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Question of Nisei loyalty to U.S. raised by Carter transition staff

WASHINGTON—A Carter-Mondale transition team memorandum, co-authored by former JACL National Director, David Ushio, was the source of controversy, Feb. 19.

A group calling itself "Mexican Americans For ..." held a press conference in Los Angeles charging racism had tainted the Carter Administration's appointment process.

The confidential memorandum of Dec. 21, 1976, hinted alleged incidents involving Asian Americans being appointed for sub-cabinet level posts.

The in-house memo told of a Japanese American candidate, as yet unnamed, being considered for a high administration post.

One transition staff member was quoted as questioning the Japanese American's loyalty by asking, "Do you think this person would be loyal to the United States or

Japan in a crisis?"

Herman Gallegos, who runs a consulting firm in San Francisco and member of the transition team with Ushio, confirmed the memorandum with a Los Angeles Times reporter.

Ushio Also Confirms

David Ushio also confirmed that he had co-written the memo and was present during the incident above. He declined to identify the transition staff member or the Japanese American candidate. He denied leaking the memo.

"The memorandum was meant for the eyes of the transition team members only," Ushio commented.

Ushio mentioned that the response to the memorandum by transition team members was positive.

"While on the transition team," he said, "I felt it was important to find the best people possible ... regardless of ethnic group ... but I

also felt it important to advocate for minority appointments."

Ushio, now on a 90-day appointment with HEW, wanted to clarify that the final effect of the memorandum will be known when the appointment process is closed.

"Today, there are good people in the mill. Asian names are on file and some under serious consideration."

Thus far, former Rep. Patsy Takemoto Mink of Hawaii has been the lone Asian American to be appointed to any major post in Carter's administration in the State Department.

Asians 'Quiet'

Ushio commented, however, on the Feb. 17 press conference held by "Mexican Americans For ..." in Los Angeles: "Asians may have been traditionally overlooked in the federal process because they don't

do what those Mexican Americans did today," he said.

"The squeaky wheel gets the grease. In order to be heard, you have to make some noise, that is a political fact of life."

The Mexican American group went on to issue five demands to President Carter, including stopping the replacement of Hispanic federal employees with non-Hispanic; immediate removal from White House staff of all racist personnel; immediate conference between President Carter and members of the organization, and other demands.

They threatened to file a "class action suit" against Carter for discrimination on behalf of all minorities and a national march on the White House on *Cinco de Mayo* if their demands were not met.

Despite the flak, Ushio mentioned he was satisfied, overall, with his role at the appointee selection process.

Mike Masaoka eyed as envoy to Japan, hints Sec. Vance



MIKE MASAOKA

WASHINGTON — Report that Mike Masaoka has been among candidates under consideration for the post of U.S. ambassador to Japan was relayed by congressmen who were so informed by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) and other Japanese Americans are recommending Masaoka's nomination.

It was the cue two weeks ago for the JACL Midwest

District Council to openly urge President Carter the appointment of the 61-year-old legislative consultant with a long history of involvement in U.S.-Japan activities.

Masaoka is the first person of Japanese ancestry ever considered for the post in Tokyo. That he is among the field of candidates is regarded in Japan as a sign of increased political status of Japanese Americans in the United States, the Kyodo News Agency correspondent here added.

Born in Fresno, Calif. Masaoka grew up in Salt Lake City, where he graduated from the Univ. of Utah in 1937. Last year he was honored by his alma mater as a

Distinguished Alumni. He was decorated in 1968 by the Japanese Government with the Order of the Rising Sun for his contributions to U.S.-Japan relations.

As JACL's first professional staff person in 1941, he became its Washington representative in 1946 and signed in 1953 to establish an international public relations office.

Hirabayashi cites value of education in Reparations

SEATTLE, Wash.—Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi, professor of sociology at the Univ. of Alberta, spoke on Canada's Japanese Centennial celebration now underway this year at the Seattle JACL installation dinner here Feb. 6, but his parting shots were on reparations.

"The important aspect of JACL's reparations campaign is the education of the public which is too eager to forget. We need to be ourselves and take stock of our unique aspect of American citizenship," concluded the noted WW2 defendant of his case which eventually was ruled by the U.S. Supreme Court. "We can do what we must so that it will be unlikely that such a thing (Evacuation) will happen again."

Hirabayashi had noted there were Nisei who wish the reparations campaign would disappear. They say they don't want to appear as a money grabber or become too visible by rocking the boat. "Let bygones be bygones". This reaction, Hirabayashi noted, was a remnant of the low-profile bred in the 1940s when Nisei were urged to join the American mainstream "by aping the majority", shunning their own Japanese language and culture.

