

Depression 'real possibility' in U.S., says Nisei economist

By JOE OYAMA

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)

BERKELEY, Calif.—In the world of stocks and bonds and corporate finance, Sam I. Nakagama, vice-president and chief economist of prestigious Kidder and Peabody and Co., New York, is inter-

nationally known. Among other things, he is among the top economic forecasters in this country and writer of Kidder Peabody's financial newsletter, which is distributed to investment managers, executives, and central bankers in this country and Europe.

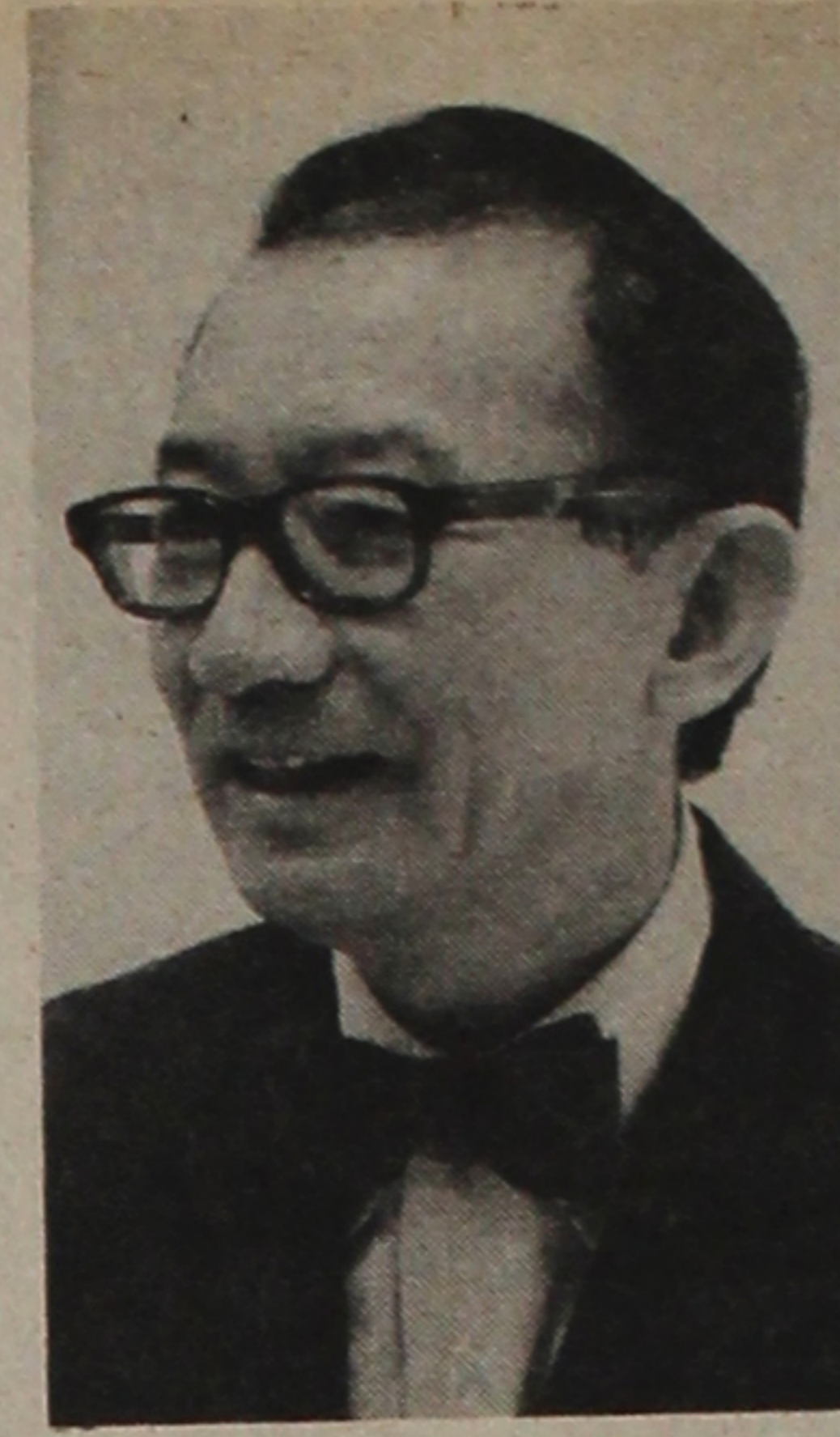
A recent visitor here, Nakagama not only travels and lectures, but also addresses Swiss bankers, consults with the Bank of England, and advises Arab investors. He had been asked by the Nixon administration to become one of its top economists but did not accept the job. He just

