a department official during a training session.

The officer, according to Larry Romero in the Fresno

Bee, allegedly said there were some possible illegal connections between MACA and corrupt community ex-offender groups with ties to organized prison gangs.

Pineda said Enomoto's apology was accepted but there are some members who want to pursue legal action. "Their feelings were hurt," Pineda explained. "It was absurd to think MACA had any ties to organized crime."

## Judge rules out minority quotas

LOS ANGELES — A provision in the federal Public Works Employment Act of 1977 requiring that 10% of government-allocated funds be spent with minority businesses was declared unconstitutional this past week (Oct. 31) by U.S. District Judge A. Andrew Hauk.

But the judge decided not to halt pending distribution of some \$57-million in federal funds allocated for work projects in the county under the minority hiring provision. Construction on 57 projects must start before Dec. 31 or the federal funding would be lost.

## Asians show most schooling in federal white collar force

WASHINGTON—Asians in the federal civil service lead in educational attainment among the General Schedule employees, according to an August 1974 survey of some 1.2 million General Schedule (GS) workers, it was announced in a recent Civil Service Commission report.

Minority group employees comprise but 17% of the full time permanent "white collar" workers in government. Asians are 5% among minorities but less than 1% overall.

Asian employees led the

other minority groups, and in fact the nonminority groups, in educational attainment: 79% of Oriental men and 56% of the Oriental women had attended college. Nonminority employees stood at 68% and 37% respectively.

However, the report noted that "because of the relatively small number of Oriental Americans, their high educational attainment has little influence on the figures for all minority employees and even less influence on the overall totals."

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Former Japanese servicemen and Allied POWs cross the bridge on the River Kwai, Thailand, at the first reunion in October, 1976, to end WW2 hatreds. Holding the U.S. flag is Dennis

Roland, of Astoria, N.Y.; women attired in mourning kimono are war widows. (This week, his letter recounting that experience and what it meant to him is published in the PC.)

## LEGAL

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geared to face legal services.

"But if it's done properly—if you get the right attorney involved, insurance becomes beneficial for both attorney and client. The attorney knows he can have x-amount of dollars income and not worry about overhead costs."

Iwama, like Shimazu, noted that the demand for legal assistance has not been as vocal as the demand for medical insurance in the JACL. "But if we want to continue to grow with the membership, legal insurance is something we should look into," he said.

"Before the JACL does anything, however, we would have to research it carefully to see that it is beneficial. The research would have to be done very objectively and carefully," Iwama cautioned.

It's those potential problems and weaknesses that makes Masamune Kojima leary of a legal insurance plan for the JACL. From his work in the Los Angeles County Public Defender's office, he can tell of the legal maneuvering that only ends up hurting the client.

"You always have to be cautious—it's easy to get cheated. You've got to set the premium high enough. JACL can go to any lawyer, but you have to have volume with a group plan or you

won't make money. "Now, you have the volume in California, but what about in other parts of the country? Some lawyers just don't think a group plan would be worthwhile," he said.

"I have yet to find anything workable in the JACL. Some lawyers wanted money coming in, but couldn't guarantee service outside larger areas. I don't see really what services they are offering."

Most importantly, according to Kojima, there is no need for a legal insurance plan in the JACL. Only a small cross section of the organization will benefit from insurance and for the rest, there are alternatives to using a lawyer, he said.

"If you can't afford a divorce, you can separate or if you're smart enough, can do the divorce yourself. A lawyer is not a necessity," he began.

"If you're getting sued and have nothing, they can't collect anything. If you have something, you can file bankruptcy. Again, legal aid isn't a necessity."

"In a legal, judicial or criminal case, you can get an attorney appointed or a public defender."

"The only person who really needs insurance is the reputable middle class person who has something to lose. He can't afford a lawyer, but he can afford the insurance premiums. For him, insurance is logical and necessary. But if you're at

the poverty levels, it's not necessary."

If an insurance plan was implemented in the JACL, Kojima estimates that possibly 30 to 40% of the membership would take advantage of it, but that is still not a large enough volume to make the plan work.

"Health is more of a concern with us," he said. "There's that stereotype that Japanese are your most law-abiding citizens."

"Also, we're the landlords rather than the tenants. We're the ones doing the evicting and with legal services you're generally talking about helping the poorer," he said frankly.

In the cultural respect, Iwama agrees that Japanese have been brought up in a "non-litigation type atmosphere," making legal insurance more of an afterthought than necessity.

"We say, 'Well, that's the way it goes, I've learned my lesson.' When a Japanese is swindled or defrauded he seldom even reports it."

"At first, I don't think the (legal) plan would be accepted as readily as the health plan was. Let's face it, everybody knows the high cost of health. But legally, I'd be surprised if a person had to go to a lawyer more than twice in his life."

Iwama said it will take time for the Japanese to appreciate the safeguards of legal insurance, but, slowly, legal responsibilities are being realized. "A lot of Japa-

nese Americans are getting into more affluent areas. They're cognizant of legal needs. You can't open a business on your own without legal advice because it's so complex. You have to get legal help to make sure everything is done right. The insurance would do the membership a lot of good and prevent a lot of grief later."

Economically, even Kojima can see some benefits to the insurance. With more cases being litigated "that would not have been litigated before," there will be a need for more lawyers, Kojima said. This, in turn, would help alleviate the vast unemployment in the legal profession.

While the pros and cons are weighed at the national level, the chapters, for the most part, remain silent. For them, the situation is simple. If the plan is set, they will follow.

"The chapters won't be interested until it actually happens, I don't think," Shimazu said. "It'll probably take a couple years. It's got to come through national JACL because I don't think the chapter levels will push it."

"It would be good to get an ad-hoc committee together to study insurance possibilities. But for right now, for the chapters anyway, it's a wait-and-see type thing."

And while it's waiting, Orange County will stick to its non-insurance group legal plan. □

## Asian-Pacific mental health report for Mrs. Carter planned

LOS ANGELES—A series of workshops have been scheduled by the Asian/Pacific Workshop to the President's Commission on Mental Health to prepare a detailed report to Mrs. Rosalynn Carter, honorary chairperson of the President's Commission, for presentation in February, 1978, according to Dr. Ford H. Kuramoto, workshop coordinator.

The first workshop, held Sept. 26-28 at UCLA, was attended by 25 persons from across the U.S., plus a number of resource personnel and interested parties to develop a list of mental health concerns for the Commission's subcommittee on special populations.

Workshop was divided into five groups: service delivery, personnel and train-

ing, research, social policy issues, developmental and physical disabilities. Dr. Delores Parron of the Commission staff and Kuramoto were in charge of the workshop.

Future workshops were scheduled at San Francisco this month and at Washington in December. Workshop participants came from:

Los Angeles—Clifford Lum, Dr. Sharon Fujii, Simi Potasi, Thiet Nguyen; San Francisco—Tom Kim, Anita Sanchez, Linda Wang, Dr. Kenji Murase, Dr. Reiko Hama-True, Dr. Steve Shon; Seattle—Dr. Stan Sue, Dr. Tony Ishisaka; New York—Charles Wang; Washington—Patrick K Okura, Dr. Delores Parron, commissioner; Boise—Dr. Max Callao; Champaign, Ill.—Bok-Lim Kim; Boulder—Dr. Faye Munoz; Denver—Dr. Rudy Lie; Philadelphia—Dr. Mary Watanabe; Elk Grove Village, Ill.—Kiyo Iha; Topeka—Dr. Normund Wong; Honolulu—Dr. Soon-Hyung Chung; Austin, Tex.—Raymundo Rodriguez, commissioner.

## Nisei among 'most powerful L.A. women'

LOS ANGELES—Two Japanese Americans last week were cited by the Los Angeles Herald Examiner as being among the "most powerful" women in the city.

Toshiko Yamamoto and Ruth Watanabe were commended by the paper for both their community service and commitment to minority interests.

Mrs. Yamamoto was the first minority member and is still the only woman serving on the state Board of Barber Examiners. Outside her job, she dedicates her time toward activating the interest of young Asian Americans in politics.

Frequently consulted on minority recommendations for state and federal posts, Mrs. Yamamoto also helped found the Asian American Political Coalition.

Mrs. Watanabe modestly calls herself a "volunteer", yet her reputation makes

her one of the first to be called when a fund-raising drive is in the works.

Through her efforts, enough funds were secured to purchase the former Jewish Home for the Aged in Boyle Heights for conversion into the Japanese Retirement Home. She serves on the board of directors of both the retirement home and the Japanese American Cultural Community Center, another favorite project of hers.

### Ex-policeman sentenced

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—Charles Nakao, 30, a former San Leandro policeman was sentenced to five years to life in prison for the second-degree murder of his new wife's 11-year-old son. Gary Ellenburg, son of Shirley Ellenburg who married Nakao in a jail ceremony, weighed 44 pounds when admitted to San Francisco General Hospital last January. Nakao was convicted Oct. 7 of starving the boy. Ms. Ellenburg, also convicted, has been sentenced to state prison for the boy's death.

