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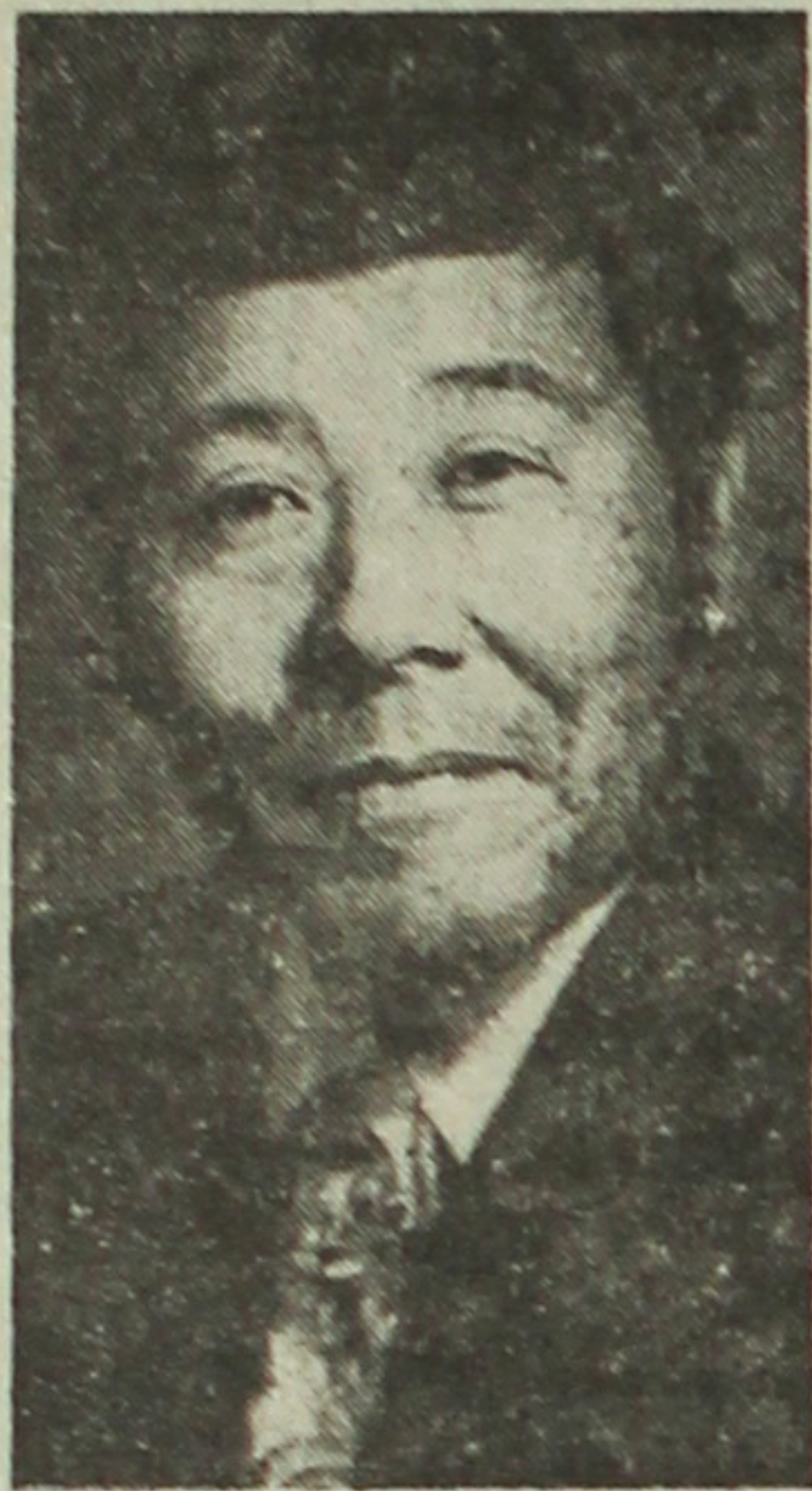
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Prison system chief tells it like it is



JERRY ENOMOTO

BY ROY YOSHIDA

Hokubei Mainichi

LOOMIS, Calif.—From an address spiced with expletives (albeit mild) for emphasis came among other utterings an unequivocal statement that "politics plays little part in the affairs of Department of Corrections. But the death penalty issue is a pretty heavy political issue. You can't keep it from being a political issue . . . I have always opposed the death penalty. I was that way before I even worked as a director. I don't believe it.

"But . . . as long as I am running a system in which the law says that capital

punishment is part of the criminal justice system, I have no choice but to uphold it. If I as a director feel I can't administer a system that has death penalty in it, I can resign."

Such as Jerry Enomoto's candid stance taken as the director, State Department of Corrections, at the (Jan. 16) installation dinner of Placer County Japanese American Citizens League held in the Legion Memorial Hall here with Judge Cosma Sakamoto as toastmaster.

Chester Yamada of Roseville was inducted to his second term as the chapter president, along with other 1977 officers and directors,

in the installation ceremony conducted by Enomoto.

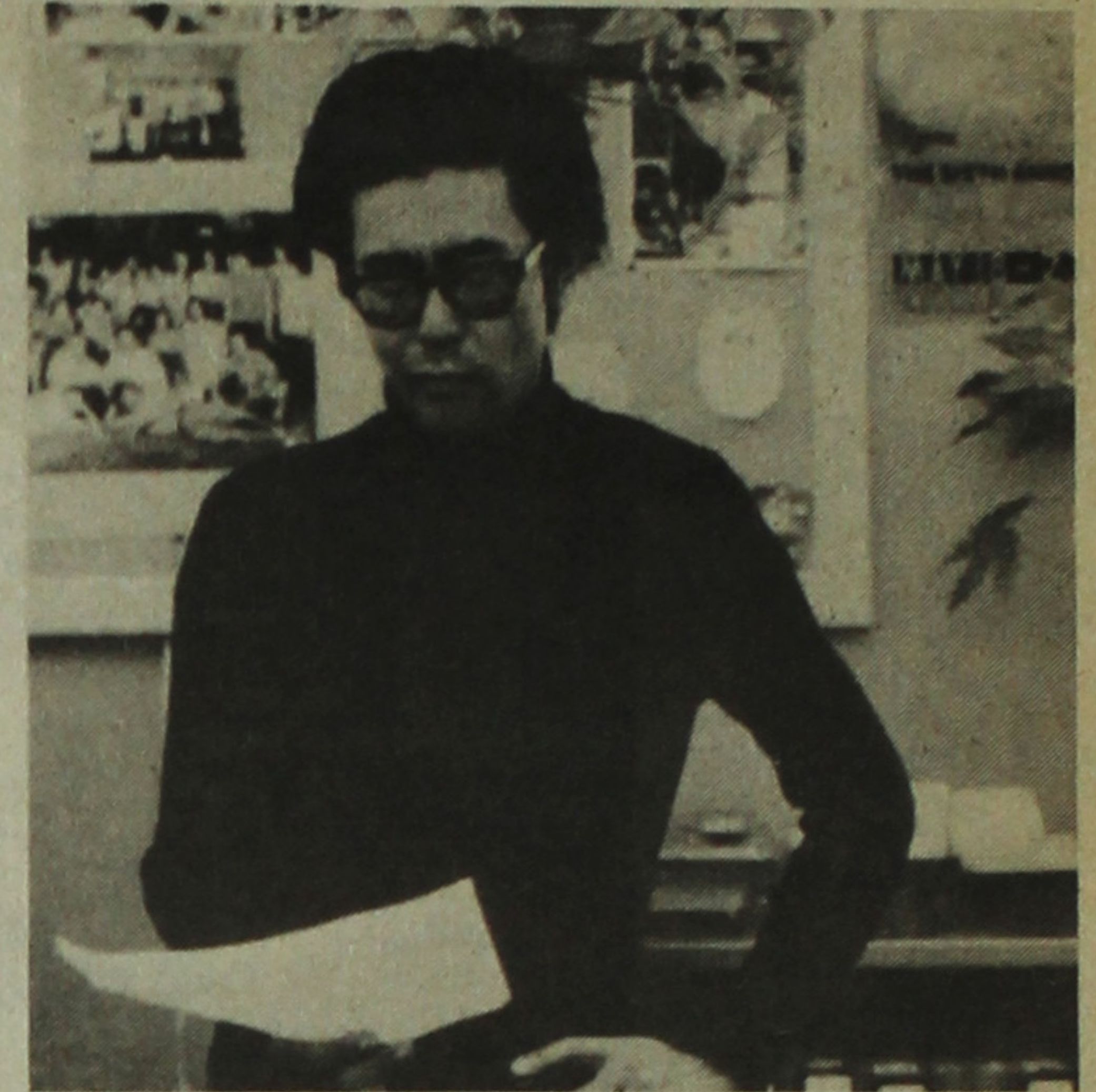
Prison System

The guest speaker appraised the assemblage that his is a highly visible job, as is that of the department in running a difficult unpopular business of administering 12 prisons housing some 17,000 adult males and 900 women. And on top of that, the department has the responsibility to run a humane and decent system.

Because of this visibility the department becomes "easy target for critics who believe somehow or other we are responsible for much

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Ethnic studies prof fights for tenure at UC Davis



DR. GEORGE KAGIWADA

By DR. RICHARD IKEDA

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Dr. George Kagiwada, director of Asian American Studies on the UC Davis campus, appealed for help from the Sacramento JAACL at its January meeting in his coming fight for tenured (i.e. guaranteed) position on the Davis faculty.

Kagiwada was hired in 1970 to start an ethnic studies program that would involve UC Davis students with the local Asian community and in this way not only make students aware of their Asian heritage but also give them first-hand experience in working with this community.

In a slide and tape presentation at the chapter meeting, Kagiwada illustrated all that Asian American Studies accomplished on the campus and in the community during his directorship.

Floyd Shimomura, Sacramento Chapter president, stated that one example of Asian American Studies' influence was in the recent case of an elderly Issei woman trying to recover \$87,000 from the U.S. government (PC Jan. 28).

"This case was brought to JAACL attention by the Asian Legal Aid Outreach, an organization created by law students in Asian American Studies, Davis," he said.

"This kind of activity with real student involvement in timely problems would help answer Governor Brown's recent criticism of the University continuously dodging society's problems," Shimomura said.

JAACL to Assist

Shimomura agreed to represent JAACL on a negotiating team which will meet with UC Davis' Administration to ensure a fair evaluation of Dr. Kagiwada's work and to underline the relevance and importance of Asian American Studies to the Asian community. The team will have nine other members representing UC Davis faculty and staff, Asian students at UC Davis,

and other concerned Asian Community groups.

"Up till now the University has recognized published articles as the main criterion for granting tenure and giving promotions," Kagiwada explained. "Hopefully with enough community support, the University will recognize community action programs as a relevant academic pursuit and will give faculty members meaningful credit for developing these programs.

"Granted this is a new direction in academic life from old traditional subjects and methods but some of us strongly feel that the University must lead the way in breaking new ground for the betterment of ethnic minorities," Kagiwada stated.

"The granting of tenure is still done in complete secrecy at the University," Kagiwada said. He showed the various steps involved. He clarified the traditional criteria and presented what he felt were fair criteria.

Community Involvement

"The major difference is that instead of being judged solely on my publications, I want to be judged on my creativity—the creation of a brand new direction in higher education, one that stresses community involvement by University students and action by the community itself. This takes subtle and careful planning so that not only does the student learn but the community learns from the student and the process of community action.

"As an example, in the Asian Free Clinic, our students learn first hand about the health needs of aged Asians. At the same time the patients are taught by our students everything from registering for federal health benefits to starting good health habits," Kagiwada said.

"These are the new transactions in education. We

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50% of Nisei can't afford to retire at 65

By EIRA NAGAOKA

Special to the Pacific Citizen

SEATTLE, Wash.—A good turnout of 240 participated at the recent Pacific Northwest Conference on Nisei Retirement, sponsored by the Seattle JAACL, Jan. 22 at the Nisei Veterans Memorial Hall.

The wives played a significant role in urging their husbands to attend, accord-

Reparations forum scheduled in Ogden

OGDEN, Utah—Subject of Japanese American reparations will be aired Feb. 22, 6:30 p.m. at Mountain Fuel Auditorium, 2940 Washington Blvd., to secure community input, it was announced by the Wasatch Front North JAACL.

Intermountain District Governor Gerry Mukai will chair the forum. Other speakers expected are:

George Sugihara, Mildred Miya, Enji Matsumura, Tats Misaka, Raymond Uno and Jimi Mitsunaga.

ing to the conference questionnaire.