returned from Boston, Hartford, Dallas, Houston, Kansas City, Denver, Washington D.C., Philadelphia, Baltimore and Wilmington. In July he will be travelling around the world—Tokyo, Hong Kong, Singapore, Abu Dhabi, and London to tell the investment community his

views about the economic outlook.

(Prestige-wise, his job is about the most prestigious job that any American can hope to get; it is equivalent to working for the House of Morgan in the old days. Till now, I have been reluctant writing about Sam, because of his position. He once remarked, "I remember a young lady came to interview me for — magazine, but she wasn't equal to the task. She didn't ask the right questions. Not very bright!")

Sam's writing career began as a 17-year-old reporter for the Jerome camp newspaper at the Japanese American concentration camp at Denison, Ark. The staff was



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Dr. Clifford Uyeda elected national JACL president



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SALT LAKE CITY—Climaxing the 25th biennial National JACL Convention hosted by

the Salt Lake/Mt. Olympus chapters here this past week (July 17-22) at Little America Hotel, was the election of Dr. Clifford Uyeda, retired pediatrician, of San Francisco as national president.

As one who had never held a chief executive post of a JACL chapter or district council, the Tacoma-born Nisei stands as the "first grassroots national president". Only last biennium was he to command national attention as a JACLer of the Biennium. Installed with him were:

VP-Gen Op: Lily Okura, Washington, D.C.; vp-pub aff: Floyd Shimomura, Sacramento; vp-membership services: Steve Nakashima, West Valley; vp-research & services: Dr. James Tsujimura, Portland; and —treas.: George Kodama, West L.A.

By HARRY HONDA

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — The JACL juggernaut pleased some and perplexed others as the 25th biennial National Convention here concluded Sunday, July 23, with:

1—Dr. Clifford Uyeda as the first president to be elected from the grassroots (he has never held an executive post as chapter president or district governor).

2—An \$806,500 budget, a new high, that translates to national dues going up \$4.50 to \$16.50 per member starting Oct. 1, 1978

3—Selections of K. Patrick Okura, Washington, D.C., mental health executive, as "Nisei of the Biennium"; Edward Yamamoto, Moses Lake, Wn. and past PNWDC

governor, as the "JACLer of the Biennium"; and the Seattle JACL the "Chapter of the Biennium".

4—A mandate to establish a national JACL planning committee on aging and retirement program.

5—Defeat by heavy margins resolutions to abolish JACL women's auxiliaries and JACL policy to boycott states which have not passed the Equal Rights Amendment.

6—Prospects of the 1982 convention in the Pacific Southwest district (the first since 1954).

7—Approval of concepts for redress legislation.

8—Mandate to rewrite the National JACL Constitution.

9—Over 20 hrs. of videotaping of and complete ver-

batim recording of council business and workshops.

10—Authority to install JAY regional directors (instead of a single national

youth director).

Following is a "running account" of convention activities to appear in two parts.

Trade imbalance affects Japanese in U.S.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah—Economic friction between America and Japan is victimizing Japanese Americans, because of the imbalance of trade and because Americans of Japanese ancestry are associated with Japan by their appearance and cultural heritage, the National JACL president Jim Murakami said during an interview last week with the Salt Lake Tribune writer covering the 25th biennial National Convention.

Japanese Americans often feel the brunt of their own countrymen's discontent over economic problems, Murakami explained. "Americans who have lost jobs in the car industry, for example, may blame us. They say 'our people' are hurting the U.S. by producing so many cars."