## SCHOOLING

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Another statistic was revealed—the percentages of men and women employees within each minority group who went on to achieve bachelor's degrees with or without a graduate study.

Asians led in this area, too, as 55.9% of Oriental males, and 22% of Oriental females, surpassed those of other groups.

The Commission broke up different GS employees into different grades.

"As would be expected, the educational level of General Schedule employees rises in successively higher grade groups," the report notes.

"Although Oriental men and women lead all other men's and women's groups, respectively, in educational attainment," the report admitted, "nonminority men and nonminority women have somewhat higher percentages in grades GS-12 through GS-18 (the upper grades) than do Oriental men and Oriental women."

The Commission also classified the white-collar occupations into five divisions: professional, administrative, technical, clerical and other.

The report revealed that the great bulk of the "professional" classification were Asian males with 33%, as compared to 21% for the nonminority. □

### Protests against 'Jap' summarized

SAN JOSE, Calif.—On Oct. 30, "California Today", the Sunday magazine of the San Jose Mercury News, featured an article by Dr. Clifford I. Uyeda who recounted the various protests over the

### 1977 Holiday Issue BOXSCORE

1976: Display Ads—5,889 "The boxscore acknowledges the amount of column inches which the chapters have pledged or have submitted for this year's Holiday Issue. A full page is 84 inches, a pair of adjoining pages 168, four pages 366. The PC Office has requested space reservations be made as early as possible. Deadline is Dec. 7 for all advertising copy. Chapters in need of additional forms should ask Mrs. Jane Ozawa, secretary at the PC Office. Rates are unchanged: \$6 per column inch, \$3 for one-line greetings. Dwntrwn L.A. .168 Sn Mateo.....5 Edn Twshp .84 Stockton.....168 Gardena Vly .336 PSWDC.....20 San Diego.....336 PC Adv.....22 Sn Fernando.....336 Office.....39 Nov. 11 total: 1,514

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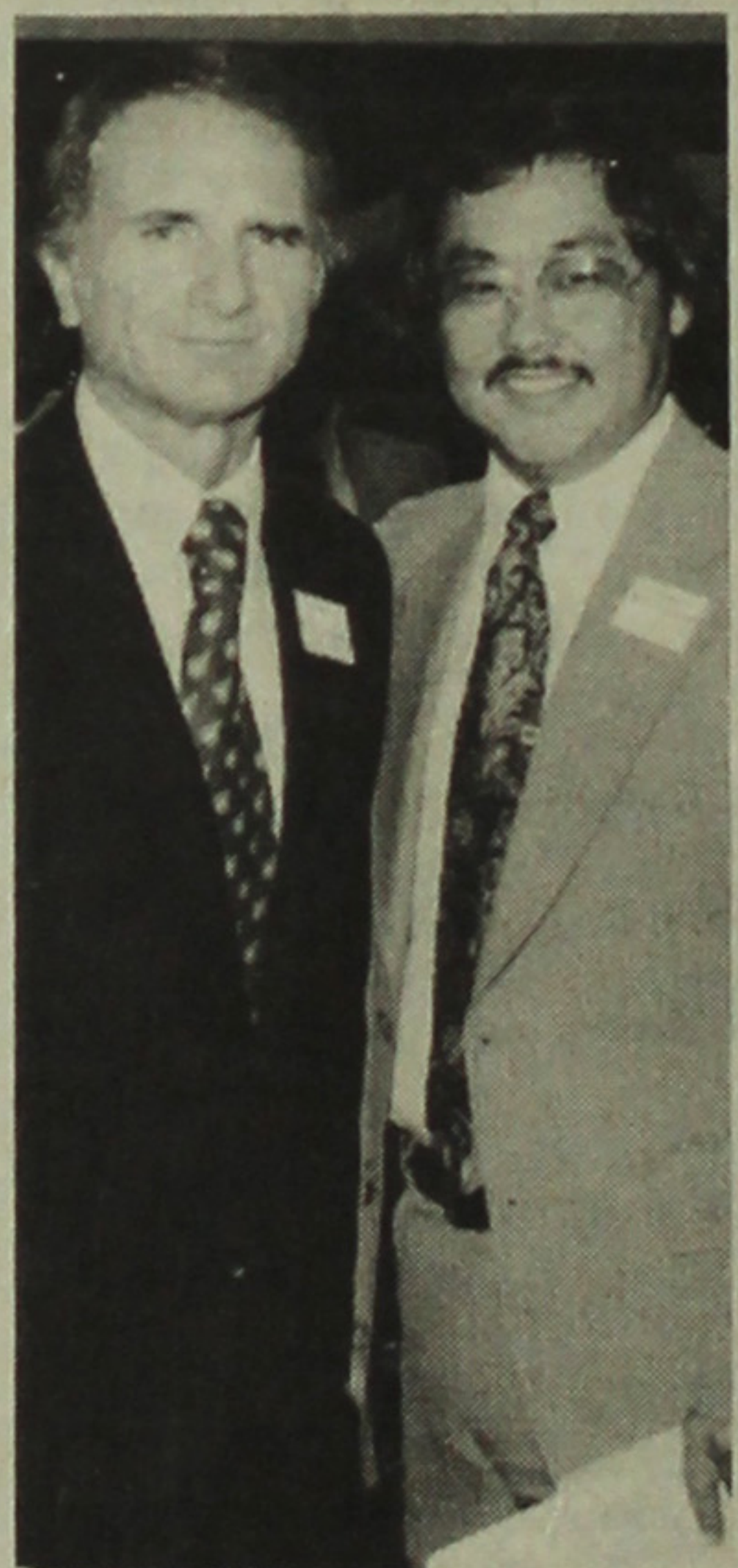
"One thing we hope to do is keep the Board (of Supervisors) informed on where progress has been maintained and where improvements are needed."

"We can't use a shotgun approach—that only frustrates." Pat Tashima

years against the use of "Jap".

With the most recent flare-up in nearby Hollister noted in the lead paragraph, Uyeda goes back 75 years when the epithet was born and how it was finally recognized by lexicographers as a demeaning, insulting term. "There are overwhelming, historical, ethical and moral reasons for not using the term Jap, whatever the intention," he concluded.

Print exhibit PASADENA, Calif.—A comprehensive Japanese prints exhibit opens at Pacificulture Asia museum, 46 N. Los Robles, Nov. 9 until Feb. 11.



Los Angeles County Supervisor Ed Edelman and Mike Ishikawa (r) participate at inaugural of county Office of Affirmative Action Compliance, of which Mike is director.

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## Deaths

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**First 1978 member signed by Wilshire**

SAN FRANCISCO—National JACL Headquarters last week revealed Miyeko May Yamamoto of Wilshire JACL was the first JACL member to be enrolled for 1978. Meanwhile, the 1978 membership campaign kits will be distributed as soon as the new brochures are delivered from the printers.

The Sept. 30 membership summary indicated 30,695 members signed up during 1977—topping the previous all-time high of 29,775 as of Dec. 31, 1976. Over 60% of the 104 chapters exceeded previous year membership.

**Army chaplain active in family life education**

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Col. Bill Nagata, a chaplain with the U.S. Army Ground Forces, spoke on the subject, "Great Demonstration and Grand Experiment" at the 70th Anniversary of Ocean View United Church of Christ last Saturday.

