

14 Nikkei nominated for Friendship Commission

SAN FRANCISCO—Names of 14 nominees for vacancies on the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission were submitted this past week (Mar. 31) by JACL National Headquarters to the State Department.

Four vacancies are expected in May. JACL, long disputing the lack of Nikkei involvement on the panel, Asians named to immigration advisory panel

WASHINGTON — Four Asian Americans were named Mar. 29 to the Federal Advisory Committee on Immigration and Naturalization, formerly the Hispanic Advisory Committee, Commissioner Leonel Castillo announced.

They are Norman Lau Kee, New York attorney; Joji Konoshima, member of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Asian Pacific Americans; Harry Lee, New Orleans attorney and Corazon V. Tig-lao of George Washington University.

The committee of 22 members of various ethnic backgrounds will provide an organized channel of communication between the INS and various ethnic communities in the U.S. and is expected to advise the immigration service on matters such as outreach services, community relations programs and research and treatment of documented and undocumented aliens. □

hopes all four spots will go to Japanese Americans, JACL officials said.

Nominees were recruited by regional committees and resumes were forwarded to National Headquarters. They are:

NC-WNDC—John Tateishi, MD; Michael Ito, JD; Clifford Uyeda, MD; Charles Kubokawa, PhD; PSWDC—Jim Araki, PhD; Tomoo Ogita, MA; Jun Mori, JD; Akira Kubota, PhD; Ford Kuramoto, DSW; CCDC—Judge Mikio Uchiyama; PNWDC—Minoru Masuda, PhD; Jim Tsujimura, MD; EDC—Mary Watanabe, PhD; MDC—Yuzuru Takeshita, PhD.

JACL has been working diligently to secure a Nikkei appointment to the 18-member commission, made up of 12 members from the U.S. Panel of the Joint Committee on United States-Japan Cultural and Educational Cooperation (CULCON).

The overlapping of membership between the two panels has been criticized by JACL officials, however recent negotiations with the White House has resulted in the appointment of a three-man team to study the apparent duplication of duties.

Headed by Jack Kelly, of the President's Reorganization Project, the team consists of Bill Cramer, Bill Bonsteel and Eric Hirschhorn.

Kelly has reaffirmed the White House's commitment to bring in more Nikkei involvement on the Friendship Commission, JACL officials said.

His involvement in the commission has been the basis, in part, for the large gains made by the JACL in modifying the body.

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Bannai poll: 70% favor Jarvis-Gann plan

Los Angeles
A survey taken recently by Assemblyman Paul Bannai shows nearly 70% of his constituents support the controversial Jarvis-Gann Initiative (Prop. 13) on the June 6 California ballot to reduce property taxes.

Bannai represents the 53rd District, which includes the cities of Carson, Gardena, Hawthorne, Lawndale, Lennox and surrounding Los Angeles County. Nearly 1,500 people have responded to the March 10 survey.

Approval of Prop. 13 would limit property taxes to 1% of the assessed market value, sharply reducing government revenues and available public services.

Constituents were asked which property tax reform measure they preferred: (1) Senate Bill 1, known as the Behr Bill; (2) Prop. 13; (3) a "circuit breaker" which would tie the amount of relief to household income; (4) an increase in homeowner's exemption; (5) having the state assume the burden for education and welfare or (6) placing a spending limit on local governments.

The Jarvis Initiative was overwhelmingly the most favored method, followed by the state assuming education and welfare burdens, and then the placing of spending limits on local government.

The Behr amendment was the least acceptable proposal, according to the survey.

The survey noted that any measure providing for major property tax relief would require either a reduction in local services or an increase in other taxes. Constituents were asked what services they thought should be reduced if the need arose.

Nearly half of the respondents said reductions could be made in the area of housing and urban development or renewal. Leased favored areas of reduction involved police, fire and public safety.

Those opposing a reduction in local services, when asked which areas taxes should be increased so the state could underwrite services now funded by property taxes, cited bank and corporate taxes. The least favored

increase was in state personal income tax.

Survey results from Bannai's office were issued on the heels of Mayor Bradley's \$1,175,668,776 budget proposal, which if accepted by the City Council, would give Los Angeles taxpayers a cut in the city's portion of their property taxes.

The mayor said that even with this tax cut, there would be no reduction in services to Los Angeles citizens.

Bradley, however, said that not included in the proposed budget are the 30% reductions required in each city department in the event Prop. 13 passes.

Should the initiative pass, Bradley said he would have to send drastic alternative budgets to the council after the elections.

In his message to the council, Bradley went to great lengths to outline the "magnitude of the potential impact" of Prop. 13's passage, including the following:

—Property tax revenue would be reduced by \$235 million or more, creating the possibility the city will receive no property tax revenue for the next fiscal year—or until the vague legalities of the proposition are

cleared in court;

—8,000 regular city employees and all 5,500 CETA workers would be laid off, including 2,100 police officers, 1,000 LAPD civilians and 1,000 firefighters;

—Six of 17 police stations would be closed, as well as 38 fire stations and 10 branch libraries;

—Emergency ambulance service would be severely cut;

—Continuation of city refuse collection would require payment by homeowners or the contracting of private collectors for the service;

—Spay and neuter services for animals would be reduced 40%, animal immunization programs would be eliminated and animal shelters in West Los Angeles and the Harbor would be closed;

—Street cleaning would be cut back to, at best, once every five weeks, with extensive reductions in tree-trimming, landscaping and street maintenance;

—Substantial curtailment of parks and recreation services, with 43 new recreation and parks facilities possibly standing idle, and

—Brush clearance and weed abatement activities would be significantly reduced.

"It is easy to see, then, that if Prop. 13 passes, without exaggeration, it will hit the city like a neutron bomb, leaving some city facilities standing virtually empty and human services devastated," Bradley said.

Respondents in the Bannai

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Attracting 'quality industry' goal for new Woodland mayor

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)

WOODLAND, Calif.—Two years ago, annoyed at the way city government was handling the community's affairs, John Kimura found himself airing his pleasure to a local reporter at a public meeting.

"There was no one on the city council who represented my views," Kimura remembers. "And I thought a lot of people in town shared mine. I felt the city was growing too rapidly. There was an uncontrolled growth situation."

"I felt unless we did something about it, we would have serious problems in five to 10 years."

The reporter listened—and egged on by the newsman, Kimura, on what was "kind of a dare", filed candidacy papers and ran for city council.

He won with the largest vote count in the field. And, as the candidate with the most votes he, in keeping with tradition, became mayor two years later—the first Japanese American mayor in Yolo County.

Kimura officially replaced Harold "Slim" Roberts as mayor March 14.

"My feeling when first elected to the council was that the mayor was just a figurehead position and that he had equal status with the other councilmen," Kimura said, having been in the high post about a month now.

"But I've changed that view. As mayor, I've found I can direct policy easier and make things happen. You know, it's a lot easier for a mayor to put things on the agenda than it is for a councilman. A mayor could really manipulate things," he laughed, adding reassuringly, "I haven't, though."

Kimura, 33, has stressed the need to attract "quality industry", to control growth and get people "who will be an asset rather than a burden" to the community.

"I wanted to stress agriculture more," he said, "it's a stable industry—a \$100 million business. I wanted to keep the perspective there. Some of the prime agricultural land was being gobbled up by development."

As mayor, Kimura finds his time heavily involved more with politics than in his work as a tomato grower. His council faces some major tasks this term—conducting hearings on a newly-revised General Plan, rejuvenating the downtown area, developing a long-range plan for capital improvements and holding down the tax rate as much as possible.

"Being mayor does take up more time—you have more meetings to go to. You have to meet with staff before the council meetings to know what will be going on."

"We have people really interested in doing things on our council—and not people who are there just for prestige or ego. Before, the council would leave things up to staff, but I say the staff is only as good as its council."

Kimura is not the only member of the family involved in political activities. His wife, Marcia, served on the Planning Commission four years and is now active in California Women for Agriculture, a growing organization formed in Indio.

Any further political aspirations stop at the local level for Kimura, however. "I feel I would be frustrated as a state legislator or county supervisor," he said. "They get into things I don't even want to touch."

"In city government, you deal with the nuts and bolts—the actual operation. When you get into social service programs (as higher level politicians do), it's never-ending."

Born in Kansas City, Kimura is a graduate



Harold 'Slim' Roberts (left) passes his gavel as mayor of Woodland to new Mayor John Kimura, one of the eight Japanese American mayors in California sworn in this past month.

of Oregon State University and member of the Sacramento JACL. The young mayor also believes in staying physically fit and is an avid bowler, skier and flyer. He and his wife have a one-year-old son, J Morley.

