

# Friendship Act interest mounting

By TED MATSUSHIMA

OGDEN, Utah—The call for greater citizen participation in promoting improved relations between Japan and the United States won wide support at the biennial conference of the Intermountain District Council held here last month.

JACL leaders in attendance said they are encouraging Japanese American input in government actions, namely in promoting the U.S.-Japan Friendship Act.

Among the leaders present were National President James Murakami, National Director Karl Nobuyuki and his assistant Miles Hamada, Past National Director Dave Ushio and former IDC Governor Gerry Mukai.

Sponsored by the Wasatch Front North Chapter, the conference dealt with the theme "Government and the JACL."

Nobuyuki, describing the meeting as an "opportunity for the cross-breeding of ideas" among leaders, said

JACL is an instrumental vehicle for improving U.S.-Japan relations.

He said the Carter Administration has largely disregarded the intent of the Friendship Act — mainly due to its failure in using more Japanese Americans in government policymaking.

A late change in schedule prevented Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), convention main speaker, from coming. He expressed his regrets in a telegram. The two-day event was

put together by Tom Hori and Harry Suekawa.

In other convention business, officers discussed retirement, small business development and plans for the upcoming national convention to be held in Salt Lake City next year.

The following people were elected to the IDC board:

John Tameno, Snake River, gov.; Al Kubota, SLC, 1st vg; Hid Hasegawa, Idaho Falls, 2nd vg and Saige Aramaki, Mt. Olympus, treas.



James Sakoda, winner of this year's J. Edgar Hoover Gold Medal Award, accepts token from VFW State Commander John Beesaw at recent testimonial dinner. Sakoda's wife, Penny, looks on.

## Sansei police officer cited nation's best

By PAT TASHIMA

LOS ANGELES—When the idea to submit his name for the J. Edgar Hoover Gold Medal Award first came up, it was just a "sort of conversation-over-coffee type of situation," James Sakoda remembered.

Modestly, the Los Angeles police lieutenant revealed how he had never entertained any thoughts of emerging as the eventual winner of the national award.

Then, last May, he found he had won the regional honor. In June, the state honor.

And, as Mote Nakasako, chief of L.A. County Veterans Services Division said at a recent testimonial dinner, "the rest is all history."

In August, Sakoda and his wife, Penny, flew to Minneapolis to accept the national award — the highest bestowed by the Veterans of Foreign War for outstanding service in law enforcement.

"Mote had asked me to submit some things I had done," Sakoda told the 150 people in attendance at the World Trade Center. "It was just a casual conversation. Who would have thought it would ever get this far? I'm overwhelmed."

Though he accepted the honor nearly four months ago, Sakoda and his family are still experiencing the excitement that accompanies J. Edgar Hoover award winners.

Comrades from VFW Nisei Posts 1961 (Gardena), 4140 (San Fernando Valley), 9902 (East Los Angeles) and 9938 (Los Angeles) found the time to arrange the testimonial dinner at WTC's International Club Nov. 26.

The accolades, too, were still flowing.

"I overheard Jim say in Sacramento that this award really goes to Japanese Americans, that it raises the prestige of all Japanese Americans," Nakasako said. "He feels strongly that he is representing the Japanese community."

State Assemblyman Paul Bannai, a longtime friend of Sakoda's, said, "This award is something Jimmy is well deserving of. He is a modest person in a field other Asians are not too involved in. There is a future in it—I think it is a very honorable profession. And I'm happy the posts have found the time and opportunity to honor him."

The J. Edgar Hoover Award was adopted in 1966 by the National VFW Council and goes annually to the law enforcement officer whose services best exemplify the profession.

Sakoda's winning the award puts him in an elite class that includes L.A. County Sheriff Peter Pitchess, who won the honor in 1972.

But it's the significance the award has to aspiring Asian law officers that is most important to Sakoda.

"My being a part of law enforcement could be something younger Asians can look to and say, 'Police officers are not such a bad lot after all,'" he said. "When going into law, kids—especially kids in the Asian community—think they can't be a part of it and won't be able to relate to it."

"I think I can say now that many will go into law. It's important to bring up a profession of law enforcement."

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## Coverage of Chinatown shooting rated

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — Local newspaper coverage of shootings that occurred in a Chinatown restaurant over Labor Day was sensational and "sometimes hysterical," according to Asians in Mass Media (AMM), an organization that scrutinizes media coverage of Asians.

After extensive analysis, the group found the San Francisco Examiner and San Francisco Chronicle, the

city's two major newspapers, "hopped on the story in typically blood-thirsty fashion."

The Examiner's coverage, the group said, was more informed and sensitive than the Chronicle's, which seemed to be uninterested in anything but a "blood-and-gore crime story."

Media across the nation were drawn to the Chinatown violence that was ap-

parently prompted by youth gangs in the troubled Chinese community. Five people were killed in the melee at the Golden Dragon Restaurant.

"As to be expected, there has been some good coverage and some bad coverage," AMM reported. "Unfortunately, in our estimation, the bad has outweighed the good."

Both the Examiner and

Chronicle failed to follow up on stories about city policemen moonlighting at such establishments as the Golden Dragon, AMM said. Neither paper, with any speed, sought the views of Chinatown leaders after Police Chief Charles Gain's criticism of Chinese Americans for remaining silent about the crime.

In both cases, the papers were beaten by the Los Angeles Times and its reporter David Johnston, who provided the best overall coverage of the violence, according to the group.

The Times, five days before the San Francisco papers, managed to counter Gain by reprinting editorials published in the bilingual Chinatown weekly, East-West. The Times also ran an extensive story probing the Tong youth gangs two weeks before the Examiner, the group said.

AMM attributed the news distortions to a lack of understanding about the Chinese community.

"Historically, Chinatown, existing as a part of San Francisco, has never been well covered by the press or TV," the group reported. "There are two prevailing images: Chinatown is mysterious, an enigma; Chinatown is a tourist area. A third image has emerged over the past decade: Chinatown is a gilded ghetto—rich and poor at the same time."

National coverage of the violence was little better than local reportage and local television coverage was sporadic, the group said. Newsweek magazine's Sept. 26 article was "cheap, simplistic and racist" while New West's story Nov. 7 "scoffs at the idea that gang members come from poverty."

Letters were sent to local television stations, the Chronicle and Newsweek complaining about the "instances of bad reporting."

## Carter choice for U.S. appellate court sits as its 2nd Asian American

PHOENIX, Ariz.—Phoenix lawyer Thomas Tang, former president of the State Bar of Arizona, was sworn in Nov. 25 to a seat on the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. (He joins Herbert Y.C. Choy of Hawaii, first Korean American lawyer in the U.S., who was appointed in 1971.)

Tang, 56, took the oath from U.S. Circuit Judge Ozell M. Trask of Phoenix. Presiding at the ceremony was James R. Browning,

chief justice of the 9th Circuit.

Tang, the son of a Chinese immigrant, told an overflow courtroom crowd that his step to the federal bench marks a modification in the old adage "a Chinaman's chance." He called his nomination by President Carter and Senate confirmation on Oct. 7 a step for progress in the fields of human rights, human liberty and equal treatment for all.

Among those present were Tang's wife, Pearl, a Phoenix physician, and other members of his family, including his 82-year-old mother, Lucy Sing Tang of Phoenix, and 85-year-old mother-in-law, Mabel Mow, an American citizen residing in Hong Kong.

Dignitaries included Gov. Wesley Bolin, officials of the state bar and judges of Maricopa County Superior Court, the Arizona Court of Appeals and the Arizona Supreme Court.

Tang served as a Maricopa County Superior Court judge from 1963 to 1970 before losing in a close election. For the past seven years he has been in private practice.

His nomination to the appeals court was based on the recommendation of a special presidential merit panel. The post carries a salary of \$57,500 a year.

Federal judges are appointed for a lifetime at a fixed salary. When they are eligible for retirement, they take senior status, meaning that they still hear cases, but not necessarily on a full-time basis.

The 9th Circuit, which has 13 active judges and seven senior judges, hears appeals from the U.S. district courts in Arizona, Alaska, California, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Idaho, Washington, Hawaii and Guam.