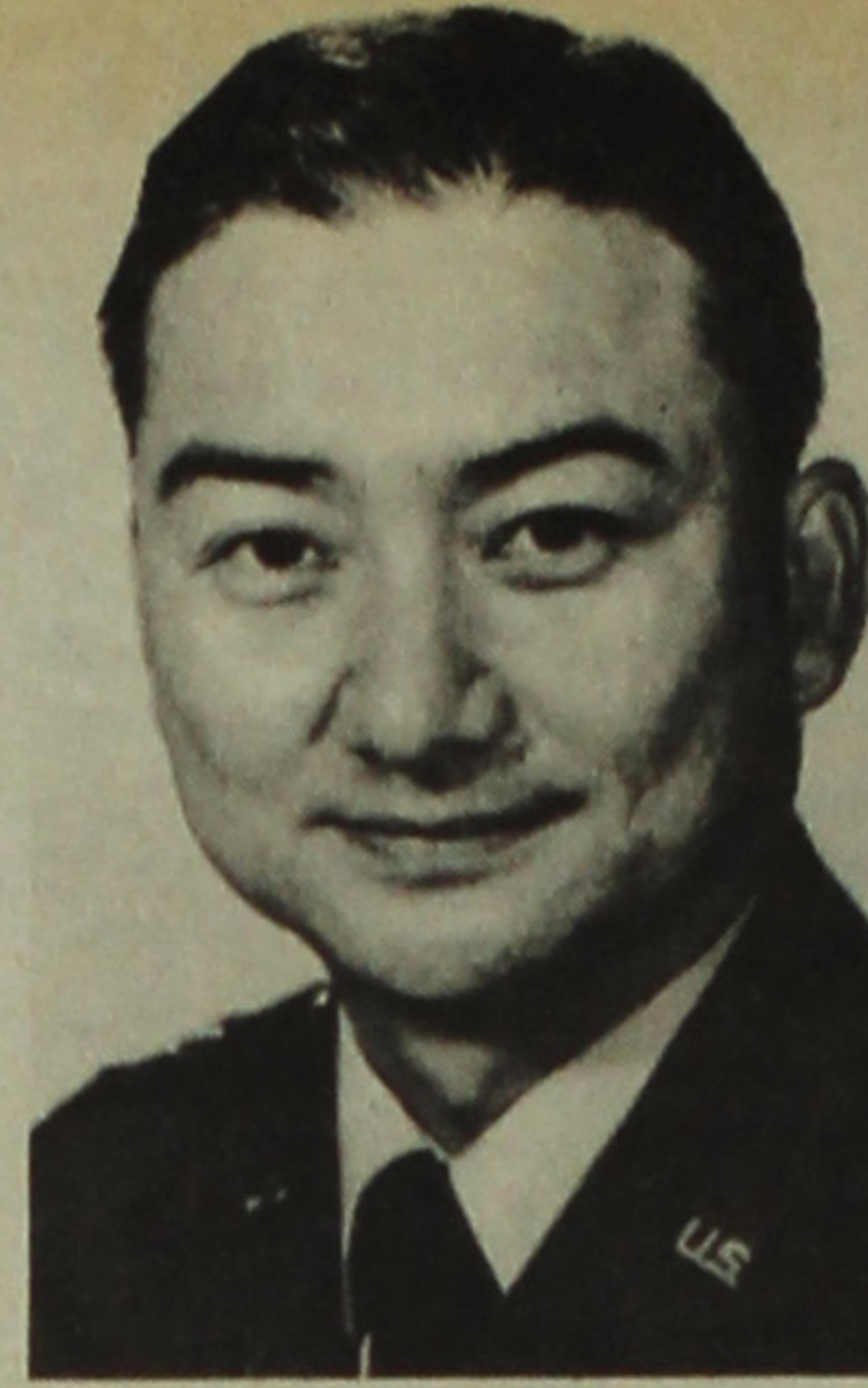
Born in Honolulu, Nagata is a minister in the United Church of Christ and has a special interest in family life education.

The chaplain has conducted family life enrichment programs for churches, para-

professionals, college students and professionals for over eight years and has held various workshops nationwide.

Nagata works with the U.S. Army in the area of human resources. The assignment takes him on consultation visits throughout the country, visiting military and civilian agencies tasked with developing preventive education programs for family and community living.

He received his master of divinity degree at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena and doctorate of ministry at San Francisco Theological Seminary. He is also a graduate of the American Institute of Family Relation's post-master's intern-



COL. BILL NAGATA  
ship in Los Angeles.

A member of the San Francisco chapter of JACL, Nagata lives with his wife, Frances, and children Mike 19, and Janice, 15, in Decatur, Georgia.

**Property tax deferred for aged**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Most of California's older homeowners can postpone payment of their property taxes under recently enacted legislation, Assemblyman S. Floyd Mori (D-Pleasanton) announced.

The legislation, co-authored by Mori, allows low and moderate income homeowners over 62 to defer payments of part or all of their residential property taxes, beginning with payments due Dec. 10. Highlights are:

1—Claimants must be 62 or older as of Dec. 31, 1976, own and occupy

their home at the time of filing, have at least 20% equity in the property and have a total household income of \$20,000 or less (indexed annually).

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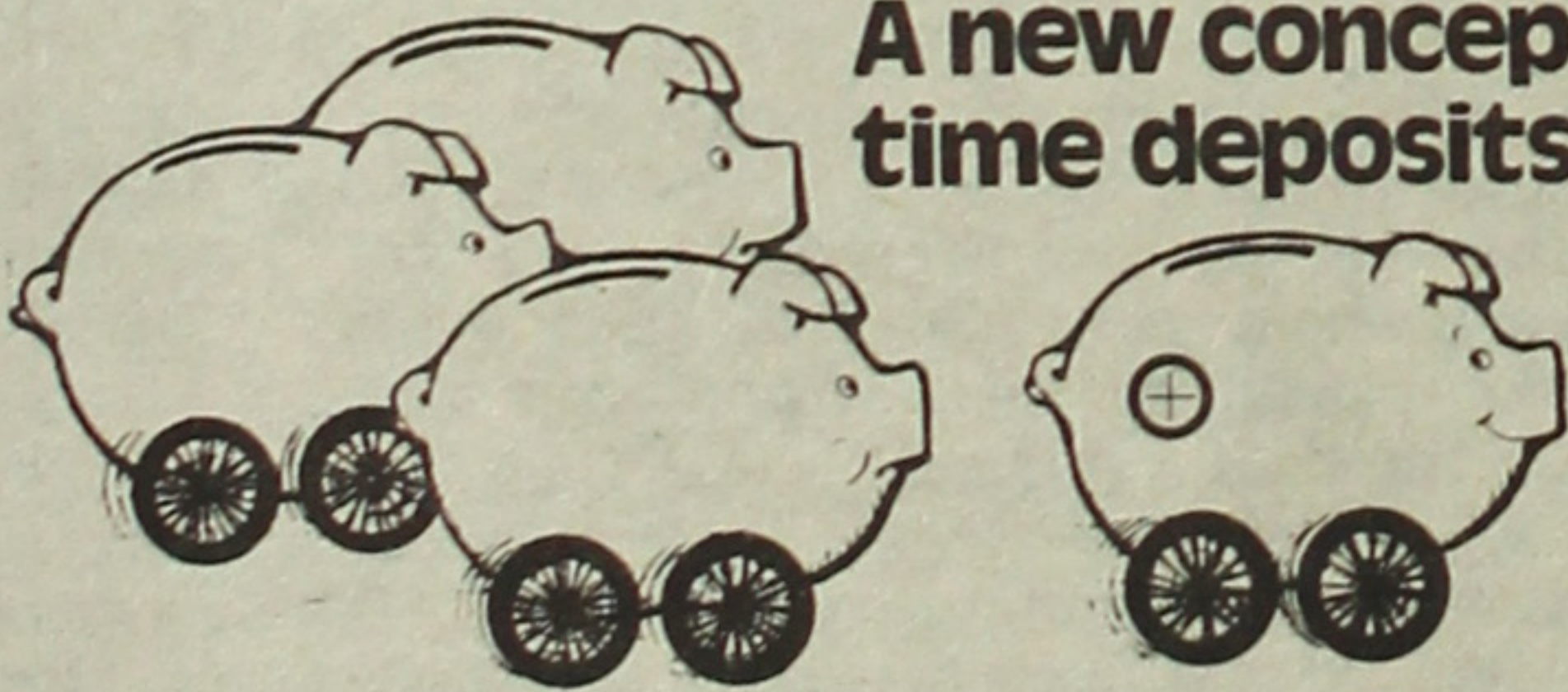
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**D.C. panel on retirement set**

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Overall goals of the National Nisei Retirement Conference, held a year ago in San Francisco and funded by the National Institute of Mental Health, were to explore both the general and unique retirement concerns of the Nisei and to identify successful interventions which respond to their concerns and needs.

How aging Nisei of metropolitan Washington, D.C. area differ from those residing on the West Coast will be aired at a panel discussion during the Washington, D.C. JACL general meeting Nov. 26, 7:30 p.m., at the River Road Unitarian Church, Bethesda.

This will be the first of a series of meetings or work-



**Career workshop**

PASADENA, Calif.—Pasadena City College Asian Affairs Office will hold an entertainment-communications field workshop Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m., at the campus center lounge, according to Vickey Furuya (578-7117). Scheduled to appear are Mario Machado, Tritia Toyota, Nobu McCarthy and Jesse Dizon.

**Hagino to continue**

TORONTO, Ont.—After months of futile search for a successor, Sam Hagino has agreed to continue as executive director of the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre, who had announced his retirement several months ago. He has been associated with the Centre since its inception in 1963. (At its 10th anniversary celebration, Bill Hosokawa of Denver was guest speaker.)

**PCYA applicant**

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Local high school seniors of Japanese ancestry were expected to apply for a San Jose JACL tuition scholarship to Presidential Classroom for Young Americans by Nov. 9 and turn in transcript and essay by Dec. 2, it was announced by Helen Mineta. Student would be responsible for airplane fare.