(Intermountain District Council will conduct its workshop on Nisei retirement at the Feb. 26 meeting from 9 a.m.-noon at Prudential Plaza, Salt Lake City.)

Chaz Kawabori, regional director for the HEW Administration on Aging, set the conference tone as the keynote speaker when he noted "50% can't afford to retire. And if your parents are alive, where does that leave you?"

Dr. Joe Okimoto, mental health specialist, spoke of the unique problems of Nisei who has been nurtured on the work ethic, leaving the Nisei with a sense of worthlessness upon retirement.

Spiritual Needs

Rev. Dr. Paul Nagano of the Japanese Baptist Church, addressing spiritual needs, said retirees often have a feeling of meaninglessness or loneliness, complicated by the feeling of

guilt when they feel their lifetime venture leaves him short of the goal or missing the mark.

Former government attorney George Koshi, now in private practice here, asked, "Who knows where you will be tomorrow?" He pointed to financial health as being as important as spiritual and physical health. It is important through proper planning to provide a legacy of maximum benefits.

Sansei teacher Russ Nakatsu surveyed 42 younger persons and found only 11 were actually aware their parents were about to retire. Expressing a Sansei viewpoint, he wondered, "What happens when our parents need help and I can't give any?"

Mitsuye Mihara, a supervisor with the HEW, speculated on the women's view of Nisei retirement. In this age of upward mobility and opportunities for travel, women are in a position to meet other people (includ-

Japanese & non-Japanese marriages rising

SAN FRANCISCO—Glenn Omatsu of Hokubei Mainichi here reported Jan. 27 that the Japanese intermarriage rate here rose to some 66% in 1976.

His analysis of last year's marriage license statistics revealed roughly two out of every three marriages to be interracial.

This compares drastically to the intermarriage rate in 1958, at an estimated 25%.

In 1971, it was 58%, 65% in 1972, 60% in 1973, 59% in 1974, and 62% in 1975—a definite intermarriage trend.

Last year, 111 marriage licenses were issued in San Francisco to couples in which either the bride or groom was Japanese; 38 were issued to "Japanese-Japanese" couples, 73 to "Japanese Non-Japanese".

"In other words," Omatsu said, "it is now marriages in which both partners are of Japanese ancestry that have become the exception, not the rule."

However, Omatsu warns not to draw presumptuous conclusions from these statistics.

The data involving intermarriages takes into account recent Japanese immigrants as well as Sansei, so it would be questionable to say the Sansei intermarriage rate was 66 percent.

"Nevertheless," the reporter concludes, "the intermarriage statistics raise interesting questions about the present state and future direction of the Japanese American community." □

ing men). "Why should the male be the only one to go through the ego boost?" she asked.

Nisei Too Reticent

Dr. Minoru Masuda felt Nisei mates do not talk to each other as they should. Nisei have difficulty communicating and a reluctance to talk about their innermost feelings, to show affection and emotions, he noted.

Though the Nisei doesn't expect the Sansei to take care of them, there still should be a meaningful relationship developed, according to Masuda.

John Takizawa chaired the one-day conference. Rita Fujiki Elway, a scholarly Sansei, was convenor. □

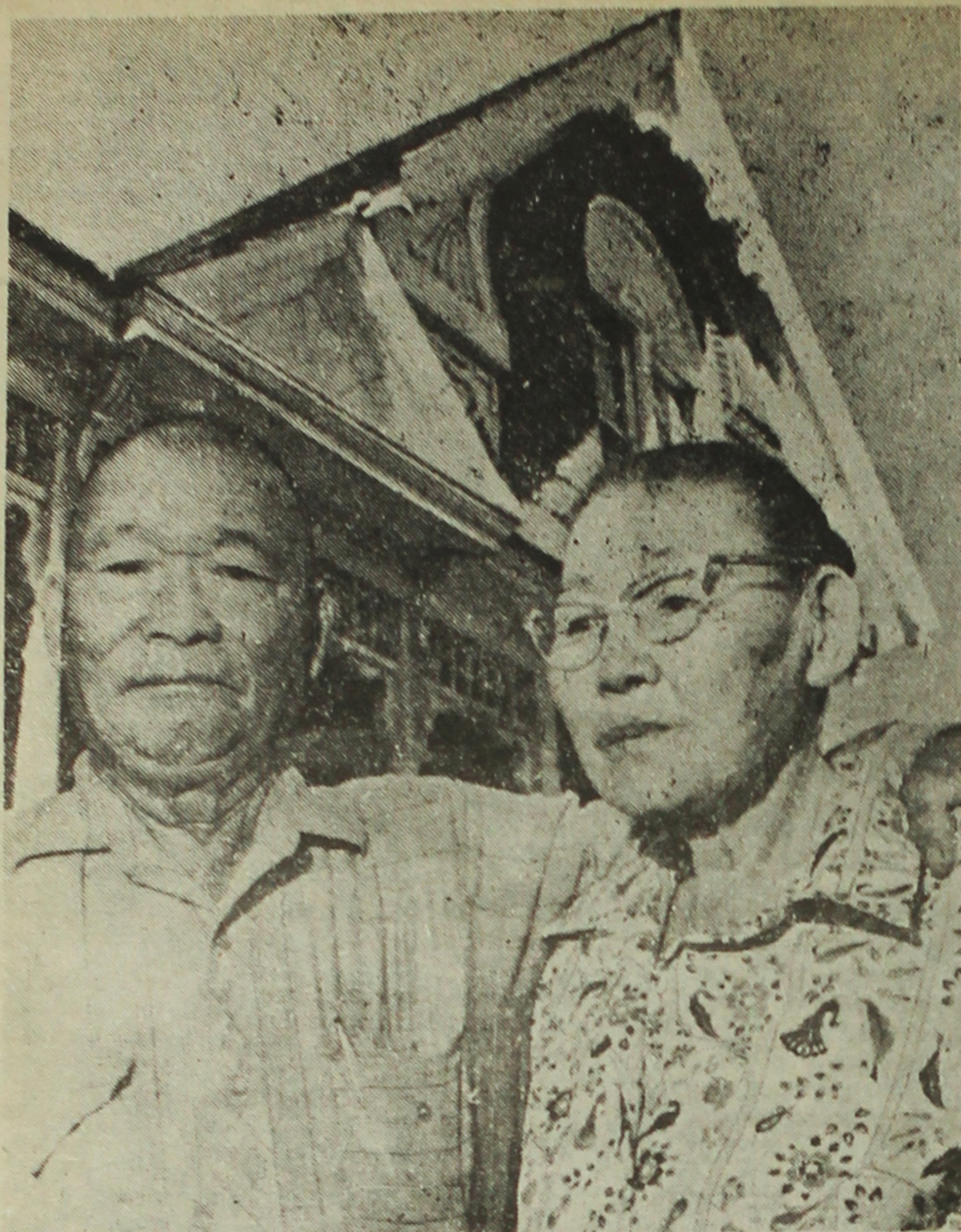
MAS SATOW ON SLIDES

SAN FRANCISCO—Slide presentation depicting the activities of the late Mas Satow as National JAACL director will be a highlight of the Headquarters Rededication banquet Mar. 5 at Miyako Hotel.

Mike Masaoka, just recommended by the Midwest District Council to be U.S. ambassador to Japan, will be banquet speaker. Tickets are \$15, obtainable at:

JAACL Headquarters, all Regional Offices, JAACL chapters in Northern California.

The 3 p.m. unveiling of the memorial plaque will be emceed by Tad Hirota. Jerry Enomoto is speaker.



Ike and Jun Kawaguchi helped Japanese Americans in Utah during the dark days of World War II. His humanitarianism among the Japa-

nese in Utah will be a vignette for students reading Utah's multi-ethnic heritage.

Photo: Deseret News

by the board

Who is Randy Chin?

Berkeley, Calif.

Many of you have probably been reading through the Pacific Citizen or the National Board mailings and have come across the name Randy Chin, and wondered, "Who is he, anyway?" You may have thought, "He's a member of the EXECOM and I don't know a thing about him."

Well, I am in my fourth year of studies in the field of chemical engineering at UC Berkeley. I have been attending UC Berkeley since graduation from high school, and expect to achieve a Bachelor of Science degree in March, 1978. Although my home is in Hayward about 20 miles from Berkeley, I prefer to live near campus during the school year.

TV station drops anti-Nikkei film

LOS ANGELES—KHJ-TV (9) has apologized for its showing of "Let's Get Tough" starring the Bowrey Boys last Jan. 15 and assured the So. Calif. JACL regional director Glen Isomoto the offensive film has been withdrawn from further use and would eliminate similar material in the future.

The 1942 film drew protests from both viewers and the JACL office over the blatant use of the term, "Jap", in the story.

live near campus during the school year.

I am a member of the Eden Township JACL JAYs in Hayward, and have been since 1973. A friend persuaded me to attend a few meetings and activities. By the third meeting I attended, I found myself on the election ballot for vice-president. When the president-elect was forced to relinquish the position, I quickly rose in the ranks and became chapter president. After some time I began to learn some things about district JAYs, and eventually national JAYs. I became actively involved in setting up the JAYs Biennial Convention held in Hayward in 1974, and came out of it with a strong interest to do more for the organization.

Through that year and the first of 1975, I was active in district matters. Then due partly to disgust and partly to personal matters, I dropped out of the JAYs for a period of nearly six months. I quickly became active in JAYs again after realizing how important the organization and most of all, my friends, have been to me.

This past summer at the Twin Cities Biennial, the

'75 flight refunds

SAN FRANCISCO—Participants in the 1975 JACL Travel Program are due a \$6 refund (except those on the Chicago charter flight). Those who moved this past year are expected to contact JACL Headquarters by Mar. 11 for the details.

"By the Board" is reserved for observations by National JACL Board members. Complete roster appears on Page 10 this week. —Editor

National Youth Assembly selected me to succeed Dale Shimasaki as National Youth Coordinating Council Chairman. I quickly found myself in the national ranks with little prior experience to National JAYs. I feel I can learn quickly because I have a strong desire to keep the JAYs organization healthy and continuously growing. Another valuable asset backing me is the enthusiastic group of eight district youth chairs representing the six JAYs district. They are Chris Noma, NCWN DYC, Brian Hoshiko and Ramona Speck, CC DYC, Raymond Hongo, PSW DYC, Jim Ono, IDYC, Steve Tamanaha, MDYC, and Kaia Kitagawa and George Mitchell, EDYC. Together, it is our duty to provide the leadership for the JACL JAYs. We will be present at the upcoming National Board meeting in March, and you can expect to hear a lot from us in the times to come. —RANDY CHIN

A Nation-wide Talent Search for Young Male Nihonjin Recording Singer Between the Ages of 19 and 25

Send tape of your singing in rock and soul. If your voice is what we're looking for, there is opportunity to become a recording star.

GEORGE COPELAND-PAUL UYEMURA
1817 S. Wilton Place
Los Angeles, Calif. 90019

Utah Japanese: survival in hard times

SALT LAKE CITY — Mrs. Masa Ono, 87, looks forward to a bright future in Utah—despite a past marred somewhat by World War II.

She and her late husband, Yasaku Ono, had lived in Green River, Wyoming. Yasaku was a section foreman for the Union Pacific Railroad.

On Dec. 7, 1941, a tragedy struck—Pearl Harbor. Yasaku was dismissed from his job and sent home. They had three days to vacate their house. The Japanese employees of U.P. who lived in the company-owned houses were homeless.

Although camps were built for Japanese of the Pacific Coast states, no camps were built for inland Japanese who lost their jobs. They had nowhere to go. Not even a detention camp!

"It was terribly cold," Mrs. Ono shudders as she remembers.

"The Sunada family, who were not railroaders, had a cabin on private property ... they allowed us to move into it."

"Yes, '41 was a sad Yule for the Ono family and for us, too, because of our sympathy for them," Walter Dale Francis told a Deseret News correspondent.

Before the war, Yasaku Ono had come to work for Walter's father, A.W. Francis, in a grocery and dry goods store, in Morgan, Utah.

Yasaku lived in an apartment above the store. He took care of janitorial duties, the receiving of freight and various handyman jobs. Meanwhile, his mother

was concerned about finding him a wife.

"I wish my mother not do this ... I want to choose American way," he said to Mr. Francis.

Later, Yasaku went to Seattle to meet his picture-bride and marry her.

During the war, when the Ono family moved to Salt Lake City, Walter Dale Francis sponsored them and arranged for them to live in an upstairs apartment in the home of his sister.

