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Tulane's Nobel laureate in medicine credits input of Japanese co-workers

NEW ORLEANS, La.—Japanese scientists represented the largest national group of co-workers who played an integral role in the research leading to Dr. Andrew V. Schally's receiving a Nobel Prize for Medicine in Physiology.

Schally, a professor of medicine at Tulane University and co-recipient of the 1977 award, told the Nobel Committee in Stockholm recently of the key input he received from Japanese scientists.

tists.

No fewer than 18 physiologists and biochemists from Japan worked side by side with Schally in the discovery, analysis and synthesis of brain chemicals which release hormones affecting human growth and reproduction.

Most prominent among the Japanese scientists was Dr. Akira Arimura, MD, formerly of Sapporo University Medical School and now professor of medicine at Tulane

University. In 1964, he joined the Endocrine and Polypeptide Laboratories at the VA Hospital in New Orleans, where Schally has been chief since 1962.

Arimura was one of three senior researchers assisting Schally, the other being Dr. Abba Kastin, an American, and Dr. David Coy, an Englishman.

In his report to the Nobel Committee, Schally repeatedly referred to the successful experiments performed by Arimura, whom he called "an experienced physiologist and endocrinologist."

"Because of his great knowledge, enthusiasm and very hard work, he made

great contributions in all phases of our program," Schally said "and also broadened it with many independent ideas, especially in immunology."

Mieko Tanaka, a native of Kurume who joined Schally's staff in 1964, has been Schally's longest associate and serves as head technician.

"The laboratory equipment is unbelievably complicated," Schally said, "and everything depends on its care and function, the precision of the experimental process, and the absolute purity of the biochemical agents and products." Schally lauded Tanaka's work in the painstaking task of extracting a hormone from the "brains of a million pigs" obtained from a meat-packing firm. The substance was vital to the research.

Other Japanese scholars aiding Schally were:

Dr. Akihiro Kuroshima, Asahigawa Medical School, Japan; Dr. Yuichi Ishida, Sapporo City Hospital; Dr. Takashige Saito, Asahigawa Medical School; Dr. Shinji Sawano, Toranomon Hospital; Dr. Zen Itoh, Gunma University; Dr. Yoshihiko Baba, Central Research Laboratories, Sankyo Co., Tokyo; Dr. Ichiji Wakabayashi, Tokyo Women's Medical College; Dr. Motoi Saito, Tokyo Dent. Medical University; Dr. Teruo Uehara, Gunma University; Dr. Hisayuki Matsuo, Miyazaki University School of Medicine; Dr. Yoshihiko Hirotsu, Osaka University; Dr. Haruko Sato, Shizuoka College of Pharmaceutical Science; Dr. Nozomu Nishi, Tokyo Dent. Medical University; Dr. Jiro Takahara, Okayama University; Dr. Kazuo Chihara, Tulane University and Dr. Mieko Chihara, Tulane University.

Solano County JACL charter rites May 5

SAN FRANCISCO — The first event of the newly organized Solano County JACL will be the Charter and Installation Dinner to be held on Friday, May 5, 6:30 p.m., in the clubroom of the Fairfield Civic Center, 1000 Kentucky Avenue.

Every Japanese American family in the area as well as the adjoining JACL chapter presidents are invited. There will be no-host cocktails at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner, installation of officers and entertainment.

The 32nd chapter of the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council is being sponsored by the So-

loma County chapter.

James Murakami, National JACL President, a member of the sponsoring Chapter, will address the gathering with a congratulatory message and an outline of the National organization.

The new officers are Dr. Yosh Shitanishi, pres.; Leo Hosoda, vp; Bob Sato, sec; and Gary Kamei, treas. Oath of office will be administered by Charles Kubokawa, NC-WNDC Governor.

The dinner committee consists of:

Maki Glover, gen ch; Teru Ruzanski and Rose Fukuda, food; Mrs. Margaret Wortham, dec; and Hisae Lowman, clean-up; Tomio Ichikawa, bar & entertainment.

Mike Masaoka to speak in S.F.

SAN FRANCISCO—Mike Masaoka, Washington lobbyist, will speak on U.S.-Japan trade relations and how local area traders might participate in easing the situation at a May 4 luncheon at the Sheraton Palace Hotel.

Tickets for the event, co-sponsored by the World Affairs Council, San Francisco JACL, No. Calif. Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Japan Society of San Francisco, may be secured for \$8.50 by May 1 with:

Chamber office, 312 Sutter St., Rm. 408, San Francisco 94108, 986-6140.

'Cover-up' charge hurled against L.A. county coroner

LOS ANGELES — County Coroner Thomas Noguchi was accused of covering up the real cause of the death of a 21-year-old black man in jail last Jan. 9 in order to protect the county sheriff deputies.

The accusation was made April 14 by attorney Malbour Watson for the family of Ferdinand Bell, a Crenshaw resident and NAACP youth leader. Watson, who is a physician as well, claimed the 11-member medical team "white-washed" the case and reached a "patently absurd" conclusion that Bell died of cardiorespiratory collapse resulting from stress and exhaustion. The committee was appointed by Noguchi.

The coroner's office said it was "standing on our course of action" and added it did not find it necessary "to respond to any criticism at this

time."

Watson claimed a preliminary draft by Dr. Manuel Breton, a staff pathologist, on Bell's death as asphyxial strangulation as the cause was eliminated "because of some pressure from some source" and concluded that because Dr. Noguchi is a county employee and sheriff's deputies are county employees, "something occurred within the administration of Los Angeles County that caused Dr. Noguchi to wish to white-wash the cause of death of Ferdinand Bell."

Watson said he wants the district attorney's office to file first-degree murder complaints against the deputies or send the matter to the grand jury. The Board of Supervisors was also expected to be asked this week to investigate his allegations of a coverup by Noguchi. □

Midwest District elections changed to EDC-MDC confab

By ANNA PETERSON

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)

CHICAGO—At the April 15 MDC meeting the Midwest District Council passed a constitutional change providing for the election of district officers at each biennial EDC/MDC convention. Since 1974, the officers have been elected in the Spring, before the National Convention.

"The rationale behind electing officers in a biennial National Convention year was that they could then car-

ry out the mandates of that convention for the next two years," said Elaine Prout of Detroit, former district officer under the governorship of Ross Harano.

"On the other hand, it's possible that the new governor should have a few more months to become familiar with district and national structure and needs, before being thrust into the pressure of convention and budgetary sessions," added Chiye Tomihiro, Chicago presi-

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MARINA MAYOR OUYE

Sometimes, experience means more than books

Marina, Calif.

Life is sometimes easier to appreciate when facing a few stumbling blocks and obstacles along the way.

The fight becomes part of the cycle and success, as the last stop, is made a little sweeter. Some people have had it no other way.

And Robert Ouye, newly named mayor of the northern California community of Marina, is one of them.

"We had a poor family," he recalls of his early years on Kauai. "I didn't get my first pair of shoes until 18, when I joined the Army." His parents were plantation workers. Of eight children, he was the third youngest.

Earning \$125 a month (including \$45 combat pay) in the Army, Ouye would send home \$75 from each check to his parents, who were struggling to put his two older brothers through college. Ouye eventually would be wounded in Korea and for three months be paralyzed from the head down until shrapnel lodged in his head could be removed.

The tell-tale signs of battle are with him today—scars that run across his chest, a bad leg and a titanium plate imbedded in his skull.

Six months after sustaining the injuries, however, he was back in combat "proud to be in the infantry and proud to be Japanese".

The memories aren't bitter ones. Just memories.

Today, at 44, after a lengthy army career and happily settled in a position with the Monterey County Sheriff's Department, he has few qualms.

"Some people think you need MAs and a lot of education to be on the city council," says Ouye, who left Kapaa High School in the 10th grade to help the family out. "But my education is all experience."

He laughs in agreement that sometimes experience means more than books.

Marina, a town of about 23,000, is situated on the Monterey Peninsula, about six miles north of Castroville, known as the

"Artichoke Capital of the World".

