Rep. Danielson's panel to hear HR 5150: Hibakusha aid bill

LOS ANGELES—Testimony from atomic bomb survivors, medical, social service and government witnesses will be heard at the congressional hearings on HR 5150 to be held here March 31.

The bill, co-authored by Reps. Norman Mineta and Edward Roybal, seeks health care and reimbursement for care for American survivors of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki blasts of 1945.

Rep. George Danielson (D-Calif.), chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations, will open hearings at 9:30 a.m. at the County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, 500 W. Temple St.

The legislative proposal falls under the jurisdiction of Danielson's subcommittee. "This proposal has been voiced for a number of years and it certainly deserves a full and fair hearing," Danielson said.

"It is estimated that there are approximately 750 people who are either citizens or permanent residents of the United States who were in Nagasaki or Hiroshima during the bombings.

"This includes persons who were U.S. citizens at the time and trapped in Japan because of the war as well as some who have come to this country since that time," he said.

The bill would reimburse medical treatment directly attributable to the bomb explosion or radioactive fallout, not paid by insurance or other compensation.

Japanese nationals have been receiving such aid from their government, though Japanese American and Caucasian survivors have not been as successful in obtaining aid from the U.S.

Locally, a committee has been formed to assist American atomic bomb survivors. Many of the members also belong to the Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors in the USA, headed by Kanji Kuramoto.

Chairing the L.A. committee is Dr. Thomas T. Noguchi, county chief medical examiner-coroner. Other members include:

Kaz Suyeishi, vp, Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors in the USA; Paul Tsuneishi, JACL Pacific Southwest governor; Kats Kunitsugu, executive secretary, Japanese Cultural Center; Carole Bletz, civic leader; Phillip Barton, journalist and public affairs director, L.A. city Community Development Department. □

The 1977 Cultural Heritage Fellowship recipients upon their arrival in Tokyo last summer are (from left): Gene Yoneda, San Jose; Gerry Yokota, St. Louis; Harold Oshima, Rowland Hts, Calif; Eddie Coble, Chicago . . . Application forms and eligibility rules for the 1978 Fellowships are now available at all JACL offices, chapters and Pacific Citizen. Deadline is April 15.

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Villa Park elects Nikkei

VILLA PARK, Calif.—Carol Kawanami, '40, became the first Japanese American and second woman to be elected to the city council here, capturing 1,193 votes to lead the field in the March 7 local elections.

With experience as a city commissioner, Kawanami based her campaign on city planning and spending in her first try for public office. Villa Park, incorporated in 1962, is east of Santa Ana in Orange County.

The San Jose native has been active in the Villa Park Women's League, elementary school community advisory committee and is the new president-elect of the California Lung Assn.

She and her husband, Dr. Samuel Kawanami, have two children. □

Letter sent March 9

Funatos receive apology

SAN FRANCISCO—The Nova Academy has apologized to the family of a 12-year-old Japanese American boy whose history teacher allegedly told the class his "mother and father bombed Pearl Harbor".

Upon request from NCWNDC regional director George Kondo and Masako Funato, mother of student Alexander Funato, the apology was sent March 9 by Nova director Merriem Lanova.

"Every possible area for correction of and apology for the alleged 'remarks' during the social studies class were extended by Miss (Joan) St. Cyr to the satisfaction of the administration and when the matter was related to you by Mr. (principal, Michael) Badenhausen shortly after it occurred, you expressed complete understanding and intimated you felt the subject closed," Lanova wrote.

"If you had wanted a statement in writing, you should have made the request at that time, or, if upon second thought at a time long afterward, you should have made your desire known . . . We would have gladly sent you such a statement as we now are doing. We regret any misunderstanding that may have transpired."

The incident in question allegedly occurred Jan. 12 when Alexander told St. Cyr to "drop the subject" of Pearl Harbor after his parents were blamed.

The boy, who has a history of disciplinary problems, left the room angrily after the teacher, according to Alexander's written account, said, "The Japs oh (sic) Japanese fighting America is just like a little person going up and biting a giant's leg."

Alex was eventually suspended from school for reasons unrelated to the classroom incident. He now attends public school.

JACL contacted the school after learning of the matter and asked for a formal apology on the Funatos' behalf.

In fairness, the school has requested Mrs. Funato send a letter absolving the school of the matter and stating satisfaction the incident is over.

"I hope this statement will be satisfactory, even as you felt the verbal statements were, and that this 'incident' is now closed," Lanova wrote.

"We were sorry when you removed Alex several weeks after this occurrence when we were simply doing the best job possible for your son by punishing him for misbehavior in class. Nevertheless, we wish you and him all the best and hope that he is making progress at his new school."

(Joan St. Cyr's name was erroneously reported as Joanne St. Sair in the March 17 Pacific Citizen.) □

Sansei teacher files huge civil rights bias claim

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — A Hawaii-born teacher, stating her constitutional rights have been violated since being issued a notice of intent to dismiss, has filed a $5 million claim with the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District Board of Education.

Sandra S. Tanaka, a Rolling Hills High School English teacher who has served the district many years, told members the violations, which began in May when she received her dismissal notice, were still continuing.

The claim, one of the largest ever brought before the school district, is currently being studied by JACL's Pacific Southwest District Gov. Paul Tsuneishi.

Named as respondents in the claim are:

Edmund J. Rea, board of education pres; Stephen K. Heller, Neal Hertzmann, Ann L. Hinchliffe, Rose Lachman, board memb; Claude E. Norcross, dist supt; Corena Green, former pub info officer; Dr. James L. Waters, personnel director; Leeds R. Lacy, Jr., Rolling Hills principal; James Ryan, asst prin; Dr. Robert Ferrera, asst supt; and James E. Crockett, dist bus mgr.

In her claim, Tanaka alleges district officials violated her rights in "retaliation" for her exercising her First Amendment rights and in their failure to follow procedures required by due process in regard to actions brought against her.

Tanaka also said she experienced different treatment in terms of employment, on the basis of her race, national origin and sex and that her privacy had been invaded.

Furthermore, the 35-year-old Sansei said her character had been defamed and that she had suffered mortification, indignation and mental and emotional stress because of district personnel actions.

This latest claim is one in a series of incidents occurring between Tanaka and the school board.

Last summer, the district filed charges against the teacher which included allegations of unprofessional conduct, incompetency and persistent violation or refusal to obey school laws.

Tanaka responded in September with a $1 million claim for damages which the board eventually denied.

Tanaka, a Torrance resident, has requested a hearing on her notice of dismissal, which she says is the source of the district violations.

A rescheduled hearing has been set for June 5, when she will have the opportunity to air her grievances. □

Refugees in new status

DALLAS, Tex—Forty Indochinese refugees in the Dallas area have submitted applications with the local Immigration and Naturalization Service for permanent resident status following passage of a law by Congress last month permitting the change of their "parole" status and the I&NS Office here expects many more to come.

Dallas is believed to have the third largest number of Indochinese refugees after Los Angeles and San Diego. Immigration district director William Chambers thinks there are about 10,000 in the Dallas metro area and 20,000 overall in his North Texas-Oklahoma district.