Joe and George Ono, their two Wyoming-born sons, were of military age and were inducted into the U.S. Army.

Joe was sent to Japan as an interpreter and later attended the University of Utah and Temple University, graduating as a dentist. Today he practices in Salt Lake City.

George was sent to Europe and survived the Battle of the Bulge. Currently, he manages a chain of restaurants in Ohio.

The Kawaguchis

But Utah's Japanese would have had it a lot harder had it not been for Ike and Jun Kawaguchi.

Ike Kawaguchi arrived in the United States from Japan at 14.

Like his father, young Ike became involved in the share cropping and hand labor activities—plus farming, ranching, living in various small Utah communities, and working in mines at Bingham.

Dec. 7 was Ike's birthday.

He was in California for a relative's wedding in 1941, good cause for celebration. Yet Dec. 7, 1941 brings back memories for him. "No, no,

it can't be," he remembers crying on hearing that Japan had attacked Pearl Harbor.

He left the West Coast quickly because of rising sentiment against Japanese Americans and returned to his farming enterprise in Utah.

His home in Syracuse, Utah, was suddenly filled with uprooted friends and relatives. Japanese Americans were driven away from their own communities by the rising wartime hysteria and boycotts against their businesses.

Ike took them in and assisted them.

His wife, Jun, was always washing dishes, cooking food—providing comfort to those displaced victims of prejudice.

When the war tensions eased, Ike helped many of his homeless friends and relatives find new jobs and become established in the community.

He helped Caucasians in Utah as an interpreter.

Later, he went on to become a successful rancher and farmer, owning the scenic West Point property for 18 years.

Many Japanese Americans in Utah and elsewhere survived the after-effects of Pearl Harbor because of the Kawaguchis, and other Americans, both Caucasian and Japanese, had cared enough and were willing to share. □

Eastbay nominations

OAKLAND, Calif.—Nominations are open for the annual International Institute of East Bay awards for immigrants who have contributed to the local community. They will be honored May 7. Forms are obtainable at 297 Lee St. (451-2846).

Now hear the amazing story of our own Japanese "Roots"!!

Learn about your real heritage based upon Japanese history, culture, customs, etc., and upon the greatest Best-seller of all time, the Bible in

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You will be thrilled and inspired and perhaps never be the same again! ... Hear this dynamic series by this returned-missionary, educator and lecturer SHINSEI HOKAMA.

SEE with your own eyes some amazing feats of Karate by a reknown Master of this ancient art ... HEAR a doctor tell of his drastic change of practice in "modern medicine" after he found the ancient art of Acupuncture ... ENJOY the music and fellowship of Sansei who are discovering their "Roots" ... JOIN us in the celebration of our discovery in a Japanese Oiwai (feast).

Sat., Feb. 19, 7:30 p.m. Gardena Japanese Cultural Institute
Bushido: the almost forgotten "Soul of Japan" rediscovered.
Karate demonstration by a reknown Seiyu Inamine.

Sun., Feb. 20, 3:00 p.m. Gardena Japanese Cultural Institute

The Japanese, who are we? (Since they occupied the islands and replaced the original natives the Ainus like the Europeans did to the Indians in North America.) A doctor tells of his amazing experience in medicine after learning acupuncture.

Friday, Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m. Gardena Community Center
Oriental Religions, a link to Rediscovery of our "Roots". Part I
Music and performance by Sanseis.

Saturday, Feb. 26, 4:30 p.m. Gardena Community Center
Oriental Religions, a link to Rediscovery of our "Roots". Part II
Music and performance by Sanseis.

Sunday, Feb. 27, 5:00 p.m. Gardena Community Center
Oiwai: Celebration of our Rediscovery of Our Heritage.
Appreciating traditional Japanese foods.



James Murakami, National JACL President
Afred Hatate, PC Board Chairman
Harry K. Honda, Editor

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EDITORIALS:

Mission Accomplished

The JACL Committee for Iva Toguri, chaired by Dr. Clifford Uyeda, assembled for the last time on Feb. 7 at a San Francisco Nihonmachi restaurant with Iva and her chief counsel Wayne Collins present to rejoice over a successful mission that began some two years ago.

Three weeks earlier, President Ford had pardoned the Chicago shopkeeper and restored her citizenship and acknowledged her faith in America.

While there were some feelings expressed in public concerning the inadequacy of the Presidential pardon and that the government be held liable for redress or return of the \$10,000 fine that was paid, it was Iva's wish to fully enjoy her new status at this point without further disruptive thoughts. The committee agreed and thus declared itself deactivated.

But there are outstanding expenses to cover before the committee's books are closed. While some \$7,000 has been acknowledged in contributions to date, expenses will total around \$8,500 — leaving a \$1,500 deficit. Since no JACL budget was allocated for the work of this committee, there was faith that goodwill donations would sustain their efforts.

Further public appreciation of the committee's accomplishments can be manifested by seeing their deficit eliminated. Send another check to JACL Headquarters.

Dr. Uyeda's closing remarks bears repeating here: We appreciate Iva Toguri for permitting us to organize and campaign in her behalf. Without Wayne Collin's understanding and expert counseling, the campaign could not have succeeded as it did. Any many thanks to others all the nation and overseas who worked on this campaign...

That selfless spirit and dedication indicates why this mission was accomplished.

The Guest's Corner:

The Comeback: JACL Bowlers

By CHIZ SATOW
San Francisco

We are getting into the season of bowlers to shine as they strive for a perfect game in the keen competition, one against one with bowlers coming from as far away as Japan as well as Hawaii. The tournament sponsors are now known as the JANBA (Japanese American National Bowling Association), an outgrowth and continuity of the National JACL Bowling Tournament, functioning with the original Bowling Advisory Board.

It was an unfortunate decision that the National Council, Board, etc. stated at the Convention held in Portland in 1974 that JACL could no longer sponsor the annual tournament because the ruling was discriminatory in that four out of a team of five had to be Nisei, one for the doubles, etc. The regulation seemed to have worked equitably for many years for the mutual benefit of JACL as well as the bowlers.

This sort of being "kicked" out of JACL was a bitter disappointment for Mas Satow as he nurtured this Nisei Classic since 1947 at a time when the JACL had to overcome a much greater discrimination to gain the rights for all bowlers to participate as members of the American Bowling Congress (ABC) and WIBC for women. Sometimes we lose our perspective in the long range because we want to achieve a principle to the letter.

This JACL tournament since its inception was intended and envisioned to be a truly Nisei Classic to see how Nisei stacked amongst one another from other areas. It was because of this that certain regulations were set to uphold this tradition.

JACL grew out of a need to protect people of Japanese ancestry and this should still be the priority even though JACL has become of age and has opened

Derogatory Terms

Editor: John Wilcox, like so many before him, finds it odd that the term "Jap", a contraction of Japanese is said to be pejorative and derogatory while the term "Finn" is not. In the same vein others viciously proclaim that "Chinaman" is as innocuous as "Frenchman". But of course they conveniently neglect to consider that all words reflect definitions and connotations attributed to them by the majority. Words, often innocuous in themselves, may come to have derogatory or degrading connotations in certain usage. Mr. Wilcox's analogy of the term "Finn" is not correct simply because the majority does not define "Finn" in a derogatory manner.

The majority selects certain contractions, certain words in verb forms, and certain colors to be derogatory in given usage. A more honest analogy would be these three terms: Jew, French, Greek. Used as nouns they are perfectly acceptable in polite society.

Used as verbs, on the other hand, they become pejorative and a social "no-no". Certainly one no longer talks about "to Jew someone down" at a Bond for Isreal dinner or elsewhere. Nor does one address the local women's club and ask the members "to French" the speaker. Even in these enlightened days one does not go to the local Rotary luncheon and offer "to Greek" participants there. (If one is coming out of the closet, such intent could be announced in other non-racist terms.)

Since you (Mr. Wilcox) do recognize these usages as socially unacceptable, you studiously avoid them. Is it too much to ask you to also

consider that the term "Jap" is completely unacceptable to us Asian Americans and to avoid its usage in polite society? Can you not give as much consideration to the sensitivities of the Asian Americans as you presently do to the Jews, Frenchmen, and Greeks? Or does our skin color preclude such?

MASAMUNE KOJIMA
Los Angeles.

Editor: Weekend San Diego sportscaster Phil Stone for KCST-TV (39) referred to members of the Japanese college basketball team as "Japs" who played here in a "friendly" game against UCLA. Stone has placed prejudice before responsibility. His action has destroyed the principles of the game, the goodwill factor between people to heal past wounds and to live in harmony....

It is evident that racism continues to be generated against certain groups time after time and we're getting tired of it. It's the Japanese Americans who must swallow a lot of hogwash directed toward the Japanese in general. Those in Japan are obviously too far away to hear nor care.

If stupidity is blamed for usage of this word, Stone could possibly be excused. But being a TV journalist places him in a responsible position.... Outright discrimination seemed to be his motive. And heard by thousands of listeners, it becomes public and in turn the public will react favorably or unfavorably. Many will carry on the same words or action as seen on TV. Monkey see; monkey do....

Several people, including myself, objected and an apology was aired but it doesn't repair the damage. I

asked the station to keep their prejudices to themselves and allow the audience to view the news without being subjected to prejudice on account of race, creed, religion, etc. (Otherwise) Stone should step aside and let someone who will.

I've taken this stand because I care about the welfare of the younger AJAs. With JACL's help, I'm sure we can solve many of the problems we still face.

KRISTIN K. OYAMA
San Diego, Calif.

1000 Club

Editor: The 1000 Club honor roll (PC Jan 7-14) has one obvious error. The name of Dr. Henry Kazato (Fresno—23rd yr) has been left out. His son and wife's names appear as relative newcomers. In fact, Henry insisted they become 1000 Club members and was instrumental in signing them up.

Henry is a very active and prominent JACler in this valley. His son, Dr. Ernest Kazato, is 1000 Club chairman this year.

NOBUO MORI
Fresno

There is a Nov. 30 "cutoff" date for getting on the honor roll. Contributions acknowledged by Headquarters after that date will be listed in the next honor roll.

We are dropping the semi-monthly acknowledgements of 1000 Club membership since the "cold type" cannot be saved for reassembly and reprint as was the case with "hot metal" in years past.—Editor.

East Wind: by Bill Marutani

A Member's Voice

Philadelphia
BECAUSE THE POSITION of JACL National Director is one so very vital to the well-being of the organization and its members, the selection process should not be confined to the hands of a passing few. I advisedly say "passing", for national presidents and national boards come... and go. Meanwhile the National Director remains, inexorably shaping the JACL by his/her continued presence, functioning as the spokesperson for JACL, often playing a major role—indeed, at times the sole role—in setting the tone, vigor and directions of JACL.

AS AN ORDINARY concerned card-carrying JACL member, I say all this with due respect to the current National President, Jim Murakami, and his Board. In respect to this all-important search for a new National Director, the responsibility of the current leadership is a far-reaching one, both in scope to the membership as well as impact into the future. Thus the selection process must be responsive to the entire membership, not to any local or regional philosophy; to the future, not to the past; to rejuvenated vigor and dedication, not to preservation of the status quo.

IF YOU ARE in the same position as I am, then you, too, know very little of what is going on. And just as I have heard bits and pieces of unconfirmed information every so often, you may also have heard some names mentioned of purportedly interested applicants for the position. I have heard the names of two persons in particular who, in my opinion, would be excellent candidates; in fact, so excellent that I am puzzled why the selection has not been made. Instead, I am puzzled to read that the specifications for the position have been changed and the selection deadline extended.

A REQUEST IS hereby voiced to the leadership to provide us, the members, with information relating to this all-important, crucial selection process. And in this regard, the following questions occur, the answers to which the membership are entitled: (1) Who are the members of the selection committee? (2) What are the specifications for the position at this time? (3) Who are the candidates? (After all, candidates for the national presidency are made known to the members in advance. Why not for the critical position of National Director?) (4) What is the procedure to be followed in the final selection process? Who decides? (5) Will concerned members be provided an opportunity to express ourselves before the selection is made? If so, when and how?

THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR should reflect the hopes, aspirations and ideals of JACL members from the Eastern District, the Midwest and other districts. But if we are not provided with a free and open opportunity to be heard, we very much run the risk of receiving potluck. After the fact. And our future is too important for such unilateral, haphazard treatment.

IT IS HOPED that we, the membership, can look forward to an early and positive response to this appeal.