A Monterey Peninsula JACLer, Ouye has served on the council since 1975, when Marina was first incorporated.

"It was very, very hard then," he remembered of the beginnings. "We had to figure out priorities. We needed better police protection. We needed our own police department."

"The crime rate in Marina was the highest in Monterey County and that was our main concern. We used to have near riots at the beach, burglaries, rapes, two murders..."

Things have changed since the opening of the 21-man police department in 1977, though. Since then crime is down 10% from its high of 34%. The city was the only one on the peninsula whose rate decreased for 1977-78, Ouye said.

"I work out of the county jail—the criminals know we have some tough cops in Marina now," he said.

Preparation has been the key to his success thus far. After retiring from the Army in 1972, he was unemployed only 14 days "and didn't draw one nickel"—all because he planned ahead and completed police training before applying for a position with the sheriff's department (a routine opposite from what other applicants follow).

Then he "knew I was the one" who would get the spot 124 others were competing for.

His fiscal policies as mayor-councilman are weighed with the same preparation. Expecting the passage of the controversial Jarvis-Gann property tax amendment, Ouye is predicting the city will have to "sharpen up on its spending".

The amendment will limit property taxes to 1% of the assessed market value, which in Marina, will mean a one-third reduction in city income.

"Something will have to be sacrificed," Ouye said, "but not the police or fire departments. We'll have to look somewhere else. We've also started a public works project, hiring a director and foreman—that's another project we want to continue."

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Mayor Robert Ouye of Marina

MIDWEST

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dent.

The present officers (Lillian Kimura, governor; George Sakaguchi, vice governor of programs, and Gordon Yoshikawa, vice governor for membership and finances) were asked to continue in their positions until the next EDC/MDC Convention in summer 1979.

In a resolution, the MDC unanimously indicated that it would not support the proposed \$8 National dues increase, which will be discussed at the May 13 national

al budget meeting.

"We cannot support a 67 percent increase when all it will result in is a maintenance budget, with no new program monies," said Lillian Kimura, MDC Governor. "Any dues increase that we support will need to be evaluated and justified, item-by-item," she added.

In another resolution, the MDC agreed unanimously to introduce the question of a national constitutional convention for JACL in 1979.

"A revision of the constitution must go hand-in-hand with any organizational restructuring," said Henry Ta-

naka, a member of the National Committee on the Restructuring of JACL.

Regarding national elections, George Sakaguchi, MDC vice governor and twice president of the St. Louis chapter, announced his intention to seek the position of National JACL Vice President for Research and Service at the next National Convention. It was not known whether any other Midwesterners would seek national positions.

Members of the Hoosier and Cincinnati chapters are continuing to work on a possible workshop on interracial marriage to be held during the summer months.

Chiz Satow passes

LOS ANGELES — Chizuko Satow, wife of the late National JACL Director Mas Satow, died early April 24 at the Kaiser Permanente Hospital where she had been for some 20 days. Funeral arrangements are pending.

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At the 1970 National Convention in Chicago, two JACL youth delegates were victims of a brutal and senseless crime. Evelyn Okubo (age 18) was murdered by an unknown assailant and Ranko Carol Yamada (age 17) was near death after being severely assaulted. It was a miracle that she survived.

JACL is committed to assist the two Stockton families with legal expenses in their lawsuit against Hilton Hotels, which owns and operates the Palmer House. No funds raised will be used for attorney's fees.

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The next MDC meeting will be held in caucus during the National Convention in Salt Lake City.

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E/W Players

LOS ANGELES—East West Players Inc. (660-0366) announced an opening for an administrator, who must have some theatre background and knowledge in proposal writing. Deadline for applicants is May 15.

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● Agriculture

Jim Nishida, of Vilas, Colo., was among the farmers in southeastern Colorado who plowed up part of their winter wheat fields in protest of low market prices. In December, he was among Colorado farmers who joined the tractor parade in Washington, D.C. ... **Frank Yamaguchi**, of Platteville, was named to the Colorado Area 3 potato production committee for 1978-79 by U.S. Sec. of Agriculture Bob Bergland.

● Education

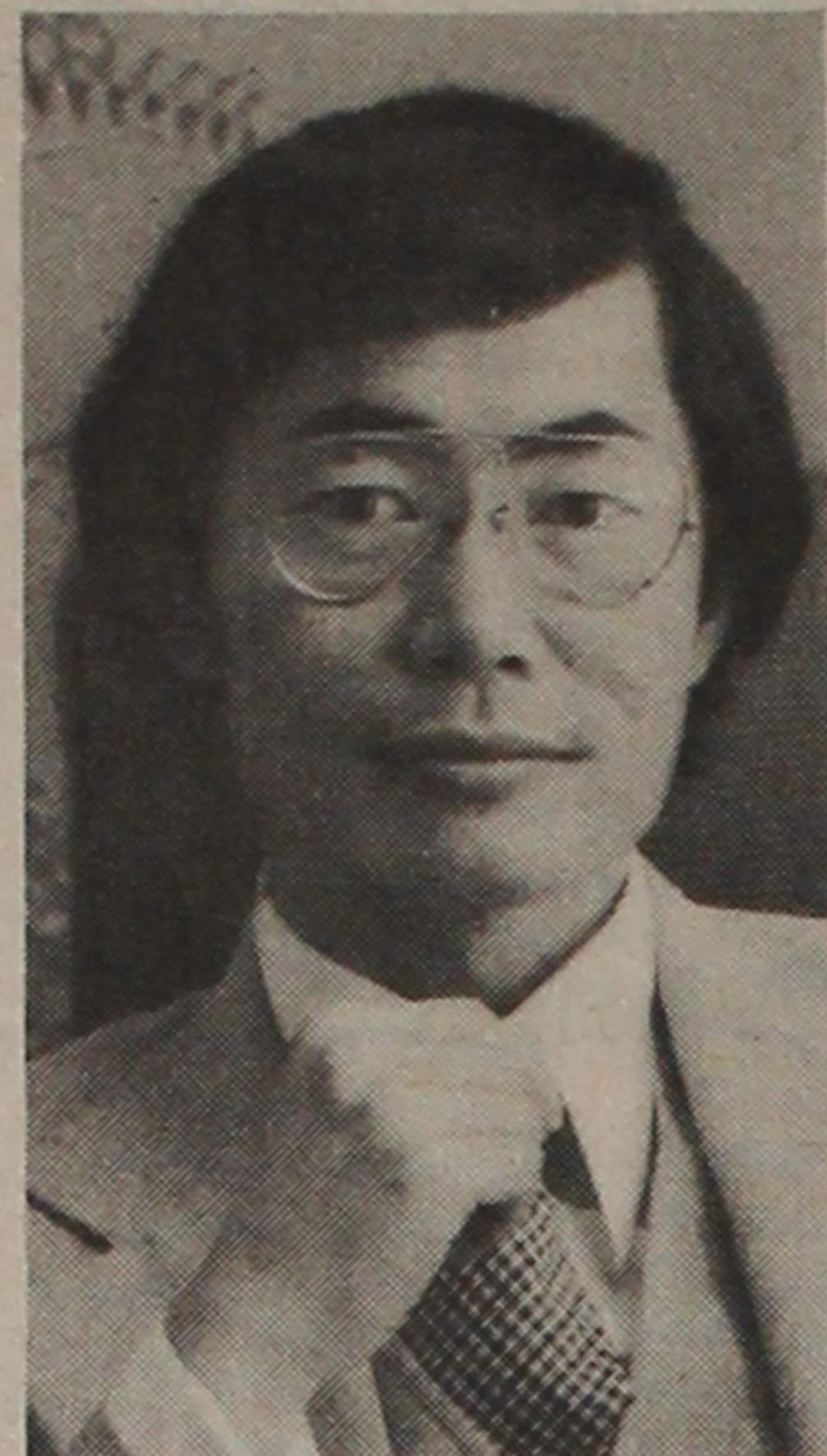
Cheryl Inafuku, a public administration junior at USC, is a program assistant for the Joint Educational Project, a student group assisting community schools. The daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. William Inafuku**, she is a tutor in the Asian American Tutorials Project, and a 1975 graduate from Belmont High, where she was on the yearbook staff and drill team.