The Kimura family has grown tomatoes in Woodland the past eight years. Farming still

remains the mayor's number one commitment, so much so that re-election plans in another two years just might be bypassed.

"I want to get everything done in two years," he said. "And I think I can get most of my plans accomplished. Then I just want to concentrate on farming again." □

Cherry Blossom Festival . . .



San Francisco Japantown marks its 11th annual Cherry Blossom Festival over two weekends, April 13-16 and April 20-23. A 2½ hour grand parade with some 800 dancers and musicians from Japan climaxes the festival on Sunday afternoon, April 23. Young Yonsei dancers (above) pass by the Peace Pagoda in Japan Center.

COORDINATOR SOUGHT

PAC opens Washington office

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The Pacific/Asian Coalition is establishing a Washington Office to strengthen its efforts to advocate and facilitate the delivery of human services to Pacific/Asian American communities, it was announced by Dr. Mary Watanabe, PAC national president, of Philadelphia.

Search for a Washington coordinator to establish and maintain the office is now underway with an April 22 filing deadline for applications, care of: P/AC National Office, Wash'n Coord Search Comm, 1760 The Alameda, Suite 210, San Jose, Ca 95126. (Roy Hirabayashi: 408-295-7290.)

Meantime, the PAC has received its fifth year grant from the National Institute of Mental Health to continue

its program. Its national board of directors, headed by Mary Watanabe of Philadelphia, convened Mar. 17-19 in New York at the Doral Inn. Board members include:

Marge Taniwaki, Denver; Dennis Tachiki, St. Paul; Nikki Archer, San Diego; Luu Van Phong, Atlanta; Robert Suzuki, Amherst, Mass; Rey Pasqua, Seattle; and Ernie Tong, Honolulu; Exec Comm—Louise Liew, Philadelphia; Paul Leung, Tucson; George Woo, San Francisco; and Nancy Yagi, Stockton.

Dinner with debate
LOS ANGELES—Japanese American Bar Assn. dinner April 19, 6 p.m., at Golden Palace Restaurant will feature a debate among candidates for the office of State Attorney General: Yvonne Brathwaite and Burt Pines for the Democratic nomination and the Republican candidate George Deukmajian. Tickets at \$11 may be obtained through Ernest Hiroshige (974-9853), JABA president.

Honors Medal awarded Nisei teaching mentally retarded

BAKERSFIELD, Calif.—Joanne Iritani was recently awarded the Freedoms Foundation Teacher's Honor Medal for her work with trainable mentally retarded students at Rafer Johnson School here.

The foundation annually recognizes teachers displaying exceptional efforts to teach patriotism, responsible citizenship and a better understanding of America.

Iritani, on staff at Rafer Johnson since 1966, coordinates programs involving students in music and art. She directed the school's Bicentennial Program as well as other special events.

In her music program, older children are taught to play flutophones and record-

ers with a proficiency that often surprises parents. "Many people are surprised when they hear the children



Joanne Iritani

play, because they didn't ever imagine that the mentally retarded would ever be able to play musical instruments," Iritani said.

JAPAN-U.S.

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Kelly, in turn, was attracted to the project after discussions with Rep. Phillip Burton (D-Calif.) and his administrative aide Bob Kiyota.

Burton has done much to help further any action taken in regard to the Friendship Act and Commission. (Kiyota is a San Francisco JAFL member.)

JAFL concerns on the Friendship Act will focus on the funding of more grass roots projects once the commission's make-up is completed to satisfaction. □

City School District for 13 years.

The teacher's parents were natives of Japan—her mother being one of the last Japanese immigrants allowed in the U.S. before the Exclusion Act of 1924. She and her husband, Frank, have three children. □

SURVEY

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survey, however, had other views.

"Property taxes should fund only property related services," one respondent said, while another offered, "I consider SB 1 a small step in the right direction but no reason to vote against Prop. 13."

One other constituent said, "If wasteful spending was eliminated, no taxes would have to be increased."

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS
Bachelor's degree in the social or behavioral sciences, or in a related field, or equivalent job experience; a minimum of 2 years relevant work experience; basic knowledge of Pacific/Asian Americans, political process and the Federal government; ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing; and ability to work effectively with people of diverse backgrounds.

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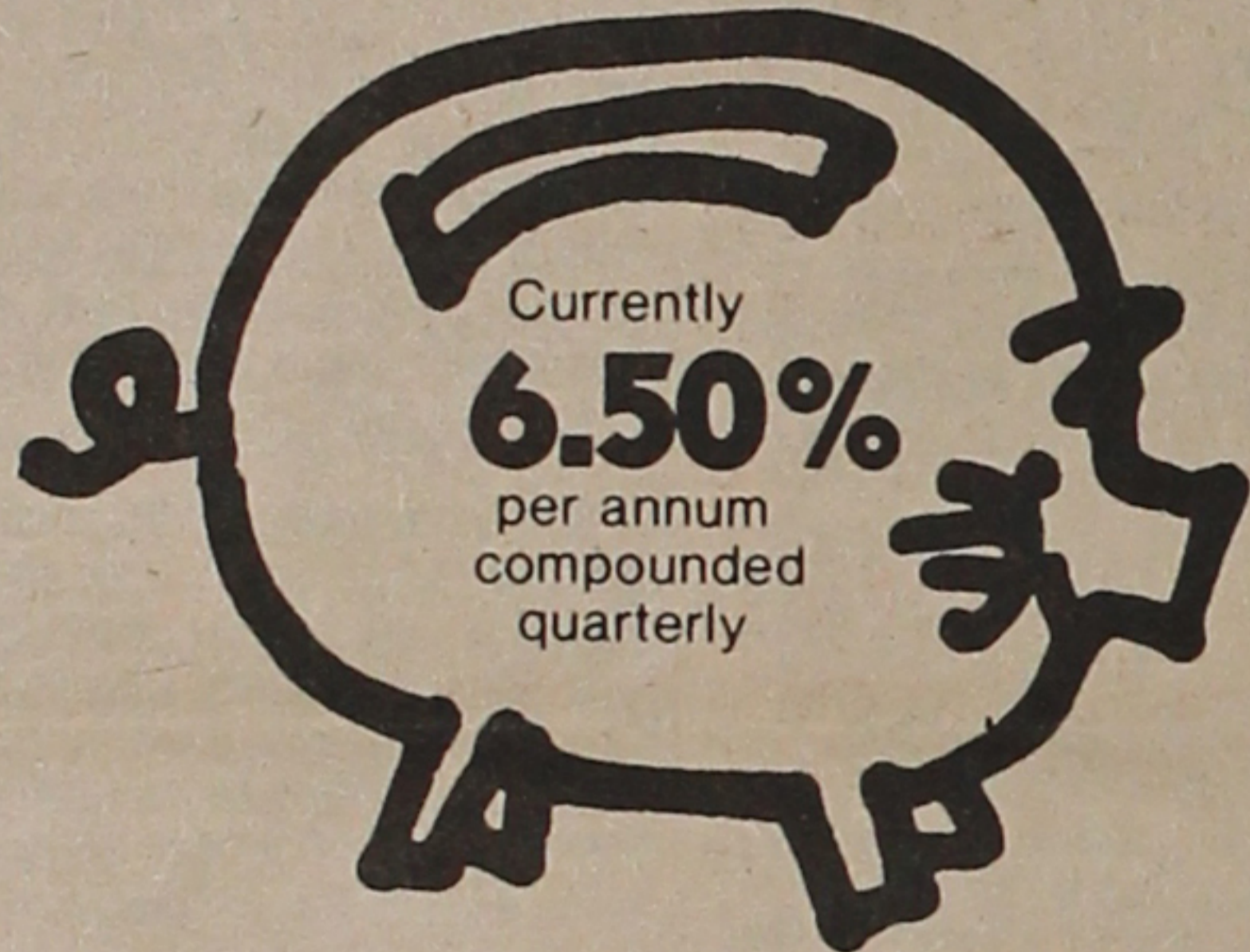
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● **The Arts**

Ruth Asawa, a leading figure in San Francisco art circles, currently has an exhibition showing at the Fresno Arts Center. The show is a retrospective, showing the watercolor works Asawa did some 30 years ago while a student with Josef Alberts at Black Mountain College. Woven and tied-wire sculptures, lithographs and plaster and paper projects are also on display. Asawa first achieved national recognition in the 50s for her specialized style of wire sculpture. A recent work bringing her acclaim was a relief for a fountain at the Hyatt Union Square Hotel in San Francisco. ... **Charles Y. Lee** was recently re-elected chairman of the Seaside (Calif.) Art Commission.