Nisei in Japan: by Barry Saiki

Recent Impressions

Tokyo
From my recent Stateside interlude, a few more impressions still linger; the obvious diversification of Nikkei occupational activities, the continuing dispersal of the younger generation to non-West Coast

states and the pronounced trend towards intermarriages.

Assimilation is well on its way. Will the future eliminate the need for JACL? The immediate assessment: Not within the lifetimes of the

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its membership to include everyone who believes in our cause and our constitution, and we will always welcome them.

At the same time, the longtime supporters of the National JACL Tournaments who gave up their vacation time, financed entries and travel were frustrated in continuing to support a tournament where the very purpose of this competition was being undermined as participants rolled side by side with professionals of all backgrounds. In essence it deteriorated the tournament, pitting amateurs against the pros.

Perhaps JANBA is enjoying the independence to control this tournament in this respect, and it is a credit to those who are working hard voluntarily to uphold the fine tradition of fellowship and sportsmanship.

While under the auspices of National JACL, every participant had to pay the

membership dues, and many reluctantly joined so that they could bowl. I'd like to believe that this wasn't and isn't the main issue if JACL should once again reinstate this program as part of the varied phases of activities sponsored by JACL.

Even though it may be a modest beginning with Hi Akagi as the chairman, National JACL is trying to develop a continuation of a bowling tournament, and as previously announced, it will be held June 29-July 3, the first annual to be known as the Masao W. Satow Memorial Handicap at Japantown Bowl in San Francisco Nihonmachi.

Perhaps it will encourage many average bowlers with the handicap feature, where the low and high-average bowlers will find it more comfortable to participate.

Reviving this blue ribbon classic of bowling as a JACL program would be a splendid tribute to Mas and a fulfillment of his wish.

From the Frying Pan: by Bill Hosokawa

The Hayakawa Connection

Denver, Colo.

One of the delicious ironies of the Iva Toguri pardon is that the balance was tipped in her favor at the last moment by a man whose political philosophy is abhorrent to many of her most dedicated supporters.

That would be U.S. Senator S.I. Hayakawa, the California Republican who earned the bitter enmity of many young Japanese Americans for the way he put down the student revolt when he was president of San Francisco State University.

Some of these same young people were among the first to join the battle to awaken the collective Nisei conscience to the injustice done Iva Toguri. And in the long and remarkable drive to win her a presidential pardon, they were mighty effective cogs. At the same time some of them were, as is their right, working diligently to thwart Hayakawa's campaign for the Senate.

The success of the effort to see justice done was the result of the united effort of many, many individuals pitching in under the dedicated direction of Dr. Cliff Uyeda of San Francisco, chairman of the JACL's Committee for Iva Toguri. Many donated countless hours to that committee over a two-year period.

"Many JACLers throughout the country gave us the support we desperately needed," Uyeda says. "Once the true story behind the case of 'Tokyo Rose' was revealed, the media support was phenomenal, and this triggered grass roots support from Americans across the nation."

Uyeda tells us about Hayakawa's role, which began nearly a year before he seemed to be a serious contender for the Senate when he came out in Iva Toguri's behalf in the syndicated newspaper column he was writing at the time.

"When Dr. Hayakawa won the California

primary," Uyeda says, "he went to the White House to meet with the country's top Republicans. I received a phone call from him the day before his departure; he wanted an information packet on Iva's case to be given to the President."

Then, early in December, and again in January, President Ford discussed a pardon with Hayakawa in some detail. In at least one of these instances the discussion was initiated by the President. He wanted to make sure the pardon was deserved and Hayakawa assured him it was.

On the morning of Jan. 19, Ford's last full day in office, while bidding farewell to Republican leaders at the White House, Ford told Hayakawa he had signed the pardon. It was announced by the Justice Department a few hours later.

In a matter as potentially sensitive as a pardon for a treason conviction, any President would have to be super-cautious. Presidents Eisenhower and Johnson chose to ignore Iva Toguri's petitions. But finally the time was ripe, those who had taken up her cause had marshalled a most impressive ground swell of support that crossed racial and political lines, and President Ford heeded their plea.

It is likely that he and his aides had been primed for the pardon by the campaign to repeal Executive Order 9066, the Evacuation law, which culminated with a public signing in the White House attended by a number of Japanese Americans.

Yet, when it came down to approval of the Toguri pardon, President Ford needed the assurance of a Nisei senator of his own party to back up what his aides had told him. There is a lesson here on the nature of partisan politics as it is practiced in this country. The lesson should not be forgotten the next time it is necessary to carry a cause to the highest levels of government.

Plain Speaking: by Wayne Horiuchi

Legislation for 1977-78

Washington

This week I want to give a brief glimpse of what I think will be the Legislative Agenda for this year of the Washington Office of JACL.

Activity is already beginning for the Committee for Internment Credit which will try to pass legislation that provides for civil service retirement credit to those Japanese Americans who were evacuated and interned during WW2. Hearings will probably have to be held again, but it looks as though the new chairman will be much more sympathetic to the legislation. When Congressman Norman Mineta sends out his "Dear Colleague" letter to solicit co-sponsorship, the CIC and JACL will be calling upon the JACL membership to try to get their Congressmen and Congresswomen to join in sponsoring the legislation.

The Rice Production Act will need to be extended this year. In fact, the Washington Office is already having planning meetings with respect to Senate testimony. Because many farmers have already decided to support the bill (they were opponents last year when the bill passed) the only question becomes one of how long an extension the bill should receive.

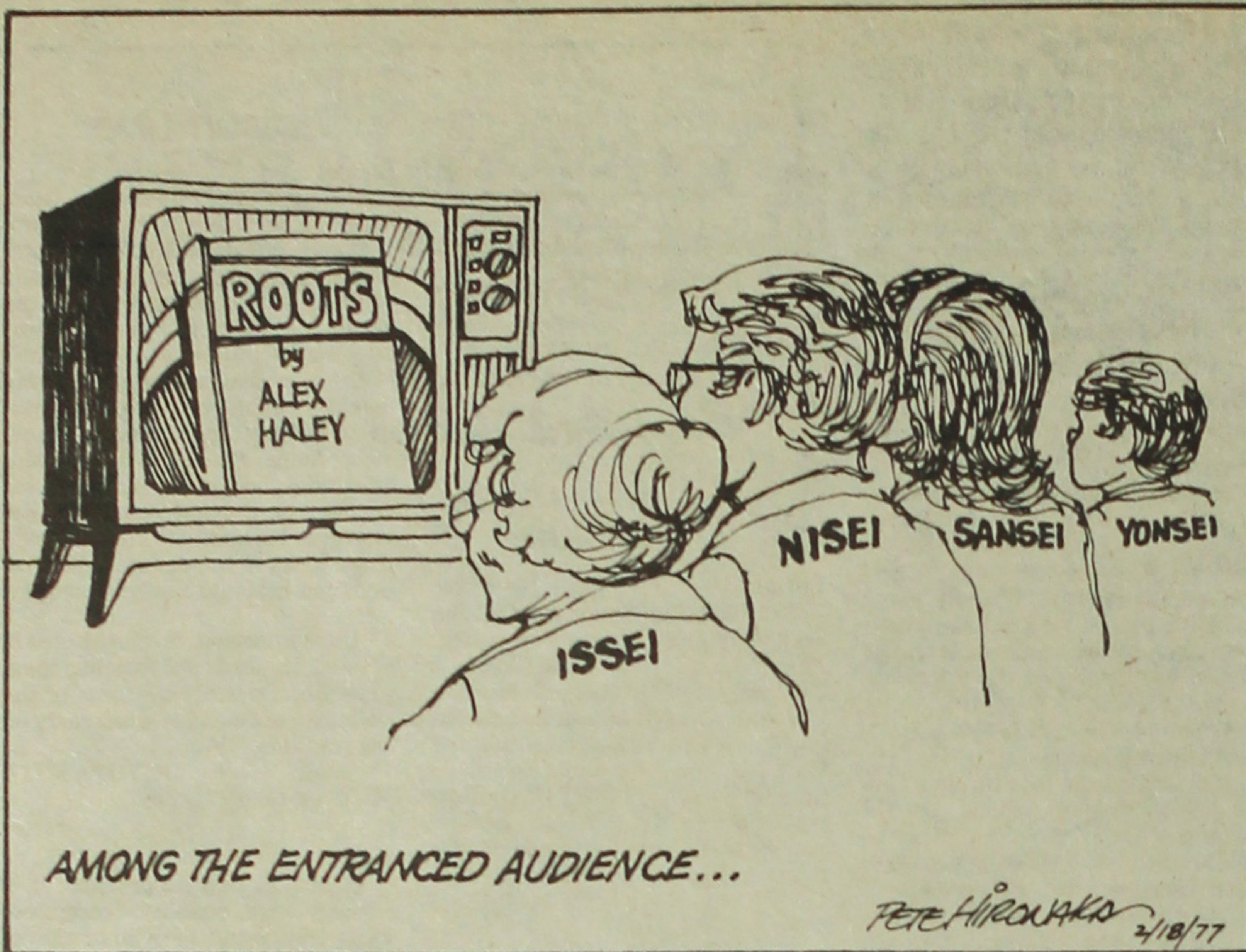
JACL and the Committee for Atomic Bomb Survivors will make another run at getting some progress on compensating the U.S. citizen and resident survivors of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

To generate progress on the bill which establishes a more accurate count of Asian and Pacific Island Americans at the U.S. Census is also important because of the Federal Government's reliance on Census statistics for financial outlays and voting representation.

Finally, and probably most significant of all is Reparations. JACL is still in the legislative mulching process, but will soon be coming to grips with a specific legislative proposal. In fact, several Saturdays ago (Jan. 29) at the Eastern District Council meeting a separate discussion was held to address the strategy that EDC would take in the next several months to obtain community input into the reparations legislation.

Hopefully, some resolution will be made and the reparations campaign can begin.

During the year, I'll be focusing my columns on some of these issues because your help and cooperation will be needed to successfully pass these measures. □



From Happy Valley: by Sachi Seko

Mr. JACL Credit Union

Salt Lake City

An evening with Hito Okada is one of privilege and pleasure. When he retired last year as treasurer-manager of the National JACL Credit Union, it was noted that Hito had contributed 33 years of continuous service to the JACL. It is a record unmatched by anyone else.

In 1974 the National JACL convention meeting in Portland paid deserved tribute to the former two term national JACL president and war-time treasurer. It was a particularly poignant occasion for Thousand Club members because Hito had organized that group.

We have seen less of Hito since his retirement from the credit union. His presence there has been missed because handling a business transaction always provided an excuse for visiting with Hito.

We decided it was time to renew an old association but learned it is not that easy to avail oneself of his company. Contrary to the illusions which retirement may infer, Hito keeps himself

NAACP man heads Leadership Confab

WASHINGTON — Clarence Mitchell, Washington bureau chief of the NAACP, was elected chairman of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, a 126-member group that was founded in the early 1950s. (He was a principal speaker at the JACL national convention last year in Sacramento.)

The JACL is among the founding members of the conference.

The wise man becomes full of good, even if he gathers it little by little.

—Buddha

quite busy. The earliest day he had free was midweek, past my PC deadline. So graciously he consented to wedge us in between a Saturday Masonic banquet and a Monday luncheon.

He mentioned over the telephone that he has not been feeling too well and warned that his appetite has diminished. But on Sunday, he surprised us when he walked confidently up our steep steps bearing gifts in both hands.

Brandy, the neighbor's German Shepherd, happened to be visiting. I was apprehensive that his enthusiastically belligerent greeting would overwhelm Hito and was about to collar the dog when Hito stopped me.

He also stopped Brandy, who is at least a hundred pounds of muscular strength and speed. In a firm voice, he commanded the dog, "stay." Brandy, who is probably the most contrary free spirit, sensed the firmness of the order and obeyed.

One of Hito and his wife, Aiko's anticipations is the Cocker Spaniel which they expect to receive sometime in March. Both Toyo and Duke, their prize show dogs are now deceased. The puppy will be a direct descendant. Hito plans to train the dog himself instead of sending it to a trainer.

Parkinson's disease is more of a discomfort to him. The medication is less effective, but he appreciates the fact that L-Dopa has worked longer for him than most other patients. Because it is difficult for him to write or type, he dictates his correspondence to Aiko.

The physical impairments have not affected his

speech. This was most evident when he appeared a year ago on a local television program. For those who remember his former fine delivery, it is still there.

He and his old friend Stormy Mitsui regaled each other with a number of fish-stories. They enjoyed a good laugh over remembering the large trout which George Inagaki caught and which they threw overboard. Hito said that this summer he may renew his fishing again.

