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U.S. SUPREME COURT

Rights of alien to be police argued, other major cases on aliens still pending

who had applied but was denied the job as a New York state policeman.

New York requires its law enforcement officers to be U.S. citizens. The Foley case

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Wil-

liam Marutani, 54, was the

top vote getter in the Nov. 8

election as six Democrats

were swept into judgeships

in the court of common

In the race were three other

ents and labor laws for leading col-

lege students down the road to revo-

lution. Speaking before the Pennsyl-

vania School Boards Assn., Hayaka-

wa said, "Students who created all

the difficulty for us were students who

had nothing to do but go to school. If

you want to be a campus revolution-

ary, you've got to have parents will-

ing to pay your way through school."

pleas.

12 candidates.

WASHINGTON—Right of a is expected to determine permanent resident alien to whether states justifiably become a police officer was can require police officersheard this past week in the armed with guns, empow-U.S. Supreme Court in the ered to arrest and subject to case of Edmund Foley, 27, call 24 hours a day-to be a U.S. citizen.

In support of the citizenship requirement, New York contended it was essential that there be no question of divided loyalties among its

Marutani top vote getter with 194,000

For his volunteer work in

civil rights cases in Bogalu-

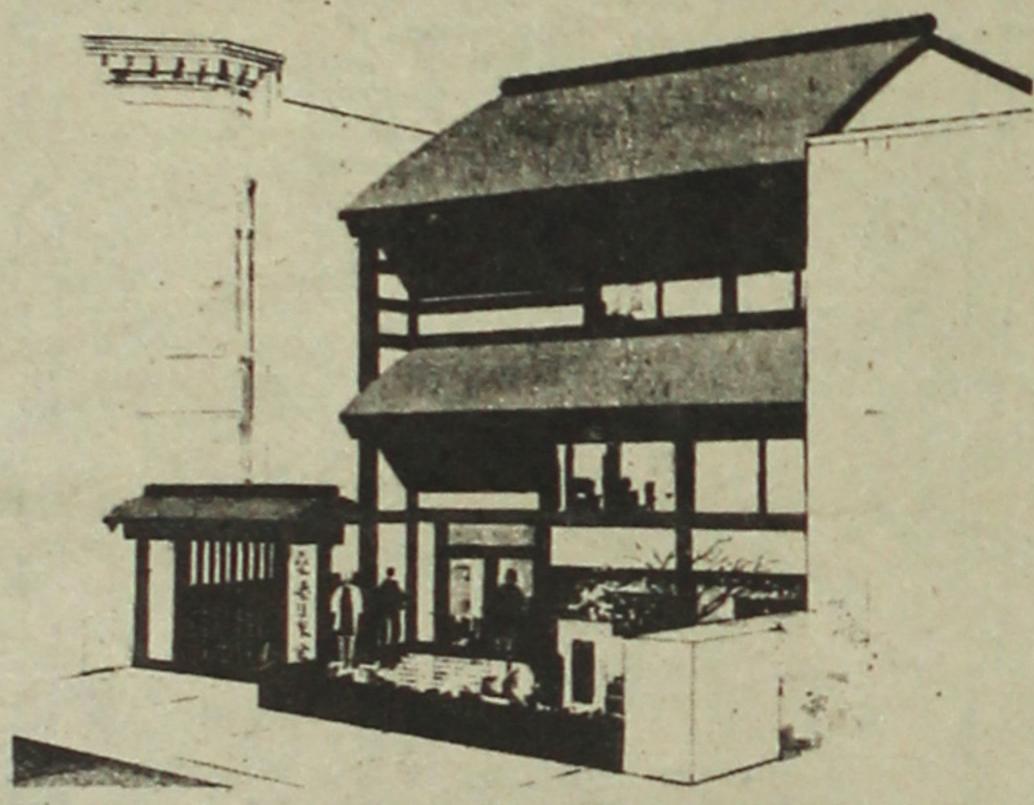
sa, La., in 1965-66, he was cit-

ed as the "JACLer of the Bi-

ennium", served as national

JACL legal counsel from

New building next to JACL HQ ...



San Francisco Nichibei Kai, adjacent to National JACL Headquarters, is scheduled to be demolished in April, 1978, for a new Japanese community building, as shown in the above proposal, as a "symbol of U.S.-Japan goodwill and friendship". Overall building budget is estimated at \$300,000.

Lewis.

police officers. A threejudge U.S. district court upheld the New York requirement last fall.

Foley argued the job of police officer was not much different from other government jobs that aliens already hold and added an officer does not have any more discretion in carrying out the law than a lawyer or other civil servant. He also said there was no reason to suspect that an alien's loyalty, integrity or commitment to the community is less than that of a U.S. citizen and, indeed in some cases, it might even be more.

Univ. of Iowa law professor Randall Bezanson observed, "The courts have protected aliens from discrimination but they've always been mindful of the right of Congress and the state to determine who participates in the political community." States still limit voting to citizens and exclude aliens from jury service, he added.

Rights of aliens are also pending in other significant cases.

The Supreme Court has agreed to rule whether state colleges may automatically

1962-70, and this past year

was lecturer at two sessions

of the Presidential Class-

room for Young Americans.

paign effort, Marutani took

In reviewing the cam-

exclude aliens from being considered state residents and thus be eligible to pay lower student tuition fees than nonresidents.

Another case pending before the justices is similar to the Foley case. It involves a California law requiring that probation officers, along with other peace officers, be U.S. citizens.

Still another case, one of far-reaching potential, will probably reach the court before long. That one involves illegal aliens—specifically, the validity of a Texas law that bars free public schooling to children of noncitizens living unlawfully in the country.

More J.A. action in Friendship Act needed

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Rep. Norman Y. Mineta (D-San Jose) Nov. 6 said it was "imperative" that changes be made in the Japan-United States Friendship Commission to permit participation of Japanese Americans.

Speaking before the Northern California-Westtern Nevada JACL District Council, Mineta said the friendship program and act completely ignore Americans of Japanese ancestry both as commission members and its work.

The Friendship Act, passed by Congress in October 1975, placed \$30 million in a special fund paid by Japan for repayment of immediate postwar assistance and for U.S. facilities in Okinawa turned over to the country at the time of reversion of the islands.

The fund and program are administered by an 18-member commission, which includes educators, businessmen and members of Congress and federal agencies. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye is the only Nisei presently serving in the commission.

Interest from the \$30 mil-

lion is allocated annually by the commission—\$750,000 this year, \$1.5 million in 1978 and \$2.5 million each year from 1979.

Consideration for grants is given in four project areas: Japanese studies for Americans, American studies for Japanese, the arts in both countries and cultural communication and public affairs in the U.S.

This year, according to Mineta, grants were made to universities in Japan, to two major TV documentaries and for the exchange of newsmen and legislators.

This overriding emphasis on educator and education is a mistake, Mineta said. The U.S. understands little about Japan and the Japanese and more effort to contact the general public should be made, he said.

"The Japanese Americans can play a significant role between the land of our birth and the land of our ancestry, he said.

"Perhaps the JACL and other groups should have spoken up earlier when the commission was setting its policies, but it's not too late to speak out."

Seattle JACLer in prominent role at national women's conference By MAYUMI TATSUKAWA major workshops on em-

(Seattle Times) Seattle

With the recent appointment of Rita Elway to the National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year, the Pacific Northwest is now represented on the 42-member body which is planning the national women's conference this weekend (Nov. 18-21) in Houston, Tex.

Ms. Elway, 26, was Western Washington vice chairperson of the state IWY coordinating committee and is an elected delegate to the Houston conference. She also has been active in the organization of the Pacific Women's Caucus.

She recently returned from the national commission meeting in Washington where final plans were made for the Houston conference. At the meeting, recommendations for resolutions to be voted on in Houston were compiled from each state's resolutions.

"The recommendations are broad and diverse," she said. "They speak mainly to federal programs affecting women."

There will be plenty for nondelegates to do in Houston during the conference, according to Ms. Elway. Displays, entertainment and exhibits by institutions and community groups in Houston will address women's issues.

"Washington state will be prominent at the conference with presentation of two

ployment — comparable worth and skilled-trades referral services for women," she added.

Resolutions voted at the Houston conference will be sent to President Carter, members of Congress and federal agencies.

"Washington is one of the states leading in progressive legislation for women," she said, "because of our early Equal Rights Amendment to the state constitution, rape, community property, equal credit and Title IX laws."

Ms. Elway replaces March

K. Fong Eu, secretary of state for California, who recently resigned from the commission, one of five commissioners from California. Ms. Elway is now the only Asian American on the Commission.

A partner in Communication Design, a public-opinion research firm, Ms. Elway graduated with a master's degree in communications from the Univ. of Washington and will enter the highereducation administration doctoral program at the U.W. winter quarter.

Marutani had polled Continued on Page 9 194,615 votes in the city-Carter team lashed for wide 1st Judicial District election, leading the field of

shunning the Nikkei judges, a former deputy mayour and former chancellor SPOKANE, Wash. — Japaof the Philadelphia Bar Assn. nese Americans were The Kent. Wash., Nisei was shunned for most top-level appointed by Pennsylvania posts in the Carter adminis-Gov. Milton Shapp in April, tration because of questions 1975, and confirmed by the about their loyalty in "a state senate in June. On June

26, he was sworn to office. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) He is a 1953 graduate in law Mineta said the highest from the Univ. of Chicago ranking Asian American and practiced law with the working for President Carfirm of MacCoy, Evans and ter is an assistant secretary Hayakawa sounds off (Patsy T. Mink) of state for oceanography, navigation PITTSBURGH, Pa. - Senator S.I. and environment. Hayakawa last month blamed par-

> "When a Japanese American was considered for a top post, the question that came up was, 'In a crunch situa-

> crunch situation", says Rep.

Renew Membership

tion, would he be loyal to the United States or Japan?" Mineta said.

Mineta, in Spokane (Oct. 29) to address a banquet sponsored by the Japanese American Citizens League, said Asians often are stereotyped as non-assertive, and lost job promotion opportunities.

"Everyone wants a Japanese American as a secretary, but they never become office managers," Mineta

While blacks, Mexican-Americans and Native Americans have made gains in recent years, Japanese Americans have had fewer

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Sierra Club quits whale boycott

SAN FRANCISCO — With the Sierra Club voting this past week (Nov. 5) to withdraw its support of the boycott initiated in the early 1970s as a tactic to save the whales, the American boycott movement may be considered dead, according to the JACL Whale Issue Committee.

The boycott had caused many stormy and ugly confrontations in the U.S. against not only Japanese but Japanese Americans who became targets of "vicious racism", recalled Clifford I. Uyeda, committee chairman. "To Japanese Americans in general, whale conservation had come to mean the indignities of racism," he added.

Last July, the National Audubon Society dropped its support of the boycott of Japan-made goods and services. "With these two prestigious organizations out, the American boycott movement may be considered dead," Uyeda said, as their combined membership is nearly 600,000.