**Senior citizen info**

LOS ANGELES—The Twelfth Nikkei Joho Kohkan Kai (NJK) and Japanese Unified Information Community Exchange (JUICE) will hold a general meeting Nov. 14 at the Koyasan Buddhist Temple. Program will start promptly at 1 p.m. John Iwaoka of the Japanese Community Pioneer Center and Walter Tanaka of the Department of Senior Citizens Affairs Area Agency on Aging will speak.

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shops to consider Nisei assets and liabilities relative to retirement, according to program chairman Pat Okura. Printed material and reports will be available. Meeting is open to all interested.

Similar conferences were also scheduled on the eastern seaboard: Oct. 15 at Boston and Nov. 11-12 at Philadelphia.

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# Comments, letters & features

## International Terrorism

The recent rash of international terrorism certainly tells us something about the times in which we live, but just what is the message?

The question is less perplexing when the objectives behind the violence can be identified. For example, in Northern Ireland, extremists on both sides have a target in view: union with or independence from the Irish republic in the south. The tactics of terror in the Middle East, while appearing wasteful and self-defeating, are somewhat understandable at the political level.

But of the terrorists from Japan and West Germany (the Japanese Red Army guerrilla and the Baader-Meinhof gang), their ideology seems to be one of cosmic protest. Sean MacBride, chairman of Amnesty International, recently said the general breakdown in public and private morality is the source of increased violence and brutality. George Wills, in a thoughtful Newsweek essay, has suggested that the horrible acts of the terrorists were being propelled "by a powerful fuel: boredom".

A more basic understanding on the use of torture and violence—by anarchists or government, whether official or revolutionary—can be realized by recognizing that it denies the dignity of the individual. But there is no neat formula to explain the mysterious and frightening phenomenon of international terrorism. We should be chastened by the realization that prosperity does not necessarily define the good life, nor have technological revolution and

modern sciences of the mind explained away the destructive instincts in a human being.

As one friend said the other day (which prompted this week's commentary): "The same folks that brought you the permissive society also produced Auschwitz."

### The HHH Building

A new Federal building has been named for Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey—first time that has happened for a living person. The gesture is entirely appropriate for the compassion the Minnesotan has exemplified during his political life will be one to emulate by the people who work in it—the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare.

The Humphrey name for Japanese Americans goes back some years when as mayor of Minneapolis he was among the first to espouse the JACL cause to eliminate the white-only clause in the American Bowling Congress.

### Over 1,000 headers

Mailers call them "headers"—tags that direct a batch of ZIPed mail to its destination. The PC currently has close to 1,100 of them. This may be of little significance to the average reader, but "headers" help speed the mail. We also found PC readers are in all but three states: South Carolina, South Dakota and West Virginia. During WW2, there were many in Arkansas (because of the WRA camps) and in Mississippi (because of Camp Shelby). Today, it's dwindled down to 1 and 5, respectively.

JACL Reparations Committee: Clifford Uyeda

## Wiedergutmachung

### PART TWO

It is the German word for restitution, meaning literally: to make something good again. It is the word used by the government of the Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany) in the payment of compensatory damages to "those who suffered in mind and body, or had been deprived unjustly of their freedom."

After World War II, Occupation Powers restored properties confiscated by the Nazis but it did not take into account personal damages. The Federal Republic of Germany has stated that restitution, both moral and material, for acts committed by the Nazis was one of the most important and urgent obligations of the German people.

In the Luxembourg Agreement of 1952 Germany agreed to pay three billion marks to the State of Israel and 450 million marks to various Jewish organizations (exchange rate: \$1 = 4 marks).

Subsequent legislation went far beyond the responsibilities assumed in earlier agreements. Both the number eligible and the assistance offered were substantially increased. Survivors of deceased victims were also guaranteed compensation.

Of over 4 million claims submitted 96.5% were settled by 1971 with the payment of 29.3 billion marks

(1971 exchange rate: \$1 = 3.3 marks). Of the recipients approximately one-third lived in Israel, one-third in West Germany and the final third in other countries.

The 1957 Federal Restitution Law recognized Germany's obligation to pay compensatory damages for all objects confiscated by the Third Reich, including those destroyed or lost. The law also applied to properties confiscated outside the territory of Germany. The international agreement had limited Germany's financial obligation to 1.5 billion marks; but the amount paid has exceeded 4 billion marks.

In addition, lump sum payments had been made to former concentration internees who were objects of medical experiments by the Nazis. Lump sum payments were also made to Palestinian prisoners of war with Jewish background.

Between 1959 and 1964 Germany paid 900 million marks (\$225 million) to compensate citizens in eleven European nations who were not eligible under the earlier compensation laws. Their survivors also became eligible for compensations.

By 1975 a total of 52.4 billion marks had been paid by Germany, and another 25 to 30 billion marks will be paid under the Compensation of Victim Law. The grand total of compensation monies will

be at least 75 to 80 billion marks. (Today's exchange rate: \$1 = 2.3 marks.)

The purpose of the Nazi concentration camps for Jews was extermination; the purpose of the American concentration camps for Japanese Americans was imprisonment. Both were carried out by the government *against its own people*. Both were based solely on race and without individual charges. Although there was no similarity in their treatment inside the camps, the issue which placed them there was the same—the unjust incarceration and deprivation of freedom to their own people based solely on ancestry.

The fact that the victorious Allied Powers imposed on Germany the concept of reparations to the victims of Nazism does not diminish the righteousness nor the justice of the reparations act. The Federal Republic of Germany has stated that it is giving precedence to restitutions for injustices against persons of Jewish ancestry caused by the earlier German government. United States is the world leader in human justice and rights. Her actions must parallel the goal she advocates.

The concept of reparations does not have the unanimous support of the Japanese Americans. Our next presentation will explore the reasons why. □

### Former POW writes

Editor:

I am a retired American merchant marine officer and have had approximately eight years of active duty in the U.S. Navy retiring with the rank of lieutenant commander.

For three years during World War II, I was a prisoner of the Japanese during which time I was sent to work on the railway and the bridges amongst which was the well-known River Kwai Bridge.

Recently, at great personal financial hardship I attended a pilgrimage at the bridge.

I took along with me two American flags. One, a Bicentennial flag given to be by one of my sons as a birthday present and the other a flag given to me by Congressman Mario Biaggi. I walked over the River Kwai Bridge with these two flags to show the world that there is a bond of friendship between our two countries, Japan and the United States.

During the course of building the railroad and bridges, I recalled a saying which was quite true and applicable to us one and all, both captors and prisoners: We all were in the same boat. Our captors had little and we, a little less, but we all shared the same hardships in one form or another—hard work with little or no and even less in medicines or medical attention. Death did not take a holiday. Death did not know the difference between captor or captive.

And as far as abuse, physical or otherwise, in all fairness I cannot say I witnessed any. Both the body and the will gave out on many of the lads and they thus succumbed. I adjusted myself to my environment with the understanding that the Japanese had a job to do and they did it. Therefore, I never held any animosity toward them.

One of the motivating reasons for my going to this pilgrimage of over 12,000 miles, and at great personal financial hardship, was because as an American, I feel very guilty over the bombings of the Japanese cities Nagasaki and Hiroshima and the treatment accorded to other American citizens—the Nisei.

I strongly objected to the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The bombs were dropped on defenseless cities, open cities, defenseless civilians, men, women, children, but all defenseless. The argument always put forth to me is that the bombings saved a million American lives! Our losses were nowhere the reputed million always mentioned as "being saved" in those bombings.

History, facts, prove that Washington knew all about Pearl Harbor long before it happened. My personal opinion is that the Japanese were suckered into Pearl Harbor. Then Roosevelt thundered his infamous cry, "A Day of Infamy." Perhaps he called it a DAY, but the rounding up of Americans—the Nisei—and their subsequent treatment is comparable to that of the Acadians when they

were summarily uprooted from their peaceful farms and homes.

Their heartaches, great as they were, did not compare to that of the Nisei who were placed behind barbed wire compounds. This is the same Nisei, the same American born, whose sons and husbands went off to war in a special regiment whose feats of bravery outshone every other U.S. regiment. The treatment of the Nisei will remain a permanent blot on America's conscience and history.

My trip to the River Kwai Bridge was simply and strictly a pilgrimage to cement the Japanese/American relations and show the world at large that those of us who had been through the mill did not find the Japanese anywhere near inhuman as painted.

The stench lies at the door of Washington. President Roosevelt, with his "Day of Infamy", should also be extended to "Years of Infamy", the title of Michi Weglyn's book.

After reading the book, I can only ask, can the Nisei forgive? No one should or can ever forget those "years of infamy."

DENNIS A ROLAND

New York

(Mr. Roland sold two life insurance policies to raise the \$2,500 necessary to go to the River Kwai reunion. His letter was forwarded to the PC by Michi Weglyn, who tells that Mr. Roland plans to attend the Hiroshima memorial services next August if he can secure the proper funds.—Ed.)