Makoto Imai, a Japanese temple carpenter, was named a recipient of one of the California Art Council's first "maestro" awards. Four masters are paid \$600 monthly for a year and train apprentices chosen by them, who are paid \$400 monthly. Imai makes furniture in Grass Valley, Calif., and is building a tea house at the Zen Center's Green Gulch Farm in Marin County.

● **Business**

Herbert G. Kawahara was named a senior vice president of E.F. Hutton & Co., Inc. recently. He joined Hutton in 1958 as an account executive, was promoted to assistant manager of one of the firm's three L.A. branches in 1966, then in 1971 was named vice president and regional sales manager. A graduate of UCLA, Kawahara is also a member and co-chairman of the National Assn. of Securities Dealers.

Bill Iwata was appointed president of First Bank of South Longmont, Lakewood, Colo. A mathematics graduate from Colorado College in Colorado Springs, his banking career began in 1970 as an assistant cashier with Westland Bank. ... **Naoichiro Paul Hayashi**, partner in the San Francisco investment firm of Edelstein & Campbell, is president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Northern California. ... **Ernest Ura** of Watsonville, associated with Ashcraft Pharmacy for 18 years, has bought part-interest, owner Robert

NTT bonds recalled

LOS ANGELES—Nippon Tel and Tel's 5 3/4% guaranteed dollar bonds due April 15, 1978, have been drawn for redemption on or after April 15, 1978, according to the fiscal agent, the Bank of Tokyo Trust Co. of New York. Bondholders may present their bonds for collection of proceeds through California First Bank at all branch offices and trust departments.

Ashcraft announced Feb. 28, and was named vice-president and manager.

● **Courtroom**

Ernest M. Hiroshige, deputy district attorney in Los Angeles County since being admitted to the state bar in January 1971, is president of the Japanese American Bar Assn. of the Greater Los Angeles Area. A wartime "camp baby" who was born in Rohwer, Ark., he was graduated from UCLA (1967) and Hastings College of Law (1970). He is active with the Crescent Bay Optimist. ... **William Yoshimoto** is deputy district attorney for Tulare County. His main task is to assist citizens who have made a citizen's arrest.

● **Education**

Fred Kawamoto of San Francisco and **Hiroyuki Kishimoto** of Berkeley are listed among the instructors of classes being offered by the Open Education Exchange in Oakland. Kawamoto will instruct an auto maintenance course, and Kishimoto will hold a Japanese karate class.

Yuji Ichioka, research assistant at UCLA Asian American Studies Center, was appointed a full-time lecturer in history at UCLA for the 1978-79 academic year and is finishing his manuscript on the history of the Japanese in America (1900-1924). He edited the annotated bibliography of Japanese-language materials of the Japanese American Research Project. ... **Robert Nakamura**, founder of Visual Communications and creator of Asian American films, *Manzanar* and *Watanodon*, currently teaches at San Diego City College. He has received a two-year appointment in theater arts at UCLA. ... UCLA Asian American Studies Center research assistant **Sucheta Mukherjea** is studying the East Indian community on the Pacific Coast. Peak population of 6,000 in 1920 dwindled rapidly over the following decade since and it was held immigrants from India were not "freeborn white" and ineligible for citizenship. In some cases, citizenship had been granted but retroactively revoked in California.

● **Government**

Betty Kozasa, director of the Asian American Voluntary Action Center, 621 S. Virgil Ave., Los Angeles (389-1221), and Voluntary Action Center director, met with Gov. Brown's Office for Volunteerism in Sacramento March 17 to initiate new and improve existing programs.

More than 300 postal employees and friends attended the 10th annual

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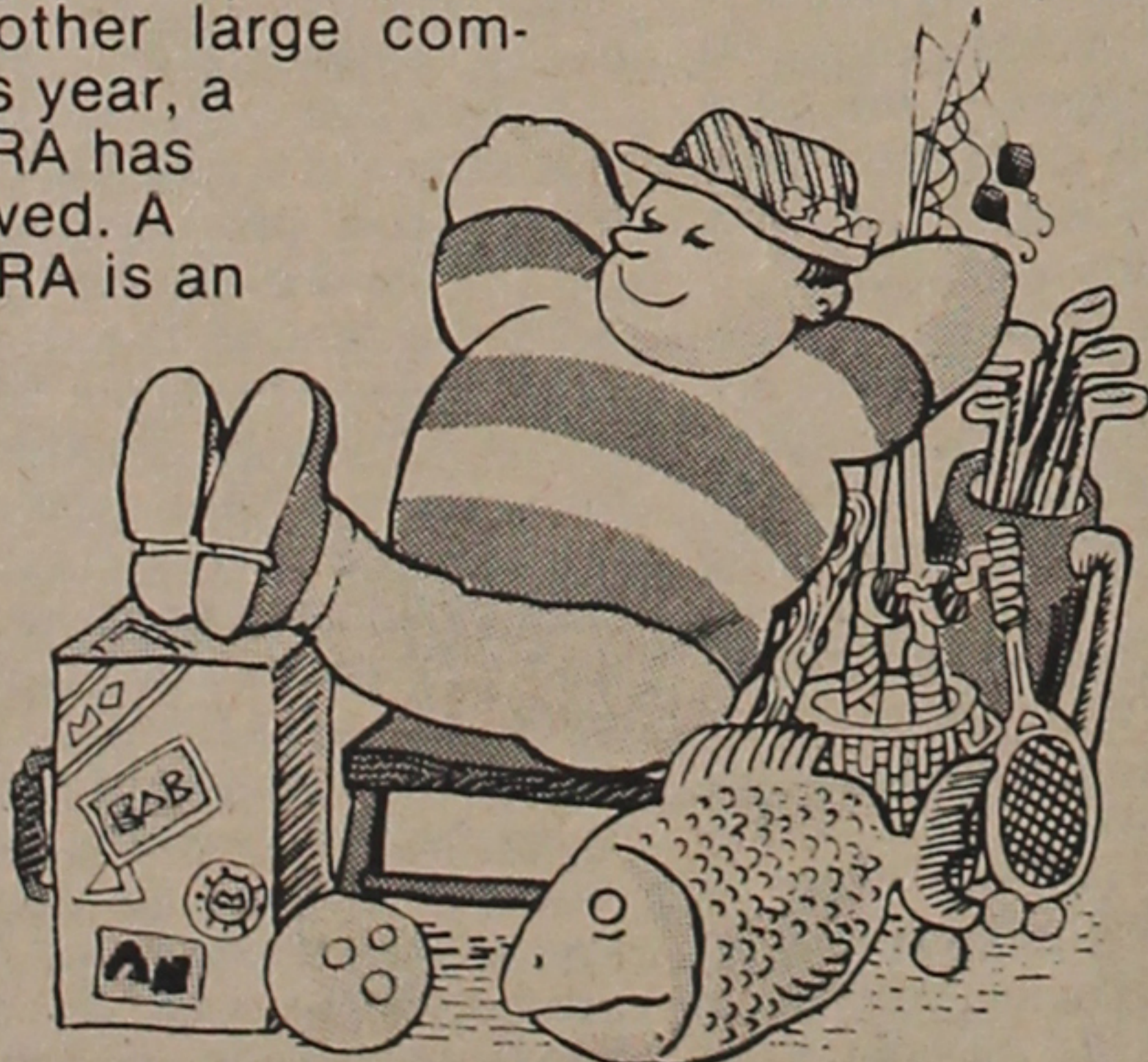
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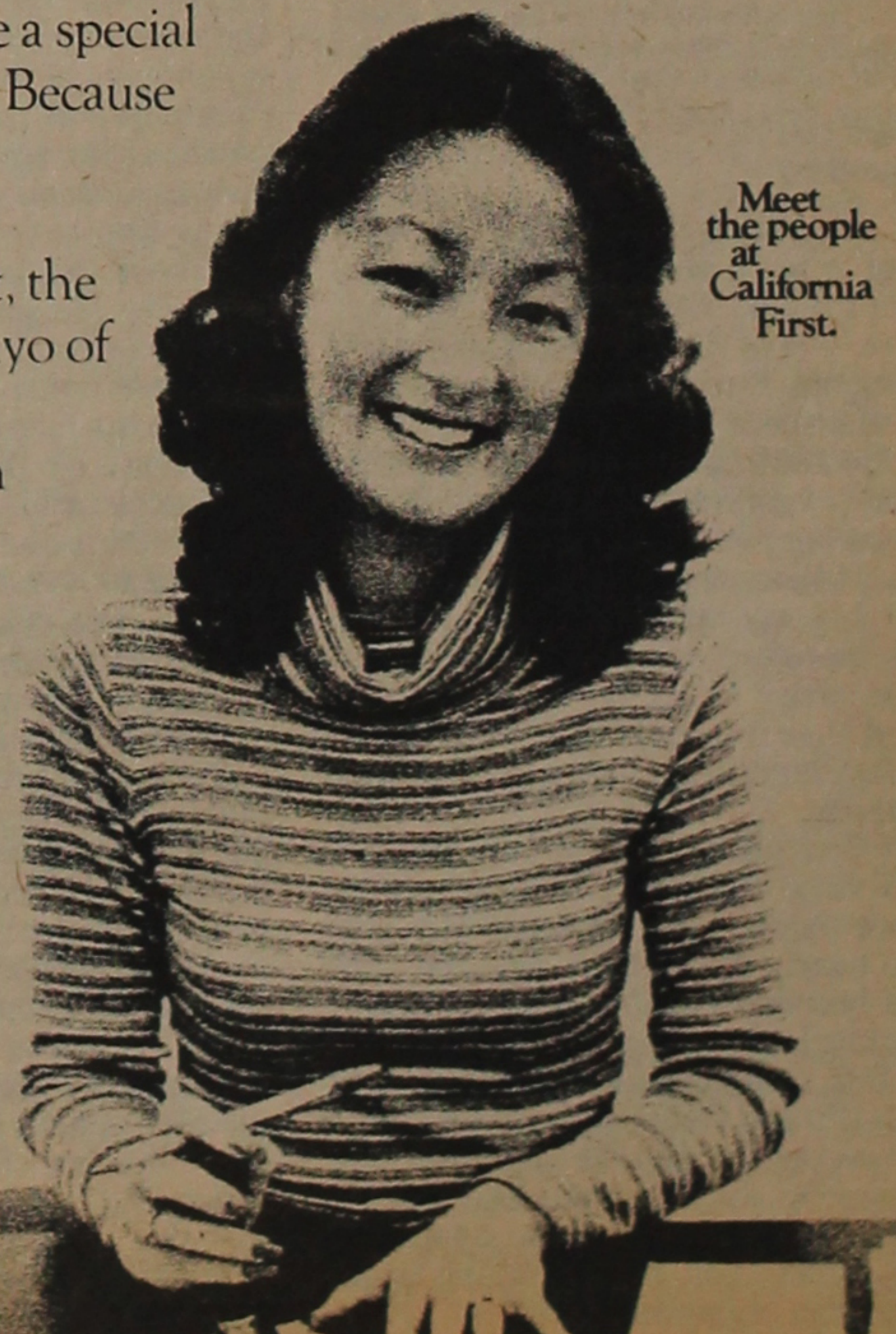
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Out of the Past