The JACL Whale Issue Committee noted the boycott was a failure by citing trade statistics. U.S.-Japan trade rose from \$18-billion in 1973 to over \$25-billion in 1976.

In 1975, JACL worked with Bay Area conservationists to prevent an ugly confrontation from occurring when the Emperor of Japan visited San Francisco.

Audio Hall of Fame inducts Nisei president of Kenwood

LOS ANGELES—Cited for hs role in promoting East-West relations in the audio field, George Aratani, president of Kenwood Electronics, was inducted into the Audio Hall of Fame at a recent dinner presentation here.

The event, sponsored by Stereo Review and Audio Times, honored Kenwood as the first Japanese company to market stereo products in the United States.

Aratani pioneered the Japanese stereo entry into the American market in 1961, a

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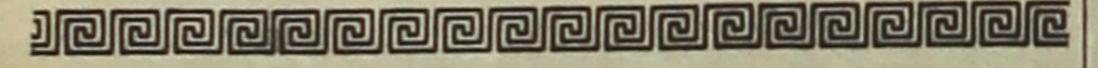
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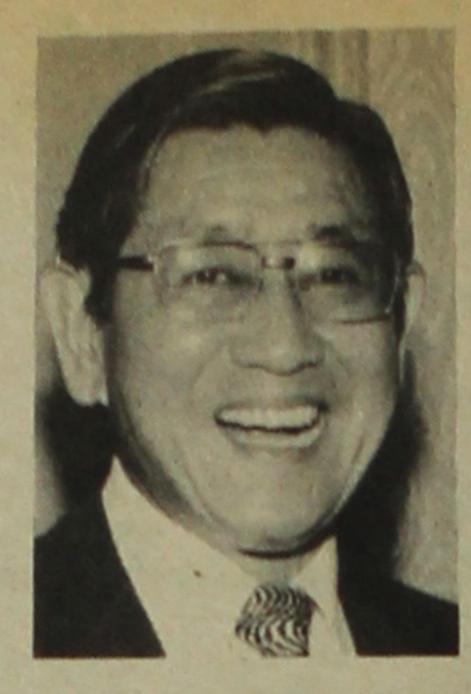
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GEORGE ARATANI

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Educated in both the U.S. and Japan, Aratani is also known for his philanthropic activities and involvement in East-West relations. He is a longtime 1000 Club member of the Downtown Los Angeles JACL.

Honoring his induction to the hall of fame were Bill Kasuga and Yoichi Nakase, Kenwood senior vice presidents; Henry Akiya, vice president of product development and Don Palmquist, marketing vice president.

Miss Teenage America

PALO ALTO, Calif.-Sherrie Gong, 16, of Palo Alto High School is the Northern California candidate in the nationally-televised Miss Teenage America pageant being aired Nov. 25 from Dallas. She and her parents recently moved from Mississippi.

Nikkei attorneys honor jurists

ceived a standing ovation Williams, the first black speaker. last week when cited along, with four other Nikkei jurists by the Japanese American Bar Assn. for their judicial accomplishments.

Nearly 400 persons at the New Otani Hotel stood in recognition of Aiso's jurist achievements and high Army record that saw a career from buck private grow to the rank of colonel.

Other jurists receiving

plaques were:

Hiroshi Fujisaki and Morio Fukuto of Los Angeles and South Bay judicial districts respectively; Stephen K. Tamura, associate justice, Court of Appeals, Fourth Appellate District; and Robert M. Takasugi, the highest ranking Nisei jurist in the mainland, U.S. District Court, Central District of California.

In reflecting on his encounters with racial discrimination, Aiso, 67, said today's improved conditions for Japanese Americans are the results of "hard work by the Issei immigrants who toiled to establish a firm foundation for their offsprings."

Fujisaki, the youngest of the awardees, said "Aiso has always been my inspiration to acquire since my childhood." Had it not been for Aiso's dreams and personal conquest of prejudice, "I may not have been able to share the honor of sitting at the same headtable," he said.

Fukuto also paid tribute to the retired justice. "We have all come a long way. Things were never this good be-

Edward Kakita, JABA president, awarded the commendation plaques to the five jurists. KNBC anchor-

Gov. Ray appoints Taul Watanabe

OLYMPIA, Wash.—Taul Watanabe, a vice president of Burlington Northern Railway in Seattle, was appointed by Gov. Dixy Lee Ray to the state personnel board Nov. 2. Earlier, the governor had appointed him to the board of regents of the Univ. of Washington and designated him chairman of the newly-created Economic Advisory Board.

Watanabe is a close personal friend of the governor and one of her earliest financial backers in her election campaign last year.

Sacramento first to finish HI ads

Sacramento JACL continues to be first among the chapters now soliciting greetings for the 1977 Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue in concluding and submitting this past week all the ad copy to cover two full pages.

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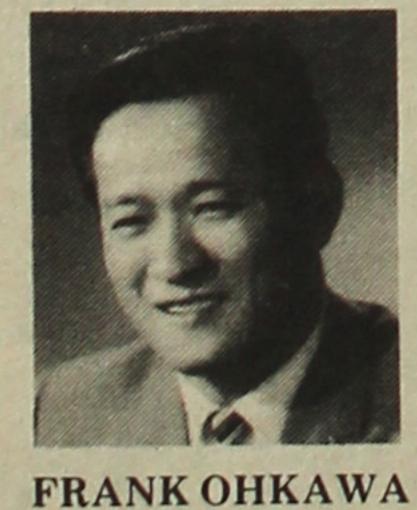
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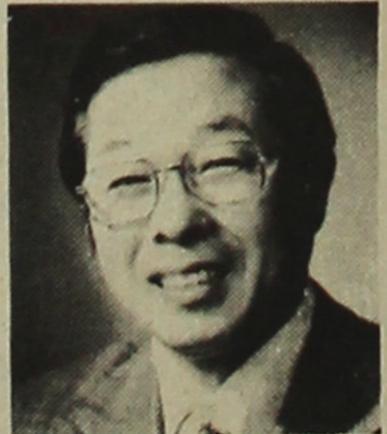
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Rainfall blesses hotel grand opening for Nishizus

LAS VEGAS, Nev.—The Ni- pitable management. We shizu Brothers have something in common with Las while you go out and play Vegas besides the new Rain- Las Vegas." bow Vegas Hotel.

Neither believes in doing anything halfway.

Like the production numbers which are lavished in the nightclubs, the grand opening of the brothers' hotel last weekend (Nov. 5-6) was done with a flair.

There were refreshments, music, dignitaries, and even a wedding by the pool. Dodger outfielder Reggie Smith was on hand to sign autographs for the nearly 600 people in attendance.

But take away all that and you still had a show. And it was the 89-year-old mother of Clarence, Henry and John Nishizu who stole it.

"We've had help from banks. We've had the knowhow of Mr. (Paul R.) Goodman (President of Great Western Hotels Corp.)," said Clarence Nishizu, oldest of the brothers and spokesman for their Trico Investment Co.

"But I feel this would not have happened without mother. She brought us up in the Japanese way to have a close family relationship. I feel we owe our success to her. She brought us up in this way so we could all three work together."

Like most Issei mothers, Mrs. Nishizu probably would have preferred to remain silently in the sidelight. The limelight was for her sons, who have steadily moved the family name from farming circles and into the investment arena.

Headquartered in Buena Park—a quiet town in Orange County—the brothers have pursued mobile park and other hotel interests.

The new Rainbow Vegas is the capper, though. Located on Casino Center Boulevard, the hotel is within walking distance of the major downtown casinos.

Rooms have queen size beds and color televisions. Kitchen units are also available. A swimming pool is centrally located in the 7story, 284-unit complex.

"We're sorry to say we don't have a casino or slot machine," Clarence said, not bothered by the absence of the amenities. "However, we do have rooms and hos-

Sign Up One New JACLer

Mich Matsudaira to resign post

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Martin "Mich" Matsudaira, 39, will resign Dec. 31 as executive director of the Washington State Commission on Asian American Affairs. He was appointed in 1972 by Gov. Dan Evans when he established the Governor's Asian American Advisory Council. Two years later, the legislature made it a statutory body.

Announcement was made at the Commission meeting Nov. 5. Search for candidates will be made till Nov. 28. Applications with references should be sent to:

Commission on Asian American Affairs, Exec Dir Search Comm, 1417 Columbia AE 11, Olympia, WA 95804.

want you to use this as home

The lucrative Las Vegas locale was a by-product of whole hotel deal for the brothers, Henry Nishizu said. The three were approached by Goodman and his proposal for a joint venture with Great Western Hotels. The place happened to be Las Vegas.

There are no plans for any more Vegas hotels. And no plans to turn the Rainbow into a casino, he said.

Clarence, an active Orange County and Selanoco JACL member, explained the deal easily to the crowd.

"Paul Goodman came to us and said sign your name right here—and that's what we did," he laughed. "Mr. Goodman has lived here the past six months working. We contracted 10 years ago to build an 83-unit hotel in Buena Park—the Nishi Mo-

"That's the first time we had a joint venture and now in the tenth year, we join in a gentlemen's agreement to build a hotel."

Representatives from the Bank of Nevada, Calif-

Business

Lotus Investigation and Security Corp., a Los Angeles firm operated by Eugene Kamidoi and Fred Matsuyama, provides private guard services to a number of industrial and retail facilities. Founded a year ago, Kamidoi is a 16-year veteran of the L.A. Police Dept., while Matsuyama was formerly with the L.A. District Attorney's Office. A Japanese computerized central station alarm system is being introduced by Lotus. ... Tom Takayoshi, exec.-v.p., was named president of Playboy Records, a division of Playboy Magazine, Chicago.

Mitsubishi opens in Puente Hills

LOS ANGELES—The Mitsubishi Bank of California opened a new office this week (Nov. 15) at the Puente Hills Mall in the City of Industry near the corner of E. Colima and Albatross, it was announced by Seiichi Mitani, bank president.

Banking hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays. The quarters are temporary as permanent facilities at the same address are to be ready next year.

ornia First Bank, Mitsubishi Bank, Tropicana Hotel and Gideons International also were present at the private grand opening.

Friends came from as far away as San Francisco and Cleveland, with most visiting from southern Califor-

"This is a rare situation where we have a handshake deal," Goodman said. "I told the Nishizus, 'This is what we're going to do' and they

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said, 'Great, let's do it.'

"I have to thank the Heavenly Father for not raining on us," Goodman continued as the crowd laughed. "It was raining two blocks away from us about two months ago. And we had concrete laid down here. I said, 'Lord, don't let it happen to us.' And it rained all around us, but never on us."