Ten Nikkei are among the 1978 National Merit Scholarship winners provided by major U.S. corporations. They are **Kyle W. Konishi** of Gardena (Calif.) High; **Carolyn J. Uno** of Hanford (Calif.) Joint Union High; **David S. Furuno** of Williams School, New London, Conn.; **Diane L. Ohye** of Livingston High, Berkeley Heights, N.J.; **Timothy A. Ito**, St. Edward High, Lakewood, Ohio; **Michael K. Kobori** of Branham High, San Jose, Calif.; **Glenn A. Tokumaru** of Iolani School, Honolulu; **Scott K. Fukumoto**, of Iolani School; **Gerald A. Kawa**, Shawnee (Kan.) Mission School; and **Alan S. Nakamura**, Russell (Ky.) High. Over a million juniors were entered in the 1978 competition and some 15,000 or the top 1/2 of one per cent survived as semifinalists in the fall of 1977. Merit Scholars for \$1,000 awards and for college-sponsored four-year scholarships are to be announced.

● Entertainment

Yvonne Elliman, 26, wound up her first solo nationwide tour at home in Honolulu April 9. A Roosevelt High graduate, whose mother hails from Niigata-ken, has been promoting her first RSO album, "Night Flight". She originated the role of Mary Magdalene in "Jesus Christ Superstar" on records, Broadway and screen. She then toured three years with blues guitarist-singer Eric Clapton before going solo this past year.

● Government



George Takei

George Takei, best known for his T.V. appearances on "Star Trek", was elected vice president of the Board of Directors of the Southern California Rapid Transit District. A board member for five years, Takei is one of two members appointed by L.A. Mayor Tom Bradley. He holds a BA and MA from UCLA and has studied in Japan, England and at UC Berkeley. Takei is also a member of the Democratic

State Central Committee and was a delegate to the 1972 Democratic Convention.

● Media

Fremont Chapter member **Richard Pontzius**, fine arts critic and news anchorman for KXRX Radio (San Jose), has recently been appointed Director of Public Relations for California Actors Theatre, an all-professional resident theatre in Los Gatos, Calif. ... **Yuki Yoshida** and Beverly Schaffer, producers of the short film documentary "I'll Find a Way", won an Oscar for the project from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. ... USC cinematography professor **Ken Miura** was accorded a special mention for his contribution to the special effects footage in the science fiction film, "Star Wars". ... **Tritia Toyota**, KNBC anchorwoman, has been selected as an Outstanding Young Woman of America for 1977 in recognition of outstanding ability, accomplishments, and service to the community.

Ken Paik, photographer who has been with the Kansas City Star and Times for nine years, was promoted

director of news illustrations after the paper was sold last year. He heads the photography and art departments which were combined.

● Sports

Wimbledon doubles champion in 1974, **Ann Kiyomura**, 22, of San Mateo, signed with the Los Angeles Strings as a doubles player as the 1978 season of World Team Tennis opened. Others on the team are **Chris Evert**, **Ilie Nastase**, **Vijay** and **Ashok Amritraj** and **Stephanie Tolleson**. Ann was WTT mixed doubles champion with Ray Ruffels in 1976, winning 12 of 14 sets.

Suguru Egawa, ace pitcher for the Hosei University in Tokyo, joins the USC Trojan Nine as a special guest. Egawa will be on the USC campus from April to October. ... Golfer **Chako Higuchi**, of Japan, tied for fourth in the \$100,000 Sunstar Classic in Los Angeles. She earned \$3,213. Japan's top woman golfer came in with a 289, four strokes behind winner **Nancy Lopez**. The other Japanese golfer finishing in the money was **Tatsuko Ohsako** (293, \$1,162.)

Canadian-U.S. conference on Japanese Relocation May 4-5

BELLINGHAM, WASH. — An historic academic conference exploring the records and current perspectives of Relocation experiences of both Japanese Americans and Japanese Canadians is being sponsored here May 4-5 by Western Washington University's Canadian-American Studies Center and the U.S. National Archives.

Program will include panel discussions featuring scholars, current and former government officials and former camp internees; slide presentations and pictorial exhibits provided by the National Archives and the Japanese Canadian Centennial Society. Among the scheduled speakers are:

1—Prof. Roger Daniels, Univ. of Cincinnati, "The U.S., Canada and Japanese Relocation: A Bi-national

Atrocity Revisited".

2—Jack and Dorothy Yamaguchi, slide presentation: "This Was Minidoka".

3—Dr. James B. Rhoads, Archivist of the United States.

4—Barry Broadfoot, author, "Years of Sorrow, Years of Shame": Story of the Japanese Canadians in WW2."

Among the Nikkei panelists are:

M. Ann Sunahara, Edmonton; Sue K. Embrey, Los Angeles; Dr. Clifford Uyeda, San Francisco; Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi, Edmonton; Dr. Richard Doi, Central Washington Univ.; May Sakuma; Dr. Tetsuden Kishima, Univ. of Washington; Dr. Toru Takekuma, Western Washington Univ.

No advance registration is required but a \$2 fee will be assessed. Attendance at official conference luncheons (\$3.25) and banquet (\$9) requires a May 1 response to:

Dr. Roland L. DeLorme, History Dept., Western Washington University, Bellingham, Wash. 98225 (206-676-3000).

Seattle NVC award goes to Moriguchi

SEATTLE, Wash. — Businessman and community leader Tomio Moriguchi was presented the Seattle Nisei Veterans Committee Commander's Award for his "accomplishment and dedicated service" to the community, especially his leadership to establish the Keiro Nursing Home.

Presentation was made Mar. 18 during the NVC dinner installing Jack Shiota as the new commander, succeeding Ben Sugawara who bestowed the award to the honoree, a former national JACL treasurer and local chapter president. □

Dr. Tsujimura renominated

PORTLAND, Ore. — The Pacific Northwest District Council is nominating Dr. James Tsujimura, incumbent national JACL vice president for research and services, for a second term.

At the same time, the district voted to support the candidacy of Dr. Clifford Uyeda of San Francisco for the office of National JACL president.

(The Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council is currently determining whether to nominate Dr. Uyeda or Dr. Tom Taketa of San Jose JACL, whose candidacy is not yet announced.—Ed.)