Volunteer agencies are assisting in the process. □

San Jose to hold one-day Matsuri

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Cultural heritage of Japanese Americans will be reflected in the spring festival, "Nikkei Matsuri", being staged on Sunday, April 2, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m., at Fifth and Jackson Sts.

Twenty community groups will be selling a varied array of Japanese and American foods; entertainment will be continuous and artisans will display their craft and wares. □

Santa Maria city council seats its first minority in 73 years

It took a lot of doing and a lot of time, but the all-Anglo line has finally been broken in the political circles of Santa Maria, Calif.

Realtor Toru Miyoshi, 51, in his second bid for local office, became the first minority to win a four-year term on the small farming community's city council.

And no one could be more delighted.

For the soft-spoken councilman did not merely break into the political spotlight, he stormed in on a convincing note, capturing the most votes of all the other candidates. Miyoshi finished with 3,895, followed by incumbent John Adam at 3,734. Four others trailed far behind in the race for two vacancies.

"The largest minority here is the Chicano population," Miyoshi said, speculating on why no minority had been elected to office prior to his successful venture. "They are largely agricultural-oriented and very few get out and vote.

"The Japanese Americans and all Asians just have never been interested in the community. They're all farm-oriented, too. I think you have to have a business in town and be confronted with government," he said of becoming involved.

Toru Miyoshi

Born in Guadalupe, Calif., nine miles west of Santa Maria, Miyoshi appreciates the quiet atmosphere and rural environment of the town. Like other politicians in similar locales, he is concerned about growth and stressed the cautions of expansion in his campaign.

"I'm concerned about how fast the growth should be and feel it should really be left up to the people. You reach a saturation point of growing.

"I want to know how we can retain our environmental assets—we have no smog and are a rural area. We have a chance to look at the urban areas and," he adds, laughing, "use them as a guide to see what we shouldn't do."

His biggest push was for reduced property taxes and the lessening of government control. High property taxes, he said, are related to government encroachment.

As a realtor and local developer (with his brothers Jun and Buck), Miyoshi is cognizant of the finer points

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Prince Hitachi to visit U.S.

WASHINGTON — Japanese Prince and Princess Hitachi will visit the United States for about two weeks, attending the annual meeting here of American Assn. for Cancer Research April 5-8. The imperial couple will arrive Mar. 29 at San Francisco.

Itinerary includes visiting San Diego, Los Angeles, Williamsburg (Va.), and returning April 9 from New York.

MARCH 10-12, 1978 SESSIONS

Nat'l JACL Board recommendations/actions

SAN FRANCISCO — Following summary is the Pacific Citizen's as gleaned from the agenda papers, notes and partial tapes of the recent National JACL Board and Staff meeting held March 10-12 at Headquarters, president Jim Murakami presiding.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO NATIONAL COUNCIL

"Legislative Arm—sec. 501 (c)4"—To preserve JACL's nonprofit tax-exempt status [under Sec. 501 (c)3], a separate legislative arm be incorporated under Sec. 501 (c)4, a nonprofit organization due to possible and impending legislative-legal issues.

Discrimination in Employment—To establish a national standing committee to deal with discrimination against Asian Americans in employment. (Currently operating as an ad hoc committee.)

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NATIONAL BOARD ACTION

Workers Compensation—Districts or chapters will be billed their respective share of worker compensation premiums now paid from the National General Account for regional or special program staff.

Personnel Revisions—Referred to Personnel Committee recommendations on changing staff compensatory time being taken within 30 days to within 90 days, adding two more holidays from eight to ten, and adopting rules of employee conduct and discipline.

Membership Year—Referred proposal to change expiration date of membership from calendar year to fiscal year (as currently handled for 1000 Club members). This also requires constitutional amendment.

JACL Seal—Slight modifications proposed: (a) insert founding year of 1929 and (b) shifting eagle's head to its original position looking to its right.

Scholarship—Rename a JACL supplement scholarship in memory of Saburo Kido.

Asian/Pacific coalitions and actions—Guidelines adopted for National JACL in developing coalitions with other Asian/Pacific groups.

Scholarship Eligibility—Employees of JACL shall be eligible for JACL-administered scholarships, student aid.

FY 1978 Budget—Unexpended allocations of FY 1977 budget are carried over to FY 1978 budget.

Dues Increases — Authorized a study and referred to Budget Committee a proposal to raise national dues from $12 to $20 and same percentage increase (60%) to other membershp revenue categories.

Founders Awards—Accepted EXECOM recommendations to establish a Founders Award to recognize early JACL leaders at all levels for their contributions to growth of JACL, directing the Recognitions Committee to develop guidelines.

Revisions to JACL Documents—Proposals for developing a policy manual clarifying roles and responsibilities of JACL and staff were reviewed. Changes involving constitutional amendment referred to Constitutional Revision Committee.

Asian American Studies—Directed National President to write letters of support of Spokane Ad Hoc Committee's case against Washington State University for Asian American studies.

Affirmative Action—Acknowledged resolution from Central California District by reaffirming JACL policy on affirmative action with respect to the Bakke case.

U.S. Flag—Gratefully accepted a new flag for National Headquarters as a gift from the Golden Gate VFW Post 9879; San Francisco.

Aerial Maps—Gratefully accepted two 40x40-inch infra-red aerial maps of central Utah pinpointing the locale of the Topaz WRA Relocation Center from NASA.

Young-Chin Case—Request by Eastern District Council for National JACL permission to conduct legal defense fund drive in the Young-Chin case is withdrawn. The board suggested EDC form an ad hoc committee.

Nikkei Talent Registry—Endorsed the EDC Nikkei talent registry proposal, a listing of outstanding Nikkei in government, industry and professions on a chapter-by-chapter basis.

Staff Retirement—Plan will be executed for JACL staff enrollees, past and present, to settle employee contributions toward JACL retirement plan.

1000 Club—Approved use of 1000 Club member labels from the PC mailing list by the Convention to advertise its whing-ding.

New District Council—Returned petition of San Mateo-Sequoia JACL to form a new district council for lack of a third chartered chapter needed to organize.

JACL Intern—Endorsed Fresno JACL-Central California District proposal to further explore a Dr. Yatabe intern program in JACL.

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REPORTS TO THE BOARD

Legal Counsel—Summarizes completed and pending litigation of JACL interest. (a) In re marriage of Tazuko Artemik, (b) Okubo-Yamada v. Hilton Hotel, (c) Bakke v. Regents of Univ. of California, (d) Minnick v. Dept. of Corrections, (e) Nagai v. Ushio, (f) Doi v. JACL.

Convention Minutes—Further verification required of several drafts thus far prepared.

Hq Bldg. Fund—Campaign has been successfully concluded.

Reparation—Overview of plans, goals and activities of the committee was presented by Dr. Clifford Uyeda, chmn. Brochure under preparation.

Membership Renewal—Because computerization is too expensive, pilot project to use PC address lister to mail renewal notices through PC was suggested.

Against Defamation—Update of incidents and showing of material indicates anti-Japanese racial stereotypes have not diminished. Chairman Floyd Shimomura suggested committee be renamed Human Rights.

NYCC—Noted 22 youth chapters, 500 JAY members, more help needed. The Nat'l JAY Convention will be held July 13-16 at Univ of Utah campus.