There was an inquiry from Ed Yamamoto, past Pacific Northwest District governor, about the beginnings of their district council and more specifically about the reactivation of JACL district activities after the war. At least we were able to respond with the name of the officers elected during their first postwar session in Spokane the first weekend in December 1949.

Ed contacted Mrs. Mary Shigaya of Seattle, then Miss Ikeda and district council secretary, who found a copy of the agenda and minutes presumably in the long forgotten files at home. A set was sent to us this past week.

Some of the gems recorded during the business meeting might be found in other minutes which are somewhere around the house or garage and which ought to be brought back to the light of day—now that Bill Hosokawa has started writing the JACL Story.

About some of the gems, we note these:
1—Originally, JACL wanted an evacua-

tion claims bill that provided a lump sum of \$1,000 to every evacuee and \$5,000 to those who furnished proof of losses. The Interior Department was to administer the law as liberally as possible. But it was transferred to the Justice Department, "a very legal department" and because the bill had been loosely written, it was difficult for them to administer the bill "according to law".

2—JACL was responsible for Col. Bendetsen not being appointed Asst. Secretary of the Army, though the Army and Navy magazines featured stories about him in anticipation of the appointment.

3—Among the qualifications for 1950 National JACL Convention queen candidates from the districts, the ability to meet the American public and to speak over the radio (no TV in those days) were on par with beauty.

To save Bill Hosokawa the need to return minutes, send him photocopied material care of the Denver Post, Denver, Colo. 80201. □

35 YEARS AGO

April 8, 1943

—Jack Kawano becomes first Japanese American to serve on commission dealing with wartime activities in Hawaii when Gov. Stainbeck names him to Hawaii Manpower Board.

—C. Sumida Family of Honolulu reported as one of the fightingest families in the U.S.A. Two sons: Richard, 26, and Leighton, are already in the Army; five others: Harry, 31; Ray-

mond, 19, Haruo, 22; Max, 27; and Edward, 30, volunteer.

—Nation's first known "fire college for girls" starts at Manzanar.

—Rev. Masaru Kumata of Topaz volunteers as Army chaplain: first of Japanese descent.

—Joe Tsugawa, 46, begins 15-25 year term in Arizona state prison for murder of Jinkichi Nitao, 49, his neighbor at Gila River WRA camp.

April 15, 1943

April 7—FBI director J. Edgar Hoover tells a House appropriations subcommittee that Japanese on Hawaii were not guilty of espionage committed in the territory prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor.

April 9—Three Japanese American soldiers who volunteered for special assignments receive Legion of Merit honors from the War Department. They are Yukio Yukota, Tadao Hodai and Taneyoshi Nakano, all of Hawaii.

April 11—James Hatsuki Wakasa, 62, a resident of the Central Utah relocation center is shot and killed by a military police sentry after he apparently failed to heed four warnings while attempting to leave the center. Born in Japan, he served as a civilian cooking instructor at Camp Dodge, Iowa, during World War I.

April 13—"A Jap's a Jap" and "it makes no difference whether he is an American citizen or not," Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt testifies before a House naval affairs subcommittee in opposing the return of Japanese to the west coast.

—Mine Okubo, a Nisei artist at the Topaz relocation center, wins the San Francisco Art Assn.'s seventh annual exhibition of drawings and prints.

¶Nova Academy

The major story on the Funato-Nova Academy case (PC, March 24) is, unfortunately, misleading because the underlying intent of the letter from Nova isn't made clear in the article.

From the beginning of our involvement in the case, Nova has attempted to skirt the issue by telling us that as far as they were concerned, the incident had been resolved to their satisfaction and the case was closed. We have repeatedly asked to meet with all concerned parties, but this request has been met with resistance and out-right refusals.

The essential point about the letter from the school is that they are attempting again to close the issue without resolving it. At best, they state that the teacher, Miss. St. Cyr, has extended an apology "to the satisfaction of the administration," but no such apology has yet been directed to the Funatos (in fact Mrs. Funato never received the letter). Nor has the school administration even suggested it would attempt to take steps to insure that this sort of thing doesn't re-occur at the school.

In short, the letter from Nova Academy is a *prima facie* apology, but what it really says is that they would like to forget the entire matter. Obviously, we're totally unsatisfied with this.

JOHN TATEISHI
Member, NCWNDC Committee
Against Defamation (CAD)
Kentfield, Ca.

¶CCDC Resolution

Editor:
In all fairness to the CCDC we ask that the Pacific Citizen print the entire text of the CCDC resolution re the Bakke case.

In answer to Minoru Masuda (PhD), we wish to make the following points:

1. There are "disadvantaged" in all groups, including the "whites."
2. The wrongs inflicted in the past upon individuals of the minority groups cannot be righted by discriminatory action against individuals of the majority group.

3. In 1941 and 1942, and in the years before and after that period, we asked to be treated without discrimination based on our ethnic origin—now we ask for discrimination against disadvantaged individuals who happen to belong to the majority group.

4. The principle of Affirmative Action must be applied equally to individuals who are culturally, educationally or economically disadvantaged, regardless of race, religion or ethnic origin.

If Bakke was refused admittance because of the restrictions of a racial quota, it was wrong.

Entry requirements to our colleges and graduate schools should be raised in most cases. Applicants for entry should be required to compete on an equal basis. Those students, of all groups, who have the potential, but are culturally, educationally or economically disadvantaged, must be aided at pre-entry levels so that they can compete on an equal basis.