Curtis B. Munson, in his 1941 report on Japanese Americans, as mentioned in Michi Weglyn's *Years of Infamy*, described the Nisei attitude as "pathetic eagerness", Hirabayashi pointed out.

Of the Canadian centennial, the special connection between Seattle and Canadian Japanese was mentioned. The Rev. Paul Nagano, pastor of the Seattle Ja-

panese Baptist Church, is the grandson of Manzo Nagano, who was the young Issei who jumped ship in 1877 and into Canadian his-

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Bill asks for 6 more years

OLYMPIA, Wash. — The Commission on Asian Affairs here is due to expire on June 30, 1977.

In order to keep the Commission viable, a bill introduced in state legislature extends the life of the Commission until June 30, 1983.

The newly-inaugurated governor, Dixy Lee Ray, and the four JACL chapters in state, Seattle, Puyallup Valley, White River Valley and Spokane, have all endorsed the measure, it was learned.

Satow-JACL Bldg. dedication Mar. 5

SAN FRANCISCO — Upwards of 250 are expected tomorrow (Mar. 5) at the rededication of JACL Headquarters in memory of the late Mas Satow.

Jerry Enomoto addresses the 3 p.m. unveiling of the plaque at Headquarters while Mike Masaoka speaks at the 7 p.m. banquet at the Miyako Hotel.

In Gardena Saturday, Feb. 26, the new Satow County Library was formally dedicated before 300 people with ribbon cutting and giving of a symbolic library key to Mrs. Chizuko Satow. Supervisor Kenneth Hahn was the dedicatory speaker.

East coast Nisei 'enryo' about retirement

NEW YORK—The Nisei, at least those on the East Coast, may have shucked the traditional quiet-American image, but they could still use some "assertiveness training", being yet stubbornly subject to attacks of the *enryo* syndrome.

So went part of the summarization of workshop sessions conducted by groups of about a dozen persons each at the "Nisei in Retirement" conference held Feb. 13 at the Japanese American United Church under the sponsorship of the New York JACL Chapter.

The local workshop grew out of a national Nisei retirement conference held in San Francisco late November under the auspices of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH).

Chaired by Ruby Yoshino Schaar, executive secretary of the local chapter, the conference was opened with remarks by Ronald Inouye, chairman, and an opening prayer by Rev. Justin Haruyama.

Following an address by K. Patrick Okura, executive assistant to the director of NIMH, those present, who numbered more than 60, were divided into small groups for discussions of "The Uniqueness of the Nisei" and "Social and Psychological Needs".

The conference closed with a "wrap-up" session

conducted by Dr. Robert H. Suzuki, associate professor, School of Education, Univ. of Massachusetts.

Unique Experience

It was generally agreed that chief among factors which make Nisei "unique" is their common wartime experience of being evacuated from the West Coast for internment in guarded camps.

Other points raised during the closing session and in the workshops appeared to turn them less into seminars on retirement than on social and psychological hang-ups among Nisei on both coasts.

Commenting on the observation that Nisei women on the East coast appear to be more assertive than their counterparts on the West coast, one listener guessed that that might simply be the consequence of having to face up to "the need to survive" in the more competitive job market here. Those who could not take the pace, just left, it was said. It had previously been pointed out that there are far fewer Nisei now living on the East coast than there were shortly after the end of World War II, many having returned to their home towns in California.

In that regard, one participant saw a return to the West coast as "a retreat", while another deplored what he

called the "apartheid" mentality that is implicit in the Nisei's returning to their homogeneous communities. "I am more in favor of integration," he said.

Cultural Traits

Dr. Suzuki suggested that while such a trend, if it exists, would be "detrimental", the situation need not be viewed as one of either/or, it being important that Japanese Americans "retain the best of their cultural characteristics".

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Sentencing postponed on Yoshimura case

OAKLAND, Calif. — Sentencing of Wendy Yoshimura which was scheduled for Feb. 24, has been continued until March 17. In the hearing held Feb. 24, it was revealed that Judge Pulich had not had time to review the probation report.

That report, it was also learned, contains a 58-page memorandum prepared by Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey Horner, in which he declares that Wendy is "an extremely high risk for whom bail should be either denied or set at a high figure." He also recommends in his memorandum that Wendy be given the maximum penalty "for her crimes against society."

Among cultural traits that it was said might best be jettisoned was that of *enryo*, which often manifests itself in a reluctance to seek assistance however much it might be needed, and to accept it when offered.