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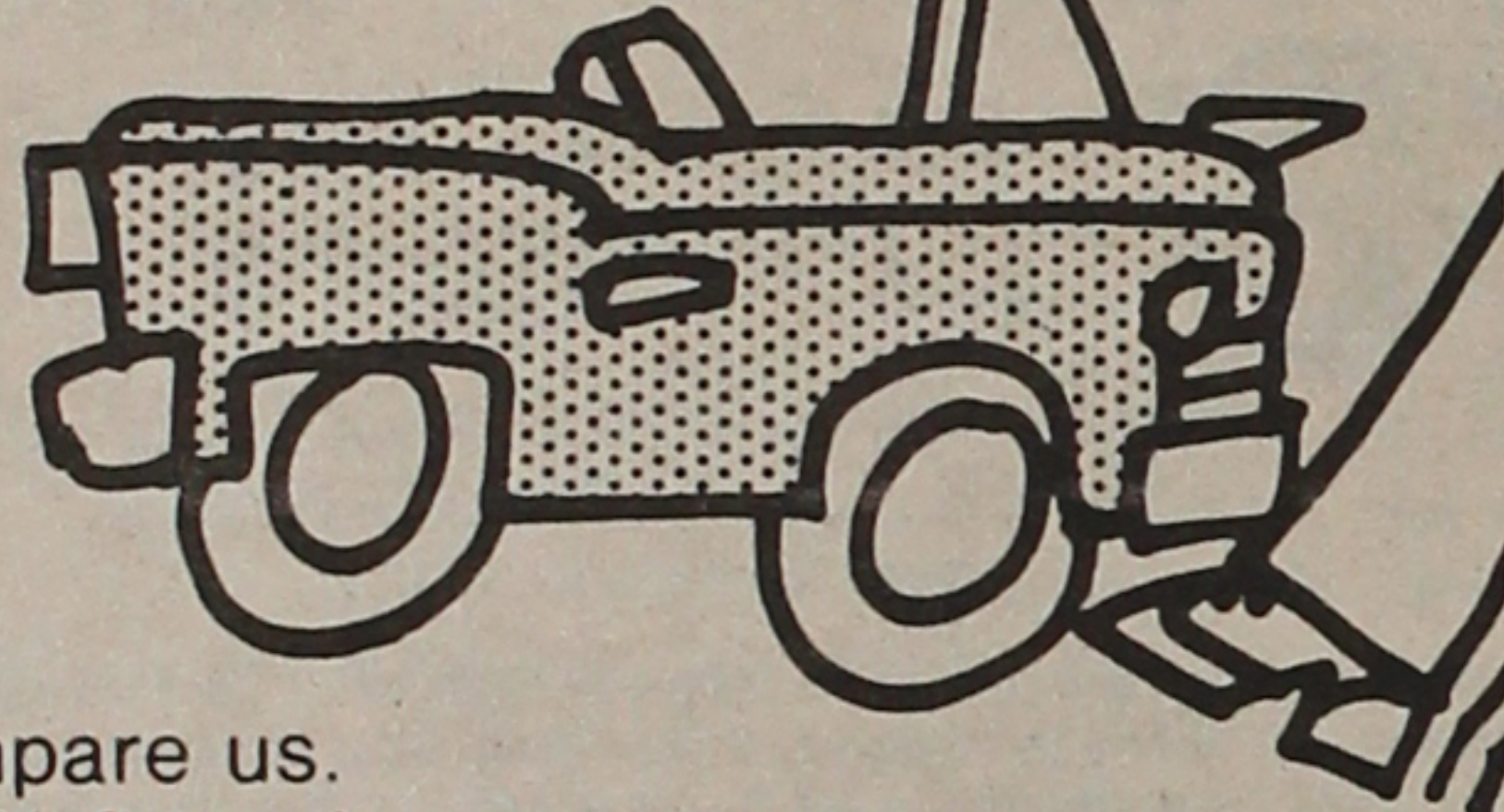


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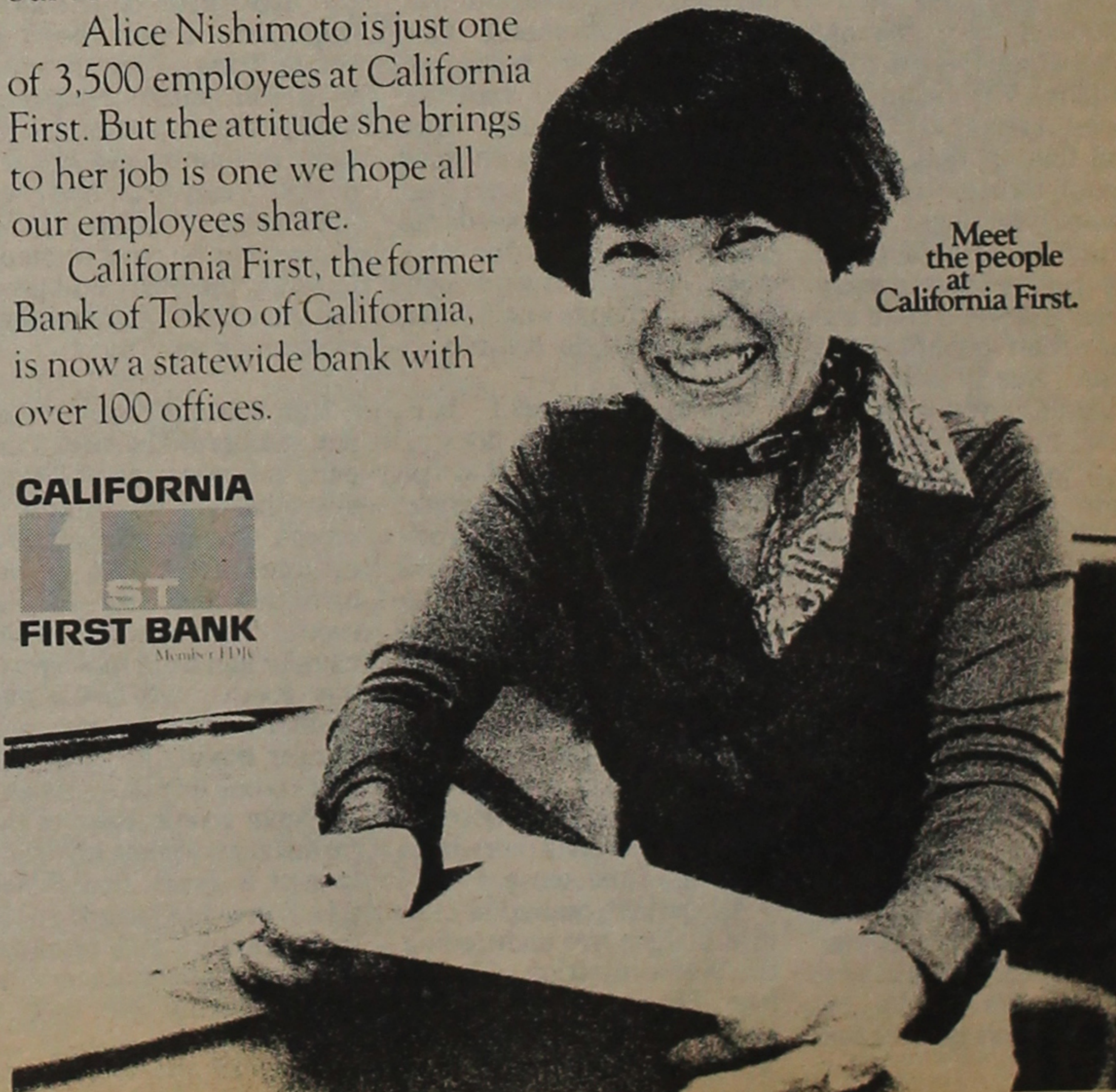
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A Non-Negotiable Obligation

Last month I received an invitation to participate in the memorial services held April 9 for Abraham Lincoln Wirin, in Los Angeles, Calif. It will remain as one of the most memorable services I have ever attended.

It wasn't so much that the people there were of the finest calibre, but more than anything else, it was the praise given to a man who with courage helped thousands of others walk a little bit freer in America. No attorney had done more for us as Japanese Americans than had A.L. Wirin.

Commitment—I couldn't help but think what the consequences would have been if A.L. Wirin hadn't done for us what he had. It makes me shudder to think of the outcome if Mr. Wirin chose to be apathetic and allowed the civil rights of Japanese Americans to be up to "someone else". When he chose to take up the cause of the Japanese American Legislator, Wirin's battle helped gain for us the privilege of American citizenship. A quality that so many of us now take for granted. The strain it placed upon his family can never be compensated, but they were as real as his accomplishments and they were many.

Critique—Often we hear within our own community how we have "made it"; how we Japanese Americans "did it on our own". We hear ourselves say how successful we are and how we pulled ourselves up from our "bootstraps". There is truth to these comments, but the whole truth clearly reveals the calibre

of individuals like the A.L. Wirins, the Wayne Collinses, and others who did so much for us because they could and chose to do it!

History—No success story of the Japanese American is complete without the story of our friends who were "outside" the Nikkei community but inside the spirit of America. And it was their interest for equality and justice that brought each and every one of them to our aid—not their love for Japanese food or custom.

Yet, of all their qualities and personal traits one element stood tall, their proactivism. It is in the spirit of people like A.L. Wirin that we as Japanese Americans, as Americans of Japanese ancestry, must continue our battles. For the Japanese American spirit is incomplete without the spirit of Abraham Lincoln Wirin.