FY 1977 Financial Statement—Unaudited statements from Alexander Grant & Co. accepted. Fund balance at $1,130,022—increase of $31,348 from beginning of year. Total revenue: $674,503; total expenses: $603,927.

FY 1979-80 Budget—Pres. Jim Murakami will convene EXECOM and Governors' Caucus May 13-14 to complete FY 1979-80 budget.

—Harry Honda

EEO forum

NEW YORK—To improve Asian American understanding of equal employment opportunities, the local Pacific/Asian Coalition, JACL and Asian American Council will sponsor a forum April 15, 3 p.m., at the Columbia University School of Journalism, Rm 301, 116th and Broadway. John Yoshino, Ron Osajima and Anthony Kahng will address the group. Ruby Yoshino Schaar will chair.

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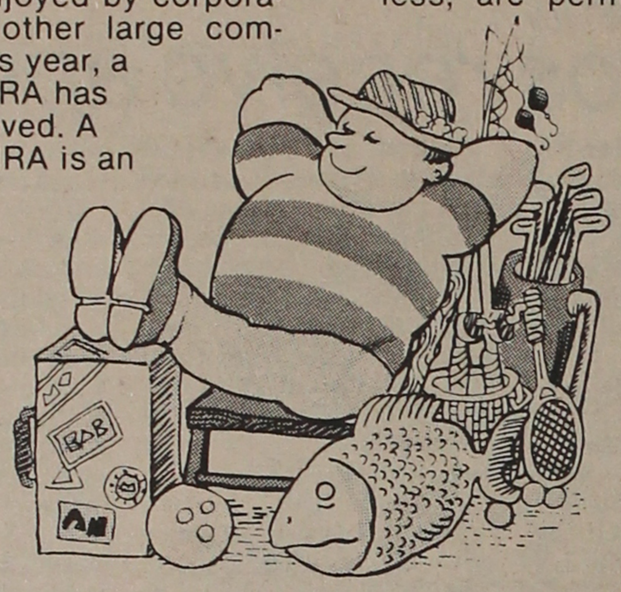

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HARRY HOEGH, 88:

Selma JACL remembers

By MAX KAWANO
Selma, Calif.

Harry Hoegh (pronounced Hoi) was a Selma High School teacher who tried to tell the Army during the hectic days after Pearl Harbor that it was wrong to evacuate persons of Japanese ancestry from California.

When he passed away on Jan. 27, 1978 at the age of 88, there were many Issei and Nisei mourners who remembered the "sensei" who each day of the Evacuation went to the trains and helped the evacuees carry their heavy suitcases. He also visited his former students in the Gila River Relocation Center in Arizona, slept in the barracks and ate in the mess halls in order that he might experience what the internees were experiencing.

A Fair Play Committee member, he welcomed the evacuees back to California in 1945 and tried to see that they were not mistreated by "patriotic" neighbors or misinformed students at school. In the process he was called a "Jap lover" and the lawn at his home was desecrated.

A native of Minnesota, Harry Hoegh's teaching career in Selma began in 1927. Through the years he came to know and respect the hard-working Issei farmers whose children he taught. His philosophy in education and humanitarian ideas endeared him to the minorities whose cultural and ethnic background he bridged. In 1960 he was the recipient of the Freedom Foundation Medal. The Selma Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, at its 10th anniversary banquet in 1960, accorded him special honors.

Harry Hoegh had a memory that surprised many Sansei students with the statement, "I taught your mother" or "I taught your father". He was a familiar figure over the years at funerals of parents of his former Nisei students and often times came by way of taxicab in his later years after having suffered a mild stroke.

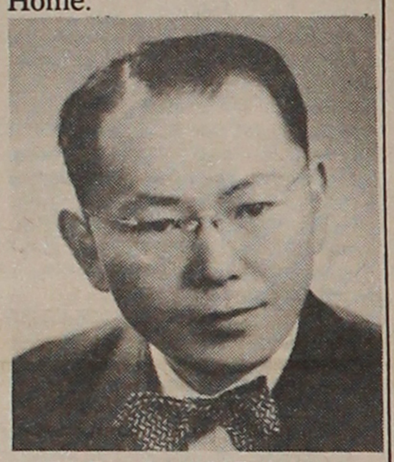
The City of Selma's highest honor, the Citizen of the Year award, was presented to Harry Hoegh in 1974. In 1975 the newly-built Selma High School Library was named "The Harry Hoegh Library". He was heard to say, "There's plenty of room for expanding minds to grow here" on his tour of the new facility.

The Selma JACL recognizes and honors a great educator, humanitarian and friend, Mr. Harry Hoegh. □

EIJI TANABE, 67:

Little Tokyo and JACL leader

LOS ANGELES — Funeral service for Eiji Eddie Tanabe, 67, was held Mar. 16 at the Koyasan Temple under direction of Fukui Mortuary. In ill health for nearly 10 years after suffering a stroke, he died Mar. 10 at the Minami Keiro Nursing Home.



Eiji Tanabe (1947 photo)

One of the most active community leaders in prewar and postwar Little Tokyo life, Tanabe was born in Spokane, Wash., educated in Japan at the Aoyama Gakuin but had spent most of his life in Los Angeles.

A prewar Japanese language school instructor and English editor of the Kashu Mainichi, Tanabe taught Japanese to Army intelligence officers at Michigan, then joined the National JACL staff at Salt Lake City and later was assigned as regional director at Los Angeles in 1947. As JACL staff member, he prepared the Japanese language news releases and brochures. As regional director during the resettlement period, he helped Issei and Nisei evacuees find housing and employment.

Several years later, he resigned from JACL, headed the Miyako Travel Bureau and became involved in community affairs. He was among the founders of Nisei Week Festival, Inc., was Downtown L.A. JACL president in 1949, taught Americanization classes to Issei and engaged in Japanese relief and CARE projects. He headed many other community projects, such as Nagoya sister city, Issei indigent fund drives and eventually was elected president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce in 1961.

He is survived by widow Miyeko, two sons Jack (San Francisco), Roy (Los Angeles) and grandchildren. His son Robert preceded him in death in 1974. □

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'Pro-active' Line for JACL

It is well-known fact that our organization is in hard financial times. There is also no denying that the JACL is often looked to for endorsement and support of activities that involve the welfare of Japanese Americans and more and more the welfare of Asian Americans as a whole. Our ability to respond favorably to such requests will be dependent to a great extent upon the physical and financial resources available to the organization.

Inflation is a fact of life and no American entity is free from its biting impact. Over the past weekend, the National Board was stunned with the dramatic costs involved in maintaining our national organization. It was clear to all members of the board that what costed a certain amount years ago now costs more. Even the efforts to reduce spending and accelerate programs by shortening the fiscal year (as in 1974) did not provide the solution. It did not address the overspending $50,000 in 1974 and $60,000 overspending in 1975. The hard reality is that for JACL to meet the current demands for services their members must also increase the supply of revenue.

The future and viability of the Japanese American Citizens League will once again be put to the test. The membership again will be asked to dig up those extra dollars and make that additional sacrifice to promote their Japanese American heritage. For some it will be a bitter pill to swallow. On the other hand a revenue increase could provide the resurgence of a pro-active national organization prepared and equipped to meet the challenges of the day. The solution can only rest in the conscience of the executive and legislative bodies of the JACL.