One question which was raised in a workshop and which was talked around but not answered was whether, after retirement, the Nisei

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Defense Attorney Garrick Lew had also requested that sentencing be continued because he and James Larson had not yet seen the memorandum by Horner. Further he stated defense had not had time to complete a motion for a retrial.

The motion for a new trial will be based on judicial errors, made particularly when the judge charged the jury just before deliberations.

Another factor, Lew said, was evidence of jury misconduct as in the instance of Mrs. Lucille Mitchell having been pressed by other members of the jury to change her verdict from acquittal to guilty.

—LEE RUTTLE

From the Frying Pan: by Bill Hosokawa

Hokazono: Colorado Pioneer

Denver, Colo.

By almost any standard, Harry Naoichi Hokazono was a special kind of man. He was an Issei who dared to dream and think big in an era when most Issei labored under limited horizons. As a labor contractor he had no small part in shaping the future of Colorado. In that sense he was one of the state's pioneer builders.

Belatedly, as was reported in this space last week, Colorado has given him the recognition he earned. He shares a stained glass window in the State Capitol, dedicated Feb. 18, with Chin Lin Sou, a Chinese labor contractor whose men laid steel rails and worked the gold mines.

Hokazono died in Brighton, Colo., in 1927 at age 54. As time is calculated that was not long ago. There are a few Issei still in these parts who knew him, but since scant heed was paid to what he had done that when it came time to compile his personal history, there was very little to be found.

Albin Wagner, a Brighton historian and writer, and Mrs. Emi Chikuma talked to oldtimers and dug into yellowing newspaper files for information and I am indebted to them for most of what follows.

Hokazono, a native of the island of Kyushu (Oita-Ken), arrived in San Francisco in 1893. He studied English, knocked around in various businesses, and eventually made his way to Colorado in 1898. There were only a handful of Japanese in the state at that time, in fact only a small handful in the entire U.S. He ventured into the labor contracting business in 1903 when he brought some 70 Japanese laborers from the coal mines in Rock Springs, Wyo., to northern Colorado to cultivate and harvest some 1,200 acres of sugar beets.

In time he had crews of up to 600 Japanese working in city water projects, electrical transmission lines, the Moffat railroad tunnel through the Rockies, dam and highway construction. It is reported that he had as many as a thousand horses and mules to haul earth-moving scoops, and may have had as many as 2,000 men working on his projects.

A contract for the Rio Grande railroad in

the rugged Wind River Canyon of Wyoming broke him. Through various problems he lost a reported \$300,000. He was a shattered and ailing man when he died. The Brighton Japanese Association, of which he had been a leader, took up a collection and erected a headstone in his memory some years after his death.