The 9th Circuit has its headquarters in San Francisco and holds court in both that city and Los Angeles. Tang said he will join Trask in keeping his home in Phoenix and commuting when court is in session. □



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Pearl Tang prepares her husband, attorney Thomas Tang, for swearing-in ceremonies to the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

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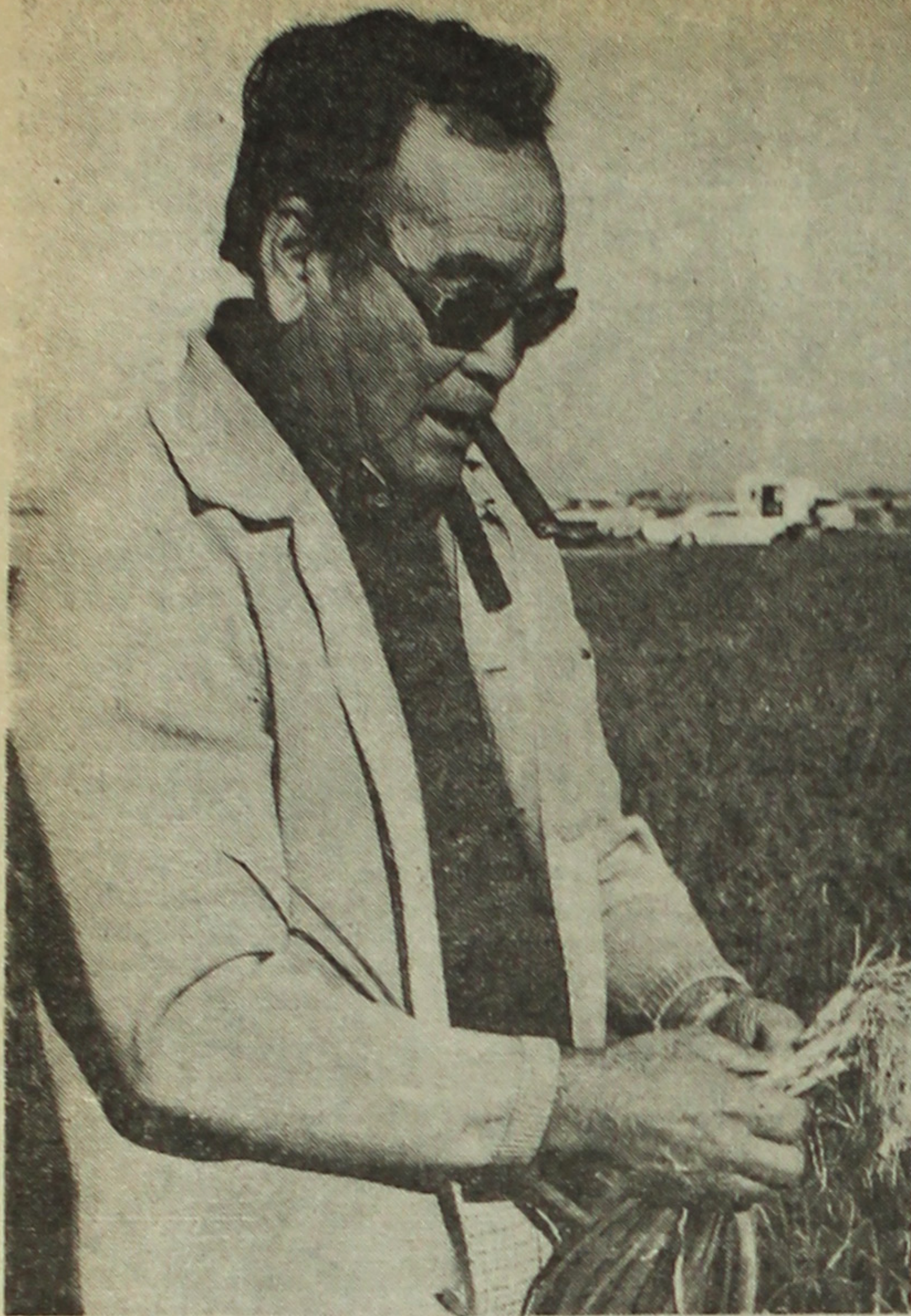


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Toru Tanita, one of four brothers who operate Tanita Farms west of Phoenix, says striking onion pickers and union organizers are threatening to shut down the farms.

# Green onion growers speaking out

PHOENIX, Ariz.—Neither the growers nor pickers have thrown in the towel and the green onion strike which began here Oct. 28 has retained enough momentum to push it well into its second month.

Growers, however, have begun to speak out, accusing the Maricopa County Organizing Project (MCOP) of harassing pickers still in the fields and of reverting to discriminatory tactics.

"They called us second-class citizens and told us to go back to Japan," Toru Ta-

nita, who along with four brothers, operate Tanita Farms in the west Phoenix area.

"If we end up having to pay big increases in wages, Mexico would no doubt put in more green onions. And if we can't compete with them, this area will gradually die out on green onion growing," he said.

Field incidents have triggered at least one court suit. MCOP has cited one of the Tanita brothers with instigating the arrest of leader Jesus Romo who went to the

farm Nov. 17 to speak with a non-striking picker.

Growers, on the other hand, say MCOP has continually violated a temporary restraining order limiting picketers to 10 per ranch and prohibiting them from entering the fields.

Workers are asking a 14-cent increase per each dozen green onions picked. They currently receive 26 cents.

Growers have refused to negotiate, saying that a 40-cent figure would put them out of business.

The fear of a racial confrontation between Mexican-American pickers and Japanese-American growers prompted MCOP to contact JACL for assistance.

Growers maintain, however, that such an all-out racial strife is unlikely. □

## Japan still bans Oregon cherry

PORTLAND, Ore.—Cherries, which sell for as much as \$5 a pound in Japan, are much in demand there but Pacific Northwest growers must still await specifics on import regulations before any shipments can be made in 1978, according to Ray Yasui of Diamond Fruit Growers Assn.

The long-standing Japanese ban on U.S. cherries was lifted last summer after it was shown U.S. cherries do not pose a threat to codling-moth infestation of Japanese apple trees.

The longtime Mid-Columbia JACLer and former board chairman of the Hood River-based fruit cooperative, back from a trade mission, added there was little hope to include U.S. apples and pears on the admissible list. □

## Historical society

VISALIA, Calif.—The Tulare County Historical Society met at the Buddhist Church Dec. 4 to recount the beginnings of the local Buddhist churches, their contributions and leaders. Jun Hatakeda is a society director.

## Agriculture

Kiyoshi Yamamoto of Turlock (Cortez JACLer) who raises peaches, grapes and almonds was named the Agri-Production Man of the Year by the Turlock chamber of commerce. Contributions to agriculture and community determine the selection. He is also head of the Cortez Growers Assn. and a director of the Turlock Federal Land Bank, active with the Lions, Presbyterian Church and Farm Bureau.

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Masao Kimura, 74, of Fresno was killed in a breezeway of his West Fresno home Nov. 16. Owner-operator of Boys Market was felled by a single bullet through his heart. A strong supporter of community activities, nearly 600 persons were present at his funeral at Buddhist Church.

Eiko Takeshita, 76, a retired San Francisco laundry owner, was slain Nov. 27 by two intruders who rang his doorbell and then fired three shots. He lived a half block from the Univ. of San Fran-

cisco. His wife, Chiye, found him in a pool of blood and gripping one of the assailant's pistol by the barrel.

Soji Sakai, 33, owner of a Japanese import trading firm in Gardena, was participating in the Mitsubishi Bank golf tournament Nov. 26 at the Green River course in Corona and was struck by a stray shot fired by a young man who had contacted Riverside county deputies after hearing a golfer had been shot Saturday. Sakai was reported in satisfactory condition though the bullet was lodged too close to the heart to be removed at that time. The 15th hole where Sakai was felled is about 200 yards away where target practice was underway.

## Mori meet with San Diego Asians

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—Young Asian Americans discussed several areas of concern with Assemblyman Floyd Mori (D-Pleasanton) Nov. 21 at the home of Beverley C. Yip, director of Union of Pan Asian Communities. Coordinator was David Takashima, Univ. of San Diego law graduate now an intern in the Assemblyman's Sacramento office.