For JACL there is only one of three courses of action to pursue. The first is "re-active"—the approach characterized by after-the-fact comment or action. The second is "maintenance"—identified by its reluctance to seek change or any other action that is different from the past. The third is "pro-active"—the ability to anticipate conflict and effectuate social change by dealing with causes, not just symtoms. I CONTEND THAT WE MUST PROMOTE A PRO-ACTIVE JACL. □

REPARATION JACL NATIONAL COMMITTEE

What Is Our Goal?

PART XVIII

By CLIFFORD I. UYEDA

Is there more to our campaign than the seeking of justice for the injuries and the injustice suffered by Japanese Americans at the hands of our own government during World War II?

In the process of seeking justice there are certain notions held by the public that must be dispelled.

The first notion is that Japanese Americans were guilty of disloyalty to their country because of the actions taken against them by the United States. It is a difficult suspicion to dispell in spite of the lack of any evidence or record to support this concept.

The second notion that must be dispelled is that Evacuation was both necessary and justified. It is a powerful belief upheld by the Supreme Court decision in the Korematsu case which held the Evacuation constitutional.

Legal minds now decry this as one of the worst decisions by the U.S. Supreme Court. But there it stands for the apologists to justify the incarceration of American citizens in concentration camps without an indictment or even a charge.

Only the congressional action authorizing meaningful compensations for the victims of this unjust incarceration will ever erase these misconceptions from the public's minds.

Then there is the final and perhaps the most important goal of the campaign. A substantive compensation may be one of the most powerful deterrents against the occurrence of similar abrogation of human rights in the United States. □

CHIAROSCURO:

View from the Bamboo Tower

"Chiaroscuro" is the home for commentaries and opinions by JACL chapter presidents either submitted to the Pacific Citizen or published in their newsletters.

By JIMI MITSUNAGA
(Salt Lake JACL)

Recently in the Pacific Citizen, there were comments from the Happy Valley article, Salt Lake City, which can't go unanswered.

The article expresses the author's opinion regarding the growing separation between the leadership and grassroots membership, poor communication, discrimination in selection of Board members in our Chapter, unknown dues placements, recycled ideas and leadership and worthiness of the coming National Convention.

Apparently due to problems, the author became disenchanted with JACL since 1970, i.e. she became a drop out seven years ago and now looks at the local activities from far and aloft.

Our Chapter leadership for the past two years has consisted of persons who have had very little contact with local JACL activities—they, in most part, were new and enthusiastic about their election as board members. The Board worked hard and had more successful community activities than in previous years. This is evidenced by the fact our Chapter won the IDC Chapter of the Biennium award (as well as the 1976 Inagaki Prize of $500 as the National JACL Chapter of the Biennium.—Ed.) Some of the activities were new; some old, but EACH was worthy of the efforts put forth by the hard working chairman and received exceptional support of our community.

All of my messages in the Utah JA News were either prefaced by or post-scribed by solicitation for suggestions and assistance. None came from viewer from afar.

The National Convention will be held in July, 1978. It represents countless man hours; i.e. meetings, scheduling, solicitations, typing, coordinating, planning, etc. The National Biennium Conventions have been regarded as worthy in the past and continue to be so regarded. This is especially true this year, since it is our "Silver Anniversary."

If there are some that have doubts about our Chapter activities, dues placements or anything, they need only to ask. Our Chapter has always been available to our members and we have openly invited their comments. If there are situations that offended any of our members, the solution lies not in further apathy, but in involvement, input and dialogue. □

35 Years Ago
IN THE PACIFIC CITIZEN
March 25, 1943

March 25—JACL files amicus curiae with District Court of Appeals in Los Angeles in the Y. Oshiro case, involving evacuee's liability on property lease in Little Tokyo.

March 25—War Department seeks Buddhist chaplain for new Japanese American combat team, noting good percentage of volunteers are of Buddhist faith.

Last month—A Nisei in the Captain Courageous comic strip, Nikki Fuji, escapes from the Santa Anita Assembly Center to look for his dog and discovers his uncle plotting with a Japanese saboteur. Nikki becomes a hero, helping Captain Courageous foil the plot.

BY THE BOARD:

Desperate Plight of JACL

By PAUL TSUNEISHI
PSWDC Governor

Los Angeles

The March 31, 1978 House Judiciary subcommittee hearing on HR 5150 in Los Angeles brings to a focus the desperate plight of JACL with regards to its ability to fund costs necessary to support issues on which JACL has committed itself.

HR 5150 deals with the medical needs of atomic bomb survivors in the United States. JACL at its Sacramento, 1976 convention, supported the concepts embodied in this bill, but efforts to put monies into the budget were defeated because the budget adopted in Sacramento had no provision for this type of outlay.

Because of the Sacramento decision, JACL issues which should be funded out of revenues, such as the Okuba-Yamada fund, reparations, support for HR 5150, monies so that national committees can meet, and other integral parts of our national program are suffering.

At the recent national board meeting I asked for the allocation of $300 to bear the costs related to the March 31 hearing here in Los Angeles (it now appears the cost will be closer to $1,000 for buses to transport groups to the hearing, etc.), but due to the cash flow problems of JACL, we were unable to locate $300 in a $500,000 budget!

Hence the ad you find in today's PC.

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ACLU has asked JACL to co-sponsor a memorial service for A.L. Wirin in Los Angeles on April 9, and Glen Isomoto and myself are on the ACLU committee organizing this service. I was going to ask National to fund half of the cost of the service (which should be a few hundred dollars), but decided against it after the board was unable to find $300 for the HR 5150 hearing. We will just appeal to interested persons to contribute to our fair share of the memorial service costs.

JACL, fortunately, under new leadership, is getting its house in order, but it is abundantly clear that there remains no fat in our budget, that inflation is eroding our fiscal base, that regional offices desperately need to get the funding back they lost in Sacramento, that even with a reduced national staff at San Francisco, that we are cutting into the muscle and bone of JACL programs and staffing.

At the recent National Board meeting we adopted a revenue budget in which the contents, except for the PC increase of $2 per year, were not clearly defined. What I am hearing from members in the PSW District since that meeting is a clear mandate for the May 13 budget clarification meeting in San Francisco to define the benefits for each dollar of dues increase we are recommending. □

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Reparation

Editor:

I applaud the excellent series of articles on Reparation. I believe our government should pay for damages done to its citizens. As for objections to reparation, I have been very curious to know why. One example was Masaru Odoi's letter (PC, Jan. 20).

Quoting from the Book of Job, he says Japanese Americans have received great good from the U.S. government. Does he consider the U.S. government to be a benefactor, sitting above us? This kind of thinking is Japanese feudalism, long dead today.

Odoi continues that because of such benefits, Japanese Americans should renounce reparation. By doing so, it would set a moral example for our fellow citizens. What moral principle is he talking about?

Odoi says we should sacrifice because we love America. I say that because I love America, I would like to see our government do justice—i.e., reparation. Then, we can be really proud of America.

Odoi is not standing up for his rights. I wonder how common this type of thinking is among Japanese Americans. The matter goes beyond reparation. I am seriously concerned because his opinion infers the self-denial of our basic human rights—again this is so reminiscent of fossilized Japanese feudalism.