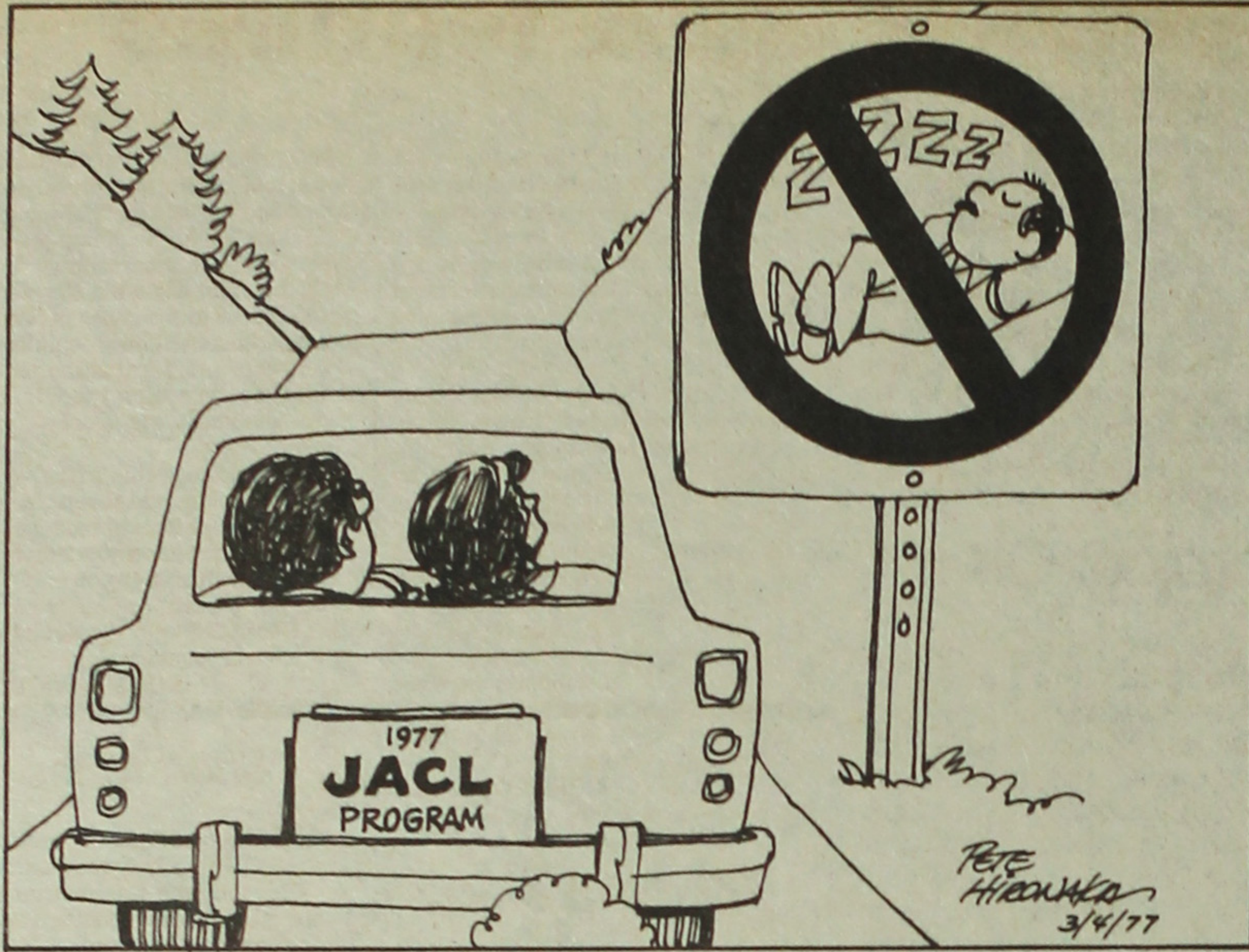
Eastern Colorado needs water from the Rockies to survive, and Hokazono's Issei laborers provided the manpower to build several of the systems that brought it to the plains. But few remembered their contribution until the stained glass window project got under way. Now, the Issei will be given at least a modest measure of recognition for their part in the state's development.

Many of the men Hokazono brought to Colorado remained to farm, particularly in the Brighton-Platteville-Fort Lupton area. By 1909, according to reports of the Immigration Commission, they were cultivating more than 13,500 acres in northern Colorado.

Hokazono was childless, but he reared two nieces and a nephew as his own. Mits Kaneko, Denver accountant, remembers that one of them, Teruko, worked for him briefly after World War II. Now Teruko Kido, she lives in Los Angeles. Her sister Chizuko Takeyama, lives in Pasadena.

Not many Issei led as colorful a life as Harry Hokazono packed into a few decades, but in more modest ways hundreds of Japanese immigrants helped to open the West. They felled timber, drained swamps, pulled out the sagebrush, laid rails, built highways and powerlines, and helped mightily in making the West what it is today.

We remember the Issei for the indignities they suffered. But they should be remembered, too, for the work they performed, and the humble but important things they accomplished to help the nation progress. We hope that message comes across when tourists and visitors of this and future generations view the stained glass window in Colorado's Capitol.



Plain Speaking: by Wayne Horiuchi

Internment Credit Bill

Washington

Within the next several weeks, the bill to provide Civil Service retirement credit for the Japanese Americans who were evacuated and interned during WWII will be the subject of a considerable amount of activity.

Let me site some of these instances.

Congressman Norman Mineta, who has committed and demonstrated tremendous amounts of dedication to the retirement credit bill, will be sending out a "Dear Colleague" letter to all 435 members of the House of Representatives to solicit their co-sponsorship.

The Committee for Internment Credit and JACL hope to get as many Congresspersons to co-sponsor as possible. You can help by writing to your Representatives and asking them to co-sponsor the Mineta bill (unfortunately the bill hasn't been assigned a number yet, however, watch the PC closely in the future when that will be announced).

When the co-sponsorship is completed, then we will be hoping to get the bill heard by the Subcommittee and reported out favorably. Again, this is when your letters, telegrams and telephone calls will be helpful.

Do not consider small errors as trivial. As drops of water finally fill a bowl, small facts of evil finally results in a big act of evil.

—Nirvana Sutra

Committee on Aging

WASHINGTON — Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) managed to retain the Special Committee on Aging with his active debate on the Senate floor Feb. 1. He stressed the loss of the Special Committee on Aging would be "a grave disservice to the more than 20 million older Americans in our country today."

As a sidelight, I want to say that not only has Norm been enjoyable to work with but his staff assistant, Shelly Leone, has been the most pleasant staffer that I've dealt with on Capitol Hill since I've come to Washington, D.C. There's no doubt about it but that JACL and the C.I.C. are very fortunate to have Norm and his office to work with.