This can be done. The New York Medical College Summer Program offers disadvantaged students a chance to catch up by giving them an intensive course in premedical training as well as personal counseling. This program is funded by HEW. Students are given funds to cover personal expenses as well as other expenses. More such programs are necessary.

A racial quota policy unfairly discriminates against the majority and actually hinders the minorities by implying that they do not have the native ability to compete on an equal basis.

FRED Y. HIRASUNA
Fresno, Calif.

CCDC/JACL RESOLUTION ON AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Whereas, the Japanese American Citizens League has taken an official position generally in support of the University of California (Davis) Medical School in the Bakke case, in the belief that the principle of Affirmative Action for disadvantaged minorities is vitally involved;

And whereas, it is the firm belief of the Central California District Council of the JACL that any numerical quota concept based solely on race, religion or ethnic origin, whether such discrimination is to the advantage or disadvantage of any group or individuals of any group, is repug-

nant to democratic principles and contrary to the principles of the JACL;

And whereas, there is inherent danger in supporting any system of numerical quotas based solely on race, religion or ethnic origin;

And whereas, it is the firm conviction of the CCDC that the entry requirements of our institutions of higher learning should be maintained at high levels, and that aid to the disadvantaged of all ages should be made available at pre-entry levels to enable such to compete on an equal basis with all other applicants;

Now therefore be it resolved, that the CCDC of the JACL, in convention assembled in Fresno, Calif., this 13th day of November, 1977, re-affirm its firm belief in principle of Affirmative Action applied fairly to all regardless of race, religion or ethnic origin;

And be it further resolved that the Executive Committee and the National Board of the JACL be urged to re-examine their present position in the Bakke Case.

First proposed at the CCDC Convention, Nov. 13, 1977; passed unanimously by the CCDC at its first 1978 meeting in Visalia, Calif., Feb. 5, 1978.

¶Omission noted

Editor:
As a novice politician I anticipated occasional misquotes or quotes out of context, but I did not expect my first would be in the Pacific Citizen of March 24. The following statement "The Japanese Americans and other Asians just have never been interested in the community" should have been, "The Japanese Americans and other Asians just have never been interested in seeking political office in our rural community". This was my response in part to the question as to why I was the first Asian candidate for a council seat in Santa Maria.

We have many dedicated Nikkei serving our community through advisory committees, Fair Board, School Board, service clubs and volunteer organizations, and the above statement maligns the actual status of Japanese in Santa Maria.

I appreciate the interest of the Pacific Citizen in Santa Maria politics, and I hope that I may serve in our political system as constructively as many Nikkei are doing in other communities.

TORU MIYOSHI
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Our apologies to the Santa Maria Nikkei for the inadvertent omission.—Ed.

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U.S. business firms in Japan catching on

A timely response to Senator Hayakawa's comments on the need for American businessmen to better understand Japan if they wish to enter the Japanese market comes from the Asahi Shimbun writer, Yasushi Hara, who writes on economic issues.—Editor

By YASUSHI HARA
(Asahi Shimbun)

TOKYO—Americans visiting here are often astonished to see a McDonald's hamburger restaurant situated in the Mitsukoshi department store, one of Tokyo's most expensive establishments. But that is a secret of McDonald's enormous impact on Japan.

For McDonald's executives realized, when they initially went into business here nearly eight years ago, that they had to adapt to Japanese attitudes rather than merely replicate their U.S. operation. The first McDonald's was therefore set up in a prestigious location in order to impress the Japanese, who would have considered the restaurant a second-class enterprise had it been started in the suburbs.

Having thus gained acceptance, McDonald's has since opened 126 other outlets throughout Japan, and its sales last year soared to nearly \$94 million. And the hamburger is becoming as Japanese an institution as *sukiyaki*.

Other U.S. companies such as Kentucky Fried Chicken and General Foods have been similarly successful, and they also owe their achievement to the fact that, like McDonald's, they sought to understand Japanese behavior rather than simply trying to impose American imitations here.

This suggests, it seems to me, that the

complaints of U.S. businessmen against Japanese restrictions are often an excuse for their own inability to cope with Japan's different way of doing things.

One key to functioning effectively in Japan lies in an appreciation of the relationship between management and labor. The U.S. firms that have best grasped this essential are those that have taken on Japanese partners who are sensitive to local habits.

Fundamental to a comprehension of the Japanese employee is the fact that, in contrast to his American counterpart, he is less motivated by financial rewards and individual acclaim than he is by a desire to raise the prestige and morale of his group.

In other words, he wants to feel that he belongs to a collective that is, in effect, his corporate family—and that will, among other things, assume responsibility for him in periods of stress.

During the recent recession, for example, Matsushita Electric Co. did not dismiss a single worker, even though several of its production lines came to a standstill. Instead, it paid full wages to employees to clean floors, wash windows, check factory equipment, rearrange inventories and perform other tasks.

Consonant with this collectivist approach, the McDonald's chain does not consist of autonomous franchises as it does in the United States, but is run by a central headquarters, just as if it were a Japanese enterprise.

At the same time, however, sound management here must take into account the reality that Japanese workers derive satisfaction

from creativity, and perform poorly under pressure to conform. This is a lesson that the Kentucky Fried Chicken managers learned, and it has served them profitably here.

As in the United States and elsewhere, the Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurants in Japan all look alike, use chickens raised on the same farm and cook them in the same pots with the same oil. The manager of each restaurant has also been issued the same manual on how to direct his operation.

But, despite this standardization, the product varies from place to place, and there are even Japanese who patronize one Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant rather than another because they prefer the taste of its food.

This is because the employees at different Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurants refuse to follow their instruction manual to the letter, but try to improve recipes with innovations of their own. Such conduct might be considered heresy in the United States. In Japan, a worker is more efficient when he is given a general objective and allowed to improvise the details himself.

The McDonald chain is equally flexible, and its restaurants are adapted to the nature of their clientele. The fact that McDonald's has not raised its prices in more than three years has also added to its popularity.

The experience of General Foods, which is finally operating successfully here, offers another example of how an American firm managed to survive and prosper after going through a series of ordeals.

General Foods, the largest food producer in the United States, entered Japan a few years ago as a fully owned American subsidiary on the theory that the eating habits of the Japanese were gradually becoming more Westernized. The company quickly discovered, however, that its perception was not enough to penetrate the market here.

Rather than quit, General Foods went into a joint venture with Ajinomoto Co., Japan's biggest food producer, which stipulated as part of the deal that the new firm would be headed by one of its own veteran directors. That decision made the difference.

The Ajinomoto director realized, as any businessman here would, that Japanese workers are more interested in job security than in money. As a consequence, he organized a lifetime employment system that inspired the sales force.

Taking advantage of the Japanese custom of exchanging presents on ceremonial occasions twice a year, the company also put out special gift packages of food, and lavishly promoted the idea. In addition, General Foods was able to use Ajinomoto's distribution network. As a result, the firm's profits were high enough last year for it to declare a dividend.

Not every U.S. company here is going to strike it rich, of course, and several have failed. But there is more to making it in Japan than turning out a good product. As Japanese firms operating in the United States have learned, knowing the culture is at least as significant as the price and quality of the merchandise. □

FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa



Watching Peking Opera

Taipei, Taiwan
My old friend Lee Chia, who is the Central News Agency's longtime Tokyo bureau chief, has a talented family. His son Victor is news director of KRON, the San Francisco TV station. And his wife Topaz has won considerable acclaim as a Peking opera performer, the Peking referring to the nature and not the locale of the art. She was in Taipei to star in a special private performance and Lee Chia was on hand to view it. Of course he insisted that if I had nothing better to do, I should attend the opera as his guest.

Peking opera, as any aficionado knows, is a wondrous collection of sounds and sights, mostly loud sounds, knitted together with a story line that is as nonsensical as any European opera. The opera in which Topaz starred has a no-goodnik prime minister, his beautiful daughter (Topaz), a young prince still not quite dry behind the ears who covets her, a mute lady-in-waiting, and assorted spear-bearers. The beautiful daughter wants nothing to do with the prince, and with the coaching of the lady-in-waiting she pretends to be nutty as a Chinese mooncake. The prince, of course, is fooled, and so the lass does not have to wed him.