NOBUYUKI NAKAJIMA
Sheffield Lake, Ohio

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Editor:

What is "Reparation"?

"In the past, a wrong was done to us. Therefore, now give us money." Chinzy?

Chinzy.

SHUJI KIMURA
(Of Family #16848)
Crystal Lake, Ill.

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Local JACL Scholarships

Over the years, individual JACL chapters have offered or administered for benefactors scholarships to graduates of local area high schools and community colleges. We have attempted to make this list as complete as possible. Any additions or changes should be reported to the Pacific Citizen immediately, as we intend to reprint this in April.

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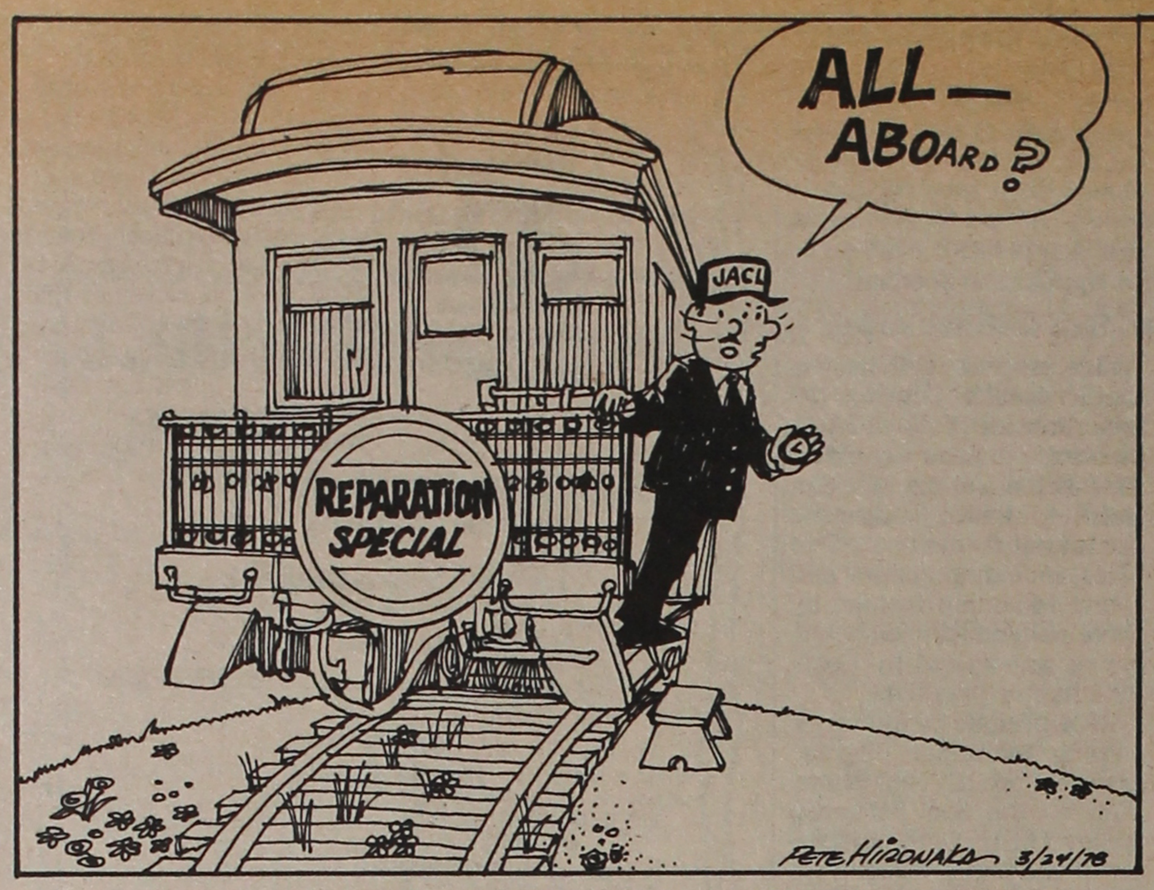

FROM HAPPY VALLEY: Sachi Seko

P.S. to a 1973 Incident

Salt Lake City

My life has always been troubled. Working with words has further complicated it. After complaining about poor communications, I have contributed to the chaos. (See "Chiaroscuro" on Page 4.)

The distinguished Mr. Jimi Mitsunaga, Salt Lake JACL president, has applied a local interpretation to an article intended nationally. The piece was a personal tribute to my friend, Helen Kawagoe (PC 1/27/78).

Since Helen is a national figure, it seemed reasonable to me that the context of my piece was national. One analogy was used, referring to a Salt Lake JACL incident, the chapter specifically cited in the sentence for clarity.

The chapter president, being an attorney, knows the importance of facts. He writes that I am a drop out member since 1970, not participating in local activities for seven years. For the record, copies of the chapter newsletter show that a Sachi Seko edited the paper and chaired a JACL art show in 1971.

His article states, that "due to problems", I became disenchanted with his chapter. The ambiguity of his statement compels me to specifically cite my discontent, to dispel any rumors.

On Aug. 31, 1973, the PC carried a front-page story headlined, "Teacher insults CL speaker". It was a special to the PC. The story was also carried nationally by other Japanese American papers.

The story originated in Salt Lake City. It concerned accusations of racism against a white teacher by a local JACL speaker. Having some sensitivity about this community, through a period of long business involvement, something made me investigate the matter.

Maybe it was an old reporter's instinct. The name of the accused and the specific school had been omitted from the story. That could have been for two reasons; to spare the educator personal embarrassment or that there was some lack of credibility.

Through the complicated process of using personal contacts, I was able to learn the identity of the accused. I was the only one who called him. He was shocked and distraught. Nobody had bothered to check the facts with him. It was ironic to learn that he had been personally responsible for introducing ethnic studies into his school district.

Immediately, I sought the assistance of both national and district JACL officers who live in this city. Both said they guessed something was wrong, gave me assurance that the matter had to be quickly contained.

Since the Salt Lake JACL board was meeting that night, I asked the national officer to secure an apology from them. He had refused to issue an apology himself, saying he had no authority. He passed the buck. Nor did he offer to write a letter as a private citizen.

Further, I informed him that if the apology was not forthcoming, I would write an article in defense of the white educator. He promised to relay the board's decision to me that night. The courtesy of his reply was never received.

Witnesses later told me that when the board learned I was preparing a defense of the teacher, the meeting became vociferously emotional. Among the wilder suggestions was one that the board have the right to censor all my PC material.

They refused to issue an apology. My article appeared as "Classroom Incident" (PC 9/14/73). Strangely, in view of their opposition to issuing an apology, no later communications from the Salt Lake JACL board appeared in the PC to refute my story.

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There is a postscript to this. The educator, puzzling over the unwarranted attack, called later to ask whether I thought it had been plotted in retaliation of his son's political activities.

Curiosity led me to make further inquiries about the accused. I learned that his wife was a grassroots leader in the Democratic party. He was a founder and organizer of an annual city sports tournament sponsored by the state's largest paper.

The actions I took were not motivated by his wife's powerful political position or his important newspaper connections. This information came later.