A group here in Washington, D.C. has organized the metropolitan area, planned position papers, strategized contacts with their Representatives, and is preparing an active campaign.

But, finally, you may be asking, "What's all this about and why is it worth the effort?" Let me steal some figures from Toshie Yoshi-

da's Committee for Internment Credit Newsletter and show you.

If you are a civil servant and spent time in a relocation camp, you can expect to receive the following in increased retirement benefits if the bill passes:

Col (A): Average annual pay ("High Pay")		Col (B): Increase of annual civil service retirement annuity for each year in camp (10 or more years service)	
(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)
\$ 8,000	\$160	\$18,000	\$360
10,000	200	20,000	400
12,000	240	22,000	440
14,000	280	24,000	480
16,000	320	26,000	520

Watch this column to track future events about this bill. You can contact the Committee for Internment Credit by writing or calling:

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From Happy Valley: by Sachi Seko

The Rocks Come and Go

Salt Lake City
The unusually mild weather induces lazy fever. It is a cousin to spring fever, which should visit us soon if the ground is any indication. Even the northern patches of snow in the yard are succumbing to the smiles of the sun.

In my more limber years I used to work booted and coated in weather like this. There was always deadwood to gather, fatalities of winter. Or one could always collect the leaves which fell after the first snowfall and were buried.

My reluctance to launch the customary early attack on the yard this year can be attributed to a bad spill I took last year from the top of the muddy hill. I wrenched my back as I tried to break the fall. The pain and inconvenience of that accident are still with me.

I could justify delaying the chores by saying that no-

body else ventures out this early. Not one gardening truck has been sighted in the neighborhood yet and probably will not for a few more weeks.

But that never deterred me before. With equanimity I accepted the comments of neighbors which ranged from admiration for my industry to commiseration for my family. Some of our neighbors are convinced that I am plain crazy and each spring my activities have reinforced this opinion.

They make a point of pausing in their cars to inquire of my current outdoor project. Even strangers have asked what I was doing so early in the yard. I have been moving rocks and I plan to do it again as soon as the ground hardens.

It is a simple process which anyone can perform. I happen to have a disinterest-

ed husband and an uncooperative son so it is a solitary occupation. In all fairness, I should mention their reasons for abstaining from offering any assistance.

My husband swears that the rocks propagate during the night. He says that for each rock I have removed the previous day, by morning two more have appeared. I find this rather a confusing theory, but perhaps he can sell it to some rock company.

My son is a different case. When he first observed me gathering the rocks in a bucket, he asked, "Isn't that what they do in prisons?" He does not want to be associated with penal activities. I am not acquainted with what they actually do in prisons, but I imagine the prisoners spend part of their time trying to figure out ways to escape.

Both my husband and son argue that it is my fault that there are so many rocks.

They say I brought them here. As a matter of fact, I did. Some women go through a phase where they collect china or silver or jewels. I had to go for rocks.

From the surrounding spaces I gathered them by the wheelbarrowful. I accepted the excess of a truckload which a neighbor had delivered. Some of the larger boulders I rolled down the hill.

At that time other people were worrying about shortages of toilet paper and sugar. Not me. I was obsessed with the thought that there would be a rock shortage.

But a time came when they were more of an impediment. They collected heat which burned or impeded the growth of small plantings reaching toward maturity. Watering was difficult.

The rocks had to go and the process of removal is more

involved than it was to collect them. We have civilized our surroundings with fences and trees. It is impossible to whiz by with a wheelbarrow. The rocks have to be carried away in a bucket and they are heavy. I do it not because I am crazy, but because it is necessary if growing things are to flourish.

Alex Haley's televised version of "Roots," and my rocks have something in common. After watching the program for eight consecutive nights, a record for television viewing in this household, one thing disturbed me.

It was the absolute necessity for such a production. The most pathetic and revealing comment was, "We didn't know all these things happened." Ignorance is a massive boulder which must be removed if living things are to grow.

Year of Honorable Serpent welcomed



Arlene Jue, Miss 1977 Chinatown—Los Angeles, and Wally Quon, vice president, L. A. Chinese Chamber of Commerce, welcomed the Year of the Serpent in gala Chinatown festivities. Persons born under the Serpent (1905, 1917, 1929, 1953, 1965, 1977) are said to possess tremendous wisdom, tend to be beautiful, strong-willed with fine organizational powers in such areas where life-and-death urgency exists (politics, medicine, etc.) Famous serpent people include John F. Kennedy, Greta Garbo and Karl Menninger. (Quon is with Grand Star Restaurant.)

calendar

While the Calendar features JACL events and deadlines, we now welcome non-JACL groups to notify us of their public events. Non-JACL items are italicized.—Ed.