I noticed two things when I entered the hall. The first was an unmistakable aroma which indicated that on Taiwan it must be the custom to dine on garlic-flavored dishes before attending the opera. The next were the signs on each end of the stage. They were in two languages. I am not sure what the Chinese part said, but the English said "No Smoking" and "Keep Quiet". The audience seemed to be observing the former, but they totally ignored the latter, particularly when the pace of the onstage performance lagged. On such occasions everyone seemed to find the time ripe for catching up on the latest gossip with his neighbors.

The large gentleman in the next seat appeared to speak no English, and since I

speak no Chinese, we kept our opinions and gossip to ourselves. I did notice, however, that he kept his felt hat on top of his head throughout the performance. It really wasn't that drafty in the hall, so presumably fedoras along with garlic are part of going to the opera.

As the final scene wound down to a conclusion, I was startled to see about half the audience rise and start hurriedly for the exits, just like the crowd at a National Basketball Assn. game when there are only 90 seconds on the clock, the home team is 20 points behind and has just committed another turnover. By the time the principals of the cast appeared for a brief curtain call half the seats were empty. Later, Lee Chia explained that early exits are not necessarily a negative reaction to the performance; audiences prudently try for a head start out the hall so they are fairly certain of getting a seat on the bus for the ride home.

Incidentally, although I unfortunately understood none of the singing on stage, I complimented both Topaz and her husband for an excellent performance.

One of the most interesting people I met on this trip was Ramon Yulee, presidente of Diario la Razon of Guayaquil, Ecuador. Diario la Razon, he explained, means Daily Express in Spanish. Sr. Yulee spoke English with distinctly Spanish inflections and he looked somewhat Oriental. I asked about that, too, and he told me that his father was a full-blooded Chinese whose family had migrated to Ecuador; his mother was half Chinese and half Ecuadorian. And his wife, a striking woman nearly six feet tall, was an ethnic Chinese born and reared in Peru.

There are some 10,000 ethnic Chinese in Ecuador, Sr. Yulee said, but virtually no Japanese. He didn't know why, but at the moment that didn't matter because we turned our attention to the next banquet course which was double boiled whelk and mushroom soup. The whelk you can have, but the soup and mushrooms were delicious. □

Japanese Elderly

PART XXI

Japanese 65 years and over had a lower median income than the total elderly population. It was \$2,482 a year for males and \$1,312 for females. Forty percent of the males and 63 percent of the females had income of less than \$2,000 per year.

In spite of the lower income the elderly Japanese (and Chinese and Filipinos) received lower social security income benefits than families of other races.

Therefore, contrary to popular myth many elderly Japanese Americans have very low median income on which to subsist, many are below poverty level, and many live alone.

Much of this was due to their having been expelled from the West Coast at the height of their productive years. They not only could not save for the old age, they had lost everything they worked for. □

The ideals which have lighted my way, and time after time have given me new courage to face life cheerfully, have been Kindness, Beauty, and Truth . . . The trite subjects of human efforts—possessions, outward success, luxury—have always seemed to me contemptible.

—ALBERT EINSTEIN



WEST WIND: Joe Oyama

Trips into Nostalgia

Part One

Christmas morning '77: It's raining and dark outside, but my wife Asami says, "I'd like to take a trip to Fresno today to see the farm where I spent my childhood." All the way to Fresno and in this rain! (I had to have a better reason to go, so I decided that we'd visit Bill Nikaido, an old prewar Sacramento friend, and his wife Setsu.

"How long did you live there?" I ask and she replies, "I lived there until I was 11 years old and my mother took us to Japan because my father died. My family had moved to Fresno from Los Angeles when I was a baby."

Looking for a place to have breakfast, we drove off the freeway into the small town of Livermore and found Malley's Chinese American restaurant. All the other restaurants and stores in town were closed, even Yin Yin, another Chinese restaurant across the street. Unusual for Chinese, I thought. They only close on Chinese New Years!

Like most Chinese restaurants I've seen in small towns in America, Malley's had a sad red fluorescent "Chow Mein" sign in the window, and a slick-looking porcelain statue of Hotei (the God of Wealth) in the opposite window. As soon as we entered, there was a large orange clay tiger with black stripes ostensibly standing in a jungle of straggly potted plants. A large collection of antique flint-lock guns, pistols, and scabbards, and an old, fashioned Coca Cola clock, now dusty, adorned the wall behind the antiquated cash register and hand-operated adding machine.

This restaurant must have once been a bar, but since the Chinese took over, they decorated the shelves, the refrigerator top, and whatever space available with Chinese artifacts and even with a large black Buddha statue and other porcelain objects.

"That's the good thing about Chinese. They're proud; they'll put anything out to show they're Chinese," my wife said. I said, "I guess they couldn't readily get anything that's authenti-

cally Chinese, so they must have bought whatever was available locally.

"If a Japanese had taken over the restaurant," she said, "they wouldn't have mixed in so many Japanese things with all of those antique American things. Look at Patricia Murphy's in New York. You'd never know that it was owned by Japanese." Patricia Murphy's is, or was, an East Coast chain of first-class candlelight restaurants owned by the Koikes, formerly of Hawaii, who moved to Florida.

"Somehow, this restaurant seems appropriate for Livermore," my wife continued. The entire back wall was covered with antique swords, almost rusting, and the wall behind us was spaced with framed Chinese embroidered landscapes. The Chinese working in the kitchen looked pinched, not very relaxed—the way they do in these small towns, where there are few Chinese.

In the prewar days, I used to find the stretch between Sacramento and Fresno terribly monotonous and as I recall, hot and dry. But this was winter and driving from Berkeley to Fresno, the trip was not at all monotonous with varied terrain, cattle grazing on hills, countryside that could well have been Oklahoma or Texas, man-made canals, orchards, miles and miles of treeless country, then cotton country like in the South, vineyards, almond trees—all in all, it was an enjoyable trip all the way even though it was raining and sprinkling.

Like every other American city, Fresno has changed. Before the war, it was known appropriately as the Raisin City. My wife inquired of Setsu Nikaido, "Is the Raisin Parade still held? They used to have floats and Sun Maid Raisin Company gave out small sample boxes." Setsu replied, "No longer."

Coming into the city, there is an outward display of affluence—the "exurbia"—large lush modern estate-like homes, like in Greenwich, Conn., or Bronxville, N.Y., but not quite as osten-

tatious—with walls around them for security's sake. This was Shaw St. . . .

A couple of miles away comes a sudden change: Blackstone St.—a bedlam of gas stations, used car lots decorated with fluttering multi-colored flags, motels, adult movie houses, and flashy-looking quick food dispensaries. What a change from 35 years ago. Today Fresno has pollution and madly rushing traffic on the main thoroughfares.

We drove into downtown Fresno looking for landmarks—a few were left. The venerable Southern Pacific station is in a bad state of disrepair. Was it being preserved as an antique show place? But Fresno's main downtown business district has become completely modernized.

Before the war, Japanese town was a bustling place, full of life and ethnic flavor in West Fresno across the railroad tracks with a Chinatown and Mexican town.

In the dark, we discovered that it was still there. The major Japanese stores that had survived the war have greatly expanded, as though they were competing for space: Komoto's general store, occupying almost a quarter-block of space, and next to it, the Aki Hardware store occupying as much space, elbowing each other. We drove through the old residential district, where many Japanese had lived before the war. There was a very impressive, old fashioned wooden Buddhist temple. The small turn-of-the-century houses seem to look too old.

In the dark, it all seemed so unreal, as though we were in another time, another place. The only thing real seemed to be the freeways that cut through the old residential districts, bisecting them. Setsu Nikaido said, pointing, "That's where our house used to be, the one we lived in before the war, before the freeway came in." So typical as a Nisei housewife, I recalled that she used to keep her hardwood floor spic and span, and it was a light cheerful house. Their oldest child was still a baby then. □



By Clifford I. Uyeda

A prevalent myth is that Japanese Americans by hard work have achieved an income above that of the national average. What is hidden from view in the national median income figures is the plight of the Japanese elderly. One out of five have incomes less than poverty level.

The Japanese elderly at 8 percent approximates the national average. However, 41 percent of this group are age 75 and over. They're almost all Issei.

Among the 60 to 64 age group, three out of four were Nisei according to the 1970 Census figures. In the past eight years the proportion of Nisei over Issei has increased markedly. In addition, the Census Bureau has acknowledged an undercount, especially for persons 65 and over.

Unfortunately the Asian data are restricted to the outdated 1970 statistics. Up-to-date information is not provided for Asian Americans as for other minority groups such as Black and Spanish origin population.