In the eyes of some, I had committed a grievous sin by crossing both community and color lines. To them, what I had done was bad. Sometimes it is necessary to do what is right, without regard for good or bad.

I profess no courage, being one of the biggest cowards around. But looking backward at our history as a persecuted people, I am beholden to those who took a stand for us. Looking forward into a time when a Sansei or Yonsei, maybe a school teacher, is falsely attacked, I hope some other fool like me will also covet principle over politics.

Mike Masaoka said it best in his Final Report (PC 12/22/72). "In recent years, I have noticed with considerable distaste what might be described as the growth of yellow racism among some Americans of Japanese ancestry. To me, this is as abhorrent as white, black, or any kind of racism and should have no place in JACL."

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Apathy did not drive me away from the Salt Lake chapter. It was anger and disgust. It was also in the best interests of the chapter that I left. I did not want to be the cause of controversy or embarrassment.

In recent years, I have joined the New York chapter at the warm invitation of Ruby Yoshino Schaar, pioneer JACL leader and 1978 chapter president.

Although I have not participated in local activities, I like to feel that my PC writings since 1972 are a form of voluntary contribution to the JACL movement. It is a privilege for me to contribute to the written record of our Nisei history as an ordinary woman who has lived in extraordinary times. □

A dollar is something that can never fall as low as the means some people adopt to get it. —Bill Nye

FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

The March Mailbag

Denver, Colo.

PETE HIRONAKA, our esteemed cartoonist from frigid Ohio, sends a clipping from the Dayton Journal Herald discussing aphrodisiacs through the ages. On the list is eel, and Hironaka asks in puckish fashion whether this alleged power has anything to do with my fondness for it. Matter of fact, I was totally unaware that eel wields that kind of magic.

Other foods on the list of aphrodisiacs are asparagus, caviar, garlic, ginseng, honey, lobster, oysters, peaches and truffles. I love them all except garlic (for obvious reasons), ginseng (which I seldom see), and truffles (don't ever recall eating any). Far as I can tell, the rest make for great eating but not much else.

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ANYBODY KNOW where an old friend can find Mary Tanigawa who lived in Hanna, Wyo., before the war? Peggy Varvandakis, now Smith, who lives in Laramie, Wyo., recalled recently how war hysteria swept into even a remote coal mining town like Hanna in 1941-42, and how some of the kids were mean to the handful of Nisei like Mary who lived there. Peggy was one of those who remained loyal. If anyone knows about Mary Tanigawa, Peggy Varvandakis Smith would be most grateful if you'd write to her at 1968 No. 16th, Laramie, Wyo. 82070.

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DOUGLAS KENDALL, a Nisei-type of Dutch origin and a member of the Puyallup (Wash.) JACL chapter, writes in knowledgeable fashion about a recent column on current Japanese semantics, in particular about my reference to the expression *Iji no warui hito*. Says he: "*Iji* is a noun referring to temper or disposition, thus *iji no warui hito* is an individual of bad or quick temper, usually shortened to an "ill-tempered person".

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A RECENT COLUMN about the roots of Japanese Americans moved Marjorie Kawasaki Kimura of Chicago to send me an illustrated booklet about her father, titled "Man from Oki", which she wrote and published a half dozen years ago. It is an elaborate effort to catch the feel and flavor of her lineage going back to Oki Island in the Sea of Japan. It was only after reading through the entire book that I realized Mrs. Kimura is the sister of my old friend of Seattle days, Corky Kawasaki, who the last I heard was in Portland, Ore.

That column also led to the receipt of an even more ambitious publishing effort started in 1969 by the Rev. Heihachiro Takarabe of the Parkview Presbyterian Church in Sacramento. He began to tape interviews with Issei members of his congregation. By 1973 the project had grown so large that it was incorporated and placed under the direction of a board. More than 180 interviews with Issei were taped by volunteers and the laborious work of translating and transcribing them got under way.

The first publication of this effort, a book titled "Issei Christians" and based on interviews with six persons, was published last summer. A second volume, "Portrait of a Pioneer," described as "the first comprehensive oral history of the collective Issei experience in America," is scheduled next. Mrs. Asako Tokuno, who sent me the first book, is chairperson of the board.

Like most oral histories, "Issei Christians" is a series of rambling and sometimes disjointed recollections. But that is part of their charm. The editors have done a remarkable job of keeping the flavor of old people reminiscing, with not a little humor as when Nisuke Mitsumori, 84 years at the time he was interviewed, recalled how friends and relatives overrode his reluctance to marry a woman he'd never met.

There also is deep pathos, as in the story of Mrs. Kazuko Hayaski who came to the United States in 1909 as a young bride, soon lost her husband to illness while she was pregnant with her first child. Years later she married again, and this time her husband was killed in an accident, but she persevered to bring up her family.

All this will make stirring reading years from now. □

Deadlines

Mar. 31—Nomin for Japanese American of the Biennium, to JACL Hq; presentation July 22 during Convention at Salt Lake City.

April 1—Applic, support ltrs for Nat'l JACL scholarships (freshman & collegiate) to JACL Hq; awards announced in June.

April 15—Applic, papers for Cultural Heritage Fellowship to JACL Hq; awards announced by June.

April 17—Nomin for JACL Nat'l Officers from Districts (90 days prior to Conv) to Nomin Comm chmn Tom Hori, 845 S Main, Rm 204, Bountiful, Ut 84010.

April 30—New deadline for Conv Booklet copy and ads at Conv Bd, 83 D St, Salt Lake City, Ut 84103.

May 1—Conv resolutions, c/o Steve Nakashima, at JACL Hq.

May 1—Nomin for Masaoka Disting Pub Sv Award to Wash JACL Office, Suite 204, 1730 Rhode Island Ave NW, WDC 20036; award announced during Conv.

May 1—Nomin for JACLer of Biennium to JACL Hq; presentation July 19, during Conv Salt Lake City.

May 7—NC-WNDC input for JACL Constitution amendments to Geo Kondo, Regional Office.

May 19—Chapter Dues for 1978, c/o Credentials Committee, Helen Kawagoe, ch, at JACL Hq.

May 20—Amendments to JACL Constitution to Nat'l Director, JACL Hq from all chapters/districts (60 days prior to Conv).

June 1—Entries from JACL chapters for Inagaki Prize to JACL Hq; awards announced during Conv.

June 15—Chapter Proxy Authorization and Voting Delegate Forms, c/o Credentials Comm at JACL Hq.

June 19—Budget/Conv Agenda from Hq to all JACL chapters (30 days prior to Conv).

June 30—Contribs to JACL Okubo-Yamada Fund, JACL Hq.

Calendar

* A non-JACL event

● **MAR. 25 (Saturday)**

Mt Olympus—Fundarama.

*Los Angeles—442nd Vet Assn dance, Memorial Aud, Culver City.

Milwaukee—1000 Club whing ding, Country Gardens.

San Gabriel Valley—Panel: Evacuation, ESGVJACC, 7:30 p.m.; Phil Shigekuni, mod.

● **MAR. 26 (Easter Sunday)**

East Los Angeles — Easter egg hunt, Granada Park, Alhambra, 2-4 p.m.