JACL DEADLINES

- April 1**—JACL/JAL Cult Heritage summer fellowship. Forms, c/o Richard Okabe, JACL HQ.
- July 1**—JACL/Tom Hayashi Law scholarship. Forms, New York JACL office, 50 W 57th St, New York 10023.
- March 5 (Saturday)**
Nat'l JACL—Hq dedication, 3 p.m., Jerry Enomoto, spkr; banquet, 6 p.m., Mike Masaoka, spkr.
Los Angeles—JA Repub inst dnr, Man Jen Low, 7:30 p.m.; San Diego Mayor Pete Wilson, spkr.
- Union City—Benefit luau, So Alameda Cty Buddhist Church, 6 p.m.-1 a.m. March 5-6*
- Tulare County**—Excursion to Reno, bus lvs fr Orosi.
- 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 Onishi testimonial, Hyatt House, 4:30 p.m.*
- Watsonville—YBA pancake bkrst, Buddhist Church, 7 a.m.-12n.*
- Morgan Hill—Festival food sale, Buddhist Bldg, 16160 Murphy Ave, 1-5 p.m.*
- March 10 (Thursday)**
CCDC-Dnr mtg, Visalia.
- March 11 (Friday)**
San Lorenzo—Eden Japanese Sr Ctr, EJCC, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; "Water Conservation", Mo Yanagi, spkr.
- 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.
- Puyallup Valley—Mtg, Tacoma Buddhist Church.*
- March 16 (Wednesday)**
Seattle—Mtg, JACL Hall, 7:45 p.m.
- March 17-19**
San Francisco—Sr Cit Excursion to Los Angeles

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chapter pulse

• Fremont

Nearly 100 new and current members of Fremont JACL enjoyed the annual chapter potluck dinner Feb. 12 at Sangha Hall of the Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church. Special guest was Sam Cohen, president of the newly-formed Tri-Valley JACL, a Fremont chapter off-spring. New members were introduced by Bill Sakakura, chapter president.

Entertaining were the Company of Songs, a vocal

ensemble from Kennedy High School. Ted Sato emceed the program, assisted by:

Yoko Young, Phillis Yagi, Darlene Fujiwara, Yuki Nomura, Aileen Tsujimoto, Gail Tomita and Yosh Fujiwara.

• Mid-Columbia

Three recipients of decorations from the Japanese Emperor, C. Tomita, Henry Nakamura and Mrs. S. Iwatsuki were honored by the Mid-Columbia JACL in December with over 100 persons present at a dinner.

Sonoma Issei project OK'd

SANTA ROSA, Calif.—The Sonoma County JACL, at its January board meeting, approved plans to establish a local Japanese history project which will include a writing of the history and gathering of artifacts for display.

George Okamoto, Tak Kameoka and Frank Oda, members of the project committee, would welcome any publications, pictures and documents as well as artifacts made in camps during World War II.

JACLers in the area were urged to look around in their storage areas for material of historical value.

Among the earliest Issei in the county was Kanaye Nagasawa, who came to the U.S. by way of Scotland where he studied in the late 1860s. A young samurai of the Satsuma clan, he arrived in Sonoma County in 1875 to help found Fountain Grove, a 19th Century brotherhood community.

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Chapter also has a number of cemetery plots available to members in the new part of Idlewild.

• San Jose

San Jose JACL will install its 1977 officers on Mar. 4, 6:30 p.m. at the San Jose Hyatt House with Police Chief Joseph McNamara as guest speaker. Dinner will be \$10 per person with reservations being handled by:

JACL Office (408-295-1250 between 10 a.m.-2 p.m.) or Mrs. Jeannie Honda (227-3535 eve).

• Stockton

Stockton JACL board meets every second Tuesday, open to all members and friends. This month the board meets Mar. 8, 8 p.m. at California First Bank. The film, *PFC Sadao Munemori*, will be shown. He was the 442nd RCT GI who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for gallantry in Italy during WW2.

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Honolulu

Political Notes—Two major movements have been making the front page news in recent months—both related to the resurgence of preserving native Hawaiian interests.

The Waiahole-Waikane Community Assn. is involved in a dispute with Mrs. Lester Marks, owner of land in the valleys and Joe Pao, well-known land developer. The issue is the eviction of tenant farmers from the land who have been living in month-to-month short-term leases. Mrs. Marks has agreed to delaying serving eviction notices (with the intervention of Governor Ariyoshi) but the tenants have been conducting a widespread informational program to gain support to remain on the land.