U-no Bar: Raymond S. Uno

## Pilgrimages and Reparations

### Salt Lake City

It is over 32 years since leaving Heart Mountain, Wyo.. Although the lapse of so many years has dimmed my memory of many events, there are significant occurrences which I recall as vividly as if I had just left the camp yesterday.

The death of my father in January of 1943, Block 27-17-B (my home for almost four years), my classmates, friends and neighbors often present panoramic scenes of my younger years of incarceration, indelibly etched in my mind. Returning to Heart Mountain to view the camp site, walking over the sand and dirt that used to be my home, reminiscing about yesteryears with my children and philosophizing about war and its consequences have ruminated through my head for many years; yet, I have not succeeded in setting aside the time to make the journey to what was so long ago.

I would like to do so because Salt Lake is so close and those years spent in Wyoming have helped shape important decisions in my life which have influenced my attitude toward government, institutions, people, and life in general.

Frank Yoshimura is chairing the Pilgrimage Committee for the 1978 National JACL Convention in Salt Lake City. He chaired the Topaz Committee which was responsible for the monument memorializing Topaz as a historical site. Geographically, Utah is strategically located for most of the wartime camp sites.

The Blackfoot-Pocatello Chapter has already visited

the Minidoka, Idaho, Camp. The Idaho Falls Chapter plans to commemorate, in some fashion, the Heart Mountain Camp. Evacuees at Granada, Colo., already have had a reunion in California as well as some of the other camps. Manzanar and Tule Lake have been recognized as state historical landmarks.

Hopefully, committees can be formed for the other camps and a national reunion held at the 1978 JACL Convention and a pilgrimage conducted before, during or after the convention. I would like my family to be part of the pilgrimage to Heart Mountain. It may be the last chance we can do it as a family.

What more impetus can the Reparations Project have than getting together the people who were evacuated and placed in these camps with their families. These are the people who were primarily the victims and should be the ones to spearhead the Reparations Project. Combining the two projects may help bring the Reparations Project to a successful conclusion.

If all works out well, plans are to provide a reunion-pilgrimage program as part of

the convention. Hopefully from this will come positive results for the Reparations Project as well as new insights into the camp experiences and consequences for future research and publication.

We have often neglected the lesser known detention facilities such as Bismarck, North Dakota; Missoula, Montana; Moab, Utah; Lordsburg and Santa Fe, New Mexico; Crystal City, Texas, and others. Perhaps more can be done to determine the human suffering, economic deprivations and other injuries incurred by the detainees and their families.

Hopefully, this Convention can be a family affair. If the workshop and pilgrimage ideas materialize, there will be something of interest for all who attend.

I shall comment on the concept of the family aspect in a subsequent column. Utah and surrounding states have much to offer the vacationers, so mark your calendars for the week of the Convention, July 18 to 22, 1978. And let us hear from you. Send it to: 1135 Second Ave., Salt Lake City, Utah 84103.



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From the *Frying Pan*: Bill Hosokawa

## A Meal With Eel

Denver, Colo.

How we happened to be eating broiled eel atop hot white rice in a place called Wheatridge, Colo., is a long and somewhat involved story. But since I am among those who consider broiled eel one of the triumphs of Japanese cuisine, it may be worth telling.

If we are to start at the beginning, it must start with Hatch Kita, a boyhood friend who has appeared from time to time in this column. Kita was among the first G.I.s to enter Japan at the end of World War II, and it was there, when I encountered him a few years later, that he introduced me to the delights of fresh eel. After that a visit to an eel speciality restaurant was a necessary ritual of every visit to Japan.

A couple of years ago Kita and his Japan-born wife, Kyoko, retired to Wheatridge, which is a suburb of Denver. Now the story becomes a bit complicated, so please pay attention.

Last summer, Kyoko's friend, Masako Oishi, took a trip to Tokyo. Kyoko's brother, Koji, aware of the great hunger for eel in Denver, tracked down some neatly fresh-frozen specimens. These he packed in a styrofoam cooler together with dry ice and prevailed on Mrs. Oishi to take it aboard the plane as cabin luggage. I do not know what she told the customs inspectors, who usually are uncomfortably nosy about such matters, but she delivered the cooler in good shape to Wheatridge.

The eel was quickly transferred into Kyoko's freezer and there it waited the proper occasion, which was the other night. The Kitas invited the Hosokawas as well as Don and Joann Cieber, who also are aficionados of Japanese cooking. In fact, Don's ample girth attests to many pleasant encounters with the cuisine of various cultures over the years.

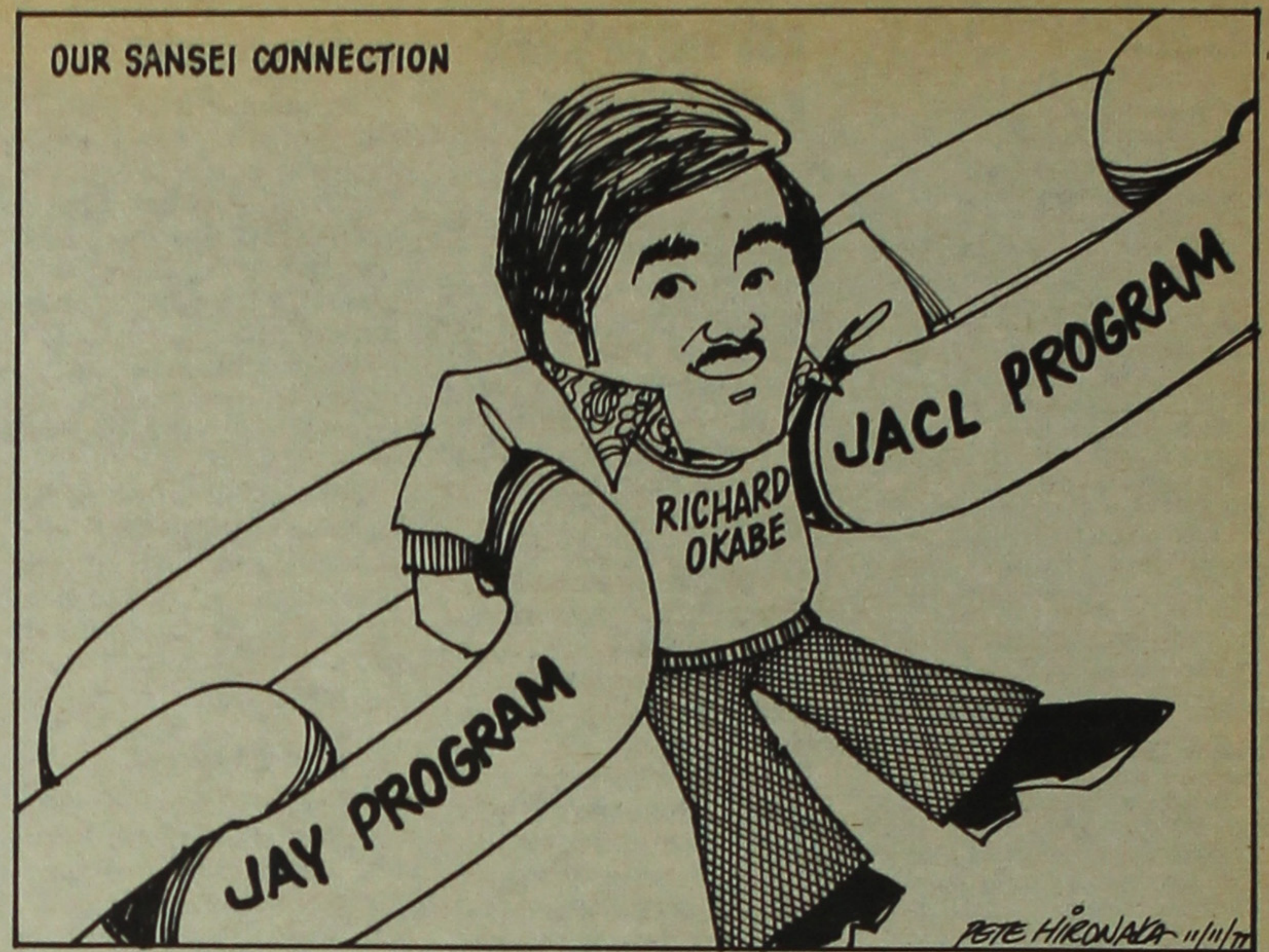
So our feast was the combined result of Kyoko's cooking, Koji's thoughtfulness and Masako's willingness to be imposed upon, plus of course the heartfelt appreciation of the guests.

Fresh eel, or fresh-frozen eel for that matter, was unknown to my Seattle boyhood. But for a price canned eel was available. Canned eel is not as good as fresh eel, but eel is eel. Because it was so expensive, it was used sparingly, usually "maki-zushi" which is rice flavored with vinegar rolled with various goodies like a jellyroll inside a sheet of seaweed.