Although the Japanese American families in 1969 had a median income of \$12,515 as compared to the national median income of \$9,596, the 47,000

Calendar, pulse & memos

From HQ

BUDGET—The budget for the 1978-1980 biennium is still under review by the National Board. A final discussion and recommendation will be resolved at the EXECOM meeting in May. Headquarters has identified the real costs of running the organization at a maintenance level, and it is higher than expected. Inflation, past mismanagement, and a large debt incurred by the last two bienniums, were identified as the prime problems for the need of a larger budget.

PERSONNEL—Nationwide recruitment for the Washington Representative and the Assistant National Director is closed. Interviews for both positions will begin soon . . . A new National Travel Coordinator Yuki Fuchigami, is with Headquarters and is looking forward to serving the JACL Travel Program. She wants to assist and make the program a worthwhile experience to all concerned.

CONVENTION—Headquarters urges all Chapters and Districts to obtain advertising for the Convention booklet by April 30. The Convention booklet will have a minimum readership of 81,000. Also, send in Chapter profiles to be included in the booklet. For information, contact Headquarters.

PUBLIC RELATIONS—The National Director recently appeared on two television programs discussing the JACL and the problems of Japanese Americans in the San Francisco Bay Area . . . Headquarters staff also installed officers at the Arkansas Valley Chapter, met with Pat Okura and spoke with students from the Univ. of Hawaii.

YOUTH—The National Board established a scholarship in memory of Mr. Saburo Kido and the first award will be in June, 1978 . . . A revised Youth budget approved by the Board allows for \$3,000 for the JAYs Convention in Utah this year. Professionally run programs of Japanese American history, music and arts, and identity are being planned.

REPARATION—Education of the Japanese American community is still the most important objective of the REPARATION Committee. A brochure is being drafted and edited by the Committee and should be ready for the campaign, hopefully to be launched this summer.

ATOMIC BOMB SURVIVORS— Testimony was heard on March 31 in Los Angeles from atomic bomb survivors, medical, social service and government witnesses at the Congressional Hearings on the A-Bomb Survivors Bill HR 5150. The National Director also testified in behalf of the bill to provide medical and mental health services to the survivors.

JAPAN-U.S. FRIENDSHIP ACT—Four vacancies will be available on the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission in May, 1978, through vacancies on CULCON. National has a procedure developed for all interested persons. Questions should be directed to Headquarters.

WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE—The Washington Office, through its provisional representative, is active and meeting with legislators, minority group representatives, and White House Staff. JACL is being represented in Washington, D.C.

—Miles Hamada

Florin

Beef teriyaki sale co-sponsored by Florin JACL and Mayhew Community Baptist Church, was a huge success at the recent Florin Center Mall Community Spring Fair.

Besides selling over 3,000 sticks of beef teriyaki the chapter won a \$100 first prize on booth design from the Florin Center Mall Merchants. Betty Satow and Mary Tsukamoto designed the booth showing how Mother Goose went to Japan. General chairmen were Tommy Kushi and George Satow assisted by:

Bill Kashiwagi, Tosh Fukushima and Willie Deguchi, Bill Satow and Mary Tsukamoto; Hannah Satow, Kern Kono and Lois Asahara and Leo Satow and John Burch.

According to Florin Chapter President Paul Takahara, this was the largest teriyaki project ever undertaken by the organization.

Hollywood

Presentation of a \$1,500 check by the Hollywood JACL to the Los Angeles Japanese Retirement Home concluded the happy details of the benefit fashion show held last October at the Beverly Hilton.

"We deeply appreciate the Hollywood chapter's generosity, knowing full well that the money could have been spent in any of the chapter's many public service endeavors," Mrs. Ruth Watanabe, member of the Retirement Home board of directors, said.

Mrs. France Yokoyama, chapter president, acknowledged the support of friends and merchants of "An Asian American Family Affair" fashion show, which enabled many Asian designers to present their creations for the benefit.

New York

A forum on equal employment opportunity and affirmative action will be co-sponsored by the New York JACL and New York and New Jersey Pacific Asian Coalition councils April 15 from 3 to 6 p.m. at Columbia University.

Ron Osajima, chairman of the chapter's committee on human and civil rights and New Jersey PAC member,

will update the current status of Japanese and other Asian Americans based on 1970 U.S. Census statistics.

John Y. Yoshino, civil rights specialist in the Federal Highway Administration, will speak on employment opportunities for minorities in the Civil Service. Prof. Anthony Kahng will discuss the relevance of equal employment opportunity and affirmative action to Asian Americans. Discussion period will follow.

Through the vigorous support of members, friends and local companies, the chapter grossed \$2,979.95, the highest mark ever in its annual fund raising drive in December. The amount was raised in one day at a bazaar held at the Japanese American United Church. Costs ran \$483.30, giving the chapter a \$2,496.35 total.

The program committee has outlined the year's plans for the chapter. Following the EEO and AA forum April 15, the group will host a reception for Karl Nobuyuki, JACL national director, at an open board meeting April 28.

A Nisei retirement meeting, a follow-up to last year's session, will be held sometime in May. A scholarship award dinner and dance is scheduled for June, with a Japanese American awareness conference slated in October.

Among the chapter's continued objectives this year are combatting institutional racism, affirmative action in employment, Pan Asian Day and Japan-U.S. relations.

Sacramento

The Sacramento JACL Women's Auxiliary will hold its annual spring potluck dinner on Saturday, May 13, at the Japanese United Methodist Church, 6929 Franklin Blvd. Those who can assist are expected to call Sandie Ito (366-9683) or Gladys Masaki (441-2188).

Auxiliary members staffed an exhibit booth in early March during the annual Camellia Festival, exhibiting Japanese kimono and haori while Mrs. Harriet Hayashi demonstrated bun-

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Hollywood JACL raises \$1,500 . . .



Photo by Tomoo

Welcome check of \$1,500 raised by the Hollywood JACL benefit fashion show is presented to the Japanese Retirement Home. Pictured are (from left) Betty Yumori and Ruth Watanabe, board members of the Japanese Retirement Home, and Hollywood JACL president France Yokoyama and Toshiko Ogita, co-chairperson of "An Asian Family Affair" benefit.

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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.

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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).

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Calendar

*A non-JACL event

APRIL 15 (Friday)
*Monterey Park—Cherry Blossom Festival (2 da), ELA College, Atlantic and Prado Shopping Ctrs.
*Salt Lake City—Hanamatsuri, Buddhist Church.
*MDC—Spring mtg, Chicago
*New York—EEO Forum, Columbia Sch of Journ Rm 301, 3-5:30 p.m.
*Fresno—New memb dnr-dance, Phoenix West restaurant, 6:30; Les Mays' music, 9 p.m.
*Los Angeles—Stay Well Health Fair, Nishi Hongwanji, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
*Wapato, Wa—Nisei Retirement Ping Conf, Wapato High School, 8:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.
*San Fernando Valley—King Tut Treasures slide lecture, SFV Buddhist Church hall, 8 p.m.

APRIL 16 (Sunday)
*West Los Angeles—Benefit wine-tasting party, Yamato Restaurant, Century Plaza Hotel, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

APRIL 19 (Wednesday)
*Los Angeles—Japanese American Bar Assn dnr, Golden Palace restaurant, 6 p.m.; Debate for State Atty Gen Office: Yvonne Burke, Burt Pines, George Deukmajian, spkrs.

*Fresno—Nisei Serv Comm mtg, NSC Ctr, 7 p.m.

APRIL 21 (Friday)
*Oakland—Inst dnr.
*San Francisco—ASIAPLEX (3 days) stamp show, Miyako Hotel.

APRIL 22 (Saturday)
*Stockton—Reno trip.
*Los Angeles—Manzanar pilgrimage, noon.
*San Jose—Ht Mtn Blk 23 reunion, Pinehurst Restaurant, 7 p.m., Eiichi Sakayue's wartime films.
*El Cerrito—Sakura-Kai pkg lot sale.
*San Diego—UPAC Inst Dnr, VIP Restaurant, 7:30 p.m., Joji Konoshima, spkr.
*El Cerrito—Sakura-Kai parking lot sale, Fry's Supermkt, 10 a.m.

APRIL 23 (Sunday)
*Union City—Chicken teriyaki box lunch sale, So Alam Cty Buddhist Church, 12-4 p.m.

APRIL 26 (Wednesday)
*Gardena—Pre-Retirmt seminar II, Japanese Cultural Institute, 7:30 p.m.; Francis Kobata, spkr.