These comments are offered as assurance to his many friends and admirers across the country, who have expressed concern over Hito's health in recent years. He is still a master story teller and the laughter is that of a man who embraces life.

And what a tremendous life that has been, for one who has not only witnessed but helped move history for Japanese Americans. Hito paid a price for all of us and there were no material rewards. When this was mentioned, he corrected us. He spoke of the satisfaction of helping his own people.

Later in the conversation, my son made a comment that being of Japanese ancestry had minimal effect on his present or future.

Hito said, "Then that means JACL was successful. We did our work so you and my daughter Carolyn can feel this way and this is good."

When asked if his American dream came true, he answered, "It came true larger than I expected."

This from a man who knows what dreams are all about and who lived to see them come true. He helped to make them come true. □

chapter pulse

JACL credit union to declare dividends quarterly from 1977

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah—Growth of National JACL Credit Union, founded in 1943, continues as S. Ushio, chairman of the board of directors, announced almost \$146,000 has been disbursed this past year as dividends to member's share accounts. Second-half operations for 1976 provided 6½% per annum dividend.

In addition a 2% interest

refund was declared by the board for interest paid in 1976 for all accounts. Ushio attributed the excellent yield for share/savings accounts and reduction in interest expense to increased membership participation.

Not only does greater participation generate excellent money returns, but it also permits the Board to consider additional benefits and services to members, Ushio added.

The board has authorized quarterly dividends commencing in 1977 and attached a rider-coverage on the life protection insurance whereby the insured portion of the member's share/savings would double in case of accidental death or total disability.

The Credit Union office also has American Express money orders as an additional service to members. □

Tunney wants to run for Senate again

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Senator S.I. Hayakawa might face a resurgent former U.S. Sen. John Tunney in 1982.

Tunney announced his possible plan to run against Hayakawa before 700 delegates at the Democratic State Convention Jan. 29. He said he was keeping his political "options open".

Calendar

Non-JACL calendar items are indicated with type in italics. —Editor.

Feb. 18 (Friday)
West Los Angeles—Auxy mtg, YMCA, 7:30 p.m.; Marian Suzuki, spkr, "Nutrition".

Feb. 19 (Saturday)
Puyallup Valley—Potluck dnr, Olympia members.

Pocatello-Blackfoot-JACL Carnival, American Legion Memorial Hall. Sonoma County—JAYS crab feed, Enmanji Hall, 5:30 p.m.

Hollywood—Inst dnr-dance, Michael's Los Feliz Restaurant, 6:30 p.m.; Dr Harry Kitano, spkr.

Feb. 20 (Sunday)
St. Louis—Inst dnr, Le Chateau 5:30 p.m.

Tulare County, Parlier, Reedley—Heart Clinic, Reedley Japanese Hall, 7 a.m.

Marin County—Family night, Mill Valley Buddhist Church, 5-9 p.m.

Feb. 21 (Monday)
Los Angeles—Japan America Society, 68th anny banquet, Hotel Bonaventure, 6:15 p.m.

Feb. 22 (Tuesday)
Wasatch Front North—Reparations forum, Mtn Fuel Aud, 2940 Washington, Ogden, 6:30 p.m.; Gerry Mukai, Geo Sugihara, Mildred Miya, Enji Matsumura, panelists.

Feb. 24 (Thursday)
San Lorenzo—Eden Japanese Sr Ctr, EJCC, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

San Jose—JACSS Monthly luncheon, Buddhist Church, noon.

Feb. 25 (Friday)
Los Angeles—City Employees Asian American Assn dnr, Golden Palace Restaurant, 6:30 p.m.; Evening with Masamori Kojima.

Feb. 26 (Saturday)
Nat'l JACL—Credit Union annual dnr mtg, Prudential Plaza, Salt Lake City, 7:15 p.m.

IDC—Qtrly session, Salt Lake JACL hosts.

Detroit—30th ann inst dnr-dance, Michigan Inn, Southfield, 6:30 p.m.
San Mateo—Inst dnr, Shadows Restaurant, 7 p.m.; Hiroshi Kashiwagi play, "Laughter & False Teeth".
SCYPCC—What's Cooking?, Christ Presbyterian Ch, L.A., 11 a.m.

San Francisco—Inst dnr-dance, Forrest Lodge, 266 Laguna Honda Ave, 6 p.m.

San Jose—Nitto Club 50th anny dnr, Pinehurst Inn Restaurant, 7 p.m.

Feb. 27 (Sunday)
PSWDC—Qtrly sess, Downtown L.A. JACL hosts, Little Tokyo Towers, 10 a.m.

Los Angeles—Chinese D&B fashion show-luncheon, Bonaventure Hotel.

Santa Maria Valley—Chicken teriyaki sale (take-outs only).

March 2 (Wednesday)
Chicago—Bd mtg.

March 5 (Saturday)
Nat'l JACL—Hq Dedication, 3 p.m.; dnr, 6 p.m., Miyako Hotel.

Los Angeles—JA Repub inst dnr, Man Jen Low, 7:30 p.m.

Ogden—YP snowmeat benefit, Japanese Christian Church, 4 p.m.

March 5—6
Tulare County—Excursion to Reno, bus lvs fr Oroshi.

Sonoma County—JAYS snow trip, Lake Tahoe.

March 6 (Sunday)
Chicago—Japan Cultural Exchange, Rogers Park Library

Portland—Ski trip, Mt Hood Meadows.
San Jose—Tokuhei Onsu testimonial, Hyatt House, 4:30 p.m.

March 11 (Friday)
San Lorenzo—Eden Japanese Sr Ctr, EJCC, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

March 12 (Saturday)
Fresno—Benefit dnr-dance, Palm Lakes Country Club, 7 p.m.
Riverside—Intercultural Exposition, YWCA, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

March 13 (Sunday)
Tulare County, Parlier, Reedley—Heart clinic report, Dinuba High, 7:15 p.m.

MDC—Mtg, Hoosier JACL hosts.

March 14 (Monday)
Alameda—Mtg, Buena Vista Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.

March 17-19
San Francisco—Sr Cit Excursion to Los Angeles

March 18-20
Nat'l JACL—Annual Bd & Staff mtg, HQ.

March 19 (Saturday)
Sonoma County—Dance class, Enmanji Hall, 8 p.m. (Every third Saturday)
Minneapolis—Minnihon Art Ctr benefit, Children's Theater, 8 p.m.

While the CALENDAR features JACL events and deadlines, we now welcome non-JACL groups to post similar notices here. —Editor.

● Contra Costa

The Contra Costa JACL held an installation dinner-dance at Spenger's restaurant in Berkeley on Friday Feb. 4. Lehman Brightman, chairman of the Native American Studies at Contra Costa community college, spoke on "an overview of the native American movement".

Joe Yasaki was MC, and acting national director Don Hayashi was installing officer. Special acknowledgment and awards went to Edison Uno (posthumous), Gene Roh, Mrs. Wakako Adachi, Mrs. Masako Yoshida and James Kimoto.

● Cortez

Dr. Clifford Uyeda of San Francisco was guest speaker at the Cortez JACL installation dinner held Jan. 29 at Latif's. He spoke of his concerns about whales.

Lloyd Narita, new chapter president, succeeded Harry Kajioka.

The chapter also announced three local students, Ruth Kajioka, Miles Kajioka and Maureen Kamiya, were selected to represent Livingston High School at the Presidential Classrooms for Young Americans in Washington during the months of February and March.

● Houston

Houston JACL will install their new cabinet members, headed by president Hiroshi Sakahara, at the Holiday Inn-West on Saturday, Feb. 19, 7 p.m. He succeeds Dr. Toshi Yamauchi.

● Pocatello

By Marie Proctor
Pocatello Mayor Donna Boe made her first public appearance since being sworn in as Pocatello's first woman mayor at the Pocatello-Blackfoot JACL installation dinner Jan. 10 at the Colonial Inn.

In relating her new experiences in the city council, the mayor found the job stimulating and encouraged others to participate in city government. Noting there were vacancies on various city boards, she encouraged volunteers to become involved.

Masa T sukamoto installed Mrs. Alyce Sato as chapter president. Originally from Baker, Ore., she later graduated from Nampa High School, went into nursing and later became director of nurses at St. Anthony Hospital. She now teaches nursing at Idaho State.

Mrs. Sato, in her inaugural remarks, emphasized Japanese heritage should be taught to the Sansei and

other generations in order to learn and pass on the culture in years to come.

The JACL Silver Pin was presented for devoted and

faithful service over the past year to:

May Shiozawa, Kae Sumida, Kunio Yamada, Mike Abe, Marianne Endo,

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LODI JACL:

Northern Cal's fourth new chapter in 2 years formed

LODI, Calif.—Years of patience and steady encouragement by Dr. Harry Hata-saka of Palo Alto, the new chapter chairman for Northern California, culminated Feb. 2 in the formation of the Lodi JACL chapter.

The organizational meeting at the Lodi Buddhist Church found 58 persons petitioning for a charter. Twenty-five of them are currently Stockton JACL-ers.

The first regular meeting was held this week (Feb. 17) to plan for the installation program, establish a chapter constitution, hear representatives from the Blue

Shield and Blue Cross discuss their respective health plans and welcome more new members.

Lodi JACL becomes the fourth new chapter in the past biennium for the district, which now boasts 31 and boosts the national chapter count to 103. The other three newcomers in Northern California-Western Nevada district council are Marin County, Tri-Valley (east Alameda county) and Las Vegas, Nev.

According to regional director George Kondo, Hata-saka traveled time and time again and at his own expense to Lodi ever since the idea of JACL in Lodi was

conceived some three years ago.

George Baba, current Stockton JACL president, and Mrs. Mabel Okubo, immediate past Stockton JACL president, were instrumental in organizing the Lodi chapter. With the loss of 25 members, Baba noted:

"The important thing is that JACL has gained additional members over and above those who have transferred from our chapter. Stockton JACL has organized a full-scale campaign to make up the loss."

Hatasaka was assisted by Tom Tsutsumi, Don Morita, Mas Okuhara and others here who believed in the

need of a JACL to serve local Japanese Americans in relation to the total community.

Credit was also given to Steve Nakashima, NC-WNDC vice-governor, of West Valley JACL at the organizational meeting when he pointed out his personal involvement in JACL in a most convincing manner: "After all the JACL has done for Japanese Americans, I felt that now it is my turn to return a debt."

The first meeting was climaxed with the election of 1977 officers, who were unanimously picked:

Taul Takeo, pres; Dennis Morita, vp; Mrs. Margaret Tanaka, sec; and Dr. Kenneth Takeda, treas.

Chapter membership dues at \$14 single, \$28 double are being accepted by Dr. Takeda, 626 Birchwood Dr., Lodi, Calif. 95240 (209-369-1738).

San Jose starts hot lunch series

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The Japanese American Community Senior Services, supported by 18 local Nikkei groups, will have its next hot luncheon for Issei Feb. 24 at the Buddhist Church.

The first luncheon at the Wesley Methodist Church last month attracted over 100. Volunteers prepared and served lunch featuring chicken teriyaki. Donations of fruit from the West Valley Senior Center and Charles Mikami were acknowledged.

Ground broken for Hollywood center

LOS ANGELES — Ground breaking ceremonies for the \$60,000 Hollywood Japanese Cultural Institute took place Sunday, Feb. 6.




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Kin Sato.

The chapter's annual fund-raiser, the JACL Bazaar Carnival, will be held

Feb. 19 at the American Legion Memorial Hall. Joe Sato is chairman.

● **San Mateo**

San Mateo JACL held open house Feb. 13, for its

San Mateo JACL Community Center, 502-2nd Avenue.

The Center offers several services in Japanese, English, Tongan, and Vietnamese. Some of these services include info and referral for jobs, community education meetings, counseling, language interpretation, and assistance in Social Security matters.

● **Seattle**

Seattle JACL announced last month sponsorship with the Pacific Northwest District Council of a JACL spring tour in 1978 to Japan. Group air fare (subject to change) will be \$484, according to chapter travel chairperson Harry Kadoshima.

● **Selanoco**

During the joint installation banquet of the Orange County-Selanoco JACL chapters Jan. 22 at the Saddleback Inn in Norwalk, the Selanoco chapter presented awards for outstanding service to Hiroshi Kamei, the new chapter president; Jun Fukushima, Henry Yamaga and Charles Ida. They had been active with the chapter since it was organized in 1966.