The movement is supported by various elements in the community and from Univ. of Hawaii students who see Joe Pao's development and plans as another blow to keeping windward Oahu predominantly rural and agricultural.

The "Return Kahoolawe" movement has been spearheaded by native Hawaiians who claim the U.S. Navy is desecrating ancient Hawaiian cultural sites. The U.S. Navy has used the island located off Maui as a bombing target island since World War II. The island has been off-limits to civilians. The Hawaiian congressional delegation has been making inspection trips under Navy auspices and given briefings by the native groups.

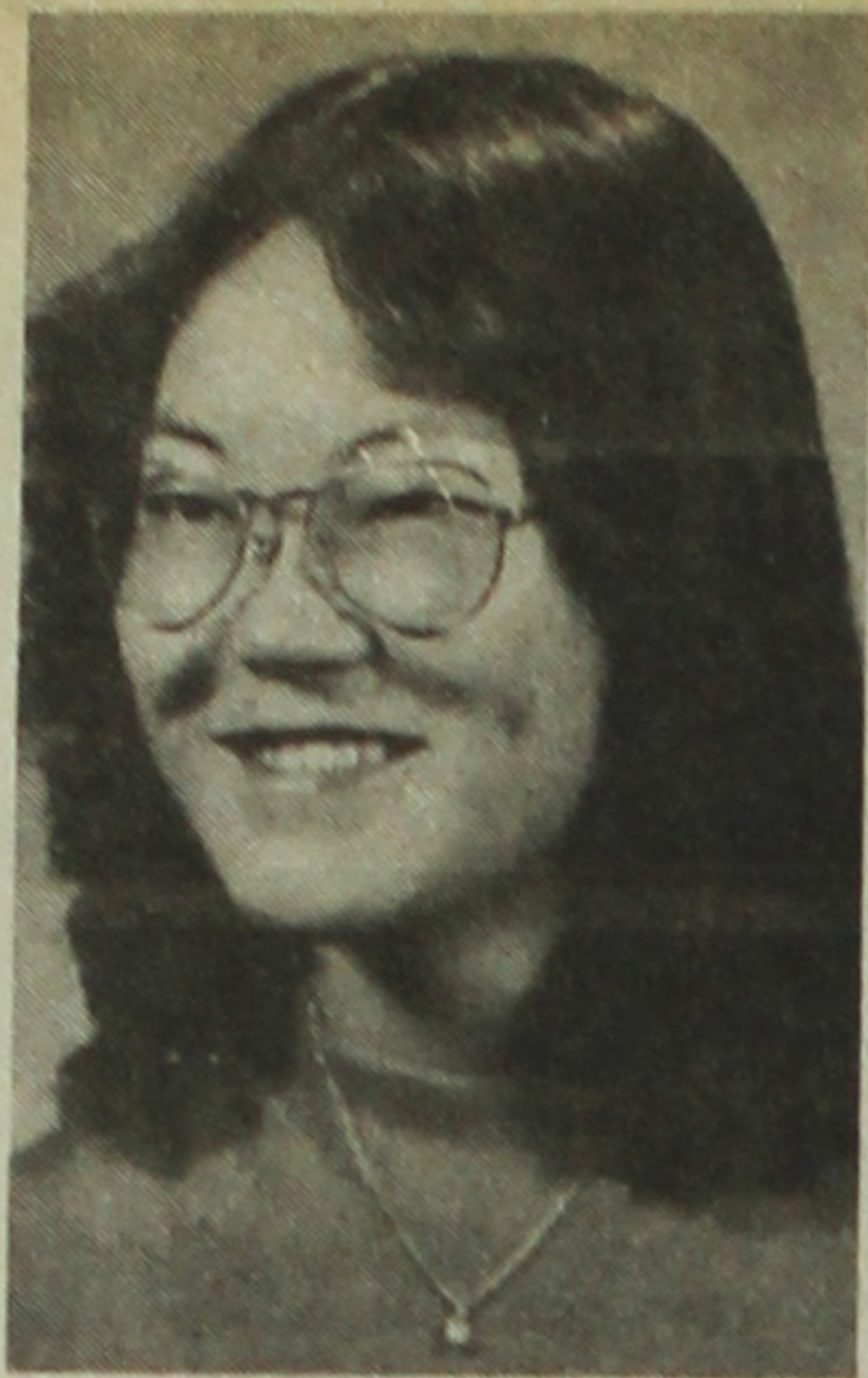
The U.S. Navy claims the island is necessary to its training purposes and a clean-up, should the return be mandated, would be cost-prohibitive. Other reports have declared Kahoolawe too dry and lacking in water resources to be of any use.