Last weekend it did rain a little in Las Vegas. But needless to say, no-

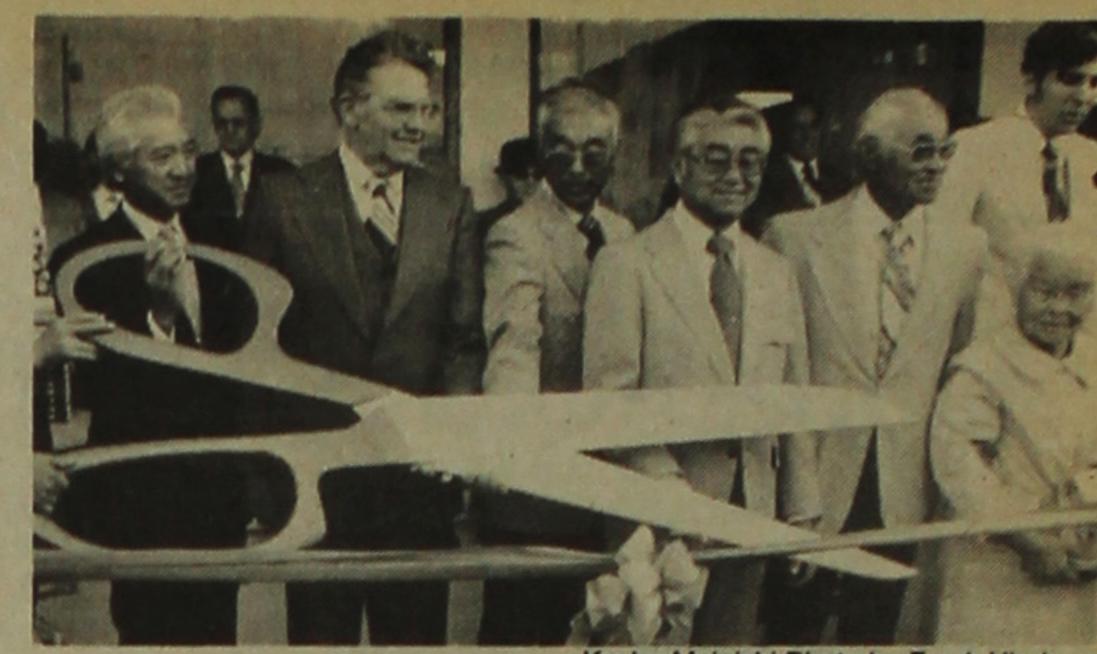
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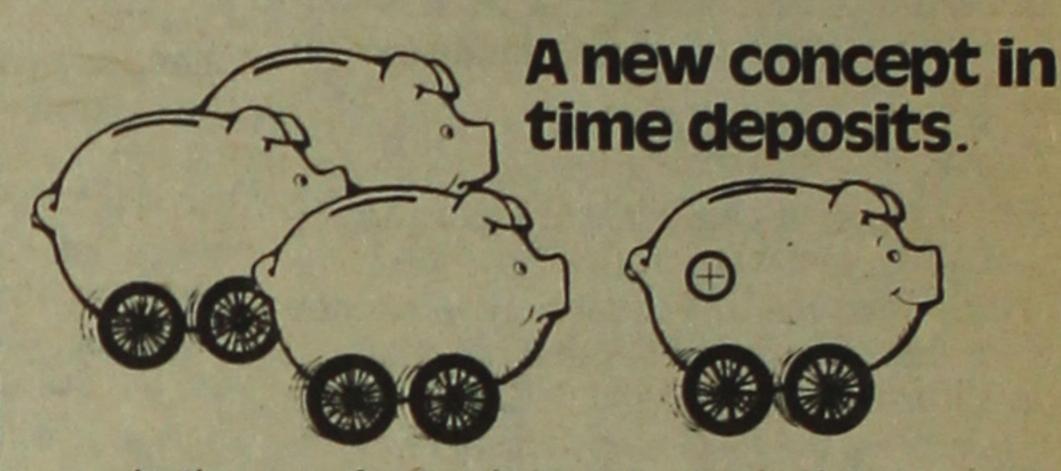
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Kashu Mainichi Photo by Frank Hirahara Participants in the Rainbow Vegas Hotel ribbon cutting are (from left) Seiichi Mitani, Mitsubishi Bank, Ltd.; Paul Goodman, pres., Great Western Hotels Corp.; Henry, John and Clarence Nishizu, and their mother, Mrs. Shige Nishizu.

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Japan-U.S. Friendship Act

Till National Executive Director Karl Nobuyuki came along and took a critical look at the Japan-U.S. Friendship Act [PL 94-118], the JACL and the Japanese American community were either oblivious to the program or that it had been passed over as another fund for educators to finance their scholarly, cultural and artistic exchanges with Japan.

Nobuyuki circulated among JACL districts and local chapters a Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission brochure for the 1977-78 program because of what he felt were shortcomings in the guidelines to

Judge Uno's dad

In a recall of camp life at Heart Mountain, Wyo., last week Judge Raymond Uno remembers his dad died there. Clarence Uno, then 48, died of sudden heart attack on Thursday morning, Jan. 20, 1943. He was among the Issei who had served with the American Expeditionary Forces in France in 1918-19 and honorably discharged a half-year after the Armistice in San Francisco. It was not until 1936 that he received his citizenship papers (in Ogden) even though other aliens who enlisted in the U.S. military were granted citizenship during their service. The cause of Issei veterans winning U.S. citizenship has been retold several times whenever the name of Tokutaro (Nishimura) Slocum was mentioned. The late Mr. Uno was serving as a member of the draft board prior to Evacuation in El Monte, Calif., then at Pomona Assembly Center and at Heart Mountain (Park County), Wyo.

Pilgrimages to the wartime relocation camps by people going to or leaving the National JACL Convention at Salt Lake City next year, no doubt, will evoke memories of the Issei generation-now

nearing oblivion.

enhance reciprocal people-to-people understanding ... between the U.S. and Japan. Asking for their reactions first, Nobuyuki reminded that if any changes are in order, the effort must be well coordinated. (For copies of the brochure, write to the Commission, 1875 Connecticut Ave. NW, Suite 709, Washington, D.C. 20009.)

The loudest public reaction to date came the other day when Rep. Norman Mineta was home in San Jose speaking to the Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council and called for drastic changes in the make-up and follow-up of the Commission and its allocation of interest from a \$30-million trust fund. He pictured their overemphasis on educators and education as "a mistake" and pronounced Japanese Americans "can play a significant role between the land of our birth and the land of our ancestry".

That call is not new to the ears of oldtime Nisei who remember similar exhortations in the turbulent Thirties to be a bridge of understanding between two great Pacific powers. It's good to hear it again!

Career opportunities

Schools and businesses trying to comply with their affirmative action goals have approached JACL and Pacific Citizen for a "free plug" of available openings. We get many "please publicize" notices. We hope our plea to convey their message as advertising will be agreeable to them. \$4 per column inch is not asking too much to get the message out to some 23,000 paid subscribers nationally ... West Valley Community College District in Campbell, Calif., has been a consistent supporter of this concept. If more develops, we may well have a special "Affirmative Action" ad section.

JACL National Reparations Committee:

Reparations? No!

PART THREE

San Francisco The concept of reparations for Japanese Americans imprisoned without charges during World War II does not have the unanimous support even of those once incarcerated. They are, however, unanimous in believing that Evacuation was an outrage, unnecessary, illegal and was a racially inspired injustice. But—

There was a war going on and wars are noted for unhuman treatments World War II took the lives of estimated 55 million lives and civilians suffered great er casualties than men ir uniform.

American military deaths were more than 400,000. Japanese suffered more than two million military deaths.

At Pearl Harbor, more than 3,000 Americans died At Hiroshima and Nagasaki nearly 200,000 died.

Many civilian deaths came forced migration Among those civilians who were forced to migrate were the 110,000 Americans of Japanese descent.

The principle of repara-

tions is unacceptable because it is placing a price tag on our freedom and our rights—rights that should be regarded as priceless. We cheapen freedom by putting a price tag on it.

Japanese Americans have earned the respect and admiration of the American people by the dignity and diligence with which we have fought back from injustice. Demanding reparations would diminish the grace and realism with which our Issei parents made the best of an impossible situation. The patriotism and courage with which Nisei fought for America when given a chance would be depreciated. We would be foolish to sacrifice this heritage for a few dollars.

Japanese Americans are the most prosperous of the so-called minorities. Their education and income are higher than the national average. We will dissipate the good will built among our fellow citizens when they see us standing outside the halls of Congress with palms outstretched for a handout. As

Japanese, we find this behavior beneath our dignity.

President Ford in officially terminating the Executive Order 9066 apologized on behalf of the American people. We should put aside what happened to us 35 years ago and get on with the present and the future. There is much to be done.

The reparations campaign is costing the Japanese Americans dearly—cost in terms of energy expended, time spent, important programs neglected, good will dissipated, and a split in the Japanese American community.

The campaign will turn off many JACL members who will see it as an artificial attempt to bolster up the organization. The reparations issue has become an emotional one. When emotion dominates reason, there is always the danger of bad decisions.

The first three articles presented the pros and cons on the concept of reparations. The fourth article will deal with comments on various points brought up.

Bakke Case

Editor:

The JACL supports equal opportunity and affirmative action to overcome the effects of past discrimination. Then, it further declared, it supported the quota system for admissions of students to the professional schools (PC, Oct. 28, 1977).

What's the big idea? The above statement is contradictory to the principle of fairness and

equal opportunity for all students. Unrealistic as it may seem, the desire which Nikkei students wished and hoped for in the past was the elimination of quota system. The quiet Nikkei students of the past didn't quite accomplish what Bakke is trying to do now, that is, litigation against the Univ. of Calif. Acceptance of students strictly on the basis of qualifications and academic accomplishments was the desire of the Nikkei students in the past. Many straight-A Nikkei students were denied the opportunities because of the unofficial but apparent rigid 3% quota applied on Nikkei in most of California's state-supported professional and graduate schools.

If Bakke's case wins in the court, it would no doubt benefit Nikkei students but probably not the Black and Chicano students here in California. The question is how to police the illegal quota system once it becomes the law of the nation. The admission committee can easily cheat and illegally deny Nikkei students from entering professional schools, none-

With the elimination of the quota system, over 60% may be either Jewish, Chinese or Nikkei students if the admissions were based purely on the qualifications and academic, regardless of race, color or creed. For the U.C. admission committees, this would be an unrealistic and unsavory composition of the entering Freshman class. For the committees, the more realistic figure would be 16%. Bakke's case will no doubt benefit our Sansei students. Without the quota system, it would give our aspiring Sansei students a fighting chance for advancement. It is indeed disheartening to see some of the mediocre students allowed in a professional school mainly because he belongs to a majority race of European descent. G.N. ASAWA

Anaheim, Calif.

Editor:

The Bakke case is troublesome. First, there is the question of whether the JACL has taken the proper position in opposing Bakke and the proponents of "reverse discrimination". Perhaps only time will tell. But a position we did take and that in itself is a sign of maturity. After all, in years past, the JACL did seem to move slowly towards support of the civil rights movement and slower still to oppose the war in Vietnam. In the Bakke case, the JACL is unmistakably there. And that's healthy.