● **MAR. 29 (Wednesday)**

*Gardena—Pre-retirement seminar I, JCI, 7:30 p.m.; Dr Tsuyoshi Okada, spkr.

● **MAR. 31 (Friday)**

*El Cerrito—Issei retirement planning, Berk/Rchmnd Free Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.

*Chicago—Assn for Asian Studies mtg, Palmer House, 8 p.m.

● **APRIL 1 (Saturday)**

Livingston-Merced—Issei appreciation potluck dnr.

Diablo Valley—Center Players Production of Kashiwagi Plays, Diablo JA Club, Concord, 6 p.m.

*Sacramento—MIS Assn dnr mtg; McClellan AFB Officers Club, 5 p.m.; Assemblyman Paul Bannai, spkr.

*New York—Night of Nations Festival, International House.

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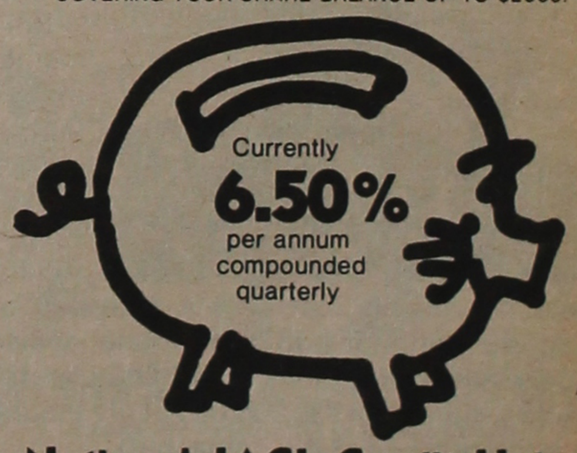

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● Alameda

Plans are set for a beginning bonsai class to be taught by Mr. N. Kuge. Interested individuals should contact either Yas Koike (523-9817) or Kuge (523-5409).

Alameda JACLers took a helpful lesson in artificial respiration and other first aid techniques March 13 from the Alameda Fire Department. Films, lectures and artifical respiration practice on a dummy were included in the demonstration.

● East Los Angeles

The East Los Angeles JACL Easter egg hunt this Sunday will be held from 2-4 p.m. at Granada Park on Hellman Ave. in Alhambra, it was announced by chapter president Dr. Robert Obi. All children in the community have been invited.

● Mile-Hi

A unique request from the Univ. of Colorado Library at Boulder was received by the Mile-Hi JACL recently, asking the community for suggestions on books to be included in their Japanese section. They should be made with Dr. Masataka Mizushima, CU faculty member (494-0603).

Chapter was to have its annual membership get-together Mar. 3 at the Buddhist temple.

● Oakland

Attorney Roy Ikeda was elected Oakland JACL president at the Mar. 3 meeting held at Oakland's Sumitomo Bank hospitality room, according to George Kondo, No. Calif.-Western Nevada regional director. Installation dinner has been tentatively set for Saturday, April 21.

The newly reorganized chapter also endorsed the concept of the Eastbay Issei Housing Project, announced support of Japan Day festivities at Children's Fairyland this year and plans to publish a chapter newsletter each quarter.

● Riverside

Riverside JACLers were praying rain would not fall on their Easter egg hunt held March 18 at Canyon Crest Park. Event was chaired by Michiko Yoshimura.

The chapter also bid a sad adieu to Mrs. M. Iseda and Mrs. K. Nakabayashi who moved from Riverside. Mrs. Iseda had been the Riverside reporter for the Rafu Shimpo and had helped at many Sendai Festival functions. Mrs. Nakabayashi was known for her flower arranging classes and flower shows at the Sendai Festival.

● San Fernando Vly.

Ten scholarships of $100 each and two $500 Eugene Oda memorial scholarships are available to San Fernando Valley or Simi Valley high school graduates, it was announced by the San Fernando Valley Japanese Community Center and local JACL chapter. Seniors should either see their scholarship advisers or Irene Sumida (349-3997). April 1 is the application deadline.

● San Gabriel Valley

Five panelists will discuss the Evacuation during the San Gabriel Valley JACL meeting on Saturday, Mar. 25, 7:30 p.m., at the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center. Two films, including prewar and Heart Mountain footage by Dave Nitake, will be shown, it was announced by Toshi Ito, chapter president.

As a prelude to the forthcoming Manzanar Pilgrimage on April 22, Phil Shigekuni of the San Fernando Valley JACL will be moderator of the panel, titled "Fish Bowl". Ed Tokeshi will be the meeting emcee. Panelists are:

Ted Hamachi, Marvel Miyata, Yoshi Kadota, Yosh Sogioka and Hideo Kiyan.

● St. Louis

The St. Louis JACL chapter will be holding its annual Easter egg hunt March 26 at Tilles Park (Skow Shelter). Fun starts at 1:30 p.m. and organizers encourage sack lunches if weather looks good. Prizes will be awarded.

● Washington, D.C.

A welcome reception for all members who joined the Washington, D.C. JACL this year and this past year will be held on Sunday, April 2, 3-5 p.m. at the River Road Unitarian Church at Bethesda.

Members of the chapter board, headed by young attorney David Nikaido, will be present as they are anxious to meet newcomers and new members. For information, call:

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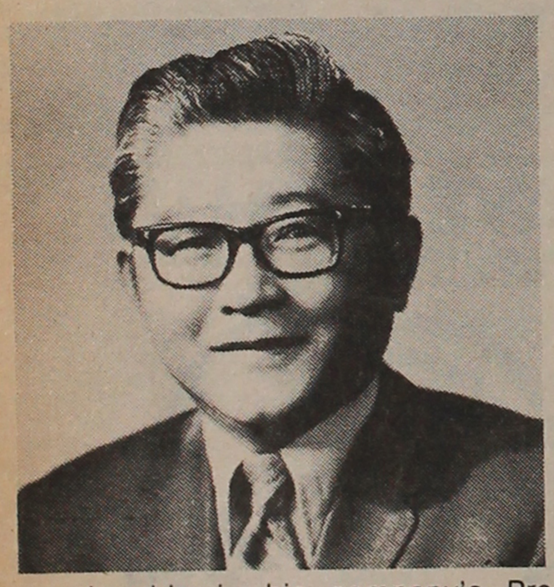

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in the relationship among government, business and consumers.

"Every time government sets a regulation on a building, it raises the cost to the consumer. Property assessments have been going up 100-200% and nothing tangible has been done to reduce the taxes. This turns the burden to the consumer," he said.

On a less serious note, Miyoshi jokes his campaign was one of his most "nerve-wracking experiences" — but one that brought him in touch with a lot of people on a first-name basis.

His wife, Jeanne, and two daughters Lisa and Joni, were swept up in the hubbub as well.

Miyoshi ventured from Santa Maria only for short periods during his earlier years—first to volunteer in the Army in 1946 and then to earn his BS from USC in business administration in the '50s.

He is a past president of the Santa Maria JACL, vice-chairman of the Employment Development Department Advisory Committee and an honoree in "Who's Who of the West," a Marquis publication.

In spite of all this, though, politics have won him over the most—for right now anyway.

"I really feel comfortable as a politician as it relates to local government," he admitted.

"I guess maybe I'm just a politician at heart."