As we relaxed after the feasting, I recalled a sweet-sad story about a particular can of eel which was packed in a small, flat container like those used for sardines. When World War II came, it was obvious that canned eel was destined to go the way of nylon stockings, automobile tires and other victims of the war effort. We were evacuated and before leaving the house one last can of eel was slipped into the duffle bag of personal effects that accompanied us into exile.

There was little opportunity to open

### OUR SANSEI CONNECTION



that can and in time I forgot about it. Then came a particularly cold, miserable winter week at the Heart Mountain WRA camp. The messhall food was more miserable than usual. My wife Alice was in the camp hospital being treated for some mysterious ailment. I was left with the care of Mike, our toddler.

One night he couldn't stomach the messhall chow, but when we returned to our barracks room Mike complained he was hungry. I rummaged around in the orange crate that served as our pantry and found a box of soda crackers. They

weren't very good without something to go with them. But there was no butter, no jelly, no cheese, no nothing except a flat, unlabeled can.

Well, I figured, crackers with sardines was better than just plain crackers, so I opened the can. It contained the funniest looking sardines I'd ever seen. Then I remembered the cherished eel and nearly wept.

Mike and I had crackers and eel. It was a strange combination in a strange setting. It was the first and last time we ate eel and crackers. □

From *Happy Valley*: Sachi Seko

## The Couple With Everything

Salt Lake City

They were the couple with everything. So golden were they and their lives, that they seemed to have walked straight out of one of Fitzgerald's stories. Born to old wealth, they accepted their good fortune with neither surprise nor alarm.

So stunning a couple were they that even at parties on sprawling estates, where there was a general scattering of invited guests, heads turned to stare at them. They were so accustomed to being thus regarded that they accepted adulation with unaffected amusement.

I suppose that was what attracted us first to them. They had no need for pretension. In a world which has its share of pretenders, it was a relief to meet genuine heirs.

They seemed so carefree and easy. It was only later that I learned through other sources of the wife's years long involvement with mentally handicapped children. Philanthropy was a family tradition. But they never mentioned their giving. It would have been as vulgar as a discussion of possessions.

They had two children, who were also born into this select and secure environment. And they, too, were born beautiful and intelligent. It could not have been otherwise. They seemed to know since they were small that more was expected of them than of other children.

it showed in their manners and carriage.

The young children had two sets of grandparents, who lavished gifts and attention on them. Over the years, we became good friends with the wife's parents, who lived in Colorado and in a second home in Arizona. She was an only child so they came periodically for visits.

We liked them from our first meeting. There was a gaiety to them and a youthful curiosity. They said they enjoyed gardening and did much of their own. At first it was difficult to imagine this. She was always so elegantly gowned with one of her several furs tossed carelessly across her shoulders. He was a tall and trim man, who played a round of golf each day, weather permitting.

We kept in touch by telephone and letter. Sometimes we were confidants. Well in advance of some holidays, they secured bookings for an exotic cruise or plane reservations to a foreign country. They did this so their daughter and her family could enjoy a few private holidays, without guilt feelings about including them.

When we expressed our opinion that their daughter would be disappointed, they said maybe next time they would come for a holiday. Old parents and old children don't always belong together, they insisted. And parents and grown children in particular, should be careful

to respect each other's privacy, they told us over the years.

Sometimes they called unexpectedly to say they were in the city. When asked what brought them unannounced, they said that a couple of plane tickets had arrived in the mail. They couldn't pass up the chance of using them.

The daughter and her husband often sent them plane tickets to show how emphatically they wanted them to come. I think it was Ann Landers who said that when children begin to pick up tabs for travel and hotels and restaurants, it proves that you are really wanted. Otherwise, there is the suspicion that without the free-loading, children don't particularly prefer the company of parents.

And this is what pleased the parents. They were wanted. They never stayed quite as long as their daughter expected them to. Sometimes their excuses for an early departure were quite transparent. But in addition to being parents, they realized they were guests in their daughter's home. And they wanted to be the kind of guests who were invited back.

It was this constant consideration which influenced their actions and thoughts. They were not only born to class, but had real class. In recent years, both required

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## JACL Okubo-Yamada Fund

At the 1970 National Convention in Chicago, two JACL youth delegates were victims of a brutal and senseless crime. Evelyn Okubo (age 18) was murdered by an unknown assailant and Ranko Carol Yamada (age 17) was near death after being severely assaulted. It was a miracle that she survived.

JACL is committed to assist the two Stockton families with legal expenses in their lawsuit against Hilton Hotels, which owns and operates the Palmer House. No funds raised will be used for attorney's fees.

Seven years following the tragedy the legal battle continues. Will you join us in support of these families?

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**Nov. 11-13**  
MPDC—Fall Mtg, Executive Tower, 14th & Curtis, Denver.

**Nov. 12 (Saturday)**  
Riverside—Thanksgiving dnr, First Christian Church.  
San Gabriel Valley—Inst Dnr, Great Wall Restaurant, West Covina.

**Nov. 12-13**  
CCDC—Dist Convention, Sheraton Inn, Fresno; Sen S I Hayakawa, Sun banq spkr.

**Nov. 13 (Sunday)**  
PSWDC—Fall qtrly sess, East Los Angeles JACL hosts: Little Tokyo Towers, Los Angeles, 9:30 a.m.  
Pocatello—Chow mein dnr, JACL Hall, noon-6 p.m.

**Nov. 14 (Monday)**  
Las Vegas—Mtg, Osaka Restaurant 8 p.m.

**Nov. 18-20**  
Tulare County—Las Vegas trip.  
Cincinnati—Internat'l Folk Festival.

**Nov. 19 (Saturday)**  
Sonoma County—JAYs Appreciation dnr for over 65, Enmanji Hall, 5:30.  
Contra Costa—Sakurai Kai mtg, 6510 Stockton, El Cerrito, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
West Los Angeles—Inst dnr, Airport Marina, Manchester & Lincoln Bl, 6:30 p.m.; George Knox Roth, spkr.

**Nov. 25-26**  
IDC—Dist Conv, Wasatch Front North JACL hosts: Holiday Inn, Ogden; Sen Orrin Hatch, banq spkr.  
Chicago—Asian American Art Fair, Midwest Buddhist Temple.

**Nov. 26 (Saturday)**  
Sacramento—Inst dnr-dance, Red Lion Inn, 6 p.m.  
Washington, D.C.—Gen mtg, River Rd Unitarian Church, Bethesda,

**● Chicago**  
George Wakiji, Acting Director of Public Affairs of Action, has been announced as the featured speaker for the Chicago JACL's 33rd annual Inaugural dinner-dance Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Case and Cover of the American Furniture Mart, 666 N. Lake Shore Drive.  
The keynote address will be followed by an "Action"-packed finale featuring a visual presentation of memorable people, places, and events in Wakiji's varied career.  
Dancing will be provided by Dave Romaine's combo. Cost of the event, co-chaired by Mrs. Tsune Nakagawa and Mrs. Jean Sakamoto, is \$17.50 per person. Reservations can be made with the Chicago JACL office (728-7170).

7:30 p.m.; Panel: Nisei retirement.  
San Diego—Inst dnr, Tom Ham's Lighthouse, Harbor Is, 7 p.m.; Harry Kubo, spkr.

**● Riverside**  
The annual Riverside JACL potluck Thanksgiving dinner will be held Nov. 12 at the First Christian Church, Jurupa and Brockton, starting at 6 p.m., followed by bingo. In the past, the community affair has served to introduce this American tradition to foreign students from Japan in the Riverside area.  
The chapter board has voted to send \$50 to the Okubo-Yamada fund. Three have been nominated to the chapter board. They are Doris Higa, May Kanatani and Nancy Takano.

**● San Diego**  
Harry Kubo, president-founder of the Nisei Farmers League, will be guest speaker at the San Diego JACL installation dinner on Saturday, Nov. 26, 7 p.m., at Tom Ham's Lighthouse on Harbor Island, it was announced by Mas Hironaka, chapter president.  
Reservations at \$8 per person are being accepted by Hironaka (294-4174) and

board members. Glen Isomoto, Pacific Southwest JACL regional director, will be installing officer. Nominees for the new chapter board include:  
Dick Miyao, Vernon Yoshioka, Carol Kawamoto, David Kawamoto, Aileen Yagade, Bradley Kuniyuki, Jack M. Matsueda.  
Holdover board members serving their final year are: Mas Hironaka, Robert Ito, Roy Hosaka, Tetsuyo Kashima, Harry Kawamoto, Richard Namba, Kimiko Ann Fukuda and Bruce Asakawa.