Surprise at Hawaiian Open—Local boy Lance Suzuki, surprised and pleased Hawaii golfing fans by placing 5th in the Hawaiian Open held earlier last month at the Waialae Country Club. In a field which included the top pros in the PGA circuit, Lance's performance was considered phenomenal.

He was able to play because he received a sponsor's exemption from United Air Lines. Lance starred in golf at Brigham Young University and has indicated interest in qualifying for a PGA card.

Entertainer "Lucky" Luck dies—Robert "Lucky" Luck, 58, long-time island radio and television personality was given a beach-boy funeral off Kuhio Beach on Feb. 15. A beach side service was conducted by the Rev. Abraham Akaka, after which his ashes were taken to sea and scattered.

Lucky is the mainland haole boy who sounded more "local" than natives and made the use of pidgin English respectable on the air. He died of cancer at his home in Las Vegas, Nev. on Feb. 11.



SALLY NAITO

High school students from around the nation are attending the week-long Presidential Classroom for Young Americans in Washington, D.C. during February and March. The Fresno American Loyalty League-JACL presented Sally Naito, Madera High senior, a \$500 scholarship to attend the class which began Feb. 20. She is the daughter of the Toru Naitos. An honor student listed in the Who's Who in American High Schools because of her scholastic and extracurricular achievements, Sally was a recent Madera Girl of the Month ... Among the new mid-year assignments announced by the Los Angeles City Schools, effective Jan. 31, were Harry E. Nishisaka as principal at Brockton Ave. School in West Los Angeles, and Ella Quan, assistant principal at Castelar St. School in Chinatown.

Book

Rex Gunn, who lectured about Iva Toguri d'Aquino for 30 years, has written the final chapter of his book about "Tokyo Rose", now that President Ford has issued his pardon. It is being published by Callahan Printing Co., Reno, with a Mar. 15 publication date. Now with the Washoe District Health Dept., Gunn was stationed near Pearl Harbor with an

Nikkei dinner to fete Hayakawa Mar. 25

LOS ANGELES—California Japanese Americans will honor newly-elected Sen. S. I. Hayakawa at a gala inaugural dinner Mar. 25 at the Beverly Hilton.

Capacity crowd of 1,400 is expected, according to Yo Takagaki, dinner chairman. Reservations are being handled by:

Jean Tsuchiya, 800 W. 1st St., L.A. (628-7896).

Army Signal Corps unit, and was an AP wire editor during the 1949 San Francisco trial. "Ethnic American Short Stories," Pocket Books, New York, edited by Katherine Newman, includes a short story that first appeared in the 1961 Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue "No Place Beneath the Rising Sun," by Take and Allan Beekman. Story is based on the experience of Take (Okawa) Beekman who was teaching a special Japanese language class at Chuo Gakuin, Honolulu, Dec. 7, 1941, when Japanese planes attacked nearby Pearl Harbor. "No Place Beneath the Rising Sun" is also included in "Hawaiian Tales," a collection of short stories by Beekman. More recently, the Voice of America has requested permission to use the story in its overseas broadcasts.

Business

The Calif. Assn. of Realtors designated George Chuman as a graduate, Realtors Institute. He is manager of Kashu Realty's Monterey Park office. Sen Nishiyama, Sony Corp. official, will address the 13th annual

Japan-America trade luncheon, Mar. 18, at the Bonaventure Hotel at Los Angeles. Dennis Y. Morishige, son of the Preston Morishiges of Denver, is director of operations and marketing for Inter-Mountain Specialties, distributor of construction equipment.

Tatsumi Tokunaga of San Jose, agency manager, won Franklin Life's Man of the year honors for top sales last year in Northern California.

Elections

Kaz Umemoto, architect and active Democratic party worker, will run for the 46th State Assembly District seat, which is being vacated by Assemblyman Charles Warren who is awaiting a high-level Carter Administration appointment. Umemoto, who ran for the State Senate in 1966, noted the increasing number of candidates who have recently moved into the area. "We must stand against candidate from outside the district who will attempt to portray themselves as truly concerned about us." ... Tulare County JACLer Mike Imoto is unopposed for his board

position on the Lindsay Unified School District.

Courtroom

Until President Carter appoints a successor, Assistant U.S. Attorney Tosh Suyematsu of Cheyenne will serve as interim U.S. Attorney for the Wyoming District. A former 442nd veteran, Suyematsu joined the U.S. Attorney's office in 1969.

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