Chapter scholarships chairman Ben Ishino presented cash awards to Donna Horimoto, UC Irvine; Thomas Takana, UC San Diego; and Michele Toyota, Whittier College.

● **Sonoma County**

The Sonoma County JAYS are hosting a crab dinner on Saturday, Feb. 19, 5:30 p.m. at Enmanji Memorial Hall with half a crab plus trimmings and beverage at \$4 per adult, halfprice for children. This is not a profit-making venture, according to Jeff Otani and Alan Murakami, who are handling reservations.

The JAYS are also planning a snow outing at Lake Tahoe the weekend of Mar. 5-6. They will be guests of the U.S. Coast Guard Lake Tahoe Station.

The JACL chapter ballroom dancing class, which meets every third Saturday at Enmanji Memorial Hall from 8 p.m., will practice after the JAYS crab dinner.

Whale issue still facing JACL

BY NAOMI YAMAMOTO

TURLOCK, Calif. — Dr. Clifford Uyeda of San Francisco, guest speaker at the Cortez JACL installation dinner Jan. 29 at Latif's, reviewed the whaling issue as it involves Japan-U.S. trade relations and how JACL became concerned because of the racist attitude by those promoting boycott of Japanese products "to save the whales".

He reminded the Japanese in the United States are not responsible for killing of whales and added that pressures here for boycott will not be changed unless underlying causes are better understood.

Japanese whalers are now trying to protect the environment of the open seas by engaging in other kinds of jobs.

Uyeda also commented on the presidential pardon of Iva Toguri, saying "some semblance of justice was met. Where else but in the U.S.A. can these kinds of justice occur".

"We are thankful of people like Dr. Clifford Uyeda, a true humanitarian," one person in the audience later remarked, "working for world peace in his own way and helping to inform those of us not as well versed in socio-political ways."

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'Terrible subject' becomes 'constant reminder'

Following letter to Michi Weglyn is from an Indianapolis artist who has volunteered her assistance to Chuck Kubokawa and the JACL campaign to have Michi Weglyn's "Years of Infamy" and Frank Chuman's "The Bamboo People" read by members of Congress, local government officials and into the schools.—Editor.

Dear Ms. Weglyn:

I have just read your book "Years of Infamy." It is excellent and tells me much on the whole terrible subject of our treatment of loyal Americans.

Mr. Michener, who is a favorite author of mine, said in his introduction to your book that our concentration camps were not "hell holes of starvation or death." Also many Americans worked to help "salvage our national honor." I disagree with his words, as nothing can salvage our honor or explain our conduct in regards to the Nisei. I don't believe Mr. Michener would have written those lines if he had visited "through the wire" at Santa Anita Race Track in 1942.

This year the United States celebrated its Bicentennial. As my family celebrated as Americans, and particularly as we watched some of the events across the country on television, we told our children, ages thirteen and eleven, two things which were not brought into Bicentennial focus. We told them of "the trail of tears," the forcible "re-settlement" of the Cherokees and other tribes from Georgia and Tennessee to Oklahoma; and of the camps: Manzanar, Tule Lake, Heart Mountain, etc.

Shameful Episodes

As my husband had Cherokee ancestors, I said "[there are] two shameful blots on our history: Your ancestors moved into a wild land, alien to their own; and my friends moved, if not on foot into camps, guarded camps, in areas alien to them."

I added: The Japanese Americans were not moved because of a military threat, but because of greed, bigotry and jealousy. When the Cherokees and others were removed to Oklahoma, per-

haps ignorance could be used as an excuse. This could hardly have been true in 1942.

As far as I know, only one man in Congress, California's Congressman, Jerry Voorhis, now living in Claremont, Calif., spoke against removing the Japanese.

Several years ago, I mentioned this to Mr. Voorhis; he said it was so long ago it didn't matter anymore. It mattered to me, as did my own family's attitude. Because in 1942, I was just ten years old.

Perhaps my impressions are distorted; some of the details fuzzy; but certain items stand so clearly in my mind that the very personal way the "Relocation Act" touched me has framed and colored my adult life and influenced my social actions and those of my children.

Like the young Americans of Japanese ancestry who began to ask questions in the '60s and '70s, I, too, wanted to know why and, further, I want to make sure it never happens again. I have been long involved in political campaigns and social causes; and I have seen others who were with me in school in 1942 involved, too, partly because of what we recall, however imperfectly.

Nisei Classmates

As I am sure almost every school child did on Dec. 8, 1941, we in an elementary school in Alhambra, Calif., listened to President Roosevelt's speech; we looked up Pearl Harbor on a map. We discussed the attack.

Joey, a boy whom I had known for a long time (by ten year old standards) said "Wow. Those dirty Japs." All of us agreed. Joey lived a street away from me. I was always asking to visit him; his mother had a number of particularly lovely dolls in glass cases, dressed in gorgeous Japanese costumes.

On rainy days my mother, who had a car, always drove a block the "wrong way," to pick up Joey and his younger sister Janice so they wouldn't have to walk to school in the rain. Sometimes my mother and Joey's

mother would have coffee or tea together, and they frequently went to PTA meetings together. Joey's father worked for Los Angeles County.

I had another friend named Tammy; she too had a younger sister Arlene. Her parents were active in a local Christian church. One day, Tammy came to school and began to cry. She had to move. Joey, his face anxious, said he was moving too. Some of us said why? Tammy, tears streaming down her face said: "They are calling us Japs, saying we aren't Americans anymore."

'Going Away' Gifts

The parents and the teachers gave a little party at school. There were "going away" gifts. Both Joey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sato came; Mrs. Mori, Tammy's mother came. Several of the Caucasian parents didn't come—as a few of the children. The day before, I had gone to the principal's office because I'd hit a fellow student.

The principal had seemed surprised; I'd never misbehaved before. I cried, tears, as I sobbed "I hit Jerry because he called Tammy a Jap and said she was glad she had to go away." The principal shook her head and said it was hard to understand, but I shouldn't hit anymore. "People," she said, "did not always do the right things."

I was most confused. You see, my grandfather's parents had both been born in Germany. As soon as I heard Joey and Tammy and their families were being sent away, I asked if my grandfather, even my family would have to go away. "No," said my mother. Then why my friends? My mother, to her credit, put her arms around me and said, "because a lot of people think they are different than us. Because we had a war (WW1) with Germany and know Americans of German descent didn't support Germany." Some did, of course, but the point is my mother didn't say: Joey and Tammy are a different race, or Oriental, or Japanese.

Santa Anita Visited

Then came the experience I shall never forget. Permission was obtained to visit Joey and Tammy while they were at Santa Anita Racetrack. My mother drove several of us up one day after school. We were allowed to visit through the fence. I recall the stables where families were packed together. The fence. Some tar papered shack-type buildings. Guards. Joey and Tammy were quiet.

So was my mother. She asked, as we were told after a few minutes we would have to leave, if they needed anything. Mrs. Sato said toilet paper and Kotex. Mrs. Sato wept: "I am so ashamed." My mother was grim: "So am I." She wept too.

Tammy and I wrote as her family was moved to Heart Mountain. Then the letters stopped. I heard a relative had protested about the camps, and the Moris were "ashamed." They never returned to Alhambra. The Satos did.

Someone, a friend had moved into their house, paying rent, and stored their belongings. We learned of their return in an odd way. Two women, staunch members of a church, leading ladies of the PTA, mothers of some of my friends appeared at our door. Mother invited them in for coffee. It was more than a social visit. They had a petition; they had discovered a restrictive clause in our area, never enforced, against people of other races. The Satos, they said, never should have been allowed to buy there to begin with.

My mother, a friendly, social person froze, "How many people have signed your petition? Who?" She stopped. "No. Don't tell me. I don't want to know. Haven't we done enough to the Satos?" She asked the women to leave; and her words to them weren't nice. I stared at my mother as she called them bigots and fools. Later we learned only four families had signed the petition.

In high school now, I rushed up to Joey the first day he was in school. He said hello politely, then turned away. My mother was not asked in when she called on Mrs. Sato. Joey never said more than hello to any of us. It took me a long time to understand. It wasn't that they felt us personally to blame; it was as Mrs. Sato had said that day at Santa Anita: They were ashamed. The shame wasn't theirs, but ours. It still is.

Many people my age, or slightly younger, who were not on the west coast in 1942, are almost totally unaware what we did to native born

Americans; or else think, if they are aware of it vaguely, there was a good reason. Your book will help educate them. And I, too, wish to tell them about how I felt then and feel to this day.

I read the Indianapolis Public Library copy of your book, but I intend to buy it, if I have to order it. I want it in my house as a constant reminder to us and our children and our friends that we did this. And it could happen again.

Thank you for writing your book.

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Two books featured to assist Reparations campaign

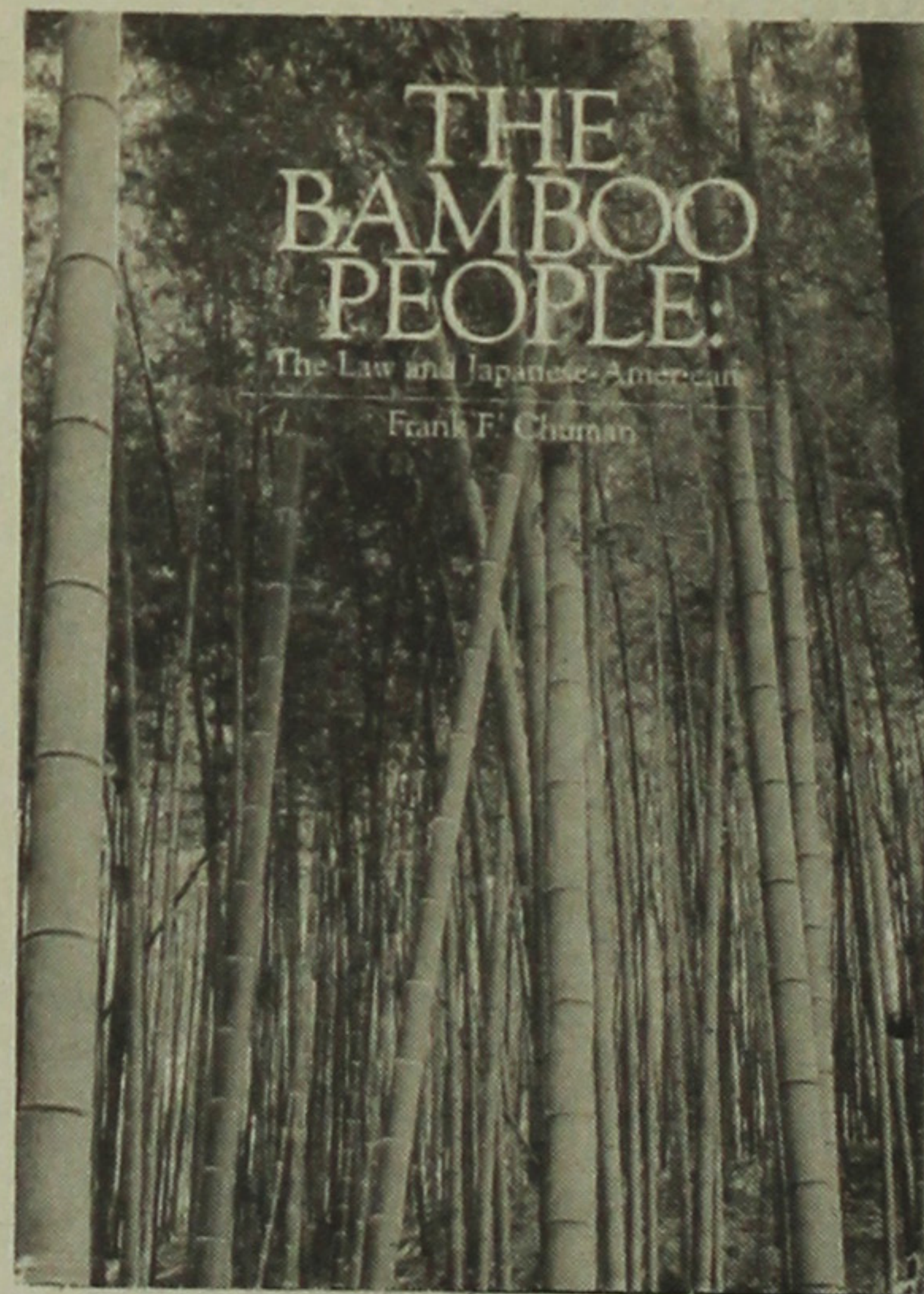
MOSES LAKE, Wash.—As part of the U.S. Bicentennial observance last year, the National JACL reparations campaign launched a "Books to Congressmen" Project.