**● Washington, D.C.**  
Blessed with perfect weather, hundreds turned out for the Washington D.C. Aki-no-Ichi Festival Oct. 15 at the National Presbyterian Church. Among the popular attractions were the Japanese food booths serving steak platter, sushi, chirashi, udon and kurimanju.  
The JAYs were completely sold in their baked goods and senbei. Other booths featured handicraft, house plants, white elephant and Japanese groceries.  
Nominees for the 1978 chapter board will be introduced during the Nov. 26 general meeting at River

Road Unitarian Church, Bethesda, prior to the panel discussion chaired by Pat Okura on Nisei retirement. Meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. Nominees thus far are:  
Josephine Collins, Hideki Hamamoto, May Kitagawa, George Kohatsu, Kaz Oshiki, George Ozaki, Florence Sato, George Wakiji, Gerald Yamada and Thomas Zerick.  
The annual installation dinner, being chaired by Lily Okura, will be held on Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Ft. Myer Officer Club.  
Ichiro Mori, Sacramento-born architect with the U.S. State Dept. Foreign Service and a veteran bridge player-teacher, is offering ten sessions for the absolute beginner. He may be reached at 241-1263 (home). The modest class fee will be donated to the local chapter. Part of

the lesson may be conducted in Nihongo for those whose English is limited. He taught bridge overseas within the embassy community including Japan.

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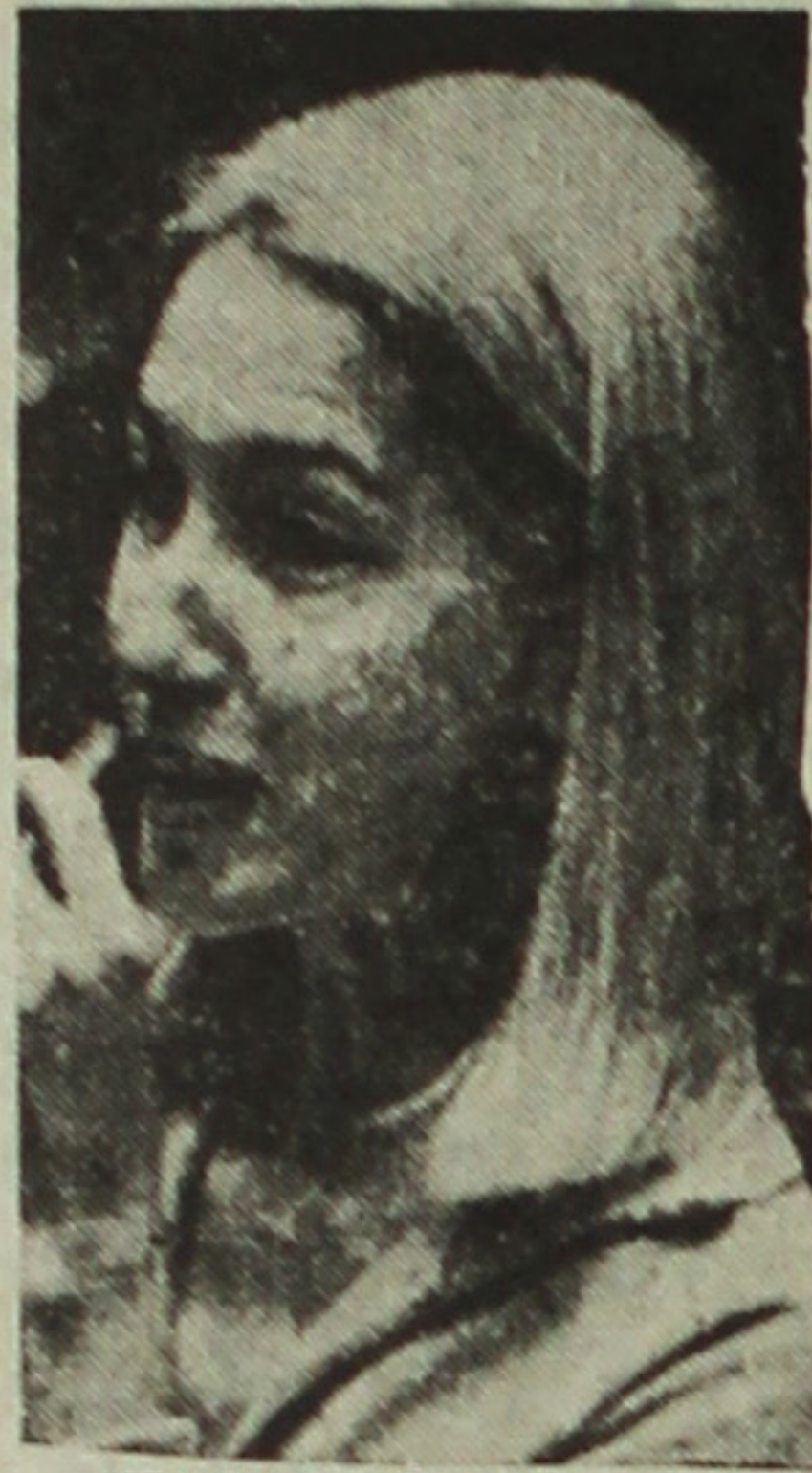
## Interest building up for Hawaii Lt. Gov. Doi's post

HONOLULU—Hawaii state senator Jean Sadako King is the latest candidate being mentioned for the post of lieutenant governor—and so far hers is the most prominent name to surface in the

heated political waters.

A representative of the Manoa-Waikiki district since 1974, King has been mentioned as a possible lieutenant governor candidate since Nelson Doi announced he would not seek re-election.

At least five others, including Kona attorney William J. McCarthy, Virginia Teipel and Valentine Huihui have filed for the state's second most powerful position.



JEAN SADAKO KING

A political pro, she has been involved in the Democratic party for more than 20 years and has been active in antiwar, women's rights, ethnics and environmental movements.

## Central Cal to hear Hayakawa

FRESNO, Calif.—Sen. S.I. Hayakawa will be keynote speaker at the Central California JACL District convention this weekend, Nov. 12-13 at Sheraton Inn. He will address the Sunday banquet starting at 6 p.m.

Business sessions chaired by Dist. Gov. Bob Kanagawa of Sanger will start Saturday at 4 p.m. The youth meet from 10 a.m. Sunday.

## pc's people

### Government

Carson City Clerk **Helen Kawagoe** and San Francisco attorney **Steve Doi** have been serving on the 25-member Council on Intergroup Relations in a semi-official status over the past two years, according to Calif. Lt. Gov. Mervyn Dymally. As acting governor, he recently signed legislation establishing the council which will review problems of emerging ethnic groups in the state.

Washington, D.C. JACler **Robert Batchelder**, 32, of Alexander, Va., won the Lawrence R. Schneider Award for "skillful and dedicated representation of his Dept. of Transportation and Urban Mass Transportation Administration in litigation with profound impact on UMT program". A Univ. of San Diego Law School graduate, Batchelder joined the DOT honors program for new attorneys in 1974, is now acting asst. chief counsel with UMTA, and married to the former Hisae Shima of San Diego. Schneider was chief counsel with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (1971-74).

### Health

**Dr. Frank F. Sakamoto**, Chicago JACler, attended the recent educational congress and 70th annual convention of the Illinois Optometric Assn. at Peoria ... **Reedley JACler Dr. Akira Tajiri**, a past president of the Central California Optometric Society, was invited by the International Contact Lens Symposium at Nagoya to speak on uses of prisms

### Awards

**Terry Suzuki**, of Monterey Park, has been cited for his "outstanding commitment and service to older persons" by Affiliated Committees on Aging of L.A. County. The founder of the Monterey Park Japanese American Senior Citizens Club, he received the American Legion

## New staff added at Headquarters

SAN FRANCISCO — Over the past several weeks, several changes in JACL Headquarters personnel have been made, it was announced by Karl Nobuyuki, national executive director.

**Stella Kiyota** brings some 11 years of experience as administrative assistant to the National Director, the appointment being effective Nov. 9. **Brenda Jones** was hired Oct. 17 as bookkeeper/office manager. An associate director to succeed **Don Hayashi**, who resigned Oct. 31, is expected to be appointed this year.

**Richard A. Okabe** of Chicago was appointed national youth director effective Oct. 3.

Most Valuable Citizen Award in 1974 and last year received a Sister City International Award for outstanding service. In 1968, he founded the Monterey Park-Sister City Assn.

### Science

**Toru Iura**, Ph.D., of Potomac, Md., was honored by his alma mater, Univ. of Wisconsin, at its annual Engineers Day. He received the Distinguished Service Award for "important engineering contributions to such control and energy conservation". The Washington, D.C. JACler is general manager of the environment and energy conservation division of Aerospace Corp., Germantown, Md.

### Sports

**Fujio Kobayashi** of Japan shot a 2-under-par 70 and overtook **Hsieh Yung Yo** of Taiwan to win the \$119,522 Bridgestone Golf Tournament with a four-round total of 10-under-par, 278. Kobayashi, an eight-year pro, picked up \$23,904 in winning his first tournament of the year.