JACL hopes to sensitize Americans of this problem as well as to encourage a public relations effort by U.S.-based Japanese firms that would help eliminate the hostility and misunderstanding.

Highlights this year were the various workshops staged during the convention held at Little America Hotel, where 500 delegates convened for a week (July 17-24).

There were two the opening day Tuesday, starting with the IBM motivation seminar by Robert Thornton and a workshop on redress moderated by Dr. Clifford Uyeda, who succeeded in securing a consensus on the concept and draft for the legislative proposal the following day at the National Council session.

Dr. Gene Levine of UCLA gave his overview of the tri-generational (Issei-Nisei-Sansei) survey taken in the late 1960s in conjunction with the Japanese American Research Project involving nearly 6,000 respondents. With reference to community, Levine suspected that by the fifth generation, the Japanese Americans will have outmarried themselves into extinction.

Thanks to a grant from the Utah Endowment for the Humanities, it was possible to sponsor three of the six workshops with a distinguished list of participants. Geared to stimulate Japanese American dialogue between professionals and lay people (the convention delegates, boosters and observers), some recommendations were expected for action in the coming biennium.

Three broad areas were discussed: (1) Japanese American Family and Its Changing Values, (2) Visual and Performing Arts, and (3) Political Awareness.

Under Family, besides the Levine report, were workshops moderated by Dr. Tom Taketa of San Jose.

It was a continuing show for the slide presentation of Japanese American artists and their works by Jean Kondo Weigl, while art and society was discussed during the first half and the East West Players performed the second half.

Political awareness attracted major attention with

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JACL redress bid to move

By SHARON SUZUKI
PC Staff Writer

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah—A proposal seeking \$25,000 redress for each individual of Japanese ancestry who suffered expulsion or incarceration through official acts of the United States government during World War II was approved unanimously by delegates to JACL's 25th biennial National Convention.

Without trial, the mass expulsion and incarceration during the war—singling out those of Japanese ancestry (just 4% of 1.1 million nationals of enemy nations in the U.S. in 1942)—violated the Bill of Rights. It is that injustice for which the proposal asks indemnity.

Dr. Clifford Uyeda of San Francisco, chairperson of the National Redress Committee, feels that now, "... the climate is right. President Carter is insisting on protection of human rights throughout the world, and we cannot understand how the U.S. can expect (other countries) to do something she will not do herself."

The "reparations" issue, as it was called before, was first brought up at the 1970 convention. Details were still being debated in public forums held in the redress workshops here last week as to how compensation should be made (individually or as a

trust fund), who should be eligible (whether South and Central American Japanese should be included) and other areas of the redress proposal.

The proposal underwent much revision, but Dr. Uyeda noted in a memo distributed at the convention that, "what modification Congress will impose on it is still to be faced."

Five main points included in the final draft (at press-time) are:

1—Eligibility is restricted to those actually detained or interned or those forced to move from "exclusion" areas.

2—Individual payments are limited to survivors and to heirs of deceased detainees.

3—Persons of Japanese ancestry brought over Central and South America and interned in the U.S. are included.

4—Processing and paying individual claims will be the responsibility of the U.S. government.

5—Trust foundation for the benefit of Japanese Americans will be administered by a Japanese American commission.