The Columbia Basin JACL, based in central Washington state, presented the two books which were published this past year that provided authoritative information on the plight of Japanese Americans during World War II when the U.S. government without trial evacuated 100,000 from their west

coast homes, concentrating them in 10 inland camps.

The books are also being presented to libraries and schools as part of the general public information service.

The new generation of Americans are just becoming aware of the unconstitutional evacuation and confinement, according to Edwin Hayashi, chapter public relations chairman who presented the "Years of Infamy" (Michi Weglyn) and "The Bamboo People" (Frank Chuman) a week before Christmas to five libraries in the area.



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Columbia Basin JACL donates Michi Weglyn's 'Years of Infamy' and Frank Chuman's 'The Bamboo People' to five libraries in the area. Big Bend Community College president Robert Wallenstein (left) accepts contribution from chapter public relations chairman Edwin Hayashi, an engineer with the Carnation Co. Both books tell the story of Japanese in America, Weglyn detailing the WW2 internment experience of the minority group and Chuman documenting the legislative-legal history. Other recipients were Ellensburg Public Library, Othello Public Library, Moses Lake High School, and Moses Lake Public Library.

SPEAKING OUT:

It Happened in Mankato

By Sam Honda (Twin Cities)

I often hear the expression: "The good life in Minnesota." Many Nisei have always felt there is less prejudice against Japanese in Minnesota than in other places where they have lived. In fact, a proclamation in MIS Day (Military Intelligence Service Language School) July 18, 1976, stated:

The veterans who received their training here have chosen this Bicentennial year to commemorate the 34th year of the establishment of Camp Savage and are gathering in Minneapolis this summer to express appreciation to the people of Minnesota for the kind hospitality extended to them during their training days.

In addition, Minnesota has several legislators who have voted favorably on civil rights legislation.

All this sounds good, and I believe this is a good state to live in (except for its bitter cold winters). However, JACL must continue its work for there are still incidents of discrimination and racism.

Take, for example, in 1974 a rather crudely thought out bill in the Minnesota Legislature introduced by Rep. Robert Culhane. The bill reads, in part:

"No foreign government nor a public corporation or agent, partially or fully owned by foreign government, may purchase real property located within Minnesota for the purpose of farming or as a site for manufacturing enterprise."

To make sure that no sneaky citizen will slip in to accomplish what is banned for aliens, the bill further prohibits citizens from leasing or selling Minnesota property to a foreign government.

Robert Girouard, associate editor of the Mankato Free Press wrote:

"The bill wordlessly appeals to a hysterical and unfounded fear—a philosophy of yellow perilism—that envisions waves of Japanese investors, especially,

among others, swarming all over Minnesota's verdant pastures, buying up farmland like crazy, edging out native-born American competition. The Culhane bill is discriminatory, legally questionable and in good part premised on innuendo, hearsay and Chicken Little 'The sky is falling' -ism. And, in part, it constitutes a covert and xenophobic appeal to racism extended to the international level."

I visited with Robert Girouard of the Mankato Free Press and he told me of a political meeting held in Mankato which brought out mock Japanese faces similar to the ones used during WW2. In the discussions, very harsh words were related like "we don't want Japs in Minnesota."

If it's any consolation, U.S. Congressman Tom Hagedorn (Minn.-2nd Dist.), opposed this bill saying it had been blown way out of proportion.

Ordinarily, a bill is a bill, racist or not, but what bothers me is that this bill passed in the House by 95 to 29.

The bill was passed in the Senate Natural Resources and Agriculture Committee, and by the time it reached the floor, State Senators found no basis to conclude that the bill's defeat would open the doors for wild land buying by the Japanese or the Arabs.

For many years I have wondered how in the hell it was possible for a mass evacuation of American citizens to have occurred during WW2. All that is needed are a few people in power to create a hysterical situation. The choice of words is important. This bill concerned the "invasion" of American soil by Japanese

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Afternoon luncheon with Iva set Mar. 13

Chicago JACL event commemorates President Ford's pardon

CHICAGO — In the aftermath of her pardon by President Gerald Ford on Jan. 19, Iva Toguri has been showered with attention by the media, while others plan to celebrate in her honor.

According to Tom Hibino, JACL Midwest Director, "The media barrage was anticipated since her story was one of not only national, but worldwide interest. On the day the pardon was announced, for example, we gave the media only a hour's

notice of her press conference, yet more than 50 news representatives showed up, with all their equipment, from as far away as New York."

Since that time, Ms. Toguri has continued to receive large numbers of requests for television and radio interviews and feature stories, along with appeals to do books and documentary movies about her life.

While she has never sought publicity in the past and even now does not enjoy the media attention, it is her feeling that it is important to make her story known. "She has often said that her case was bigger than just herself," Hibino said, "and her hope was that her success might give hope to Japanese Americans and others caught in similar situations."

As a result, Iva Toguri has recently appeared on ABC's "Good Morning America," and on an updated version

of the CBS "60 Minutes" show which first aired in June.

Internationally, she will be seen on Japanese television, including a 45-minute program on Nippon Television, on a news show in Brazil, and will be heard on Canadian Broadcasting Company radio.

March 13 Event

In Chicago, where Ms. Toguri presently resides, plans are underway to gather on March 13 to commemorate the pardon. According to the Chicago JACL which is organizing the event, "The basic idea is to give the community a chance to honor Iva and to perhaps apologize for taking so long to rally behind her cause."

"At the same time, she would like to thank the community for their support of the pardon campaign. Dr. Clifford Uyeda and Wayne Collins, Jr., may attend so

that all those in Chicago who worked with her in the past year will have a chance to meet them in person."

In accordance with the personal wishes of Ms. Toguri, the celebration will be a low-key, informal affair. The committee established the ticket price at \$10 in the hope that no one who would like to attend would be excluded.

The Sunday afternoon luncheon at 1:30 will be held at the Orrington Hotel in Evanston, preceded by a 12:30 reception. For tickets, call the JACL Office (728-7171).

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money. Can the Arabs be far behind?

Yes, Minnesota is an ideal place in which to live with all its fine people and 10,000 lakes. But, before circumstances like those which led to the demonstration in Mankato arise again, the JACL must publicize and continue to publicize our concerns — LOUDLY! The time for action is now! □

Easter weekend JAY retreat in Ozarks promises to be fun

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Arts and crafts workshops, recreation, and lots of informal "chatter" will characterize the St. Louis JAYs Spring Retreat, to be held at Trout Lodge in the heart of the Ozarks on Easter weekend, April 8, 9, and 10.

Rather than structuring the retreat like a traditional workshop, the atmosphere will be a great deal more informal.

"The weekend will be largely social; an opportunity for new JAY members to meet with other JAYs from the Midwest," noted Ray Rikimaru, St. Louis JAY president. "Generally, workshops are held in a hotel and recreation facilities are limited. JAYs find themselves sitting in the halls killing time for lack of anything better to do."

This won't be the case at Trout Lodge, since an abundance of recreational facilities are available and a fun program is being planned. "We currently envision our workshops to encompass such activities as macrame, dance, and silk screening T-shirts," commented Sue Ellen Hirabayashi, who along with Ray Rikimaru, will co-chair the event.

According to Rikimaru, it's difficult to structure a workshop for the entire JAY group around a discussion of one theme or problem, since those problems confronting teenagers and Japanese Americans in the

Midwest are complicated by a diversity of living situations and the scarcity of J-A's in certain regions. "Perhaps the kind of retreat we are hosting will provide more opportunities for in-depth informal conversations than would have been available under the previous structure."

Those interested in attending the St. Louis JAY Spring Retreat are expected to write for registration forms or call:

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An Open Letter to President Carter

Dear Mr. President:

We respectfully urge you to favorably consider the appointment of Mike M. Masaoka to the position of U.S. Ambassador to Japan. We believe Mr. Masaoka has the expertise, experience and humanitarianism necessary to fulfill this most crucial and sensitive role. His long and distinguished record of service on behalf of Japanese and other minority Americans, as well as in the area of U.S.-Japan relations, has been recognized by both our White House and the Japanese government.

We further believe that Mr. Masaoka, because of his own Japanese ancestry, is ideally suited for the task of bridging the gap between the United States and Japan at all levels. In addition to his political and economic expertise, Masaoka's command of the Japanese language and understanding of and sensitivity to the Japanese culture will give him the unique opportunity to carry the message of the Carter Administration and the American people directly to the people of Japan. In return he will be able to receive first hand and deal directly with the reactions and feelings of the people there.

Given your desire, Mr. President, to make your Administration both accessible and understandable to all of the people, we believe your appointment of Mike Masaoka as Ambassador to Japan will be a major accomplishment in this direction.

Respectfully yours,
The Midwest District Council

In Pro Per: by Masamune Kojima

The Other 'Roots'

Los Angeles

Mata yarareta! Ripped off again! Quickly, when I mention "Roots", what comes to your mind? Slavery? Alex Haley? Kunta Kinte? Not Asian indentureds? Not Lawson Inada? Not Wakamatsu Colony? Ah so ... these Occidentals ... so clever ... can produce copy better than original!

The original "Roots", an anthology focusing on the

Americans do know the genealogy of their forebearers through the detailed immigration documents and the carefully preserved records in the "old countries".

The search for identity does not lead to nostalgic pilgrimage to "mother Asia" but rather to the study of Asian Americans here for self is ultimately defined in relation to the conception of the majority culture.

Racism in America is pervasive; even in the anthology edited by Asian Americans it asserts itself. In the article *Inter-racial Romance: Chinese-Caucasian Dating Game* by Melford Weiss, the methodology and results are not questioned but the subtle put-down of the Asians is objectionable.

The Chinese male is frequently referred to as "boy" while the white male is always referred to as "Caucasian date", "Caucasian peer", "Caucasian escort"—never "white boy".

The following example says it all for the polite racists:

"... Chinese-American girl dining with her *Caucasian date* who just can't help staring at the Chinese boy and his white girlfriend..."

There is subtle yet real racism of general approval of Caucasian male with Asian female with a strong disapproval of Asian male with Caucasian female (who does not even get the courtesy of being labelled *Caucasian* because we all know what kind of *white girl* hangs out with a yellow person!). And the white sociologists and historians still wonder why they are not welcome in aware Asian-American circle!

The events of last five years have antiquated many of the viewpoints expressed herein by those in the vanguards of the sixties. Passions and emotions have been drained in the futile tactics against the Establishment.

Positions once occupied solely by the "movement" have been pre-empted by the established order. The lone exception is the interview of S.I. Hayakawa! I am happy to report that his views were antiquated then and they haven't changed since his election as U.S. Senator.

The original "Roots" has been superseded in the majority community by the overwhelming success of Alex Haley's search for identity. In Asian American studies our "Roots" will be superseded by "Counterpoint" soon to be reviewed by Editor Harry Honda's able Sansei assistant Jon Inouye.

Claremont scholarship

CLAREMONT, Calif.—Sanyo Electric Co., Compton-based firm, established a \$25,000 scholarship fund for Oriental Americans at Claremont Men's College who need financial assistance for admission.

ENOMOTO

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of the crime in California," lamented Enomoto.

But statistics tell a far different story, putting the crime problem in proper perspective. In any given year, explained Enomoto, if say 500,000 are arrested on felony charges in the State, out of this vast number after filtering through the criminal justice system only about 48,000 are convicted in superior court (cases dismissed, charges dropped due to lack of evidence, etc.), and after further filtration the actual number of people sent to prison dwindles down to about 6,000. This is a "very small slice of the overall pie of the crime problem in the State," thus the solution to the problem, if there is one, rests somewhat between the arrests and the incarcerations, not with the department.

Regarding employment, the Nisei director said, to him it did not make sense that with over 50 percent of the inmates being black or brown and about 8 percent of the department's employees being of minority origin, which condition cried out for affirmative action.

In order to correct this

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Bldg. will be relocated to the former Union Church and Nishi Hongwanji. Space allocations have been agreed upon, he said.

Despite LTPRO criticism, CRA claimed it was assisting the 27 ineligible hotel tenants. CRA put a full-time staff member on the job to help. "All these efforts are beyond what is required since these tenants are ineligible by law. The tenants were allowed to move in after (CRA) acquisition of the hotel in order to retain the number of housing units in Little Tokyo as high as possible," one newspaper noted

'Farewell to Manzanar' re-run

MILL VALLEY, Calif. — John Korty, producer of the NBC-TV film, "Farewell to Manzanar", hopes the 1975 prize-winner is not relegated to the late movies segment or some other obscure spot when it re-runs in the near future.