But the larger issue is "reverse discrimination". I am impressed with the depth of indignation over the affront to the Constitution and the violation of the principle of equal justice. I must wonder aloud if this indignation is transferrable to continued inequities elsewhere-in the corporate boardrooms and the personnel policies of top management. Would those who decry "reverse discrimination" be equally outspoken over these blatantly sexist-racist practices? After all, corporations do operate in the public domain by their advertising on the air waves and their financing through public stock exchanges.

But even if the morality of the indignation is suspect, there still remains the problem of "quotas" for minorities versus academic achievement scores. Does the joining of racial quotas with academic achievement discriminate against qualified students? I think this would be true if the sole criteria for medical training were academic achievement. But is

My own work is computer programming. This requires the ability for abstract thinking. In a business environment one would think this ability would be the sole criteria for the job. But it is not. The programmer must be able to communicate, in writing as well as orally; must be able to read; must be able to work productively with others. In medicine, the need for criteria in addition to academic excellence is even clearer.

In medicine, the objective is the delivery of health care. It is important that this care be delivered to all segments of society and not only to the dominant majority. If the application of racial quotas serves this purpose, then surely it is proper and just. Or to put it more clearly, if quotas are not applied and if the level of health care continues to be grossly unequal, then we perpetuate injustice and inequality in America.

WILLIAM HOHRI

Chicago, Ill.

Japanese Character

Editor:

In reference to Bill Hosokawa's column (PC, Oct. 28), I would like to make a comment without going into details about the so-called "Japanese character".

No, the "Japanese character hasn't changed since the cruel days of the World War 2" nor their "hair-trigger pre-war character" hasn't changed either!

All races have men with characteristics as mentioned above who somehow rise whenever they believe their nation has a divine mission to undertake right or wrong. History of all nations large and small, including ours, tells this story over and over again.

Be proud of our Japanese ancestry and of our characteristics. We do not have to apologize to anyone! WALLACE N. BAN

Los Angeles

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A Family Convention

Salt Lake City

The 1978 National JACL Biennial Convention is being geared for the family. The convention itself will have many substantive issues which will bring together some of the finest minds, talent, experience and resources available to our organization. The workshop programs progressing slowly but surely as the nucleus committees are being formed and developing an at-

tractive and informative format. We have tentatively decided to change one aspect; that is, we are planning to substitute in lieu of the education workshop, a workshop on an already existing and appealing project, Retirement for the Aging Population. This should immeasurably strengthen interest and participation by a wide segment of the JACL and non-JACL sectors.

But, for those who wish to mix intellectual, emotional and serious business with recreation and family fun, we have much to offer in Utah, especially for the family.

In many ways this is a unique state. About 75% of the Utah population resides along the "Wasatch Front", an area extending about 100 to 150 miles in length. Almost one half of the state's population resides in Salt Lake County, the situs of State Capitol. Among the estimated 1,100,000 inhabitants, 60 to 70% are Latter-Day Saints (LDS or more popularly known as Mormons). Catholics denominate the next largest religious group.

Minorities consist of about 5 to 10% of the population, the Chicanos or Hispanics consisting of about 50 to 70,000 strong, the Native Americans and Blacks around 10,000 or more each and the Japanese Americans num-

bering just over 5,000.

Utah has ranked at the top or among the top in educational attainment on all levels. It is considered one of the better locations to raise a family because of the size of the communities, the excellent educational facilities and relative lack of big city problems such as violent crimes, traffic, housing, etc.

What Utah really excels in is its recreational paradise for hunters, fishers and skiers. Even back-packers. We have, probably, as many National Parks and Monuments as any other state. In southern Utah, after visiting the Grand Canyon, you can visit either the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area or Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks, Cedar Breaks National Monument in the southwest part of the state.

On the southeast part of the state, you can visit the Four Corners Area, the only place in the U.S. where you can stand in one place but in four different states: Utah, Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado. You will be on the Navajo Indian Reservation, the largest such area in the United States. Nearby you have the Glen Canyon National Recrea-

tion Area which extends for many, many miles, Goosenecks of the San Juan, Rainbow Bridge, Monument Valley (famous as a background for the cowboy movies), Hovenweep, Natural Bridges, Canyonlands National Park, Arches National Park, Capitol Reef National Park, Gobblin Valley State Reserve and many other scenic and historic sights.

To the northeast, you have Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area, Dinosaur National Monument, Bottle Hollow Resort on the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation, the High Uintas, and the Wasatch, Ashley and Uinta National Forests.

At the northwest corner, there is the Great Salt Lake (Utah's "Dead Sea"), Bear Lake State Recreational Area, Golden Spike National Historical Site, Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, Bonneville Salt Flats (auto speed racing), Park City, Alta, Snowbird, Brighton, Solitude, Park West ski resorts (all within 30 minutes' ride of Salt Lake City), Bingham Canyon (the world's largest open-pit copper mine), and Brigham Young University

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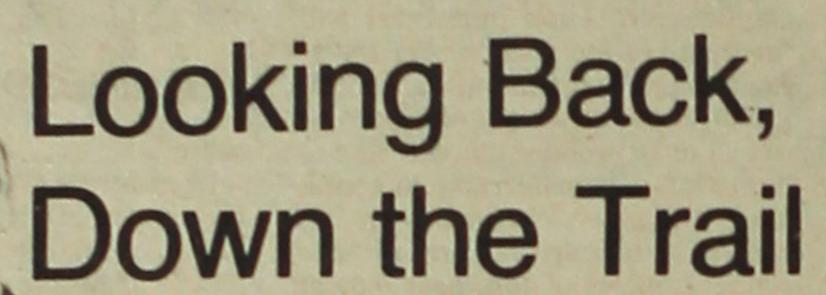
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East Wind: Bill Marutani



After having been appointed two years ago by Pennsylvania Governor Milton J. Shapp to a seat on the Court of Common Pleas, Judge Bill Marutani successfully got through the primaries this past spring. This column was written before his November election.-Ed.

Philadelphia LOOKING BACK NOW, I find it difficult trying to recall various little incidents involving this Asian American on the campaign trail: everything tends to blur into a shapeless mass of rallies, speeches, hand shaking, "koffee klatches", etc. often numbering five or six stops in an evening. And that's after putting in a full day's work. Nor were weekends available for recuperation; on the contrary, such was "prime time" to be exploited to the hilt. Since March of this year, I think I got to church only once.

THE CAMPAIGN TOOK ME into every nook and cranny of this metropolis of nearly two million souls. In my travels I saw some sections that I never even knew existed. During the course, one fan belt got "shot" and a speedometer also had to be replaced. More than once, as I drove hither and you through the night, I wryly mused to myself, "Well, if I lose the election, I'm at least a knowledgeable cabbie." I learned to know some potholes well and discovered some shortcuts to some sections of the area.

ONE CANNOT HELP but lapse into philosophical reveries during those lonely, droning moments. Unlike other candidates, I had no entourage, no "bodyguards".* More than once, the thought drifted through my mind: "What am I doing this for? Going to all this wearing effort, not seeing my family, all in order to end up with far less money than I could earn practicing law."

WHAT MADE MASAHA-RU** RUN was a determination to demonstrate to the political powers that a minority-of-minorities could and would be a viable candi-

date, that henceforth they need not hesitate to slate any other minority member of the community; that one need not be tall, blonde, imposing and suave to attract votes; that a candidate can be someone to be reckoned with even though he has no ethnic constituency of any significant numbers, and even though he came out of nowhere.

ELEMENT OF THE RACE? Of course. While 1 was not oblivious to it as a factor to be considered, at the same time I early resolved that my race was an incidental (and unchangeable) factor, and that I was going to campaign as what I was: an American. This by no means meant that I tried to shy away from my Asian racial background: if I had done so, I could not respect myself, and if I didn't respect myself then I could not expect the voters to respect me. "The Good Lord saw fit to put me on earth as a Japanese American ... and who is to quarrel with the Good

OH, YES, THE TOPIC of my racial background came up periodically while on the campaign trail. In some areas the question would be unabashedly posed: "Are you Chinese? Korean, maybe?" In one political bailiwick, the leader, after learning that I was of Japanese extraction, curiously requested, "Say something in Japanese." He did not get his request. In that bailiwick, while I did not lead the ticket, I nonetheless came in third in a field of 11. Which wasn't bad, considering particularly that I had studiedly ignored the leader's request. (Never would I have responded to such insanity: even if it meant coming in 12th in a field of 11.)

THE PREDOMINANTLY BLACK wards were no exception by any means. My obvious Oriental features stirred curiosity, unspoken as well as spoken. In such instances, to break the ice I would quickly work in the punchline: "Black may be beautiful, but yellow is mellow". By the close of the meeting, I would hear such words as "brother" and comments "he's one of us". But I also learned that the candidate should not be misled by such friendly banter: of the few wards where I ran "out of the money", they were in the predominantly black wards.

I CONFRONTED ONE of the black ward leaders and bluntly asked him what had happened, for when I spoke to his constituents I had been warmly received and had departed with a rousing applause following me out. Similarly, in another predominantly black ward, I neither won, placed nor even. showed. Upon seeking an explanation, I was told that the voters in that ward, upon seeing my name on the ballot, thought I was Italian. Well, those are the breaks in politics. Query how well I would have done if my parents had an unmistakable, garden variety Nihon-jin name such as "Yamamoto".

THERE WERE SEVERAL very powerful political leaders who were quite cool to my candidacy, even openly hostile. How do I know? Because they told me. Several bigwigs combined to actively block, or attempt to block, my endorsement at top-level party caucuses. How do I know? It's always advantageous to have friendly sources in strategic places so that you can be guided accordingly. In politics, one can never know from one moment to the next just who are your friends, and which "friends" shift—for whatever reason or expedience.

So what does one do?

Only once did I have an experience of being accosted and threatened verbally on a lonely street at night. I suspect my accoster was under the influence of narcotic drugs. On several occasions, the people at / the meeting would send a couple of

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escorts back to my automobile. ** "Masaharu" is my Nihon-mei. From the Frying Pan: Bill Hosokawa

Denver, Colo.

Evacuees from Peru

Some of the mystesurrounding the evacuation of Japanese Peruvians to the United States during World War II is lifted in an article by John K. Emmerson published in the Foreign Service Journal, which George Wakiji brought to my attention recently. This is one of the strangest chapters in the history of that war, and Emmerson, who was a Japanese-speaking U.S. Foreign Service officer, sheds considerable light on it.

In January of 1942, Emmerson writes, a conference of Pan-American ministers of foreign affairs set up an emergency committee, largely under U.S. initiative, to cope with the potential threat posed by Axis nationals in the Western Hemisphere. Of primary concern to the U.S. were the 30,000 Japanese living in Peru.

(The timing is most curious. The evacuation of Japanese Americans did not become U.S. policy until after President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 on Feb. 19, 1942.)

Emmerson, as one of the few U.S. State Department officials fluent in Japanese, was dispatched to Peru in February, 1942, along with FBI and other intelligence agents.