Concerns were expressed in the areas of health services, undergraduate entrance screening and Bakke brief filed by the U.S. Attorney General Griffin Bell. □

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### Christmas Eve

SAN FRANCISCO—Pine United Methodist Church has been selected by CBS-TV this year for its Christmas Eve service that is nationally televised. Program will be seen live here from 9 p.m. (PST), Dec. 24. The church recently marked the centennial of the Japanese Christian mission in North America.

### EOP admission

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# SAKODA

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The Asian community should start to get involved with it. Whenever any of us gets any type of an award, hopefully, these kids will look to law enforcement as a career."

Sakoda's extensive background qualified him as the outstanding candidate among the wide field of nominees.

A graduate of Cerritos College, Sakoda, 42, entered the Los Angeles Police

Academy in February, 1958 and was in the top 10% of his class.

His career began the following May as an undercover narcotics investigator. He then was assigned to the Central Division vice unit and later, the Metropolitan area patrol.

In November 1960, he joined the Wilshire Division patrol bureau before becoming a juvenile investigator in January 1962.

From here, he worked in burglary and narcotics divisions. In 1971, he was promoted to Investigator III

(top grade investigator) and worked with local, state and federal narcotics agencies. Sakoda is responsible for the largest seizure of dangerous drugs in LAPD history and also investigated one of the first marijuana smuggling cases involving the confiscation of more than three tons of the drug from L.A. Harbor.

In September 1975, he was appointed to the Asian Task Force to assist in crime prevention programs and in 1976 visited police departments in Japan to exchange and discuss information on Japanese criminal organizations in the L.A. area.

His highest honor by far came in November 1976, when he became the first Japanese American in the force's 108-year history to be promoted to the rank of lieutenant.

Upon his appointment to lieutenant, Sakoda was cited by:

Japanese American Optimist Club of Los Angeles, Mayor Bradley, Councilman David Cunningham, Assemblyman Paul Bannai, State Senator William Campbell, Westside and Uptown Optimist Clubs of Los Angeles and the California Oriental Peace Officers.

A native of Seattle, he is a member of:

VFW Post 9938, Norwalk Youth Activities Group, California Narcotic Officers Assn. and the Downtown Los Angeles JACL.

State and local dignitaries

were on hand to honor Sakoda, including:

State Commander John Beesaw; Fifth District Commander Al Hertz; Fifth District Auxiliary President Pat Villanueva; VFW State Auxiliary President Inez Morris; Nisei Commanders Daniel Lyum from post 1961, John Ogimachi from 4140, Steve Nakama from 9902 and Jim Sugita from 9938; former Gardena Mayor Ken Nakaoka, Rev. Paul Nakamura and dinner chairman David Monji.

The dinner was one in a series of events still being held in Sakoda's honor—a sequence not likely to be broken too soon.

"Tonight when Jim saw me, he said, 'Here we are again,'" said Joe Borello, Fifth District publicist, who accompanied the Sakodas around Minneapolis.

"They are the kindest and most friendly people I've ever met. They allowed us to penetrate their personal lives and become their friends," he added.

"But, it will never end. When you become a VFW commander, you're always a VFW commander. Jimmy Sakoda is a J. Edgar Hoover award winner, and will always be a J. Edgar Hoover award winner".

## WRA camp papers in CFB History Rm.

SAN FRANCISCO—In the collection at the Calif. First Bank Japanese American History Room are some 600 books, magazines and pictures relating to U.S.-Nikkei history including complete sets of the WRA camp newspapers published at Heart Mountain, Wyo., and Topaz, Utah, according to Seizo Oka, bank v.p. in charge.

Bulk of the material has been donated by organizations and individuals. Items are welcome in either Japanese or English. The History Room occupies the 9th floor of the new CFB headquarters, 350 California St.

## Sumitomo merges 19 from Bancal

SAN FRANCISCO—Nineteen statewide branches purchased from Bank of California officially merged last week with the Sumitomo Bank of California.

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## Japan investments overseas climbing

TOKYO—Japanese companies have overseas investments in 3,275 local corporations, 561 in North America, according to the latest government figures reported in Japan Banking Briefs, published by The Fuji Bank, Ltd. The Ministry of International Trade and Industry figures show an overseas investment increase of 2.8% over figures reported in March 1971.

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## Making Over Alcatraz

People who live by and see "The Rock" in San Francisco Bay everyday are likely the ones to be most interested in making over Alcatraz Island. KCBS News Radio in San Francisco called us to respond to their editorial of Nov. 18:

Alcatraz has served as inspiration to many over the years—to producers of that famous Burt Lancaster movie; to the Native Americans who occupied it; to the inmates who contemplated freedom. The "Rock" has indeed inspired many to remember man's inhumanity to man.

For centuries, Alcatraz was an untouched island, resting peacefully in the Bay. Then came the military installations and later, the massive federal prison. After housing felons for 29 years, the government decided it was a bad site. So it was abandoned. Then it became a tourist attraction—you can still see people taking pleasant little boat trips out to the "Rock" so they can gawk at that representation of morbidity.

The National Park Service says "the people" want to keep the island the way it is. Well, we don't think Alcatraz visitors have really considered their options. One plan, supported by the World Island Committee, would turn Alcatraz into a world ecology center. The prison buildings would be replaced by a small museum and a meditation room with a Bay View, where visitors could contemplate the interdependence of nature and mankind. They hope this will be the first in a series of world parks.

That's one idea. There are probably plenty of others that would be workable alternatives to the prison. But the Park Service needs to know what they are. So it's holding public hearings this Saturday morning at 9:30 at Fort Mason. KCBS urges you to go, or at least write the Park Service there, and tell it what your recommendations are. We'll keep you informed of other ideas, and what the Park Service plans to do about that infamous "Rock" in the Bay.

Our response, not to be more than 90 seconds long when read aloud, was aired eight times on Dec. 1. We weren't aware it was being aired the first time (hearing your own voice can sound so unreal to you) while we had KCBS tuned in the wee hours of the morning as background "music" at the PC Office. (Burning the midnight oil is par for this time of the year with the Holiday Issue coming.) Then the announcer said: "...and that was Harry Honda, editor of the Pacific Citizen". That registered in our inner ear just like the CBS News-Alert beeps when they break through the regular news programs. Here is what we had said:

Many have articulated an interest in making over Alcatraz as the Liberty Island of the West. They recall the history of San Francisco Bay as the haven for thousands of immigrants from Asia and the Pacific Islands to the United States.

I remember one unimaginative idea to construct a huge Japanese torii on Alcatraz to face the Golden Gate. It was to be another San Francisco attraction. On second thought, there is something poetic about having a torii at Alcatraz because of the famous "Bird Man".

### JACL National Reparation Committee:

## Six Proposals

PART SIX

The following proposals have been submitted to JACL for consideration. Their essentials are:

#### FOR INDIVIDUAL PAYMENTS

1) **Seattle Plan**—To set up an Internal Revenue Service Trust Fund with guarantee that individuals as well as organizations can file claim against fund.

Beneficiaries—Those sent to relocation or internment centers in mainland U.S.A. or in Hawaii, or their direct heirs if principals deceased.

Payments—Fixed sum per individual plus an amount for each day of detention. Unclaimed portion to be placed in special trust to be used for educational and cultural purposes by Japanese Americans.

2) **Shimomura Plan** — To amend the Internal Revenue

Code to provide a Federal income tax credit for evacuated Japanese Americans.

Beneficiaries—Limited to those who were evacuated, detained or interned during World War II by the U.S. government and are still living.

Payments—As tax credit. Different sum for adult (age 15 or over on Dec. 7, 1941), and child. A person with little or no tax liability can file for a refund.

3) **N. Calif.-W. Nevada Plan**—To allocate a sum to the Japanese American Claims Corporation for the purpose of administering payments to individuals.

Beneficiaries—Those who voluntarily evacuated, were

*Torii*, in Japanese, literally means "bird perch", though this word originates from India meaning gateway or door.

KCBS Newsradio and the National Park Service, in the meantime, have received many suggestions. But whatever is finally selected, it should follow an American precedent set 100 years ago. As we are all aware, the Statue of Liberty was a gift of the people of France to commemorate Franco-American friendship. They provided the statue, we came up with the pedestal and the site. In 1877, the Congress approved use of Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor as funds were raised in both countries.

If the nations across the Pacific have a gift in mind for the United States, at least we have a place ready to put it.