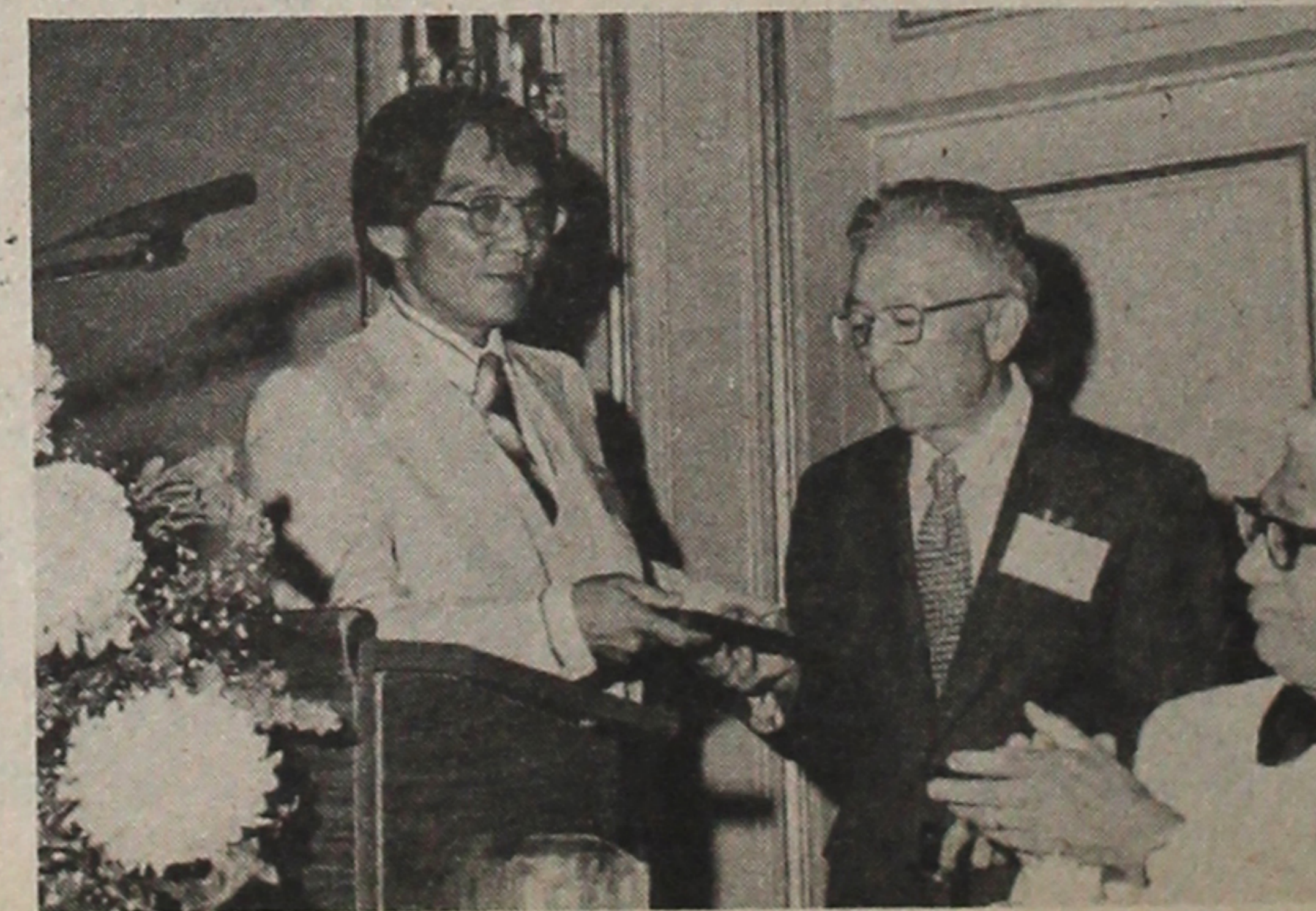
At the redress workshop Tuesday (July 18), George Imai, president of the Japanese Canadian Citizens Assn., said a similar movement for restitution from the Canadian government for Japanese Canadians incarcerated during the war is underway.

Also present at that workshop, serving as panelists, were Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi, professor of sociology at the Univ. of Alberta, and attorney Minoru Yasui, execu-

tive director of community relations in Denver, Colo. The two were in court cases during the war arguing military orders applied to civilians were unconstitutional.

A pamphlet was published in June by JACL, "The Japanese Americans: Incarceration: a Case for 'Redress'". It states JACL's motivation in pressing for redress:

Redress for the injustices of 1942-46 is not just an isolated Japanese American issue; it is an issue of concern for all Americans. Restitution does not put a price tag on freedom or justice. The issue is not to recover what cannot be recovered. The issue is to acknowledge the mistake by providing proper redress for the victims of the injustice, and thereby make such injustices less likely to recur.