Emmerson found that the first Japanese immigrants had arrived in Peru in 1899, only a little more than a decade after Japanese emigration had started to the United States. While most of them started as sugar plantation workers, they soon moved into the cities. Large numbers became barbers. More than half of Lima's bakeries were Japanese-owned by 1942. They also operated poultry farms, built bus bodies, manufactured rubber products and straw and felt hats, were producing one-eighth of Peru's cotton and had the reputation of being the best carpenters, plumbers and florists. One-third of the Japanese population was Nisei.

These were the well-integrated people Emmerson was assigned to watch over.

As in the United States, so-called patriotic Peruvians, Emmerson writes, "inspired without doubt by economic motives, vied with each other to give infor-

mation-for a price-to various competing American intelligence agencies about suspected acts of sabotage or suspicious persons or incidents which suggested espionage."

Also as in the United States, there were no proven cases of Japanese sabotage or espionage. But Washington kept urging the deportation and internment in the United States of Axis nationals from Latin America. (Emmerson writes that he understood Gen. George C. Marshall, U.S. chief of staff, suggested in December, that Japanese brought from Peru might be exchanged for American prisoners of war held by Japan. He adds that no such exchanges took place and the U.S. embassy staff in Lima was unaware of the proposal.)

Since in selecting the deportees, no proof of guilt existed, Emmerson says it seemed logical to put the finger on individuals considered potentially subversive. (The same criteria was used in the U.S. in rounding up Issei community leaders.) And since Emmerson was the resident Japanese expert, he was obliged to do most of the fingering.

Deportation procedure turned out to be a hit-or-miss-affair comedy of errors except for the human suffering involved. Some of the Japanese on the black list escaped deportation by bribing Peruvian officials who, on one occasion, substituted Japanese imprisoned for petty infractions of the law. Later, when letters from the States said prison camp life wasn't bad at all, some Japanese bribed officials to get on the deportation list. Ultimately, 1,024 Japanese, including 399 women and children were deported to U.S. concentration

Emmerson, who is now at the Center of Research in International Studies at Stanford University, found the entire experience most distressing and he looks back on his role without pride. His conclusion is that the forcible deportation and detention of Japanese from Peru, accomplished in collaboration with the U.S., "was clearly a violation of human rights and was not justified by any plausible threat to the security of the western hemisphere." Nor, of course, was the U.S. Evacuation.

Plain Speaking: Wayne Horiuchi

The Past Three Years

Regrettably, this will be my last column because I've just submitted my resignation as the Washington Representative for JACL.

In the last three years while working for you in our Nation's capital, I hope that I've been able to meet your standards of professionalism and programmatic accomplishment.

There have been some memorable times. I'll never forget as long as I live, the fun and excitement in the White House with dozens of JACLers from all over the nation when President Ford terminated the authority of Executive Order 9066. Nor will I ever forget working with a tremendous group of people such as the late Edison Uno and Cliff Uyeda in helping them reach one goal: the pardon of Iva Toguri.

There was the excitement of meeting with the Speaker of the House, Tip O'Neill and Senator George McGovern young JACLers into the while helping Dr. Les Hiraoka pass the Rice Act through Congress. And then there was the inside job that a small group of we Asian helped you set the record Americans did to get the Commissioner of Education to set up an office for Asian Americans.

It really made me happy to share the pride with JACLers when I introduced at the EDC/MDC Convention David Ushio, Mary Ann Yoden and Gerry Mukai, who were named to high level positions in the Carter Administration. Of similar importance, I knew that the future of JACL was in good stead when I talked with your sons and daughters here in Washington, D.C. during the Presdential Classroom for Young Americans banquets. There was a sense of accomplishment knowing that the Washington Office helped recruit,

publicize and assist those PCYA program.

Finally there was the national advocacy of the Washington Office. straight with Governor James Rhodes, Kodak, and Governor Meldrim Thomson when they didn't show discretion in what they said. And of single importance was our ability to say this in the front pages of the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, the Washington Post, the Washington Star, the Cleveland Plain Dealer and other media of substantial circulation and influence.

Perhaps my term as Washington Representative was capped the other day when I attended a bill signing ceremony in the Rose Garden of the White House with the

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Wasatch Front North hosting IDC confab

OGDEN, Utah - "Government and JACL" is the theme of the Intermountain District Convention being hosted by Wasatch Front North JACL Nov. 25-26 at the Holiday Inn here.

In explaining the theme, Tom Hori, convention chairnoted the impact government has in the areas of employment, education, social and economic programs. High government officials will serve as panelists at the Saturday morning workshop.

Keynote speech at the Saturday dinner-dance will be presented by Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah),

National JACL President Jim Murakami will speak at the Saturday luncheon. Separate JACL and JAY meetings are planned Friday afternoon from 1:30. The 1000 Club whing ding follows from 7 p.m.

calendar

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. Eden Township-Inst dnr, Oakland Hyatt House, 6 p.m., Jerry Enomoto, spkr.

Los Angeles-Nisei Singles party, Jefferson Bowl, 7 p.m. Nov. 25-27 MDYC-Cleveland JAYS hosts: Fall

Workshop, Hospitality Inn, Independence. Nov. 26 (Saturday)

Sacramento-Inst dnr-dance, Red Lion Inn, 6 p.m.

chapter pulse

Eden Township

Jerry Enomoto, director of the Calif. Dept. of Corrections and former National JACL president, will be guest speaker at the Eden Township JACL-AAY installation dinner Nov. 19, 6 p.m., at the Oakland Hyatt House, it was announced by Ich Nishida, dinner chairman.

Yukiko Sakakura will entertain with songs. Harry Tanabe will emcee. Dinner tickets are \$10 per person, \$7.50 for juniors.

Lodi

Lodi JACL is sponsoring its striped bass derby this

Tsuneishi elected PSWDC governor

LOS ANGELES — Paul Tsuneishi of San Fernando Valley JACL was elected governor of the Pacific Southwest District Council at its fall quarterly session Nov. 13. He succeeded Mike Ishikawa Jr.

PSWDC also voted to support the Asian American campus office which the Pasadena City College trustees want to drop, to initiate a fund drive for Japanese American Cultural and Community Center and to raise the Christmas Cheer allocation ceiling to \$50 per family.

Hosted by East Los Angeles JACL, the meeting was held at Little Tokyo Towers.

Washington, D.C.-Gen mtg, River Rd Unitarian Church, Bethesda, 7:30 p.m.; Panel: Nisei retirement. San Diego-Inst dnr, Tom Ham's Lighthouse, Harbor Is, 7 p.m.;

Harry Kubo, spkr. Nov. 28 (Monday) Fresno-Bd mtg, Cal 1st Bank, f330 E Shaw, 7:30 p.m.

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month with tickets available at the Lodi Fish Market, Sellrite, and Top Value and from chairman Don Morita. Other chapter events scheduled this month were the general meeting Nov. 17 at the local Buddhist Church to nominate 1978 officers and a trip to Reno Nov. 5.

The Rev. Lloyd Wake and wife, Marion, of San Francisco were guest speakers at the chapter meeting held Oct. 14 on the topic: "Nisei-Sansei Family Relationship". Ozzie Imai was meeting chairman.

Philadelphia

The Philadelphia Chapter JACL Christmas party will be held on Sunday, Dec. 11, from 2:30 to 8 p.m. at the Friends School in Moorestown, New Jersey.

The program to interest all ages is being planned to include white elephant gift exchange, Santa Claus, mochitsuki and other "omoshiroi" activities. Supper will be provided. Donations are expected to cover costs: adults \$2, children and senior citizens \$1.

The secretary has asked reservations be made by calling 609-235-1597 or 215-478-0273 before Dec. 3.

Seabrook

A "mouth-watering" buffet supper and program will highlight the Seabrook JACL senior citizen night on Sunday, Dec. 4, 6 p.m. at the Seabrook Buddhist Church hall, it was announced by chapter president Ray Ono.

Henry Wakai, chairman, is being assisted by:

Iddy Asada, Fusaye Kazaoka, buffet; Ellen Nakamura, Sunkie Oye, Peggy Fukawa, Kayko Ichinaga, Babe & Henry Kato.

Chapter acknowledged the talent of Gene Nakata for its new "flag", for the newsletter, "The Harbinger", with art work stressing the rural South Jersey horizon. He is an artist for Wheaton Glass.

Seattle

Rep. Norman Mineta will be keynote speaker at the Seattle JACL installation-recognitions banquet to be held Jan. 15 at Bush Garden Restaurant, it was announced by Mary Fujita, banquet chairperson. The social hour will committee are:

Tak Kubota, program & recognitions; Frank Hattori, emcee; Kimi Nakanishi, Bob Matsuura, Richard Ishikawa, tickets; Shig Otani, Jiro Namatame, flowers; Lillian Iwata, printing; John Matsumoto, host & hostess-

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JACL backs 'Fuji Hour'

SEABROOK, N.J. — The Eastern JACL District Council, at its Oct. 15 meeting in New York, commended the Fuji Hour, a half-hour Japanese radio program broadcast on Sunday afternoons from the local station WSNJ, and granted \$300 as support for its continuance as a community service.

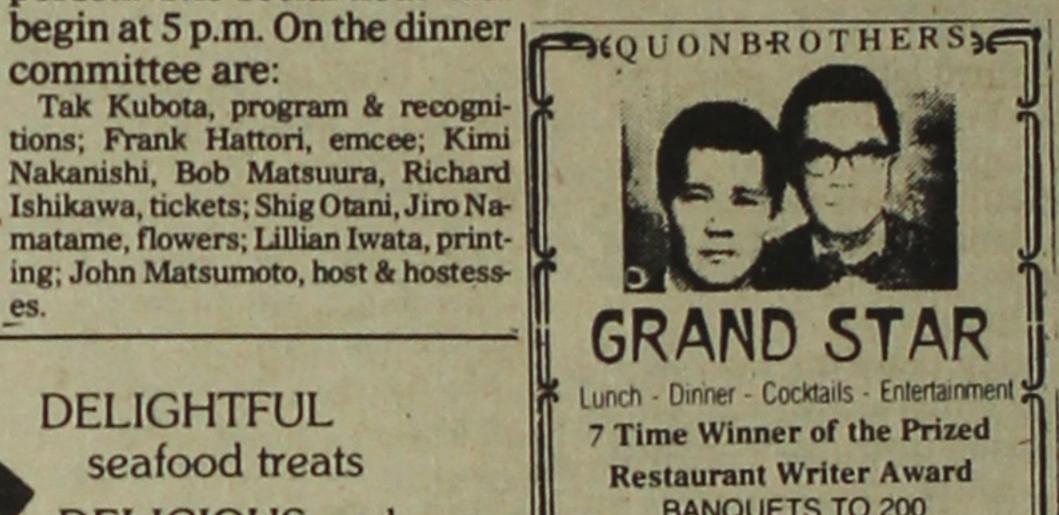
Now in its fifth year, Fuji Hour began as part of the 30th anniversary project commemorating the arrival of Japanese to South Jersey with a grant from the IBM Community Service Fund and assistance of Seabrook JACL. The Rev. Shingetsu Akahoshi and Mariko Ono co-host the program with Ray Ono and Ellen Nakamura as technical advisers.