Clearly, KCBS was combing for eye-catching ideas. We probably disappointed them by failing to come up with an enthusiastic alternative. We doubt that JACL could be involved—what with more pressing priorities of its own to pursue and the constraints of limited staff and funds. Yet we couldn't say JACL would be disinterested in the future-future for you have visionaries such as Bill Kline of KERO-TV, Bakersfield, who has these ideas about Alcatraz, as expressed in another response to KCBS:

How does it go... "send me your tired, restless masses yearning to breathe free..." And so they came from every nook and corner of old Europe. They are remembered and honored in New York City... the East of the United States of America.

But... sadly there is nothing to honour the entering, the motivations, the contributions of our Asian Americans, the people of the great Pacific Basin... in the West of the United States.

As we suggested last year... turn that brooding negative in a beautiful, positive setting, into something meaningful. Alcatraz Island could be converted into a living monument... more inspiring, more exciting than the Statue of Liberty.

What we see is a modern form... a Golden Gate... within it... enclosed malls, exhibit areas devoted to each region of the Pacific Basin, Asia, a Japan Mall, China Mall, Pacific Mall... and so on. Space would be provided for a Theatre of the Pacific. So there it is, the yesterday, today and tomorrow... the history, culture, customs, contributions, arts, commerce of the peoples of the Pacific... of Asia. Most of all a "thank you" for contributing to our greatness as a nation.

Another exciting possibility would be to headquarter the Asian and Pacific Services of the Voice of America on "Island of the Golden Gate."

Why not?

Kline may be in Bakersfield but his heart is with Asian Americans in general and with San Francisco in particular. Our columnist Bill Hosokawa introduced Kline's idea last year (Aug. 13, 1976) and wondered if any of the reparation money being sought by Japanese American evacuees might pay for making over Alcatraz. Let me add that Kline didn't suggest the reparation funds be considered.

evacuated, detained or interned during World War II by the U.S.

Payments—To individuals on priority basis, beginning with the eldest. Payment rights may be passed from individuals to stated beneficiaries. Unclaimed portion to be put into trust fund for organization usage.

#### FOR TRUST FUND PAYMENT

1) **Yasui Plan**—Lump sum payment into trust (not to organization) to be administered by a quasi-government commission. Commission would control distribution.

Beneficiaries—Payment to worthy causes, including individuals, based upon standard guidelines to be adopted by the commission.

2) **Columbia Basin Plan** — Amount to be placed in a trust fund and administered by a Nikkei corporation.

Beneficiaries—All Nikkei who resided in the Western Defense Command area, internees from

### Military History

Editor:

The story out of Savannah (PC, Nov. 4) notes Americans who had "fought as infantrymen on Bataan and surrendered..." The truth is now finally exposed. Bataan was the greatest military defeat in American history. Seventy-five thousand white Americans and Filipino soldiers threw their weapons away and surrendered. At Corregidor, 11,000 more Americans including the 4th Marine Regiment surrendered.

Military history has never recorded 85,000 Japanese or German SS soldiers surrendering. No Japanese marine regiment has ever surrendered.

No white American is going to admit he is a coward. An American likes to think he is Wild Bill Hickock. The reason is as a child in America from the day he is born, he is constantly told, again and again that the American Army is the bravest, the greatest. Bataan and Corregidor is positive proof, the American Army is not the bravest, the greatest. It is the highest paid, that's it and nothing else....

In 1956, when I was in Germany, I was told by veterans of World War II about the German SS Army. The German SS Army is a criminal organization. But criminal or not is not the point. The point is their loyalty, their devotion, to Germany, to Hitler, was tremendous, was unbelievable. Very few SS soldiers surrendered.

The Japanese soldier lives and dies by the sword. The German SS soldier gives no mercy to his enemies, because he expects no mercy from his enemies. The German SS soldier is obedient to orders. The SS shoots deserters. Instant execution. The American Army does not shoot deserters. Instead deserters are given instant promotion.

The American soldier is a great believer in surrender. As a prisoner of war, he becomes an instant great hero. Because of instant surrender, he gets instant decoration, instant promotion, instant divorce, even gets instant back pay (salary).

T.S. SHIRAKI

Mavwood, Calif.

### 'Douglas Opinions'

Editor:

A few months ago the Douglas Opinions was published. The editor of

### Foreign Subscribers

• JACLers living outside the U.S. subscribing to the Pacific Citizen in the past have had to pay \$3 more for postage. As the renewal campaign for 1978 begins, they are hereby notified that the additional postage will be \$4 per year. Only exceptions are those who receive mail via APO or FPO.

CORRECTED: Nov. 30, 1977

the book did a fine job in portraying the Justice as the great man that he is in our history.

He stood up and denounced the forced detention of our fellow citizens and their foreign-born parents, who were resident aliens. He wrote the majority opinion, that as the editor noted led to their freedom despite the hysteria that clouded our country in 1944. I quote:

"A citizen who is concededly loyal presents no problem of espionage or sabotage. Loyalty is a matter of the heart and mind, not of race, creed or color. He who is loyal is by definition not a spy or a saboteur. When the power to detain is derived from the

power to protect the war effort against espionage and sabotage, detention which has no relationship to that objective is unauthorized."

It is important to read and review such history again.

MURRAY SPRUNG

New York.

### Fashion Note

Editor:

I object (to the use of "Jap" by Kenzo) even from an international reporter.

R. FUJISHIGE

St. Clair Shores, Mich.

### East Wind: Bill Marutani



## Perverting Linguistics

Philadelphia

IM STILL UNCERTAIN how much of my Nihon-go is "hentai-go" and just how

little is actually "hyoju-go". Not unlike many Nisei, I absorbed much of my early Nihon-go by osmosis—by simply being around when my Hiroshima-ken parents chatted with their fellow ken-jins. (As parents ourselves, we now know today what big ears those li'l rascals have, how much they overhear and somehow retain. Even when it appears they aren't paying a whit of attention.)

AND SO IT WAS that I naturally assumed that a toothache was expressed as "ha-ga-hashiru", or a bellyache as "hara-ga-nigaru". Of course, what else? In all my youth I'd never heard either ailment expressed any other way. And there's lots more. I distinctly recall the cultural shock that I suffered when, asked how much of something I wished, I replied "chibitto"—only to be met with a perplexed look. Somewhat irritated with my inquisitor's ignorance, I patiently explained that "chibitto" was the opposite of "etto". And that only served to convert my inquirer's puzzlement into uncontrolled laughter, making me feel like a Hiroshima yokel. It was not until some years later that I actually learned that these words and phrases were Hiroshima-ben that folks from kens outside of the Hiroshima area neither used nor understood.