Challenge—For those who do not believe that the JACL should pursue a course of "pro-active" involvement and engage regularly and continuously in the battle for civil and human rights, it is time to reconsider the reason for belonging. Civil and human rights is not a matter of choice to JACL—it is a matter of obligation. The battle of justice cannot be won by mere reaction and maintenance. It requires the rejuvenation of the Japanese American Spirit ... of unity and perseverance ... and the Japanese American Spirit is "pro-active". It is our history. □

NISEI IN JAPAN: Barry Saiki

Traditionalism and Environmentalism

TOKYO—Recently, a foreign resident wrote to the editor of the English language Mainichi Daily News, lamenting the disappearance of many traditional Japanese landmarks, including old churches, temples and residences, and questioning the wisdom of allowing such architectural treasures to be destroyed.

Mentioned were the old Imperial Hotel designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, and the proposed razing of Tokyo Central Station, built in the replica of the 19th Century Amsterdam Station.

He said that the Japanese should realize that quality and meaning were more important than quantity and function. Nearly all Japanese would agree with him in spirit, but in all democratic countries, the changes are wrought, not by a grand design, but by the temper of the public and the tempo of the period.

In a sense, traditionalists are like environmentalists in that they desire to preserve old values just as ecologists seek to protect Nature. While many appreciate the need for preserving natural surroundings, the battle lines for defending traditions are less clear. Whether for profit or for alleged common good, many changes are inevitable. It's what's up front and who's behind that counts.

In the 1960s, the entire

population in Japan was swept up by the land fever. Much of the accelerated rises in land prices can be attributed to the Tanaka years, when real estate rose at the phenomenal rate of 25% annually for six or seven successive years.

Individuals and corporations with surplus cash discovered that real estate was the best investment. One needed only to hold purchased land and wait for their values to rise with time. Companies with good credit rating borrowed vast sums from banks in order to buy and hold land for later sales. Banks also were willing to lend huge sums when real estate was offered as collateral.

These investment purchases caused the housing lots to rise so high that the average wage earner could no longer afford to buy residential lots. Then, the oil shock took the spin off the upward spiral. But by this time, except for the very rich or those who inherited property, the hope for an independent house and a garden became a dream. The price of land had become four or five times more than the cost of the house.

All major population centers in Asia are undergoing the Westernization of buildings. High rise offices and apartment houses fill the skylines of Singapore, Hong Kong and Tokyo. They are products of high land prices,

created by the scarcity of land and the growth of the urban populations. To a lesser degree, this is noticeable in the Los Angeles and SF Bay Area, where apartments and condominiums are increasing.

For Tokyo residents, who are unable to buy lots, the lesser alternative becomes the apartment or a condominium. Enter the real estate firms, which cram fifty families into a building on land previously occupied by three or four houses. For the past 10 years, this has been happening in Tokyo. Not by choice, but by hard economic facts, the older buildings are torn down to be replaced by multi-storied units.

But housing problems do not end here. The size of Japanese houses are traditionally based on "tatami" rooms. The number of tatami mats (about 18 sq. ft.) determines the size of the room. The average home usually had a 4½ mat, two 6-mat rooms, with a 4½ mat kitchen and a toilet and bath. Larger houses had three 6-mat rooms or two 6-mat and an 8-mat rooms. Each of the three larger rooms invariably had a 1-mat size closet, which provided ample space for bedding and luggage. Almost everything could be stored during the day in these closets.

Many of the apartments

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Bakke decision

Editor:

This is in reply to Fred Y. Hirasuna's letter (PC, April 14) and the Central California District Council (CCDC) resolution supporting the Bakke decision.

In light of CCDC unanimity and the near-parroting of Bakke's very own arguments, the first question becomes: what sort of dialogue preceded the adoption of the resolution? Whatever the case, let's focus on just a few of the fallacies that cry out for correction.

For a duly constituted arm of JACL to say that "the principle of affirmative action must be equally applied ..." bespeaks an ignorance and insensitivity so abysmal as to leave one almost speechless. At best, such language amounts to a contradiction in terms.

Affirmative action is a noble and legitimate concept that has been legislated at every level of government and has as its raison d'être the acceleration of civil rights for racial and ethnic minorities who have been victims of institutionalized discrimination, exclusion, isolation and exploitation since the founding of this country. Fundamentally, it seeks to disestablish officially-sanctioned preference for whites which systematically denies minorities equal rights and opportunities. It is a temporary expedient to right the wrongs of the past, carrying with it the full weight of moral authority. To be sure, there are disadvantaged white persons for a variety of reasons, but never for the reason they are white.

Specifically, minority admissions programs have been adopted by all major universities because they serve vital purposes. Integrated classrooms lead to integration of the professions which aims not only at improving medical care and legal representation in minorities communities, but at providing role models for minority youths, and at giving minorities a fair share of the political power of the professions.

According to recent statistics, there is one white physician for every 550 white persons, but only one black physician for every 4,000 blacks. Ratios for Mexican-Americans and American Indians are worse. And studies have confirmed that physicians raised in lower-income minorities communities are far more likely to practice in those communities.

Can anyone imagine the waiting room of a black obstetrician-gynecologist full of Junior League types—or, vice versa? Further studies show that without minority admissions programs our professional schools will revert to their previous complexion which was almost all white.

Second point that needs to be addressed is the statement that "applicants for entry should be

required to compete on an equal basis." What gibberish! Does Mr. Hirasuna and the CCDC really believe that "equal basis" can be achieved by taking special pre-entry courses in one summer session?

In this context, "individual merit" is implicit in the notion of "equal basis". The argument that "individual merit" and not race should be the sole determinant of admission is a phony one.

Man invents his own definition of merit in order to satisfy social needs. For generations, the establishment in America dictated and controlled the means by which social needs (as perceived by it) were to be met. When convenient, this included equating past grades and test scores with "individual merit" under the perfectly plausible theory that only in this way can academic performance and later professional performance be predicted.

Defect of this theory is manifest in the abundance of unethical, mediocre and sometimes incompetent professionalism all around us.

And when not convenient, "individual merit" is substituted by other standards such as, athletic ability, relationship to faculty members and big-money benefactors and the like. The insidiousness of racism is such that most members of racial and ethnic minorities simply do not measure up to the "individual merit" test.

Significantly, reference to the Asian American experience in the letter and resolution is conspicuous by its absence. Does the CCDC perceive itself as "honorary whites" in partnership with the white majority in preserving the status quo? Or is it just pos-

sible that the CCDC is over-enamored with the "model minority" appellation conferred upon us by the same forces? All of which is to say, if we can "make it", why can't the others?

Whatever the case, it is tragically ironic that some among us have eagerly wolfed down the sops thrown our way to the total disdain for and at the expense of the less fortunate minorities. It is a delusion to harbor the "we-have-made-it" mentality in spite of the Hayakawas, Inouyes and Minetas, for the top rung of the ladder of success is not yet available to us as a matter of course in whatever the area of endeavor regardless of our individual qualifications. To accept the Bakke decision is tantamount to an expression of contentment with our present lot which by extensions put the stamp of approval on the perpetuation of our second-class status.

Finally, no matter how the U.S. Supreme Court decides—if it decides to decide at all—the Bakke decision has, from almost the moment it was handed down by the California Supreme Court, given the green light to those in this country who are hellbent on protecting and perpetuating the white supremacy ideology of which only some 36 years ago we were the ultimate victims. The ramifications of the Bakke decision which began as mere ripples are building up into a crescendo of mighty waves which threaten to engulf and eradicate the progress of the past two decades. Such a prospect even in its most benign form is intolerable for all of us.

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By Raymond Okamura

A crucial factor in the forthcoming reparation campaign will be the ability to accurately and clearly document the internment experience for the American public. People must be able to understand exactly what happened before they can be expected to support redress payments.

One problem hindering effective communications is the continued usage of terms imposed by the government 36 years ago. Realizing that a summary mass incarceration without evidence of wrongdoing was contrary to constitutional principles, government officials devised numerous euphemisms to obscure the truth.

"Evacuation" and "relocation" normally mean moving people away from a disaster area and providing them with equivalent homes in a new location usually for their benefit or safety, and with their consent.