APRIL 29 (Saturday)
*Philadelphia—Inst dnr, Cinelli's Country House, Cherry Hill, N.J.; Karl Nobuyuki, spkr.
*West Valley—Recreation Night, 6 p.m. dnr at Clubhouse, bowling at Saratoga Lanes.

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BY THE BOARD: Data Sharing

By **CHUCK KUBOKAWA**
NC-WNDC Governor
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While in Canada in early March visiting my in-laws in Toronto (Chuck was guest speaker at the 20th anniversary event of McMaster University's engineering department), I discovered "The Annex", a store-front drop-in center for Japanese Canadians in the middle of town.

An experimental out-reach station, the Annex has limited funding from proceeds of the Province of Ontario monthly lottery and community donations. The Annex is having problems making ends meet. It is asking for furniture, chairs, tables, etc.

I dropped in and talked with one of its directors, Dave Fujino, who shared information with me. (I sat part-time on a chair with a leg missing.) He was telling me some of their problems, such as "Is the JCCA really

necessary today?" I wanted to help revive the JCCA but time prevented me as the Annex people were to meet the same night I was to make my presentation at McMaster.

The Annex provides the Japanese Canadian community with such services as legal aid, tax services and a daily program for the Issei. If ever you visit Toronto and around Danforth Street, drop in and share your expertise. They will appreciate any support afforded them from the U.S.

Shades of Yesteryear! When the question, "Is the JCCA really necessary?", was raised, my answer was that it sure was what with everything happening to us in the U.S. Japanese Canadians would probably feel the impact in the future of certain JACL actions. We covered the Iva Toguri case, EO 9066, Whale Issue, trade imbalance and reparations. (I

forgot to talk about placing historical markers.)

I added that in view of their loss of civil rights during WW2, a strong national JCCA was needed to insure and continue standing up for their rights.

Fujino said the majority of Japanese Canadians feel as though there won't be any future problems and dismiss the need for JCCA. That reminded of the U.S. Nikkei outlook of six years ago when articles reported the Japanese Americans were "outwhiting the whites" ... Then everything started to crack. The JACL sought to correct the past injustices, such as the pardoning of Iva Toguri. (I am happy to add here that Sequoia member Dave Yoshida was one of the original stalwarts asking JACL to take up the cause for Iva.)

The visit ended with our invitation to come to Salt Lake City and the National JACL Convention this sum-

Remick Ave.

A short social hour will follow with light refreshments. A dollar donation will be requested from adults at the door. Program is being chaired by Mitzi Kushida, (360-6718).

● West Valley

The fourth annual West Valley JACL bridge tournament held March 18 attracted a record crowd of 70 enthusiasts. Another tournament is being planned in the fall, it was announced by Aiko Nakahara. The prize winners were:

MAJORS: 1st, Dr. George Hiura and Sachi Miki; tie for 2nd and 3rd, John McKay and Aiko Nakahara, Rose Hirsch and Florence Pochel.
INTERMEDIATES: N.S. 1st, Helen Uchiyama and June Miyakusu; 2nd, Wendell Misawa and Tachi Kogura; 3rd, Dr. and Mrs. James Higuchi. E.W. 1st, Steve Nakashima and Dorothy Kobara; Aron Murai and Rod Kobara; 3rd, Larry and Kathy Kimura.
SOCIAL: 1st, Henry and Jeanne Goshu; 2nd, Flora Fujikawa and Jenny Yoshida; 3rd, Grace Kawakami and Grace Kogura.

the annual St. Louis JACL membership potluck dinner held Mar. 11 at Lindbergh Middle School cafeteria. Foreign exchange student Rica Matsuda entertained with songs and guitar music. Chapter president Lee Durham conducted a brief business session.

● San Fernando Vly.

A slide lecture on the Treasures of King Tutankhamen, now in exhibit at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, by museum art representative Myrna Smooth will be sponsored by the San Fernando Valley JACL this Saturday, April 15, 8 p.m., at the SFV Buddhist Church, half-block north of the Japanese community center, at 9450

chapter pulse

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ka embroidery. They also enhanced by their presence in kimono the international luncheon attended by public officials and foreign dignitaries.

Chapter is also sponsoring the local all-star basketball team which participates in regional invitationals, including the Berkeley JACL series just held Mar. 31-April 2; the Sacramento series April 23-24; and the San Jose tournament May 26-28.

● St. Louis

Over 70 were present for

● West Los Angeles



Mitsu Sonoda, Joe Minervini (seated), Yuki Sato, Stella Kishi

"Bouquet of Wines", the seventh annual West Los Angeles JACL Auxiliary wine-tasting benefit, will be held this Sunday, April 16, 12:30-3:30 p.m., at Century City's Yamato Restaurant.

Joe Minervini, wine coordinator, will be featuring varieties from 10 California wineries. Benefit chairperson Yuki Sato said proceeds are to be donated

to American Cancer Society, March of Dimes and the Japanese Retirement Home. Tickets are \$6.

Chapter, in cooperation with the West L.A. Japanese Coordinating Council and the Santa Monica Nikkei Kai, is planning a health fair May 21 for the Japanese-speaking senior citizens in the area, chapter president Toy Kanegai said.

mer to share our present experiences.

After Las Vegas. Without sharing data in the proper manner, many of us will be reinventing the wheel. Hence, we offer our post-script to the visit of Las Vegas where our district had met in February.

When JACLers are on the road, they are well behaved. I can vouch for that. Four of us males, unable to catch several after-dinner shows at the plush hotels, were concentrating at the dice table. One was trying to recoup his earlier losses and had a stack of \$500 in chips. He was propositioned by a beautiful girl who saw his chips for a mere \$500. He ignored her.

The suggestion for the month to fend these weekend Amazons is avoid going to Vegas alone. Bring your wife or girl friend and you'll enjoy the visit and at the same time be under the protection of your female companion.

Asian Awareness

LOS ANGELES—The Asian American Students Assn. of Loyola Marymount University observed its annual cultural awareness week April 11-13 on campus with a program of ethnic dances and music. LMU's Gamelan Angklung orchestra also participated.

Nikkei Service Center

FRESNO—The Nikkei Service Center here will review its future needs and funding prospect at the April 19, 7 p.m., committee meeting.

Club name change

LOS ANGELES—Japan Traders of Los Angeles changed its name to Japan Business Assn. of So. California, president Takashi Sakai said.

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Japanese American Postal Club dinner in San Francisco, where special recognition was paid to **David Matsumoto**, newly appointed director of Customer Services with the city's post office. With his promotion, Matsumoto becomes the highest ranking Nisei in the San Francisco Post Office. Present were Postmaster **Lim P. Lee** of San Francisco and Postmaster **John Maeda** of Palo Alto.

Health
David Yamakawa, Jr., an attorney who headed the San Francisco Mental Health Assn., will become the first Asian American to assume responsibilities of the California State Mental Health Assn. Yamakawa was elected

as president-elect at the last CSMHA annual meeting. He assumes his new post at the annual meeting in September. Acupuncture and Shiatsu masters **Dr. Chi Leung Yam** and **Yuzo Yamada**, appeared on a recent "Asians Now" TV program in San Francisco. Yamada, a finger pressure expert, works out of the Lotus Sutra Temple in San Francisco.

Honors
David Baba, **Connie Mukai**, **Mitchell Jofuku** and **Joni Yamakawa** are among the straight A students in the School of Engineering at Fresno State University. San Francisco mayor **George Moscone** will be the grand marshal of the 1978 Cherry Blossom Festival parade slated for April 23, announced festival chairmen **Hisao Hoshino** and **George Yamasaki, Jr.** Businessman and civic leader **H.K. Wong** was named by the San Francisco Examiner as one of the six local citizens to receive the American Institute of Public Service's Jefferson Award. A founding member of

the Chinese Historical Society and one of the founding directors of the Empress of China, Wong is now corporate secretary for the restaurant. For many years, he was the "one-man press bureau" for the Chinese community and has served on the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. He also served as a technical adviser for the movie, "Flower Drum Song." Collin S. Chu of San Francisco received one of five California Young Optometrist of the Year awards during the California Optometric Assn.'s 79th Annual Congress. Chu was in-

strumental in getting optometry included in the Hypertension Council of San Francisco and was also the first optometrist to contract services to the S.F. Public Health Dept. Allison Nakatomi won the Crime Prevention Poster contest for 4th, 5th and 6th graders sponsored by the Sacramento City School District and Police Department. A pupil at Sutterville School, her poster is on display at the police administration building.

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