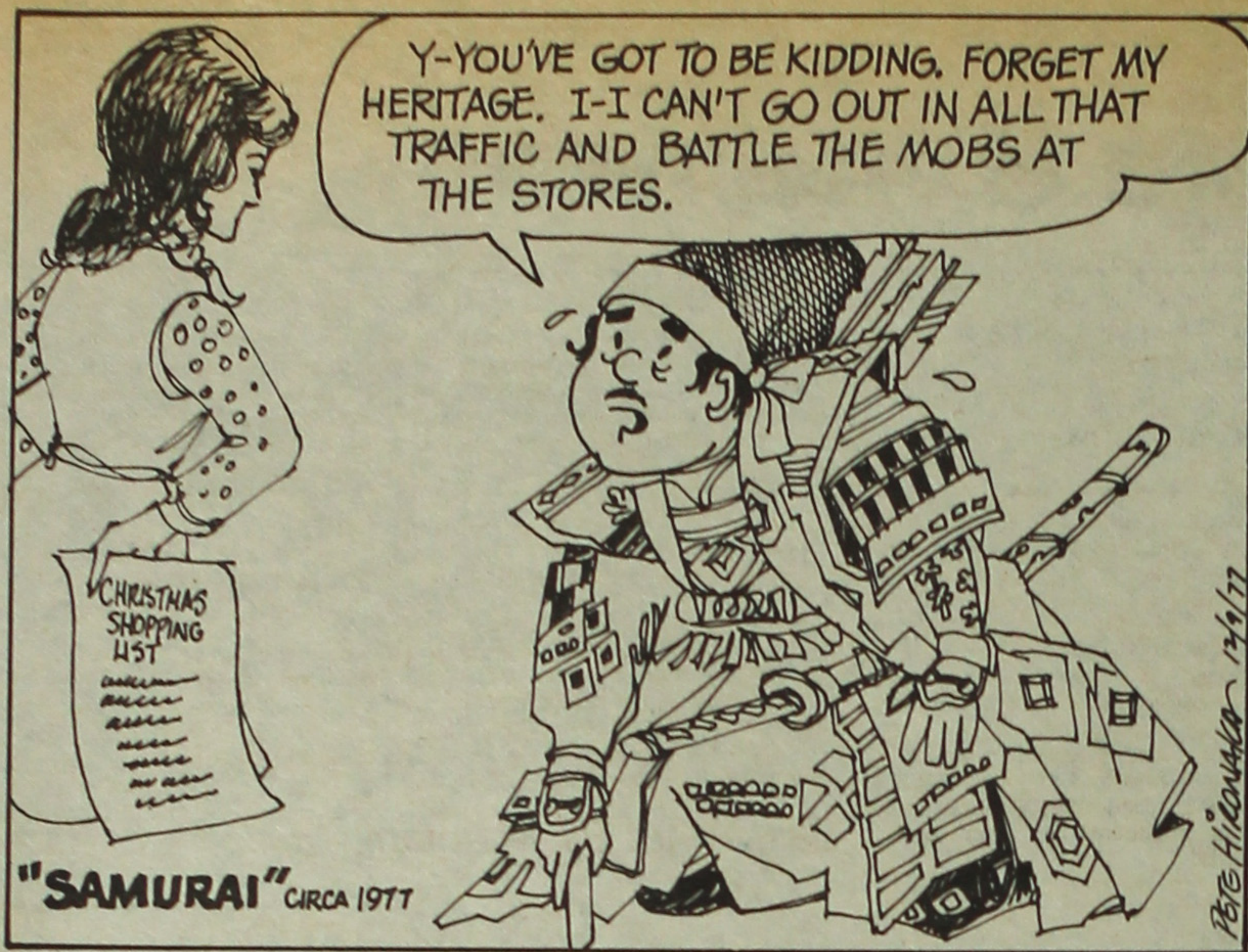
OUR ISSEI FOLKS had some colorful corruptions of English mixed in with Nihon-go. For example, to be fired, to have one's employment terminated involuntarily, was "go-homuku". And in those deep depression days, that was an ominous financial indictment, not to mention the "haji". (I could never understand, and still do not understand to this day, how "eating (ku) a "go home" came out as meaning being fired. Although as I now think about it, I would hazard a translation that "ku" in that context meant "swallow" or thereby "suffer".) I'm sure you Nisei out there can come up with a hundred-and-one other picturesque, and descriptive, corruptions habitually used by our Issei folks.

SPEAKING OF CORRUPTION, a few years ago when Vicki and I checked into the Pacific Hotel in Chigasaki, we were met with an admonition by the bed just as we were about to retire for the evening. There stood a little sign reading: "No Smoking in Bed". (The thought struck me at that moment that the Japanese had discovered something I hadn't heard about.) My comprehension was not particularly sharpened when I had noted that in the adjoining alcove there was something that this lad had never seen in all his born days: an odd-shaped water fountain which, however, was so low that you had to be a midget to use it. As I slowly assessed the object, for a while I was genuinely puzzled. You sophisticates out there know it to be a bee-day ("bidet") from the French culture. (My problem, however, was that my parents never spoke French.)

BEING A SIMPLE country boy had some other problems for me in Japan. I found that the Japanese are not beyond corrupting the language so that let alone my useless Hiroshima-ben, even my residue of "hyoju-go" was at times of no help. For example, I once saw on a menu something called a "sando". Now, "sashimi" I'll go for; "sand", no. After grilling the Japanese waitress, and not without some difficulty, I finally figured out that "sando" was short for "sando-wee-chi". (Even those of you who may not comprehend Hiroshima-ben don't need a French dictionary to figure out that one.)

OH, WELL IT'S these unexpected little surprises in life that make it interesting.





"SAMURAI" CIRCA 1977  
From Happy Valley: Sachi Seko

## In Search of a New Goal

My husband said I was inventing an excuse to go looking for the ghost of Brandy. The neighbor's Alsatian German shepherd moved away with his family five months ago. The house is still vacant, unsold.

One Sunday there were signs indicating the house was open for public showing. I wanted to see how Brandy always managed to escape when his family thought he was safely inside. The salesman was sympathetic to our reason for coming to see the house.

Brandy had apparently escaped through the kitchen door. It is similar to the one in our study. From the time he was a pup, he was an observant student of doors, an avocation more suited to burglars.

He was intrigued with the way doors operated. Standing up to his full height, he tinkered with the latch. It took him months to master the method, but he finally learned how to trip the lock and get out.

A leisurely tour of his former home showed that Brandy preferred to damage our house. Some doors in his home had no scratch marks. There were no footprints on the walls either. At our house, he liked to sleep with his feet propped up against the walls.

There were no ghosts of Brandy. Just a large, empty house and a yard that needs to be worked on. We fell into a lazy conversation with the salesman. It was the kind of warm autumn afternoon that invited friendly exchanges.

Together we examined the faults and advantages of the house. We agreed it would be

appropriate for a large family. There are five bedrooms and four baths. It would take almost an entire day to maintain a modicum of cleanliness and order.

The salesman said he would never buy the house. He had three children, but they were reaching an age where within five years only one would be home. He said that was the trouble with most people. When buying houses, they neglect to look five years into the future.

He asked how many children we had and how long we had lived in our house. We bought this second home when we were in our 30s. Our son was ten and we did not plan to have any more children.

We bought the house partly for him. The location and quality of schools were important. He needed space in which to entertain friends and at other times to seek his solitude. It is the house he grew up in. He is 23 and the prospects of his leaving are discouragingly dim.

It has been a good investment when its use is measured. Contemporary and functional, each area is occupied every day. It accommodated the formal entertaining which was prevalent until a few years ago. The kind of parties at which place cards and business suits were expected. Today it is suitable to the serve yourself and seat yourself buffets which have become our style.

The salesman told us that we had bought sensibly. He said our purchase exceeded the five year planning which he recommends. And it is likely that we will still be comfortable in this house for

another five years, when we will be reaching our middle 50s.

But five years have a way of slipping past so quickly. It would be convenient to believe that life will take care of itself. The Issei appear to have managed to do this. They worked until they were too old or weak, or until they were forced to retire.

Many assumed they could depend on children to care for them in their old age. It is an interesting assumption considering the Issei were not responsible for their own parents.

I shudder to think of how a life of dependency on our son would be. The idea must be equally repugnant to him. There are some who will quickly say it is easy to assert one's independence from a child. Before you reach that time.

They point to cases of illness and economic inadequacy. But then again, these are extreme expectations. I recoil against self-prophecies of this nature. I fear they may be fulfilling.

I once asked a successfully retired friend what kept him going. He said the secret was to keep wanting things, new adventures, new treasures. When goals are achieved, he said, replace them with other wants.

He said you die inside when your desires are lost. I haven't quite decided what I want to be doing five years from now. But I have an idea of the kind of house I want to live in. I like dogs, especially large ones.

But I don't appreciate the dirt they track into a house. It would be nice if we could live in a mud hut, someplace out in the open. Dogs could wander in and out, without a fuss being made over their dirty feet. They don't like to wear shoes or socks. I've tried that. But with mud floors, who would care?

And they could all sleep with their feet propped up against the mud walls. I am already checking the classified sections of the local paper for such a place. There is a shortage presently, but in five years the market should loosen up. □



From the *Frying Pan*: Bill Hosokawa

## Dilemma of Race

Denver, Colo. The folly of any national policy based on racism—discriminating for or against solely on the basis of skin color—is underscored in a story published recently in the Los Angeles Times, filed from Pretoria, South Africa, by Jack Foisie.

If you've been reading the newspapers you know that South Africa under its prime minister, John Vorster, made the Afrikaner word *apartheid* a part of the English language. It means "apartness", or racial segregation. Vorster has people of various skin tones nicely assigned to private pigeonholes, Foisie says, except for the Chinese. There are 8,500 of them in South Africa, the descendants of 50,000 coolies imported soon after the turn of the century to work in the mines. These South African Chinese now are mostly city dwellers, quiet and law-abiding retail merchants and restaurant operators. In this respect they are not drastically different from Chinese-Americans. However, in other respects, there is a yawning gap.