Perhaps because it was psychologically difficult to admit they were locked up in concentration camps, most Japanese Americans got in the habit of using government euphemisms. Former internees understand among themselves that "evacuation" and "relocation" are really code words for expulsion and incarceration.

Accurate Terminology

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But the general public does not interpret "evacuation" and "relocation" in the same way. Under the common definitions for these words, reparation cannot be justified.

For an unequivocal presentation of the facts, Japanese Americans should discard the old terminology and start using direct and honest terms. If Japanese Americans consistently use accurate words, the euphemism will eventually become archaic.

"Relocation" should be replaced with words like detention, imprisonment, incarceration or internment; "evacuation" with exclusion, exile or expulsion; "evacuee" with inmate, internee or prisoner; "assembly or reception center" with interim or temporary detention camp; "relocation center" with concentration, detention, internment or prison camp.

Words are a primary tool in the education process. A more precise and self-determined terminology will greatly aid the reparation effort. □

Raymond Okamura has joined as the fourth member of our national committee. His work as national co-chairman of the committee to successfully repeal the "Emergency Detention Act" in 1971 is well known. His contribution in the campaign to obtain presidential pardon for Iva Toguri was enormous. He is invaluable in our present task of preparing informational brochure for the coming campaign.—Clifford I. Uyeda.



FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

Oriental Journalists

Washington, D.C.
How many Orientals work as journalists on American daily newspapers? What's your guess? Ten? A hundred? A thousand?

The American Society of Newspaper Editors, at its annual convention here in mid-April, was told that a recent survey showed there were 165, and that included reporters, desk persons, photographers and artists, and news executives. Of this number nearly 50 were employed on two Honolulu dailies, leaving only a few over a hundred in the 49 mainland states.

This finding was included in a report by a committee which has been studying the progress being made in recruiting, training, hiring and promoting members of racial minorities. Has there been much progress? Not much.

The committee found that while racial minorities make up about 17 per cent of the nation's population, only 4 per cent of journalists working for daily newspapers are from minorities. Two-thirds of the nation's dailies still have no minority employees. The larger newspapers—those with daily circulation of 100,000 or more—employ 57 per cent of minority journalists.

(The survey is not entirely reliable since only 1,038 of the more than 1,725 daily newspapers took part. But by actual count among those papers responding to questionnaires, there were 844 blacks, 165 Orientals, 157 Chicanos, 143 Latinos and 48 American Indians.)

The editors were disturbed that while blacks are 11 per cent of the U.S. population, only 2 per cent of daily newspaper journalists are black. To achieve what might be described as proportionate representation, it would seem the number of black journalists needs to be increased five times.

The editors weren't particularly worried about the Orientals—they seem to be

able to take care of themselves pretty well—and didn't bother to work out figures for them, so I did. My arithmetic is shaky at best, but I figure there are approximately 2 million Orientals in the United States, which is roughly one per cent of the total population. Figuring there are approximately 42,200 editorial employees overall, it would appear that 165 Orientals are only 0.39 per cent of the total. Correct me if I'm wrong. This would seem to mean there ought to be three times as many Orientals working as newspaper drudges if the ratio is to be maintained.

Numbers alone don't tell the whole story, however. There is also the matter of job categories. Relatively few minority journalists are in senior news executive positions where they can have a voice in determining what stories are covered, how they are covered, and how and where they will appear in the newspaper. But perhaps that will come with time.

In view of the influence newspapers have in shaping public opinion, more substantial roles for minorities in producing those newspapers is an important goal. White editors have been wrestling for some time about the way news concerning minority communities should be covered. They are getting around to the view that fully integrated coverage with the total community is the best approach. But they are also learning that input from minority journalists is necessary to achieve this goal.

I have no way of knowing whether the study's finding of 165 Oriental journalists is high, low or close to the mark. Since the survey included artists and photographers as well as word-oriented types, it would seem there should be more than 165. JACL has considered establishing a Who's Who type of talent directory and a listing of journalists (which Pacific Citizen might undertake) would be a good place to get the project started. □



WEST WIND: Joe Oyama

Trips to Nostalgia

Part II

In the dark in Fresno's Mexican town, where many Japanese lived before the War, we searched for Church Road, but couldn't find it. I was now more interested in finding the street which led to the farm where my wife used to live than she was. She said, "Let's look for it in the morning when it's light." Then in the next breath she said, "This is enough! We don't have to look for it." I said, "You mean you give up! You don't want to look for it after you came this far? It's like when we go hiking, we're fifty feet from the summit, and you don't want to go to the peak. It's always like that!"

The next day, Bill Nikaido drove us from his flower shop in Japanese Town to his nice home in the suburbs. "We were in Seabrook Farms, New Jersey, for nine months during the war," he said. "We went to New York City to look up Rev. Alfred Akamatsu who had his church around the corner from your store. You were running a store on Broadway, and we just happened to pass it and we saw you inside ...

"You took us sightseeing in your car to Times Square, and the window fell off of the car right in the middle of Times Square." As I recollect, it was an old 1932 Chevrolet sedan, the very first car that I ever owned and I was proud of it. Being right in the middle of winter, the missing window made a big difference in the freezing weather. Setsu said, "I think you said you paid \$100 for it and a gallon of shoyu. I remember because you said, 'a gallon of shoyu.'" The car was purchased from a friend, Bob Okada.

In Sacramento, we used to go over to Bill's home fairly often for sukiyaki. Bill recollected, "You and 'Bacon' Imai (now deceased) had an argument. He's a sumo tori

and a wrestler. He got mad and picked you up and dropped you on the floor. You played 'dead' and lied there on the floor. I thought, 'Gee, Bacon went and killed Joe.'" I got up five minutes later; it was painful and my body ached, but I laughed—much to the relief of everyone.

Then I reminded Bill of the time a group of us Nisei went to the Courtland High School senior dance, not as participants, but as observers. Watching some of our fellow classmate white boys dancing with the Courtland high school white girls, Bill said, "Look at that dumb guy Ray D— dancing. He can dance with the girls, but we can't, because there would be trouble."

I said to Roy, Bill's older brother, "Why don't you go out there and dance with one of the girls?" He replied, "If I did, the parents would object. See, a lot of them are here sitting up front."

Bill Nikaido and George Inagaki (former National JACL president) were among the first Nisei at Sacramento High School noon hour dance to have enough courage to dance with their fellow classmate white girls. Most of the other Nisei (I was one of them) did not have the nerve nor the inclination.

Courtland is about 20 miles south of Sacramento down on the levee road, a winding road skirting the Sacramento River. Frustrated on the way home, we saw another sedan with a high ceiling, a better class of car, pass us at high speed on this dangerous narrow levee road, the occupants, our white classmates, drinking gin out of flasks. Roy, who was driving our car, stepped on the gas full throttle, and took up the challenge. Neck-to-neck we raced, but they got ahead of us, then we caught up full speed and finally left them

far behind in the fog that was drifting over the levee. We sped all the way into Sacramento and felt elated.

I also asked Bill if he remembered the time, "We had a dance at the Oak Park clubhouse in Sacramento. We had a Nisei orchestra. We were all dancing, when gatecrashers in tuxedos and girls in formal attire with corsages (from Roy Nikaido's Royal Florist Shop), made their way into our dance. Before we knew it, the white boys were dancing with the Nisei girls and the Nisei boys were dancing with the white girls (if only the parents had known!). We were having a good time, when the orchestra stopped playing, and Kenzo Yoshida, the orchestra leader made an announcement, "The dance is over!"

After all the white boys and girls left, the lights were switched back on again in the clubhouse, and the dance resumed. (The intruders went back to their own DeMolay dance at the Senator Hotel.) But this was a long, long time ago. We have come full cycle and we have gotten back to dancing with our own kind, but of choice and not because of coercion.

After lunch in a Basque restaurant, where my wife was duly impressed because the proprietor's children bowed to us and said as we were leaving, "Thank you very much. Come again."

Bill drove us out to where my wife once lived as a child. My wife couldn't remember where her childhood home was, but she was glad that there were still farms there.