JACL-sponsored radio program in the national organization. Program is heard by residents in the Greater Delaware Valley area.



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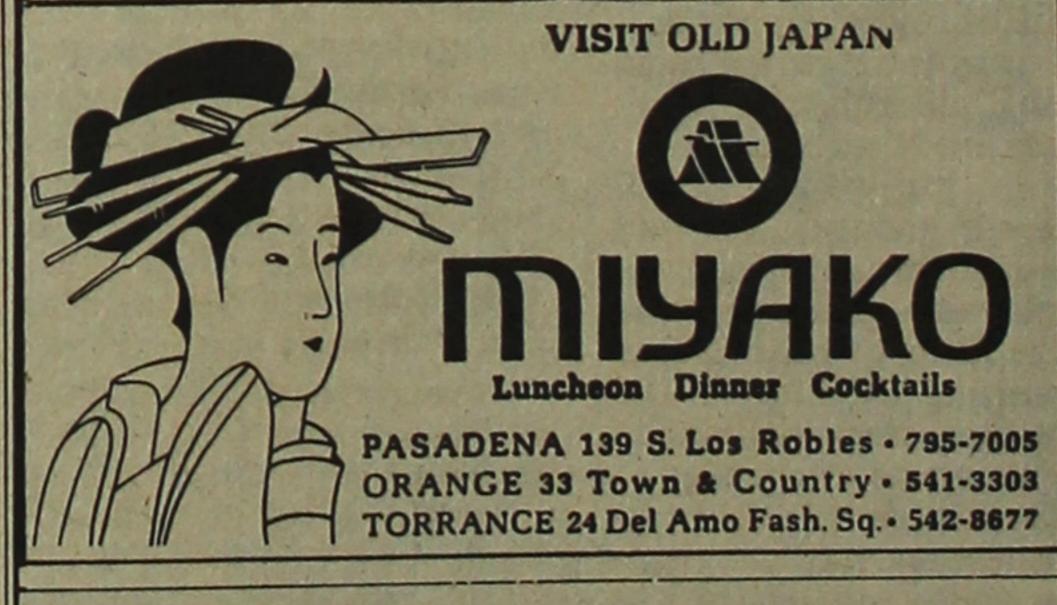
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We wish to offer our congratulations to Rich Okabe on his selection as JACL's permanent National Youth Director. In our opinion, this position is the most important element in the development of a strong national youth program.

It has often been stated that our youth represent the most valuable resource for the future of the JACL and the Japanese American community. To assume, however, that they will automatically participate and take over leadership roles in JACL or community as they grow up is, unfortunately, a bad assumption. Unquestionably, the powerful pull of assimilation and the movement away from community are facts of life

We maintain that is a responsibility of JACL through its national youth program, to take an active role in pro-

for Sansei today.

moting cultural awareness and ethnic pride among our youth. Not only will this strengthen the organization and the community in the future, we feel it is critical to the healthy social psychological growth of every Japanese American.

While ethnic awareness may always have been an objective of JACL Youth programs, we believe the time has come to reassess our efforts. The fact is that the JAY program reaches only 400 or so members and our other efforts, such as scholarships and the Presidential Classroom, reach even less.

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We recommend that JACL sponsor a National Youth Planning Conference to explore concerns, identify issues and develop recommendations to assist the organization and community in meeting present and future needs of the youth. Perhaps, the Nisei Retirement conference could serve as a model for this project.

It is obvious that the National Youth Director cannot singlehandedly create a strong youth program. In our opinion, a national youth conference would be an excellent way to begin to organize to meet this task.

-MDC Editorial Committee

Midwest District's most vital issue centers on maintaining regional office

CHICAGO - Two of the Midwest District Council's primary concerns for 1977 are the finances of the regional office and district membership.

In July at the EDC-MDC Convention, the Midwest chapters voted to request an additional \$6,000 from the national organization at its September EXECOM meeting, to cover an anticipated regional office budget deficit created by cuts at the 1976 National Convention.

If this request was denied. the delegates agreed to assess their chapters at a rate of \$3 per member to raise the additional funds.

While EXECOM favored helping the regional office if possible, its members could not allocate the \$6,000 due to financial restrictions. Instead, they offered to loan the MDC \$3,500 toward the \$6,000.

This \$3,500 is to be repaid to the National JACL by the last day of the 1978 National Convention.

By Sept. 30, district memberships had reached 2,253, an increase of 10 over the previous year's total.

Five chapters (Chicago, Dayton, Hoosier, Milwaukee, and St. Louis) had met or exceeded their 1976 totals, and another (Detroit)

was within three of its mark. The remaining three chapters were between 12 and 20 percent below last year's to-

St. Louis showed the largest increase, jumping from 125 to an all-time high of 181. But, Anna Peterson, membership chairperson, cautioned that increased membership figures could be deceiving since people join the

JACL for a variety of reasons.

"About 40 persons joined this year specifically to take advantage of a chapter-sponsored charter flight to Japan," she said. "This accounts for almost two-thirds of our increase over 1976

The Chicago chapter, for the first time in several years, expects to reach the 1,000 mark.

SPEAKING OUT:

Calif. Agriculture and the Nikkei

By STEVE FUGITA (Cleveland JACL)

Even though very little has been written about the rural aspects of the Japanese and Asian American experience, it is clear that farming has been a very central part of our heritage. Most of the Issei pioneers brought with them an agragrian background and two-thirds of them initially found work in the fields of California. In the Fresno area, for instance, 60 percent of the grape harvesting force in 1911 was Japanese.

Considering the alien land laws and other discriminatory barriers they faced, the Issei and Nisei made a rapid ascension from farm laborer to tenant to farm owner.

Oftentime they were able to form with friends and neighbors the very financially facilitative ethnic mecha nism called a tanomoshi, a rotating credit association. However, as many Nisei vividly recall, the main ingredient which insured the survival of Japanese farms were the almost heroic efforts of the family members.

Struggles of the Issei and Nisei which, incredibly frequent, had to be repeated after relocation, were instrumental in making the fertile valleys of California the most productive in the nation. Even today, Fresno agriculturally is the richest county in California and many farms are Nisei-owned.

Lesser known is the fact that Japanese Americans also played a significant role in the history of farm labor organizing in California. The first farm workers union in the state was established in 1903 as a result of a strike by Japanese and Mexican sugar beet workers in Oxnard. The anti-Oriental leader of the AF of L, Samuel Gompers, refused to give the fledgling union a charter unless Japanese and Chinese workers were excluded—a stipulation the Mexican members of the union refused to accept.

Subsequently, relatively short-lived attempts to orga-

nize farm laborers gave rise to the Fresno Rodo Domei Kai, the Japanese section of the Agricultural Workers Industrial Union, and the Calif. Japanese Agricultural Workers Union.

Today, however, most Japanese Americans remaining in agriculture own small but successful ranches, with a few having large 1,000-plus acre tracts. It has been said that the Nisei farmers have always shown a special pride in their produce and, even today, it might be argued that there are differences between Japanese and non-Japanese operations.

During the past years, the issue which has thrust the Nisei growers into the spotlight has been the recent manifestations of the almost century-long farm labor organizing struggle. The Nisei Farmers League was formed in 1971 after some Japanese farmers in the Fresno area had had their ranches picketed and their property damaged allegedly by members of Cesar Chavez's United Farm Workers. In response, the Nisei growers quickly organized a mutual "selfprotection" group, as they have historically done against outside threats.

The Nisei, and other growers who later joined them, engaged in counter-picketing, strikebreaking (White River Farms, 1972), and legal and political actions to counter Chavez's efforts. Today, they compose an active and quite powerful force in California politics as well as in California agriculture.

During the same period some Sansei, particularly on the campi and in urban communities, were developing Asian American and Third World perspectives which emphasized identification with the problems and aspirations of other minority groups. Hence, they were ideologically sympathetic to the UFW, especially since Pilipinos represent the second largest group of farm laborers in California. For example, they came from urban

areas to work on the UFW Pilipino retirement village and also supported the lettuce and grape boycotts.

Within the wider Japanese American community, however, there seemed to be a distinct difference of opinion on the farm labor issue. This was, perhaps, best exemplified within the Niseioriented JACL, when a number of liberal Midwest members, primarily Sansei, attempted to get the national organization to support the UFW. Not surprisingly, this brought an immediate response from the Central California District, some of whose members were being picketed by the UFW. The ultimate outcome was essentially a stand-off with the organization, probably partially for its own self-preservation, defining the issue as beyond its area of concern (i.e., the issue was labeled a labor/ management rather than civil rights issue.)

It is clear that the Japanese American experience, whether viewed historically or in terms of the contemporary situation, is significantly related to California agriculture. The many Sansei and other Japanese Americans who are actively attempting to get a meaningful grasp on their rich heritage might do well to take a closer look at this inter-relationship. The Nisei in agriculture, because their method of earning a livelihood and general lifestyle probably most closely resembles that of the original Issei settlers, represent a very important core of the Japanese American subculture.

Ethnic museum survey underway

KENT, Ohio—Center for the Study of Ethnic Publications at Kent State University has begun a national survey of ethnic museums, libraries, archives and art galleries in the U.S. covering some 70 ethnic groups, according to Dr. Lubomyr Wynar, research project director here.

District Youth workshop CLEVELAND, Ohio — The Midwest District Youth Council fall workshop will be

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held over the Thanksgiving weekend (Nov. 25-27) at the Hospitality Inn in Independence (south of here).

National Youth Director Rich Okabe will be present. "If I remember right, Cleveland has a past history of hosting informative and enjoyable workshops," the former Chicagoan added.

Professor Errol Lam of Bowling Green University will give the keynote address, "Asian American

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Awareness." Dr. Toaru Ishiyama, of Cleveland, will be the workshop moderator.

Weekend cost of \$30 will cover housing (2 nights, four per room), dinner and dance. Registration can still be made with Wendy Furukawa (216 -251-4518). The schedule:

Nov. 25 (Friday) 3 p.m.—Registration; 7:30-9:30— Mixer.

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A third position presented in Bakke case

By WARREN FURUTANI Los Angeles

In the arguments that are taking place not just in court but at schools, at work, in the home and among friends, you are put in a position of deciding who you stand with, Allan Bakke or the U.C. Regents.

My contention is that there is a third position that is in complete opposition to the Bakke decision and at a bare minimum agrees with the U.C.'s publicly stated position to overturn it. But this position is extremely critical of the U.C.'s court case because of evidence that points to the lack of sincerity in the defense of the admissions programs.

So critical in fact that one is justifiably suspicious of trusting the fox to protect the chicken coop.