"Every other race has at least theoretical political rights under the latest constitutional plans," Foisie writes. "There are tribal homelands in which blacks can exercise their vote. Vorster wants to allow 'coloreds' (people of mixed race) and 'Asians' (from India) separate parliaments with a degree of self-rule within their segregated communities.

"But the 'yellow-skinned' are a twilight group that fits into no *apartheid* scheme. The Chinese are not accepted as fellow Asians by the Indians, and local Chinese do not rate the 'honorary white' status accorded to Japanese visitors.

The Chinese are allowed to live in white areas if no one complains. If some white person takes exception to having a Chinese neighbor, the Chinese is ordered to move on.

"Chinese have a few privileges that other non-whites are not given," Foisie writes, "such as the right to drink in the same bar as whites. They can operate bus-

inesses with fewer restrictions. But they have no voting rights, and compared with whites, do not always get equal pay for equal work."

What complicates the tangled mess for Vorster is that the government of South Africa has much in common with Taiwan. Neither is a member of the United Nations. Taiwan was kicked out when Red China was voted in. South Africa quit in a huff after economic sanctions were voted. Misery loves company. Trade and cultural exchanges are growing.

The honorary white status accorded Japanese, primarily visiting businessmen, is a curious status reminiscent of the recognition Nazi Germany cynically extended the Japanese as honorary Aryans when the Berlin-Tokyo Axis became essential to Hitler's warped plans. How South Africans can distinguish between Chinese and Japanese is not explained.

Which brings up the point that race can be a very difficult thing to determine. The United States is and has been, caught up in this dilemma. By custom in the South, anyone with a drop of Negro blood in his heritage was constituted a black. But now the Census Bureau accepts the declaration of the person being registered. For example, a white man married to a black woman may declare his children to be white and the Census Bureau must accept that. Presumably, by the same token the white can declare his children by a black woman to be black in order to take advantage of affirmative action programs such as are involved in the Bakke case at the University of California, Davis.

And then there is the criteria the United States government used in evacuating "Japanese" of mixed blood from the West Coast and Alaska during the late unpleasantness. But that is another story for another time.

For now, it is sufficient to say we open up a tangled can of worms when we make race the basis for any discriminatory action, affirmative or negative. □

Guest Editorial: The Advertiser

## Hawaii's Hiro Higuchi

Honolulu A community is desirable to live in depending on various conditions.

They include the presence of moderate climate; geographic beauty; vibrant, upright businesses; wise, honest political leaders; and private individuals who contribute in their own good ways.

One such individual Hawaii has been fortunate to have is the Reverend Hiro Higuchi. We think of him now because at age 70, he just started another do-it-yourself church building project.

Ground breaking took place at the Waipahu United Church of Christ last Sunday (Oct. 16). On weekday mornings, Higuchi is likely to be working on the premises alone — moving rocks here, nailing boards there. On weekends, church members pitch in, sometimes with others in the community helping as well.

Higuchi—and his wife, Hisako—has been through it before. He led in putting up the Pearl City Community

Church and the Manoa Valley Church the same way. He also was instrumental in renovating a church in Waialua and one in Lanai City.

On Kauai, he organized a citizens' volunteer effort to build a community swimming pool in Waimea in the mid-'50s. Back on Oahu, he headed a Lions Club effort to build the visitors' pavilion at the Waimano Training School and Hospital in the late-'50s.

He started in Waipahu, where he is once again. He led in putting up a do-it-yourself church building in 1950. That was meant to be a social/education center. Plans called for constructing a separate chapel. But when Higuchi moved on, no one finished the job. So, though officially retired and at times seriously ill in recent years, he's returned to do it.

Higuchi served as chaplain of the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team in World War II. He was a pacifist but signed up after 135 members of his YMCA group enlisted.

In Europe, some 442nd

soldiers promised that after the fighting they would help him build a church back home. Many of them have, time and again.

Among his activities, he once served on the State Board of Pardons and Paroles. He resigned in 1960, protesting what he considered "gestapo tactics" used to malign then-prison warden Joe Harper. The issue was "human dignity and fundamental rights," he declared at the time.

In 1962, while on then-Governor John A. Burns' Prison Site Advisory Committee, he alone among five members voted to build the new prison on Oahu instead of Maui. He knew that family visits would be easier and that professional services would be more available on Oahu than Maui. He gave those considerations priority. That view now prevails.

Hiro Higuchi has long stood effectively for conscience and humane values. Our community owes him a great deal.

Now, pass him the hammer again.



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# Calendar, pulse & memos

## ● Eden Township

A highly successful joint installation dinner was held by the Eden Township JACL and the Eden Asian American Youths (AAYS) with 100 members and guests attending. Mrs. Tomi Miyamoto is the new chapter president and Dean Okano is AAY president.

Jerry Enomoto, director, Calif. Dept. of Corrections, was the main speaker. Other dignitaries present were:

Assemblyman & Mrs. S. Floyd Mori; Hayward Mayor Ilene and Dr. Marvin Weinreb; Union City Mayor and Mrs. Tom Kitayama; Karl Nobuyuki, national JACL exec dir; Fremont JACL Pres. and Mrs. Bill Sakakura; Tri-Valley JACL Pres. and Mrs. Sam Cohen.

Ich Nishida was the chairman and Harry Tanabe was the master of ceremonies. Entertainment was furnished by the popular singing star Yukiko Sakakura, accompanied on the piano by Eleanor Cohen.

## ● Fresno

Two Fresno JACLers were presented National JACL recognition pins during the recent CCDC convention for outstanding service of a decade or more. Yo Takikawa received the Silver Pin for service at the chapter level while Robert Tsubota was given the Sapphire Pin for service at the district/national level.

## ● Gardena Valley

Returning to their roots, as it were, the Gardena Valley JACL officers for 1978 led by Chester Sugimoto, will be installed at a gala Ochazuke party on Saturday, Dec. 17, 6 p.m., at the new Japanese Cultural Institute, 162nd and Gramercy.

Committee co-chaired by Mayko Tarumoto (324-6611), Wayne Sugita (329-9247) and Helen Kawagoe (775-3950) is coordinating the Japanese potluck supper, program,

entertainment plus Santa Claus for the kiddies.

Sugimoto, a wholesale nurseryman, succeeds Helen Kawagoe, city clerk of Carson who was recently recommended for county assessor.

## ● Marin County

The Marin County JACL installation dinner is planned for Dec. 10, 6:30 p.m., at Dominic's Harbor Restaurant in San Rafael. Assemblyman Floyd Mori will be guest speaker. George Kondo, NCWNDC Regional Director, will install the new board.

## ● San Mateo

The San Mateo JACL has selected Saturday, Feb. 25, as the date for its annual installation dinner-dance.

With the anticipated participation by many Bay Area dance groups, the committee contracted use of the spacious Peninsula Social Club, 100 No. B St. as the locale.

Music is to be provided by the "Drifters", a popular Nikkei band in San Jose. The aggregation generally opens with Japanese songs featuring a number of talented singers and then proceeds into fox trots, rumbas and

## New Mexico wins museum prizes

ALBUQUERQUE — New Mexico JACL won two cash prizes for their participation in the recent Museum of Albuquerque international arts and crafts festival, taking 2nd prize for best costume and 3rd prize for the best booth.

Longtime member Ruth Hashimoto is president of the Museum of Albuquerque Assn., which had sponsored the festival Nov. 16.

other favorites.

Tickets for the dinner-dance or dance only are being sold by members. Reservations are being accepted by:

Grayce Kato (345-5167) or Yosh Kojimoto (341-3740).

## ● San Jose

San Jose JACL will host a New Year's Eve dinner-dance at Rickey's Hyatt House in Palo Alto with tickets now available at \$35 per couple by calling on:

Rose Kinaga (266-9727), Jan Kurahara (res: 732-9940, office: 292-2434), Aiko Nakahara (258-7874), or Karen Shiraki (244-6355).

Prime rib dinner is being offered. Tickets for dance only are \$15 per couple. Johnny Vaughn's band will play.