NBC vice president of programming, Paul Klein (NBC-TV, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City,

imbalance the department has been hiring more minority people to maximize or increase the number of minorities in the work force. Today 25 percent of the employees are minorities, it was noted.

Job Bias Case

However, continued Enomoto, the procedure is not without its detractors for it has made white employees quite unhappy and their association filed a lawsuit against the department charging reverse discrimination.

The judge hearing the case in San Francisco ruled against the department and issued an order that race, ethnicity and sex will not be used as a factor in hiring and promoting staff. To which Enomoto opined strongly that the judge was wrong and that he (judge) made a mistake.

The director further related that the judge on the transcript in open court referred 3 or 4 times to him (Enomoto) as a racist. During the trial the judge asked Enomoto on the stand whether he had ever been in

Murder may be due to Asian gang antics

SEATTLE — Officials investigating the death of Jon Hayashi, 19, who died of gunshot wounds here Jan. 23, believe it may have been due to gang activity between Asian youths.

Lifelong friend David Fukuhara said, "That's just totally crazy, that gang stuff ... Maybe a gang shot him because of mistaken identity or something, but he was not involved in any gang."

While driving, Hayashi was shot from a passing car.

No. Calif. Singles

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Sponsored by the San Jose JACL, the newly organized No. Calif. Singles Club officers were elected at the Jan. 21 meeting. They are Ritsui Tamura, pres; Fumi Miyamoto, sec; and Walter Furusho, treas. Meetings are scheduled on the third Fridays at the JACL Building, 565 No. Fifth St. (292-2914).

10020), was reminded the recent success of "Roots" showed the need Americans have to know their history and that the story of the "relocation camps" of World War II and their effect are barely known.

Requests from across the country for another showing are being encouraged, asking NBC-TV to re-run it in prime-time.

EAST WEST PLAYERS

'And the Soul Shall Dance'

LOS ANGELES—Wakako Yamauchi's play, "And the Soul Shall Dance", will be premiered by the East West Players at their theater Feb. 23-24 with Mako, home from his starring role in "Pacific Overtures", as director.

Yamauchi, recipient of a Rockefeller Playwright in Residence grant, has woven

a haunting mood piece in her play which is basically a drama of old ways in a new world, tracing the lives of two immigrant Japanese families during the Depression.

Play by the Gardena writer will be staged on weekends at 8:30 p.m., Friday to Sunday.

the camp during the war, to which he replied yes, in Tule Lake. In the transcript, the judge inserted the following statement:

"Enomoto takes the position that just because he was locked up in a place in the concentration camp during the late war, which was a blot on our history, he now has a license to mistreat white people ..."

"Now, I have been accused of a lot of things," said the speaker, but this was something way out of line. However, he added, "it does not particularly bother me because the record of the people who work for me of whatever race or nationality shows utmost fairness and equality, devoid of any form of discrimination with regards to rights of people

whatever their color may be."

Nevertheless, this kind of statement creates a problem and in the words of the director, "tears up people in the department" and has caused more morale problems in the work force than anything else in the last several years.

The former two-term JACL National President prefaced his address with a remark that although he "retired" from active participation in the JACL for a few years, he "never lost interest in it." Since he receives from the headquarters from time to time correspondence and reports that affect the organization so indirectly he is keeping his finger on what's happening in JACL.

Books from PC

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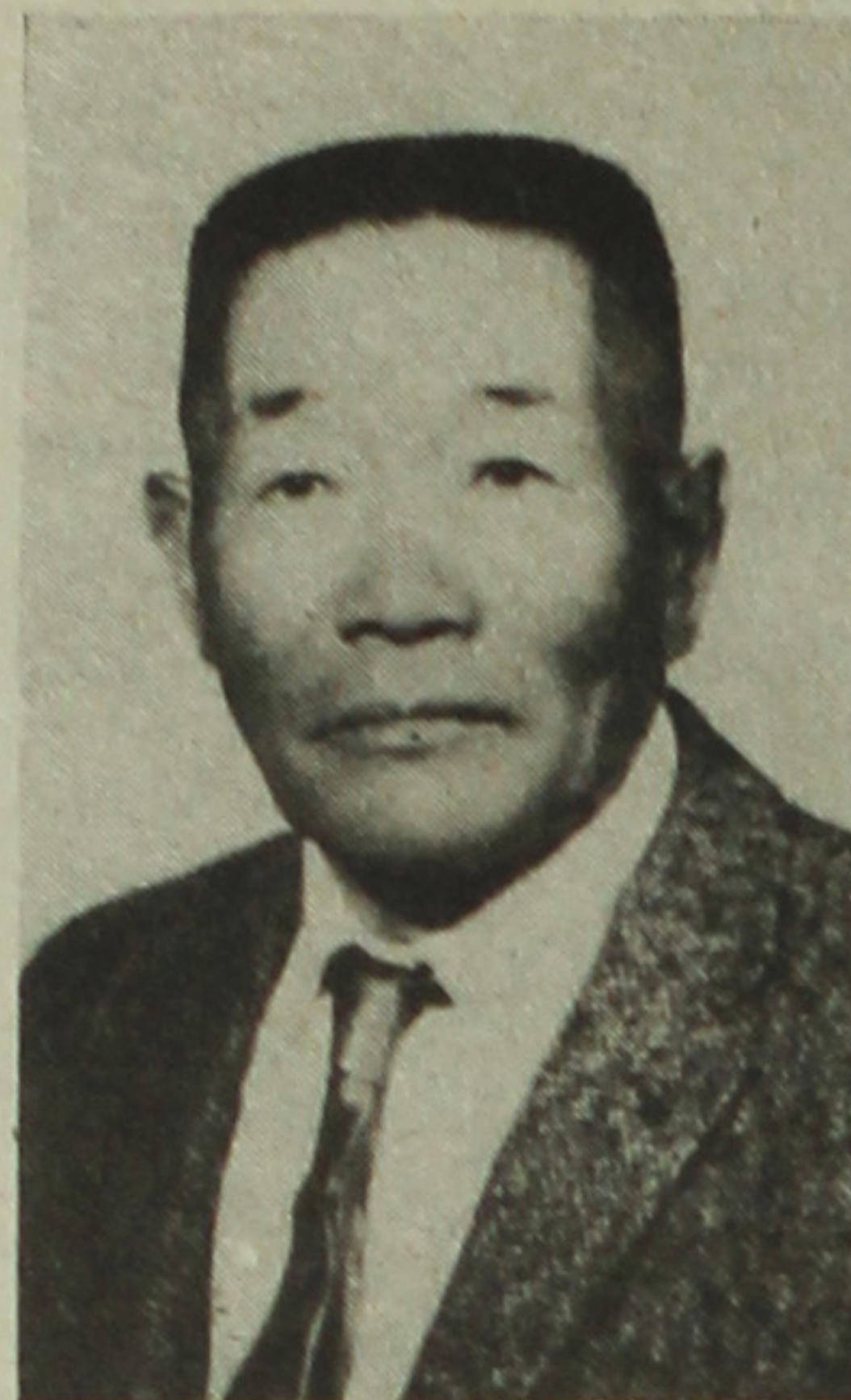
Utah Issei decorated

OGDEN, Utah—Yorimoto Murakami, a prominent northern Utah resident, was awarded the Sixth Class Order of Sacred Treasure from the Japanese Government, in recognition for his many years of devoted service to the Northern Utah Japanese community.

More than 300 Japanese residents of the community gathered to honor him at a banquet Jan. 15, described as one of the biggest Nikkei events in Ogden (pop. 80,000). Sponsoring the event were:

Buddhist Temple of Utah-Idaho, Ogden Buddhist Church, Ogden Judo Dojo, Japanese Farmers Association of Davis and Weber County, Hiroshima Kenjin-Kai, and Wasatch Front North JACL Chapter.

Shig Hamada was emcee. Distinguished guests and



YORIMOTO MURAKAMI

speakers included:

Congressman Gunn McKay, Japanese Vice-Consul Harada from the San Francisco Office, Robin Kuida representing Gov. Scott Matheson of Utah, Mayor Stephen Dirks representing the City of Ogden; K. Itakura, Hiroshima Kenjin-Kai, Tom Hori, past-president, Wasatch Front North JACL; and Tats Misaka, National JACL Vice-President.

Recognition was given Mrs. Ruby Murakami by Jack Suekawa, newly-elected WFN chapter president for the big role she played in supporting her husband.

"For more than 40 years, Yori-san (as he is known to his many friends), helped the community-at-large in many capacities," writes Ted Matsushima of the WFN chapter.

"For Yori-san, 'people were people,' and his purpose in life was to communicate and help everyone; anytime anyone needed his active support, it was there and free for the asking, a lesson many of us should take to heart."

Chinese D&B event

LOS ANGELES—The Chinese Drum & Bugle Corps fashion show-luncheon at the Bonaventure Hotel Feb. 27 will feature the Julie Miller collection of ancient Chinese costumes from the private collection of Dr. and Mrs. Lock G. Ding, Newport Beach. For reservations, call Helen Fong (295-0616).

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Freelance writer Fuyuko Kamisaka, who began writing about the "Tokyo Rose" case in Japan in the "Shukan Asahi" and "Yomiuri Shim-bun", interviewed Iva Toguiri d'Aquino for Japanese TV via satellite on the day Iva submitted her third petition for presidential pardon and her role in obtaining signatures on the pardon petition was recently revealed. Signing were such luminaries as:

Seiji Ozawa, musical director of the Boston Symphony; Nobel laureate Reona Esaki; Nobushige Ukai, former president of International Christian University; Tamaki Uemura, president, Japan YMCA; and Shigetsu Tsuneishi, chief of propaganda broadcasts for the Japanese Army during WW2.

Education

Carl M. Tamaki was elected to the board of trustees of South Bay University College of Law in Carson, Jan. 4. The announcement came by board chairman George B. Parks. Tamaki is assistant general manager of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

Nisei named director of Wash. state agency

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Gov. Dixy Lee Ray has appointed Kazuo Watanabe, 53, Seattle-born attorney with private practice in California, to be director of the State Dept. of Commerce and Economic Development. The appointment was announced Jan. 27.

Watanabe, after serving with the U.S. military intelligence service in Tokyo (1945-50), graduated from the Tulane Univ. School of

Law and in 1957 was appointed the first Nisei to the Los Angeles County public defender's office, where he served for a decade.

In the past decade, he practiced law in Los Angeles representing a number of Japanese companies. He is married and has two children. Prewar, he graduated from Bailey Gatzert School and Broadway High.

The state director's position pays \$26,830 per annum.

Politics

The Asian Pacific Caucus of the Democratic State Central Committee, which met Jan. 28-30 in Sacramento, is headed by Rep. Norman Mineta and Assemblyman S. Floyd Mori. Also in the caucus are:

Akiko Toyooka of Carson; Yuki Shibata of Hayward; Ellen Endo, Florence Ochi Kong, George Takei and Toshi Yoshida of Los Angeles; Robert Matsui and Karen Sonoda of Sacramento; David Ushio of San Francisco; and Mary Miyashita of Whittier.

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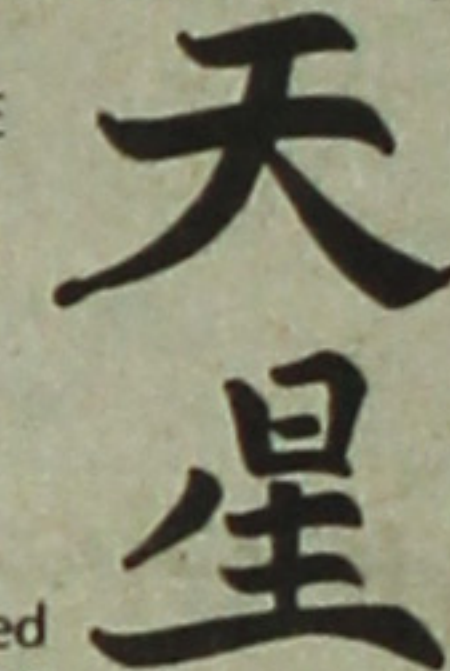
JUNE KURISU

June Kurisu is the new East Los Angeles College Women's Center counselor and an assistant to George Areu, coordinator in the Student Activities Office. "We are trying to be of service to all women who attend ELAC," Mrs. Kurisu said. "We can give women help with whatever problems arise and many times, give them personal support and encouragement."

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