What I mean is that the Regents were never in favor of special admissions programs or ethnic studies, but succumbed to the pressures of the social movements of the '60s and early '70s. They responded with these minimal concessions. In fact, ever since their inception these programs have been

CRCSC banquet

LOS ANGELES-The Community Relations Conference of Southern California held its 32nd anniversary banquet Nov. 13 at USC's Town & Gown Foyer with Beulah Quo as emcee. She was the first Asian American woman to win a Hollywood area Emmy Award for her "Expressions: East/West" as producer, when it was aired on KNBC from 1973-75.

repeatedly threatened with closure, cutbacks, or being dissolved into other departments or programs which would compromise their very character. Sorry to say some attempts have been successful.

If you look at some of the facts this suspicion is well justified. For example:

The Affirmative Action officer at U.C. Davis encouraged and helped Bakke prepare his case against the U.C. Regents, his employer.

 The Regents in their presentation of the case cited no evidence of their past discrimination which is in fact (along with discrimination in the overall society) the reason for the establishment of Special Admissions Programs.

· Rather than appeal or fight a lowwer court's decision, purportedly because of legal costs, the U.C. Regents and U.C. Davis Medical School admitted a white woman who charged "reverse discrimination" like Bakke

In looking at the admissions process you will find that many criteria are considered and weighed. Grade Point Average (GPA), test scores, oral interview, determination of one's character and motivation, where you plan to practice, the application itself and letters of recommendation, all of these are considered when determining who will be accepted.

Now the crux of Bakke's argument is that he is more "qualified" than the 16 minority students whose admission is an alleged violation of his "equal protection" under the 14th Amendment. (Note: Of the 100 admission slots, 16 are for special admission of disadvantaged

students.) The point is that there are many criteria that are used to determine an applicant's qualifications. In the California Supreme Court's decision the minority students were acknowledged as "qualified", but because of his GPA and test scores, Bakke was considered "more qualified".

Where this doesn't make sense is that 34 white students who got into U.C. Davis Medical School under regular admissions had lower GPAs than Bakke. In my opinion the reason this point has been overlooked is two-

First, if the overall admissions process for U.C. professional schools was scrutinized, the focus of criticism would shift from special admissions for "disadvantaged" students to special admissions for "advantaged" students — those whose applications are accompanied by letters of recommendations from "influential people". Need I say more?

(Note: Jose Torres, M.D., is a graduate of U.C. Davis Medical School and was admitted under the Special Admissions Program. In a letter to the Editor of the San Francisco Chronicle, Oct. 4, 1977, he states that his GPA was higher than slots filled by the son of a State Senator, daughter of a University Vice Chancellor, and a nephew of a Department head. He also states that of the 85 regular admissions, 30 had at least one parent who was a physician.) Neither the University nor the court wants to open this can of worms.

Second, why are the 16 slots singled out as the reason for Bakke's non-admis-

sion and not the 34 slots filled by white students who it could be argued were less qualified? It's obvious that attacking the admissions program was the issue, not justice.

Other arguments used to support Bakke's position include the one over the use of quotas or goals. The 16 slots should not be viewed as either. In any Admissions program or Affirmative Action program, arbitrary numbers should be viewed not as quotas or limitations nor goals, as if this is all we need, but as disgustingly bare minimums which we should be embarrassed to admit is all.

Another argument patronizingly put forth by proponents of the Bakke Decision states a concern that minority students admitted under Special Admissions will be stigmatized and tainted because of it. Are the test scores, grades and other requirements upon graduation from Medical School lower for minorities than others? The answer is NO. At this point the determination of competence is the same for all students. So any stigma or tainted view is in the eye of the beholder.

It is clear to me as a lay person that the Bakke case was poorly argued by the U.C. Regents and the decision rendered by the California Supreme Court just as bad.

These attempts at seeking justice and equality have shown me once again that laws are merely words to be interpreted as the mood of the times dictates and by those in power.

And during these times of economic recession and inflation, constant crisis and open political corruption, the mood is disgusting. There is the Klu Klux Klan on the rise, the American Nazi Party also, as well as the racism stirred up around the busing issue.

Actually the determination of something being right or wrong does not take place in a court of law, but in our hearts and minds. And justice will not materialize unless people stand up for what they believe in.

To me these Special Admissions Programs in question (they will be all affected by the Bakke Decision) are being looked at from the wrong point of view. They are being touted as something special that needs to be done to help "disadvantaged minorities".

My contention is that because of discrimination, past and present, the system has to do something special to have minorities on campus or be exposed in all its lies about "equality", "justice",

Fact sheet

WASHINGTON-A tightly-written five-page fact sheet on th U.S. government brief entered in the Bakke case was prepared by the Asian and Pacific American Federal Employees Council, P.O. Box 23125, L'Enfant Plaza Station, Washington, D.C. 20024. (Persons writing for copies self-addressed enclose stamped envelope.)

the "melting pot" and "human rights". Racism, national oppression and sexism are so inherent in this system that if it ran its natural course very few people of color would be in professional schools which is how it was before these programs were instituted.

These programs are not genuine attempts to integrate society. They are merely concessions which are used to placate the militant social movements of '60s and '70s. As concessions, they must be defended and improved and expanded for all students. This means putting education as a true priority for the expenditure of our tax dollars rather than cruise missiles and neutron bombs or other war prepara-

And of course there should be special admission concerns based on different criteria both objective and subjective (until there are some qualitative changes in society). This would include consideration of race and nationality because of past and present oppression and discrimination, also socio-economical concerns, especially as it relates to financial aid. But most important would not be just intent but guarantees that the student plans to use his or her skills to improve the quality, quantity and accessibility of these services to the ghettos, barrios, reservations, Chinatowns, Nihonmachi, Manilatowns, white working class communities and other areas where medical care and higher education are considered privileges and luxuries. They should be considered everyone's right.

Furutani, onetime JACL staffer, is a counselor with Services for Asian American Youth, Inc. (SAAY), Los Angeles.—Editor.



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opportunities because they were less vocal or less militant, he said.

"Where there's non-recognition of a legitimate gripe, I think an available, proper course is vocalness and being hard-nosed about something," he said.

He urged Japanese Americans to "become activists for the good of all generations, whatever their ethnic background, or color, sex or creed.

"The United States has been hailed as a nation of immigrants. But to this nation's discredit, some immigrants have found the doors to America harder to open than others, and the path ahead strewn with more obstacles," he said.

The Nisei congressman will be back in the Pacific Northwest to address the Seattle JACL installation dinner Jan. 15 at Bush Garden.

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special note of his well-organized campaign committee comprised of Asian Americans from the Chinese, Korean, East Indian and Filipino communities. Marutani also expressed his thanks to the many JACLers who also provided the all-important financial backing to his successful campaign.

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IT MAY BE iji or perhaps that concept we Nisei refer to as Yamato-damashii; perhaps just chutzpah. Whatever, it is an indefinable quality that we Nisei have been unconsciously inoculated with at some unknown time at an indiscernible moment. At any rate, I met the prob-

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The play raises many questions that are unresolved and is heavy with interplay of emotions, especially when the Onos discuss the untimely death of an aunt, who died as a result of a mugging, and no one was willing to take her in. The plot revolves around the mother and what to do with her after her terminally ill husband, Tadashi, dies.

Tadashi, played by Hiroshi Kashiwagi, Nisei playwright and actor, is especially good as the depressed old man more concerned about the death of their sixteenyear-old family dog, than he is about his wife, Naomi, who will be widowed within four short months. To avoid going into the plot as to what to do with the mother after the father dies, other parts of the play will be reviewed instead.

The Onos live in a large, ippines, aptly describes Safashionable house with a bar murai descended families in in the living room, where both Hawaii and the Mainmany drinks are dispensed, land as "Samurai Misfits!" and dominated by corporate Descended from the Samulawyer Jack Ono, played by rai, a Los Angeles Nisei Frank Chin, founder and di- whom I know, goes through rector of the Asian Ameri- a ritual every morning of

Sanbo-Kaneko's Play Probes Into the Lives of an Upper Middle-Class Nikkei Family

wife, Meiko, played by Char- rise! "See how it glistens!") lene Chew, is a many-faceted nouveau riche woman who is kindly to her fatherin-law, often massaging his shoulders oh so lovingly!

The play opens with Jack handling a Samurai sword. an heirloom handed down from his grandfather. Ono handles the precious heirloom with undue veneration and practices cutting, obviously unaware that this sword is the ultimate symbol that separates this family from other people and divides the family in unresolved conflicts. Unfortunately, the sword used in the play looks not only tinny, but like a toy which dispels the illusion of reality for those sitting so close to the stage.

(Dr. Harry Oshima of the Quezon University, Phil-

can Theater Workshop. The polishing his sword at sun-

Kenji, Jack's younger brother, returns from Canada where he had been busted on a drug charge. He wants his older brother, Jack, to help him, but Jack haughtily explains, "I'm a corporate lawyer, not just an ordinary lawyer! I can't help you!" Then in the heat of anger he shouts, "You're a disgrace to the family!"

Both the father and the brother disapprove of Kenji wanting to become a musician, not even properly finishing college. Kenji says defensively, "I made the high school football team, didn't I? My body is small; I hated every minute of it, but did this for you, Dad, not for me!!!"

Worried about what will happen to her when her hus-

are times that enryo must slowly developing a camaraceived a private meeting give way to chutzpah, or Ya- derie of genuine support. A committee-person (lady) somewhat shyly coming up and asking for a dance at a political gathering, telling me that her friends had ing assuring me that it would be worth at least ten additional votes for me. (No telling how many votes more, if I had been a good dancer.) On the second round of campaigning, hearing people greet you by name, and not mispronouncing it anymore. That's when you realize, for the first time, that you're

> AS OF THIS WRITING I do not know what Nov. 8 will hold in store for me. But whatever, I am satisfied that we've done all that we can, and now it is in the voters' hands. It has been exhausting, it's been a challenge. And, yes, it has also been

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wheedles and coddles Kenji, ding? the youngest son; Kenji just can't do wrong. In a sudden burst of anger, Jack attacks his mother and father, "You gave me away to Aunt when I was small to have her raise me and now you make us good!"

heavy over their heads. _really want to? Need Jack and Meiko have

band dies, Kenji's mother moved at the mother's bid-

Charlene Chew plays the wife with sufficient probity, explaining, "I had to take care of my mother for five years before she finally died and that is why I didn't take in my sister," after she move into a house near you was mugged and hospitalso that you would look ized. Meiko wants to go to a retirement home when the The Samurai sword hangs husband dies, but does she

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"relocation" centers. This issue was not used to wrap myself in "cloth of ashes", to make myself a martyr. No use in imposing uncomfortable guilt feelings upon your listeners. And so while not belittling the gravity of this major offense to human dignity and rights, I would conclude by pointing out that I was the only candidate of whom it might be said: "He's already served some time." That would always defuse the subject, yet retaining the impact of what had hap-

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Since the evidence was overwhelming, not only that she was innocent of treason, but that she was an American patriot, why was

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THE BOOK OF KUDZU, By William Shurtleff & Akiko Aoyagi; Brookline, Mass., Autumn Press,

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fu" and "The Book of Miso" have written "The Book of Kudzu".