## ● Selanoco

Over 40 Selanoco JACL members and guests heard Susie Kamei and Clarence Nishizu share their experiences on their visit to Russia last summer at the Oct. 29 chapter meeting.

Susie, a UC Irvine student who spent eight weeks studying in Russia, added her comments to Clarence's beautiful slides giving a student's perspective of the country and its people. The Nishizus spent two weeks as tourists.

To conclude the chapter book project, the remaining copies of "Years of Infamy" were distributed to members with the suggestion that a copy be given to high school libraries and history department chairmen. Through efforts of chapter president Hiroshi Kamei, many high school administrators have learned that the Michi Weglyn book is probably the best current reference book on the Evacuation.

The 1978 installation banquet will be held on Jan. 28 at

the Twin Dragon Restaurant, Anaheim.

## ● Stockton

Stockton JACL's annual Christmas party will be held on Sunday, Dec. 11, at the local Buddhist Church social hall starting at 4 p.m. with a potluck dinner. There will be games, treats and door prizes.

The chapter board voted to donate \$200 to the Yamada-Okubo Defense Fund and nominated 20 members to 10 board of director vacancies as follows:

Frank Shinoda, Richard Yoshikawa, Bingo Kitagawa, May Saiki, George Matsumoto, Tets Kato, James Tanaka, Kengo Terashita, Jim

Tanji, Bob Yamada, Mabel Okubo, Dave Matsuo, Tad Akaba, Calvin Matsumoto, Hito Nishi, Cary Shimada, Bill Shima, Ted Saiki, George Baba, Henry Saiki.

## Seattle JACL office to move

SEATTLE, Wash. — From Jan. 1, 1978, the Seattle JACL Office will share space with the Seattle Goh Club at 316 S. Maynard (98104). A chapter committee is also considering the feasibility of expanding it as a district council office, currently in Portland. JACL occupied its present office at 526 S. Jackson for many years.

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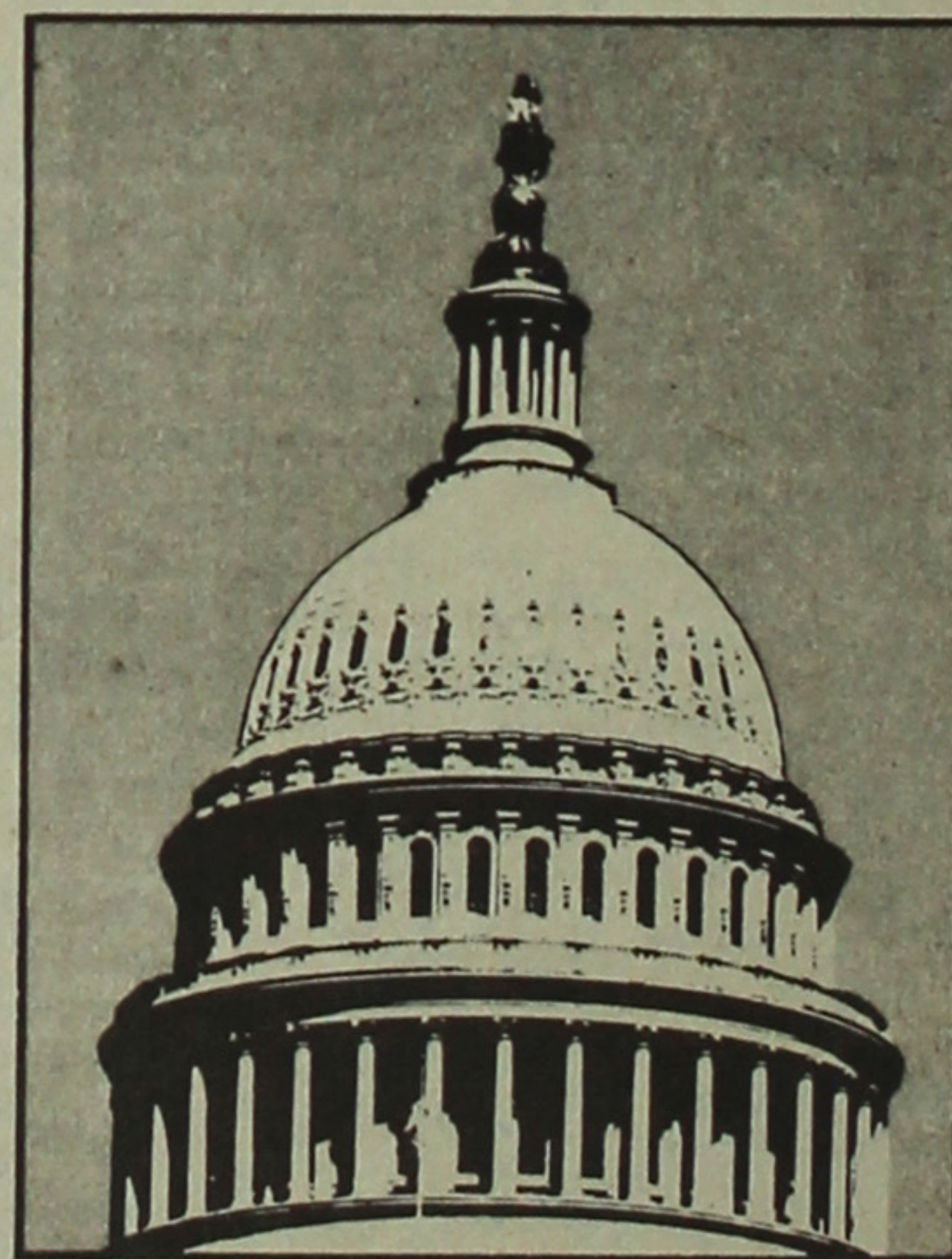
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Chicago—Christmas party.  
Eden Township—Christmas party, Eden Japanese Comm Ctr, 7:30 p.m.  
St. Louis—Christmas party.  
Watsonville—YBA spaghetti fetea, Buddhist Church, 4:7 p.m.  
Marin County—Inst dnr, Dominic's Harbor Restaurant, San Rafael, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 10—11**  
PNWDC—Qtrly session, Seattle JACL hosts: Sat—NVC Hall, 7:30 p.m.; Sun—Greenwood Inn, Bellevue, 9 a.m.
- Dec. 11 (Sunday)**  
Stockton—Christmas party.  
Philadelphia—Christmas party, Friends School, Moorestown, N.J., 2:30 p.m.  
Sequoia—Golf tournament.
- Dec. 12 (Monday)**  
Las Vegas—Mtg, Osaka Restaurant, 8 p.m.  
Alameda—Mtg, Buena Vista Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 13 (Tuesday)**  
Sequoia—Bd Mtg, Palo Alto Issei Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 14 (Wednesday)**  
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## Christmas party

LOS ANGELES—Friends of the Japanese Retirement Home will stage a Christmas party Dec. 11, 1:30 p.m. at the Home for residents and friends. Jerry Terashita will emcee the program featuring a tree trimming, entertainment and Santa Claus.

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# A Buddhist victory in Texas

A recent issue of the Buddhist Churches of America publication reprinted a story appearing in the Houston (Tex.) Post on Jan. 14, 1977, which we are seeing for the first time at this last date. Because of the precedent which has been set of interest to many Nikkei, the BCA editorial preface and news article are being carried in the Pacific Citizen.—Editor.

Several years ago, Reverend Hogen Fujimoto corresponded with an inmate of the Texas Department of Corrections (TDC) by the name of Fred Cruz. Along with their correspondence, Rev. Fujimoto also mailed Mr. Cruz Buddhist literature which the prison officials confiscated and later put Mr. Cruz into solitary confinement for having. As is

## Religion



DR. EDWIN YAMAUCHI

Dr. Edwin Yamauchi, history professor at Miami (Ohio) University, was principal speaker at the Seattle celebration of the centennial marking the start of the Japanese Christian Mission in North America. A Cincinnati JACler, he joined the Miami faculty in 1969 where he is also active with the Archaeological Institute of America's Oxford chapter. He previously taught at Rutgers and Brandeis. He is board member of the Near East Archaeological Society and published research papers on pre-Christian Gnosticism, Mandaeans and incantation texts.

still unfortunately the case, Buddhism is highly misunderstood and disapproved of, if not completely forbidden in many institutions. During Rev. Fujimoto's years of correspondence with inmates who had become devout Buddhists during their incarceration, it was not uncommon for them to be specifically persecuted or even rejected for parole because they were followers of the Buddha.