Pointing to an old abandoned building, Setsu said, "That's the old Japanese school. My mother used to teach there. I haven't been out here since the war!" □

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Calendar, pulse & memos

San Francisco Matsuri . . .



Hokubei Mainichi Photo

San Francisco's 1978 Cherry Blossom Festival queen Shirley Shuri Torp, 20, (center) stands with Eden Township JACL candidate Jodeene K. Nakashima (left), first runner-up, and the 1977 queen Naomi Kato at the Japan Center Theater coronation pageant. Miss Torp is the daughter of the Carl B. Torps of Concord, an art student at Diablo Valley College and sponsored by Japanese Tea Garden.

● Fowler

Fowler JACL coordinated the community dinner honoring new Mayor Tom Nagata held last Sunday, April 23, at the Airport Holiday Inn. The Japanese community turned out en masse to recognize the city's first Japanese American mayor.

Born in nearby Kingsburg, Nagata, 52, returned after the war to Fowler where he became active in the community and Buddhist Church. He was long affiliated with the Boy Scout program.

● Fremont

The 73 present at George Kato's lecture on the History of Japanese in Alameda County April 12 at Sangha Hall were not disappointed as many intriguing details of local personalities were re-

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vealed. For instance:

The first Japanese American was born in the Washington Township area of Southern Alameda County in 1903. She is Mrs. Asakawa. And by 1900 most of the local Japanese immigrants had settled in the same area.

The chapter picnic will be held May 21 at Central Park, starting at 10 a.m. Members have been requested to supply one potluck dish. Hot dogs and refreshments will be provided. Picnic reservations are being taken by:

Carol Yamaguchi 797-9077, Irene Tsujimoto 793-2744, and Yuki Nomura 793-9485.

● New York

National Executive Director Karl Nobuyuki will be welcomed by the New York JACL at a special meeting April 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the Japanese American United Church, 255 Seventh Ave., New York. Light refreshments will be served.

Two pioneer Issei mothers to be honored by Downtown L.A.

LOS ANGELES — The 16th annual Downtown L.A. JACL Mother's Day luncheon will be held on Saturday, May 6, noon, at the Hotel New Otani, it was announced by chairperson Mrs. Yoneko Kato. To be honored are Maki Mimaki, 95, of Montebello, and Sugi Kotake, 76, of Cerritos.

Reservations at \$11 per person are being accepted through:

JACL Mother of the Year, c/o Calif. First Bank, 120 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles 90012.

Mrs. Mimaki, only daughter of Fumoto Kai of Kumamoto-ken, came to the U.S. as a picture bride in 1916. Her brother Masajiro was the person who managed the construction of the old toll road to Mt. Wilson from Sierra Madre and later a flower ranch in Whittier. Her late husband, Hidehiko,

Members are also invited to join board members and Karl for dinner after the meeting.

Applications for the New York JACL Lucile Nakamura memorial scholarship are to be returned by May 25 to the chapter president, Ruby Schaer. Award is open to high school seniors entering college in the fall and those now college undergraduates who are members or dependents of chapter members.

● Pocatello

Pocatello-Blackfoot JACL's "Honors Night" will be held April 29 at the Idaho State University Student Union building from 7 p.m. to recognize Issei parents and Sansei high school graduates. Shin Kawamura is chairman.

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raised strawberries in Dominguez Hills and was specializing in rhubarb at Monrovia when war came. The family of two sons (Pete and George) and two daughters (Barbara and Masako) were relocated to Heart Mountain. Children are all married and successfully engaged in their respective occupations. She has 17 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Still spry, she tends her garden in the backyard, supplying her family and friends with homegrown vegetables. She is staying with her eldest daughter's family, the Masato Muneyukis.

Mrs. Kotake, second daughter of Yazo Imaizumi of Fukuoka-ken, was graduated from the Asabu Midwife Training School in Fukuoka, came to the U.S. in 1924 and married Masajiro Kotake, then working at the Nobujiro Nishizu farm in Orange County. After her first son was born, the family moved to Inglewood-

Hawthorne to engage in produce brokerage. She had also passed the state board exam on midwifery. In 1936, they were raising poultry in Norwalk. The Kotakes were relocated to Tule Lake and Arkansas during the war

and returned to Norwalk after the war. Living next door to her eldest Seigo, she is visited by her eight children, Shigeo, Masao, William, Grace Arata, Ruby Mochidome, Kuni Fukumoto, Shirley, and 20 grandchildren. □

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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 Bienium 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.

June 30—Applic papers for JACL-Hagiwara Student Aid grant, JACL Hq.

Calendar

*A non-JACL event

● APRIL 28 (Friday)
San Diego—Bd mtg.
Los Angeles—Judge Tak Takei reception, International Club, World Trade Ctr, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
New York—Mtg, J.A. United Church, 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Karl Nobuyuki, spkr.

*Seattle—Sukiyaki dnr (2 da), Japanese Baptist Church, 6 p.m.

● APRIL 29 (Saturday)
Philadelphia—Inst dnr, Cinelli's County House, Cherry Hill, N.J.; Karl Nobuyuki, spkr.

West Valley—Recreation Night, 6 p.m. dnr at Clubhouse, bowling at Saratoga Lanes.

Tulare County—Benefit movie, Visalia Budd Church.

IDC—Qtrly sess, Pocatello-Blackfoot JACL hosts, Cotton Tree Inn, 1 p.m.

EDC—Qtrly sess, Phila JACL hosts, 10 a.m.

Diablo Valley—Family Night potluck, PG&E Bldg, Concord, 6 p.m.

Hoosier—Bingo-Dessert Night, Ft Harrison Civilian Club, 7:30 p.m.

Pocatello-Blackfoot — Honors night, USU Student Union, 6:30 p.m.

Natl JACL—Reparation Comm mtg (2 da), JACL Hq, San Francisco.

Los Angeles—Solidarity Festival, UCLA Int'l Student Ctr, 6:30 p.m.

● APRIL 30 (Sunday)
Alameda—Golf tournament, Gilbraith Course, 8:30 a.m.

Livingston-Merced—Picnic, Henderson Park, 12n.

Washington, D.C.—Issei Appreciation dnr, River Rd Unitarian Church, Bethesda, 4:30 p.m.

*Seattle—Bazaar, Nichiren Church 11 a.m.

● MAY 3 (Wednesday)
San Francisco—Judge Tak Takei reception, Japan Ctr Theater, 5:30 p.m.

● MAY 4 (Thursday)
Bellingham, Wa.—Conf on JA/JC relocation in WW2 (2 da), West Wash Univ; Thu banq, Leopold Inn, Dr James Rhodes, U.S. Archivist, spkr.

● MAY 5 (Friday)
Philadelphia—Folk Fair (3 da), Civic Ctr.

Solano County — New charter night, Civic Ctr, Fairfield, 6:30 p.m.; Jim Murakami, spkr.

*Los Angeles—Asn Amer Labor History Conf, UCLA No Campus Facility Rm 22.

*St Louis—Children's Day; koinobori, City Hall; 9:30 a.m., flower

arrangement demonstration, Missouri Botanical Gardens, 1:30 p.m.; Sakura Dancers, Plaza Frontenac, 7:30 p.m.

● MAY 6 (Saturday)
Downtown LA—Mother's Day luncheon, New Otani Hotel, 12n.

*Gardena—Nisei Singles Club Cinco de Mayo Fiesta, JCI Hall.

*San Francisco—Japanese American Democratic Club dnr, Yet Wah restaurant, Rep. Norman Mineta, spkr.

*Seattle—Sukiyaki dnr, St Peter's Epis Church, 4:30 p.m.

*Seattle—Street Fair, Hing Hay Park.

● MAY 7 (Sunday)
NC-WNDC—2nd Qtrly, San Benito County JACL hosts, Hollister.

Sonoma County—Retirement seminar, Enmanji Hall, 2 p.m.

West Los Angeles—Queen's tea.