—Pat Tashima

Rep. Danielson cites

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A commendation to Tanka poet Minoru Fujita, one of 12 people selected to have poems read before the Emperor of Japan on two different occasions, was read into the Congressional Record by Rep. George Danielson (D-Calif.)

"Mr. Fujita has the rare distinction of being selected as one of 10 finalists who participated in a ceremony held in the Imperial Palace in Japan," Danielson said, noting the Rosemead poet was entered with about 30,000 others.

Rosemead Nikkei

The annual poetry reading consists of short poems of 31 syllables known as "tanka". □

Filipino art

OAKLAND, Calif.—Plans for a Filipino Art and Culture Program will be discussed March 24, 6:30 p.m. at the Oakland Museum.

Japanese cooking course

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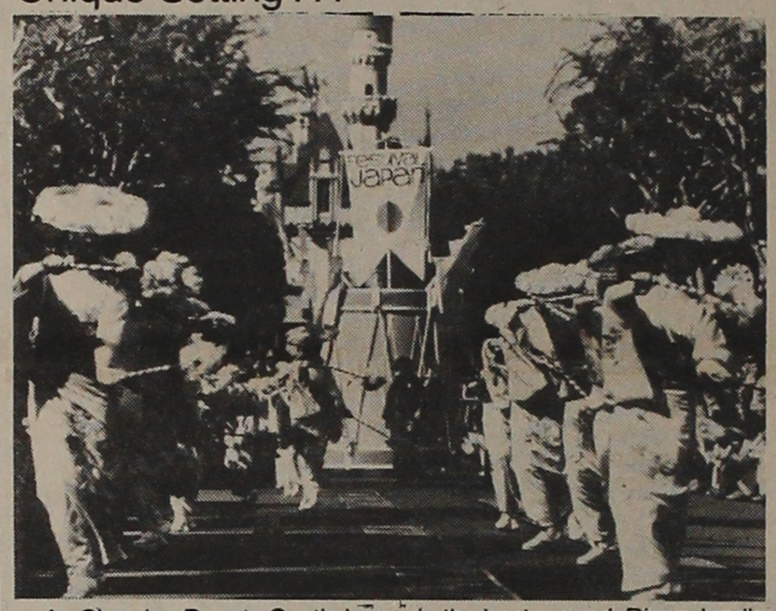

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● The Arts

Seiji Ozawa, new conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, told reporters "I knocked on wood for luck" before his March 2 performance in Fukuoka, Japan. His arrival as director of the renowned symphony was a triumph, as the capacity audience of 1,800 called Ozawa back eight times after the performance of Brahms' Symphony No. 3 and two Ravel pieces. The 43-year-old artist said, "This is a dream come true."

Famed Japanese contemporary printmaker **Masuo Ikeda**, whose works are on exhibit at the L.A. County Museum of Art, was honored at a luncheon recently. Born in Manchuria in 1934, he was repatriated to Japan following World War II. A self-taught artist, he began working in oil and woodblock printing in 1952, has held a one-man show at the Museum of Modern Art in New York and won the International Grand Prize in graphics at the Venice Biennale.

Photographer **Kaoru Higuchi** currently is presenting an exhibit at the California First Bank in Little Tokyo. On display are works from South American newspapers and Little Tokyo Camera Service Center, San Francisco (1978). "Reflecting back at 20 years of experience and problems pertaining to photography, I have accumulated a legacy of treasures that has given me a volition and will continue to be better," Higuchi said. ... A series of 26 drawings, "The Alphabet Series" by **Ken Iwamasa**, Univ. of Colorado assistant fine arts professor, was on display at the Denver Art Museum ... Environmental sculptures and architectural projects of **Isamu Noguchi** will be shown at the Stanton Gallery in Colorado later this year.

● Business

George 'Clem" Oyama, charter president of the Golden Gate Optimist Club has finally returned to San Francisco after a 16-year absence that was originally supposed to be a short, seven-month business trip. Oyama, now retired, headed business enterprises founded by his brother, Wes, in Tokyo. ... **Sam S. Sato**, manager of California First Bank's Japan Center office, has been named director of the Better Business Bureau of San Francisco, Ltd. for 1978. Sato, formerly manager of the bank's North Fresno office, was appointed as manager of the Japan Center office last year.

● Courtroom

Ted T. Yamamoto, 40, of Palos Verdes, has been booked on suspicion of possession of cocaine for sale after being found at a Long Beach home with a quarter ounce of the drug. Yamamoto, an attorney, was apprehended Mar. 2 with Patricia Stepkowski, 57, of Long Beach. Officers reportedly confiscated cocaine, marijuana and pills valued at "several thousand dollars". Stepkowski is suspected of selling the narcotics to schoolchildren and was booked. Both posted bail set at $5,000 apiece.

● Media

Bill Hosokawa, editorial page editor of the Denver Post, was a runner-up in the commentary competition of the annual journalism excellence contest sponsored by the Denver Newspaper Guild. Post staff members dominated the awards for the second straight year, accumulating 18 of 20 awards for photography, news writing and headline writing.

Alice Kasai, Salt Lake JACLer and JCP coordinator, was named in February to the Salt Lake Tribune Common Carrier Board of lay editors, which meets monthly to review articles submitted by representatives of organizations for publication in the Sunday issue.

● Organizations

Laura Kunioka of Waimea High School, Kauai, was elected Island President of the Future Homemakers of America for 1978-79. **Renee Matsuda**, also of Waimea, was the state candidate to the FHA island conference held recently at Kauai Resort Hotel.

● Religion

Rev. Shoko Masunaga, rinban of the Buddhist Church of Sacramento, has assumed duties as head minister of the Walnut Grove Buddhist Church. During his 4½ years at Sacramento Betsuin, he served as the state legislature's first Buddhist chaplain in the Senate 1975-76.

Harry Kawamoto, of San Diego, was elected president of the Western Adult Buddhist League at the annual conference held in San Jose. Nearly 250 delegates attended. The conference honored **Fred Nitta**, of Watsonville, who through nearly four decades devoted his time to the organization's youth activities

Caucus of eight Southern California-Arizona Japanese American United Methodist Churches will be chaired by **Shinichi Maesaki** and the **Rev. Harry Murakami**, both of the West Los Angeles UMC. The **Rev. George Nishikawa**, Los Angeles conference district superintendent, is adviser. Other member churches are Centenary, Santa Maria, Orange County's Nozomi, St. Paul of Oxnard, North Gardena, Sage of El Monte, and Mesa, Ariz., Okuda.

● Sports

At the Oahu Interscholastic swim championships Feb. 18 at Honolulu's Kaiser High, the Radford girls and Roosevelt boys took team honors but **Diane Kutsunai** of Roosevelt basked in the spotlight with two efforts under the national standard; 58.05s in the 100 butterfly and 5:07.94 in the 500 free. Aiea's **Daniel Arakaki** also broke two records: 2:03.93 in the 200 individual medley and 1:00.79 in the 100 breast stroke. Diane also competed with the U.S. national team in two European meets earlier, setting an American record with 2:14.31 in the 200-m butterfly while **Kailu Chun** of Kamehameha won the 100 and 200 backstrokes in Paris in 1:04.54 and 2:16.33, respectively, both new U.S. records.

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