However, Fred Cruz refused to be intimidated by the TDC's denial of his right to religious pursuit, and quite incredibly filed a lawsuit against them in 1970 while serving time in solitary confinement. Mr. Cruz was released on parole that same year, and after almost seven years, Rev. Fujimoto received a warm and victorious letter from him stating that he had finally won his case, thus paving the legal road for inmates of Texas prisons to receive Buddhist materials.

Below we have reprinted in full an article which appeared in the Houston Post on January 14, 1977, describing this momentous effort in full. The Wheel of Dharma and the Buddhist Churches of America commends Mr. Fred Cruz for his unrelenting effort and for achieving a victory for all Buddhists, and for all seekers of enlightenment.

By JORJANNA PRICE (Houston Post)

Buddhist church services, Bible classes and Sunday schools will be made available at all state prison units upon reasonable request, according to an agreement reached with the Texas Department of Corrections (TDC).

A consent order issued Thursday in federal court climaxed a six-year legal

about begun by a state prisoner who wrote out the original lawsuit on toilet paper while he was serving time in solitary confinement.

In the interim, the suit has been to the U.S. Supreme Court and the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

In settling the suit, the TDC agreed to teach courses in Buddhist ethics and to counsel inmates active in the Buddhist faith. The agreement signed by the U.S. Dist. Judge Robert O'Connor Jr. also said:

Buddhist religious literature shall be provided on the same condition as provided for those who worship in the Catholic, Jewish and Protestant faiths. Inmates will be allowed to purchase Buddhist religious medals, rosaries and other memorabilia from the Buddhist Churches of America in accordance with rules practiced by other faiths.

When a chaplain is not available for regular worship, inmates may select a leader among themselves to hold religious meetings.

The TDC also agreed to pay costs and \$1 to Fred A. Cruz, former inmate who filed the suit in behalf of all

incarcerated Buddhists. After Cruz filed his neatly penciled lawsuit on toilet paper in 1970, it was dismissed without a hearing by the late U.S. Dist. Judge Ben C. Connally who said such religious matters should be left to the discretion of prison administrators. The Fifth Circuit affirmed the decision but was overruled by the U.S. Supreme Court which sent the case back to Connally for a hearing. But then Cruz was out of prison and Connally again dismissed the suit, saying the allegations were moot since Cruz had been discharged. His decision was reversed on appeal.

Cruz claimed to be and other prisoners were denied use of the prison chapel at the same time prison officials encouraged the observance of other faiths.

Cruz said he was placed in solitary confinement for two weeks and restricted to a diet of bread and water because he shared his Buddhist materials with fellow inmates.

Cruz, who was represented by the American Civil Liberties Union, now lives with his wife in Spain. □

## Filipino 'Y' secretary and Nikkei pastor reunited

After more than three decades, a former Japanese pastor serving with the invading forces in the Philippines during World War II and a Filipino YMCA executive, were reunited last month in Tokyo.

The Japanese clergyman, the Rev. Jonathan M. Fujita, 63, is now associate pastor of Centenary United Methodist Church in Los Angeles.

His wartime friend, Domingo C. Bascara, 72, retired last January after 52 years with YMCA in the Philippines, 32 years as general secretary.

The men were reunited in a ceremony recalling Fujita's sacrifices in helping the Filipinos and the conciliatory sequel in which Japanese war criminals were pardoned by Philippine president, Elpidio Quirino.

Both men had lost track of each other over the years, but were reunited through the work of a Japanese high school teacher, Fusao Mishima, who was compiling a book on an artist who worked for clemency for Japanese war criminals.

The artist, Tatsuo Kano, petitioned the Philippine government from 1949 to 1953 to pardon and release the prisoners. Quirino did eventually pardon 108 prisoners in 1953.

Kano died last August, but in his documents recorded Bascara's name, Mishima discovered.

The teacher then wrote to Bascara in hopes of learning more about the 1953 pardon.

In his response, Bascara gave credit to Fujita for influencing him to join a group of Filipino Christian leaders in appealing to Quirino for release of the prisoners.

Fujita, informed by the Ja-

panese YMCA that Bascara was coming to Japan to give the keynote address to the YMCA national convention, flew to Japan for the union.

The two friends, meeting again after 34 years, exchanged memories and recollections from the war years. "We met in wartime, but we two were not at war," Bascara said. "The friendship I felt for him was always alive in my heart."

Fujita, recalling how "all Filipino people hated the Japanese," said that Bascara's action after the war in seeking a pardon for war criminals "was more courageous than anything I did."

Bascara, who played a leading role in persuading Quirino, told Fujita at the reunion that "I felt this was the way I could repay you."

He then recited from memory Quirino's words of July 6, 1953:

"... I should be the last one to pardon (Japanese war prisoners) because the Japanese killed my wife and three children and five members of my family. I am doing this because I do not want my children and my people to inherit from me a hate for a people who may yet be our friends for the permanent interest of our country.

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## Dr. Kitano paper evaluates research

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Among the other papers presented were:

"Japanese American Assimilation and Fertility Differences" by Doug-

las T. Gurak of the Center for Policy Research and "Questioning the Stereotypes: Explaining Differences in the Income Attainment of Japanese, Mexican Americans and Anglos in Calif." by Patricia A. Ross of UCLA.

Thirty-five Asian Americans and Asian American Studies students attending a special meeting for Asian American sociologists. This special session was arranged for by Susan Takata and Ken Shiu of the Asian graduate students of UC Berkeley. □

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### Courtroom

Because it appears current procedures for investigating police shootings of citizens are inadequate, **Dr. Thomas Noguchi**, Los Angeles County coroner and chief medical officer, is requesting expansion of a state law providing coroners with subpoena powers. Superior Court Judge Edward Hinz Jr. recently ruled the coroner could not subpoena documents. Noguchi said, "We cannot adequately investigate police shooting incidents without access to police documents." The coroner could not complete

his inquiry into the Aug. 4 police shooting of a naked unarmed man.

### Fashions

Japan's front-runner couture designer **Hanae Mori** introduced her latest collection in Washington, D.C., at the new Japanese Embassy on Nebraska Ave. on Nov. 11 which was regarded as "a rather splendid housewarming" for the official unveiling of sprawling residence by the Washington Post in commenting on the double debut. The new embassy, completed last March, was tough competition for the Mori fashions that bore price tags from \$500 up. Handblocked wallpaper, huge paintings, giant shoji screens, spectacular crystal chandeliers, dramatic foyer and teahouse will make it one of the embassies most in demand for benefits in the Nation's Capital.

### Fine Arts

Art works of **Secundio** and **Josephine Mizuho Bucol** are being exhibited through December at Diablo Valley College library, Pleasant Hill, Calif. They had participated in the Filipino Arts Festival in San Francisco, where their talents attracted the attention of the college official in charge of special programs. Secundio, a WW2 veteran, recently retired after 20 years with the state highway dept. He and his San Diego-born Nisei wife and

school teacher at Delhi (Merced County) are active with the Livingston-Merced JACL, Merced Art League and Sumie Society of America.

### Government

Calif. Assemblyman **Paul Bannai** of Gardena, a member of the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO, will represent the state and local governments at its next meeting Dec. 7-9 in Detroit, Mich. The agenda focuses on international human rights.

### Business

The Gardena board of realtors is headed by its first Japanese American woman, **Mrs. Hisaye Nakajima**. Import Salon, which features exquisite Japanese handcraft and stoneware, opened its second outlet inside the New Otani Hotel, Little Tokyo, it was announced by **Reiko Kawasaki**, president of Kawasaki Trading Co., Torrance.

bank's San Mateo branch. Succeeding him will be **Takashi Okamoto**, 45, now at the head office, San Francisco. **Wayne Y. Takeuchi** was promoted to president of Chaix & Johnson Associates, an architectural and interior design firm at Los Angeles/Hong Kong. An honor graduate from Los Angeles Art Center, Takeuchi joined the firm 20 years ago and had been its executive v.p., supervising projects that found him out of the U.S. at least four months a year.

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