● MAY 8 (Monday)
Milwaukee—Children's Day, International Institute, 9 a.m.

*Santa Cruz Asn Amer Art Co-operative exhib, S Cruz Public Library (till June 15).

*San Jose—Nisei Ski Club dance, Blue Dolphin, San Lorenzo Marina, 9:30 p.m.

● MAY 9 (Tuesday)
Stockton—Bd mtg, Calif 1st Bank, 8 p.m.

● MAY 12 (Friday)
Salt Lake City—Japanese movie benefit (2 da), Buddhist Church.

● MAY 13 (Saturday)
Milwaukee—Graduates dnr, Limehouse restaurant.

Alameda—Bowling fun night.

Sacramento—Women's Auxy potluck dnr, Japanese United Methodist Church.

Natl JACL—Budget session (2 da), JACL Hq, San Francisco.

San Jose—Schol Awd potluck supper, Wesley United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m.

*Monterey—Nisei VFW Post installation.

● MAY 19 (Friday)
Philadelphia—Bd mtg, Hiroshi Ueyehara res, 8 p.m.

● MAY 20 (Saturday)
Milwaukee—Japanese dnr, International Institute, 6:30 p.m.

Livingston-Merced—Gen mtg.

San Diego—Scholarship Awd dnr, Tom Ham's Lighthouse, 6:30 p.m.; Yori Wada, spkr.

● MAY 21 (Sunday)
PSWDC—Qtrly sess, Orange County JACL hosts; Holiday Inn, 9:30 a.m., Buena Park.

Sonoma County—Pancake bkfst, Enmanji Memorial Hall, Sebastopol.

Oakland—Inst dnr, Bok Sen Restaurant, 7 p.m.; Karl Nobuyuki, spkr.

Fremont—JACL picnic, Central Park, 10 a.m.

Seattle—Pancake breakfast, Jefferson Rec Ctr, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

● MAY 22 (Monday)
Denver—Nat'l Conf on Min Gp Alcohol, Drug Abuse, Ment Hlth Issues (3 da), Executive Tower Inn.

● MAY 24 (Wednesday)
Gardena—Pre-retirement seminar, Japanese Cultural Institute, 7:30 p.m.

Monterey Peninsula—Bd mtg, JACL Hall, 7:30 p.m.

● MAY 25 (Thursday)
South Bay—Dnr mtg, Del Conte's Torrance, 7:30 p.m.; Frank Chuman, spkr.

● MAY 26 (Friday)
San Diego—Bd mtg.

● MAY 27 (Saturday)
MDYC—Spring workshop; Ancient Arts of Japan, Mich State Univ. campus.

● MAY 28 (Sunday)
Stockton—Picnic, Mickle Grove Park.

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WATSONVILLE, Calif.—Responding overwhelmingly to the call for funds, the Watsonville JACL pledged enough money to close the account on the \$50,000 JACL Building.

The building is used every Sunday afternoon by the Senior Center, run by JACL chapter members Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kizuka. The availability of the meeting place has also spurred the organization of a Watsonville Junior JACL.

Fund drive was directed by chairman Ben Umeda and treasurer Tommy Sakata. Though the drive has been completed, an account to finance senior citizen activities will remain open.



Tom Kizuka, Paul Hiura, Tom Nakase and Frank Wakayama hang up sign.

Persons wishing to contribute to the tax deductible fund should send checks to

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SAIKI

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rented in Tokyo today have eliminated the closets in two of the three larger rooms, for a total loss of 35 square feet of closet space. Like the pre-war, false bottom, Japanese candy boxes, the tenants find that there is insufficient storage space for their belongings. With this has gone the tidiness of the former Japanese homes.

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viewing of the King Tut Treasures here was changed to Oct. 15. The chapter's block of 100 tickets was quickly dispensed at \$7.50 per member.

● St. Louis

St. Louis Mayor James Conway will raise the "Japanese carp" in a Koinobori ceremony in front of City Hall on Friday, May 5, at 9:30 a.m. The ceremonial paper carp is a gift from St. Louis' sister city of Suwa.

That afternoon at 1:30, principal lecturer Mutsuo Tomita of New York's Ohara School of Ikebana will give a demonstration at the Missouri Botanical Garden Auditorium where a special children's day arrangement will be stylized. A \$3 donation is being requested with proceeds going to the Japanese Gardens.

scheduled for the Sacramento JACL meeting at Nisei Hall last night (April 27). He was to speak on the larger issue of "Orientals all look alike" syndrome in criminal matters that plague all Asians.

Chol Soo Lee was convicted by a Sacramento County jury in 1974 of first-degree murder of Yip Yee Tak in San Francisco Chinatown on the testimony of three witnesses. Last October, he was accused of fatally stabbing a fellow inmate at Tracy prison and faces possible death sentence.

But an extensive investigation into events leading to the Chinatown murder has raised many troublesome questions about the initial case, it was noted earlier this year in a Sacramento Union story by staff writer K.W. Lee. (PC plans to reprint this.—Ed.)

● Seattle

The chapter, with the Japan America Society and the Japanese Consulate General, co-sponsored the third annual Cherry Blossom Festival held April 22 at Seward Park. Performers included the Imperial Drum & Bugle Corps, Tokiwakai Dance Group and the Kisaragi-kai. Date for JACL's group

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Saito will be speakers. Also expected in attendance will be delegates for the International District Council meeting the same weekend.

Among the Issei to be honored are:

Messrs. Kanomata, Wada, Wakamatsu, K. Kawamura, Hanaki; Mmes. U. Endow, Y. Endow, Konishi, Matsuura, Nakamura, Nii, Shikashio, Shiratori, Ugaki, Yamada, Akiyama, Kasai, Kobayashi, Miura, Murakami, Okamura, Sugihara, Taniyama and Yokota.

● Reedley

The Reedley JACL held its annual dinner meeting on April 21 at Sevan Restaurant in Selma.

Janet Ikemiya, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James Ikemiya, who was Reedley JACL's representative to the Presidential Classroom in Washington, D.C., related her experiences of the one-week visit.

The chapter also sponsored a basketball team which placed second in the Berkeley JACL Tournament on March 31-Apr. 2.

● Sacramento

A presentation by coordinator Jay K. Yoo of the National Committee for Chol Soo Lee's Legal Defense was

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OUYE

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Being Marina's second mayor and first Japanese American mayor doesn't awe Ouye much. "I ran for the city council, not for mayor," he says.

As one of the top two vote getters in the March elections, Ouye will serve a four-year term on the council, but only two as mayor. (The remaining three council members were elected for two years—a procedure adopted for this term so the whole council will not come up for re-election again in 1980.)

There are times when the

fight suffers setbacks greater than others. Daily, Ouye lives with nagging headaches—lingering effects from his war wounds that sometimes make it unable for him to go to work.

The hardest blow to recover from came in 1973, however, when his first wife was killed in an automobile accident, leaving him to care for the couple's three children.

Adhering to strict Japanese custom, Ouye waited a year, then took his wife's ashes to Japan to ask her family if he could remarry. With their blessings, he later was re-introduced to a girl

he knew as a youngster in Hawaii.

After two years of courtship, during which time he made seven trips to the islands and spent a fortune on "hotels and rent-a-cars", he married his second wife, Joan, and today they live quietly in Marina.

Bouncing back is an admirable Ouye trait—the pain, of course, resurfaces with the retelling of each story, but with little malice. Even when remembering his father's venture into the hotel business.

The senior Ouye, able to save some money from a brief stint as a restaurant operator in Honolulu,

bought a hotel on Kauai which is now the popular Co-co Palms Lodge.

The father lost the establishment to Hilton Hotels, however, when a loophole was discovered in the original lease, leaving Ouye with nothing.

"They filmed 'Blue Hawaii' there," the younger Ouye remembered. "Just think my father was the owner once. Today, it's the richest and oldest hotel in Kauai. . . ." —Pat Tashima

Saiki display

SAN MARINO, Calif.—The Saiki Society of Southern California will exhibit landscapes April 29, 1:30-4 p.m. and April 30, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Huntington Library.

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