### Business

**Lyle S. Fujioka** has been named manager of the Crenshaw Center office of the Los Angeles Federal Savings. A member of the Crenshaw Chamber of Commerce and Optimist Club, Fujioka brings nearly five years of experience to his new position. Born in Honolulu, he received his BA from the Univ. of Redlands ... **Mrs. Ruth Fujita Watanabe** has been elected to the board of directors of the First Surety Corp., a Burbank-based savings and loan holding company and its subsidiary Surety Savings and Loan Assn. A past president of JACL West Los Angeles Auxiliary and active in County community affairs, Mrs. Watanabe is also director of City

View Hospital and the new Japanese Retirement Home in Boyle Heights.

**Hiroshi Ohara** succeeds **Ryoichi Kubo** as general manager of the Los Angeles office of Mitsui & Co., USA, it was announced by **Eihiro Machida**, president. Kubo has been assigned to a position at the Tokyo head office.

### Agriculture

**Dr. Kenneth Otagaki**, former Hawaii board of agriculture chairman, was appointed to the Agricultural Trade Police Ad-

visory Commission by Agriculture Secretary **Bob Bergland**. An authority of livestock feeding, Otagaki had been teaching at the Univ. of Hawaii's college of tropical agriculture, consultant to many U.S. and foreign farm groups and currently director of the UH Office of International Agricultural Programs.

### Fine Arts

**Oriental Galleries**, owned and operated by **Fuji Murakami** and **Arthur Jolliffe** of Denver, was opened in October at Denver's Lincoln Center.

## San Francisco JACL regains Ichiban lead

SAN FRANCISCO — The Sept. 30 JACL membership bulletin finds San Francisco JACL back in the lead for "Ichiban" honors as the chapter with the greatest enrollment. It had been a nip & tuck race with its southland rival, Gardena Valley JACL, which holds an individual chapter all-time mark of 1,908 members signed up in 1976.

San Francisco JACL has been the "Ichiban" champion 12 times since annual records were tallied from 1946, including the six-year stretch ending in 1963 and a five-year stretch ending in 1975.

Chicago JACL maintained the honors for nine years in a row ending in 1955, when Southwest L.A. JACL took over for 1956-57. Mile-Hi JACL in 1946 with 341 members was the first Ichiban chapter. The other Ichiban chapter was San Jose JACL in 1964, 1968-70.

The top ten chapters, as of Sept. 30, were: (Figures enclosed in parentheses indicate those in the 1000 Club.)

San Francisco	1,772 (129)
Gardena Valley	1,696 (13)
San Jose	1,467 (60)
West Los Angeles	1,292 (32)
Sacramento	1,024 (123)
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East Los Angeles	738 (22)
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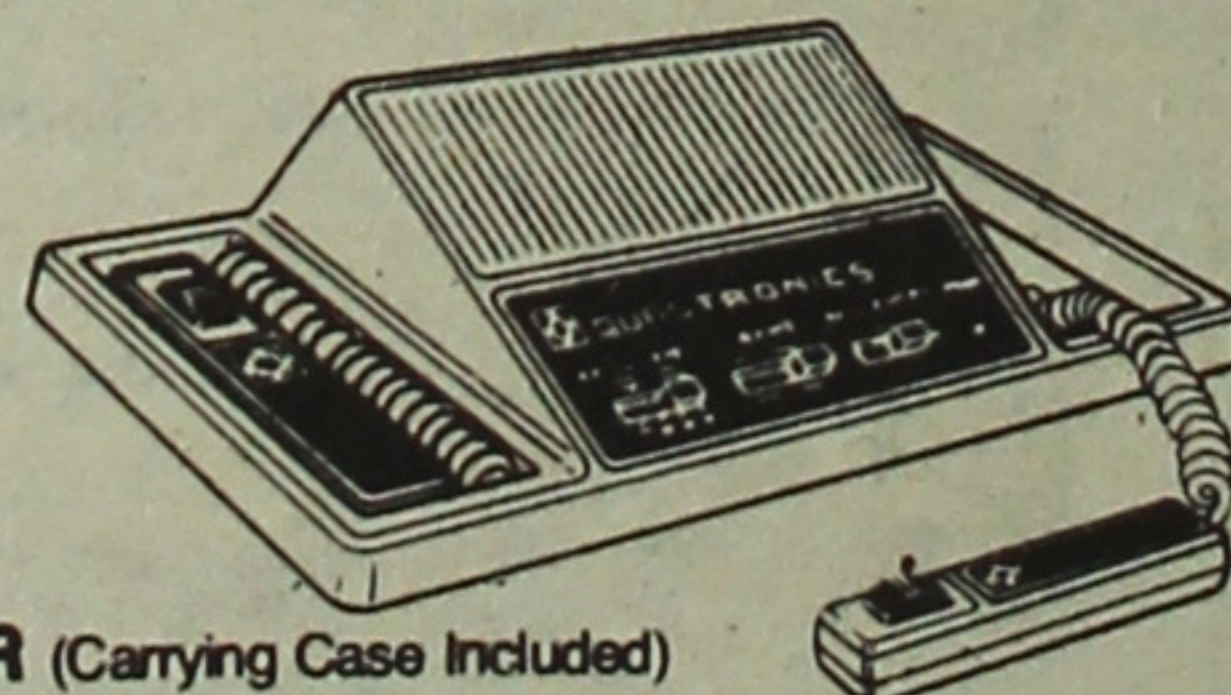
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## Spartan Beat: Mas Manbo A Tearful Parting

TOKYO—Hawaiian Wally Yonamine bowed out as manager of the Chunichi Dragons after the team swept a double-header from the Taiyo Whales to wind up the Central League baseball season in Nagoya Oct. 18.

After a bad start this year, the Dragons pulled up to a respectable third place behind the Yakult Swallows and the pennant-winning Yomiuri Giants.

It was a tearful parting for Yonamine, now 52, and his mates whom he steered to the league championship three years ago.



Yonamine's last day as Chunichi manager

The Dragons had hard luck when veteran major leaguer Willie Davis, the top addition to Japanese baseball in the 1977 season, broke his wrist. Davis, one of the Dragons' two American players, suffered the injury when he hit the fence while going after a long fly in a game against the Hiroshima Carp on Aug. 2. Davis had hit his 25th home run earlier.

Yonamine was manager of the Dragons for six years. In his playing days, mostly with the Yomiuri Giants, he won three batting titles and compiled a lifetime average of .311. Before he got into Japanese baseball in mid-1951, Wally, an all-around athlete, was the first Nissei to play top-rate professional football in the United States. A native of Lahaina, Maui, Yonamine was a halfback of the San Francisco 49ers back in the late 1940s.

This was when Frankie Albert was the 49ers' quarterback.

Yoko Gushiken, Japan's sole world boxing champ at present, certainly pleased viewers in his televised title defense on Oct. 9 in Beppu, Oita Prefecture.

He chilled his Thai foe Montsayarm H. Mahachai with a right hook in 2:17 of the fourth round to retain his World Boxing Association junior flyweight championship for the third time.

The abrupt finish to the 15-round bout seconds after 8:01 p.m. enabled fight fans who also wanted to see the final installment of "Roots" to make a quick switch in channels and not miss anything.

"Roots" was broadcast at 8 p.m. in eight parts and had a high viewer rating in the country. On the final day, it got a Nielsen rating of 29.6 in the Kanto area and 41.0 in the Kansai area. The 29.6 percentage meant that 2.8 million families watched the program in the Kanto area alone, according to the Asahi Evening News.

For the whole series, beginning Oct. 2, the rating in the Kanto region was 23.4.

## Pres. Jim to be in Denver

DENVER, Colo. — National JACL President Jim Murakami will be keynote speaker at the fall Mountain Plains District Council conference, being held Nov. 11-13 at the Executive Towers, addressing the Saturday evening banquet.

## Okubo-Yamada fund drive starts

SAN FRANCISCO — The Okubo-Yamada Fund Drive committee, in its first report on returns, decided to acknowledge contributions by three categories: a—\$1-25, b—\$26-99, and c—\$100 or more. No aggregate total was made of the first 27 contributions.

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Dr. Minoru Masuda of Seattle, who presided at the Nisei retirement conference last year in San Francisco, will lead the panel discussion on Nisei retirement. Dr. Sharon Fujii of Los Angeles, who was scheduled to speak on her experiences with elderly Asian Americans, is unable to attend due to the illness of her mother.

Murakami will speak at the dinner being hosted by the Mile-High JACL chapter. District Gov. Mits Kawamoto of Omaha will preside at the business sessions starting Saturday, 10 a.m., and ending Sunday noon.

## Roth to address West L.A. JACL

LOS ANGELES — George Knox Roth, who courageously protested the Evacuation on radio in February, 1942, will address the West Los Angeles JACL installation dinner Nov. 19, 6:30 p.m. at the Airport Marina, Lincoln Blvd. and Manchester. He will speak in positive terms on future hopes for Americans and Asians.

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