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The authors call kudzu powder the world's finest cooking starch and include in this illustrated book, Japanese and American-style re-

cipes for sauces, jellied salads, soups, beverages, and desserts, using kudzu powder. There are also recipes for medicinal kudzu teas, and directions for their use in the treatment of a variety of ailments, from intestinal disorders to headaches.

Also included in this comprehensive guide to the history and uses of kudzu are instructions on how to extract kudzu powder at home, in the community, or as a commercial venture; instructions on weaving; and a discussion on how kudzu every stove top.

could be utilized in environmentally positive ways.

To most Southerners, kudzu is known as the "green menace". Perhaps "The Book of Kudzu" will serve as an inspiration to those who look upon it as evil, and ways may be found to make the harvesting of this vine profitable.

And who knows? Kudzu may soon become a household word, with a package of kudzu powder on every kitchen shelf and a pot of kudzu root tea brewing on

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A Zen classic

A line in the preface to EVERY END EXPOSED (Autumn Press, Brookline, Mass., \$3.95) by its author, Dr. Yoel Hoffmann, gives the feeling for this collection of 100 koans of Zen Master Kido (Hsu-t'ang chih-yu of the Sung dynasty). Pupils invariably ask, "What is Zen?" And the master invariably, by way of an answer, holds up an object within reach and asks: "What is this?" The answer will be totally irrelevant to the initial question. And then trying to understand as a Zen pupil why the answer misses the point, you realize "the solution to the problem does not lie in the search for an answer, but in the disappearance of the question".

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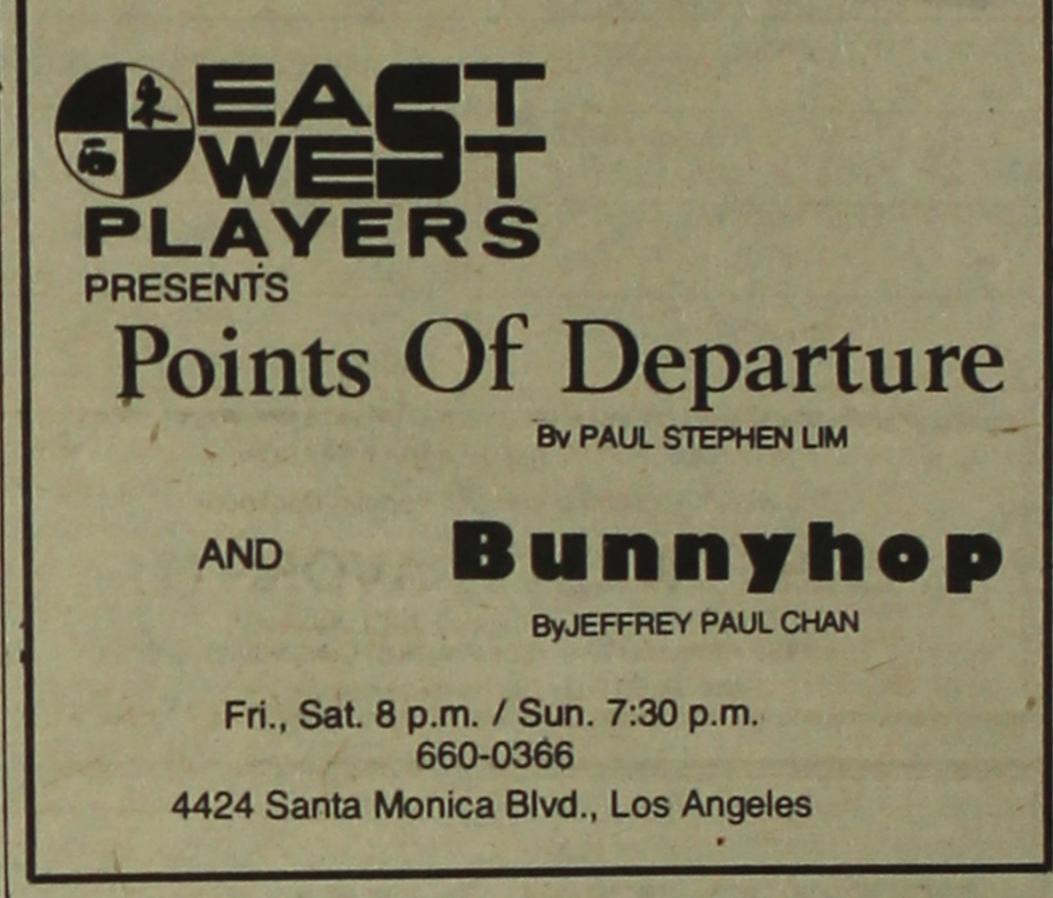
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CAMP AND COMMUNITY -MANZANAR AND THE OWENS VALLEY (Cal State University, Fullerton Oral History Program, \$7.95) explores the attitudes of 20 Owens Valley residents on the outside of the Manzanar camp looking in.

The historical implications of the book are understandably invaluable—but but more importantly editors Jessie A. Garret and Ronald C. Larson, through the interviews they chose, bring into better focus a cultural understanding of both the Japanese internees and Owens Valley residents. Readers learn how both coped with what is now called an inexcusable wartime act.—P.T.

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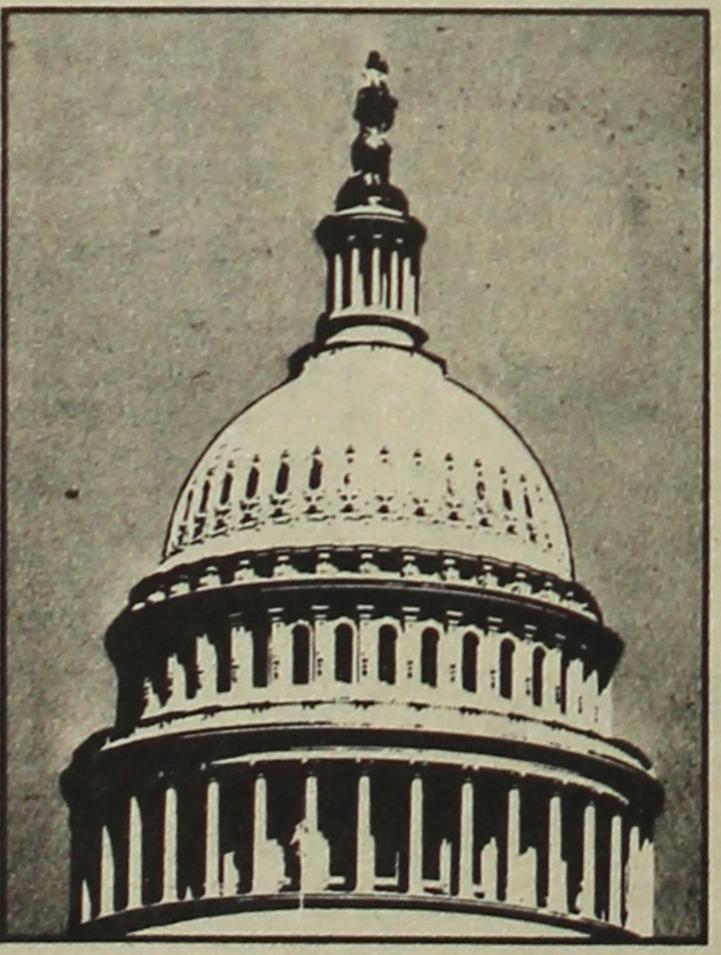
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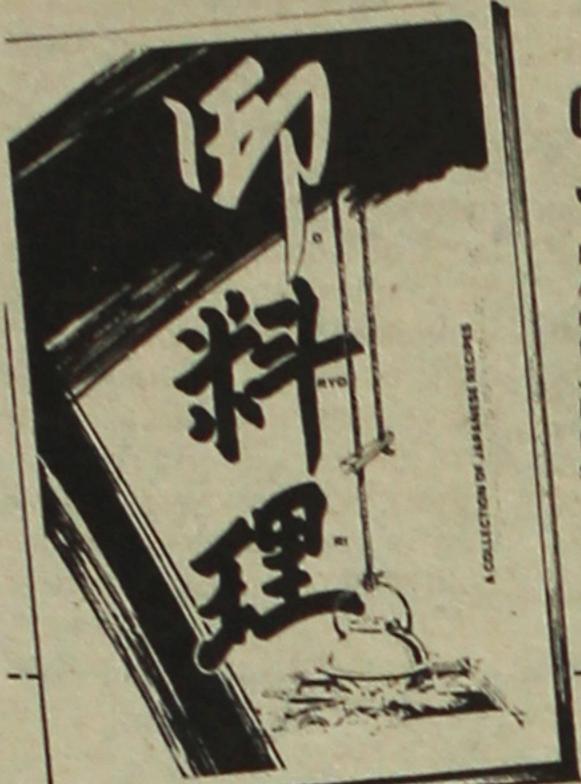
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Early Japanese American playwrights being sought

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Noted playwright-director Frank Chin said AATW is gathering all the information available on early Asian American theater activity and dramatic writing for a history of Asian American theater.

Early Japanese American plays are being sought by Chin, especially scripts and memorabilia and comments from people who either acted in or remember seeing them. Chin may be contacted through:

Asian American Theater Workshop, 4344 California St., San Francisco, Calif. 94118.

Chin learned of the theater activity at Manzanar from Mary Kitano Diltz, who recalled three dramatic presentations:

a) "They Meet It Again at Manzanar", written and directed by Lucille Nakamura. Cast-Joe Blamey, Kim Ikimura, Toshi Tomika, Ikiko Amatatsu, Stewart Akino, Walt Watanabe, Tosh Tamamoto.

b) "He Married His Wife," written and directed by Takashi Kubota. Cast—Takashi Kubota, Frank Shimizu, Wakako Kishi.

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Many people have called Japan one big business organization; in short, Japan, Inc. There are many similarities to the relationship of Church and State in Utah and reference may be made to the union as Mormon, Inc. The interlocking directorates, the pervasive underlying

New English editor at Hawaii Hochi

HONOLULU — The Hawaii Times has a new English Editor. Wynn Takato Oshiro, 22, a 1977 graduate in journalism of the Univ. of Hawaii, succeeds Max Morinaga, who has retired.

Oshiro worked for three years for the U.H. campus newspaper, Ka Leo o Hawaii (The Voice of Hawaii).

The Media

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Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill meets with JACL's Washington Representative Wayne Horiuchi while making the rounds and lobbying on JACL legislation. Horiuchi this past week submitted his resignation in San Francisco.

HORIUCHI

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President of the United States, top congressional leaders, and representatives from the major civil rights organzations in the nation.

I leave with regret because there are so many fine and outstanding people who I've worked with in and out of JACL. However, I know that I'll keep many of those friends, especially the JACLers, even when I leave.

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