Convention Photos by Frank Ujifusa

Salt Lake JACL president Jimi Mitsunaga presents service plaque to Hito Okada (center) during Masaoka Distinguished Public Service Award. Mike Masaoka (right) applauds.

Little control of alien land ownership

WASHINGTON — Even though half the states have laws prohibiting or limiting foreign ownership of farmland, actual control over these alien investments is virtually nonexistent, according to a study released by the General Accounting Office.

The states do not even have efficient methods of monitoring the degree of growing foreign control over farmland, the study found.

Foreign ownership of real estate—especially agricultural land—has received a great deal of public attention lately. Members of Congress, state legislators and residents of farming states have expressed concern about what they have seen as a growing problem.

Among other potential results which have been forecast are a rise in land prices as foreigners buy the land for speculative purposes with cheap dollars, problems arising from foreign ownership of U.S. food supplies and a movement overseas of the profits from these farms.

Of the 25 states with some level of control over foreign investment in farmland, nine have laws which generally prohibit or severely restrict such ownership.

They are Connecticut, Indiana, Kentucky, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire and Oklahoma. Most have some exceptions to the general provisions regarding non-resident aliens and some have limitations on the ownership of land by resident aliens.

Five states—Iowa, Missouri, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Wisconsin—have laws which restrict the total acreage that aliens can acquire or hold. These limits range from five acres in Missouri to 500,000 acres in South Carolina.

Six states have laws which restrict the time which an alien can own land. Illinois requires the land be sold within six years from the time it is bought or inherited.

Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Nebraska and Oklahoma require the land be disposed of unless the owner

becomes a U.S. citizen and, in the case of Oklahoma, a resident of the state.

Thirteen states have laws restricting the ownership of farmland by corporations, some of which have special restrictions for corporations with alien interests behind them.

There were so many different provisions of the various states' laws, the GAO found, that classifying them into general categories was extremely difficult.

"These differences seem to mirror the diversity of state perceptions as to whether foreign ownership of land constitutes a present or potential problem in the state."

When the GAO was conducting its study earlier this year, 10 states reported pending legislation for additional constraints on foreign ownership.

The ten were Alabama, California, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma and Wisconsin.

"Even recognizing the proposed additional legisla-

tion," the GAO concluded, "our overall impression is that effective control or monitoring of foreign investments in U.S. farmland through state legislation is a long way off."

The GAO reported that the data was insufficient to determine whether foreign purchases had led to higher prices of farmland or not.

A number of attempts by the Agriculture and Commerce Departments to amass data on foreign real

estate investment "are not encouraging," the GAO reported.

The study recommended

that Congress require the Commerce Department to expand one study being conducted to include additional data on foreign purchases of farmland.

—Washington Star

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San Jose hot meal program continuing

SAN JOSE—The Japanese American Community Senior Service Yu-Ai nutrition program, which had been threatened by passage of Prop. 13, will continue for another year with the allotment of meals increased from 50 to 60 per day.

Position for the bilingual (Japanese-English) site manager became vacant recently. A successor was expected to be appointed by July 26.

Amache reunion
LOS ANGELES—The Amache Reunion '78 continues to meet the first Sundays of the month at Union

Church to prepare for its Oct. 21-22 weekend at the Hilton Hotel. Mon Tonai and George Saiki said over 200 reservations have been received. For details, write to Amache Historical Society, PO Box 4199, Torrance, Ca 90510.

Bruyeres TV special
HONOLULU—Hawaii's Public Television station KHET has filmed the 34th reunion in Bruyeres, France, of the 100th Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team of World War II for a one-hour television special. A second program is planned on the history on the famous Nisei-comprised 100 and 442.

Nisei Week ondo
LOS ANGELES—Mme. Kansuma Fujima, ondo choreographer for Nisei Week, and Hideo Kikuchi, ondo chairman, announced practice for the Aug. 20 parade and Aug. 27 ondo will begin Aug. 1, meeting Tuesday and Thursday, 7-8:30 p.m. at the Hirohata Auto Park.

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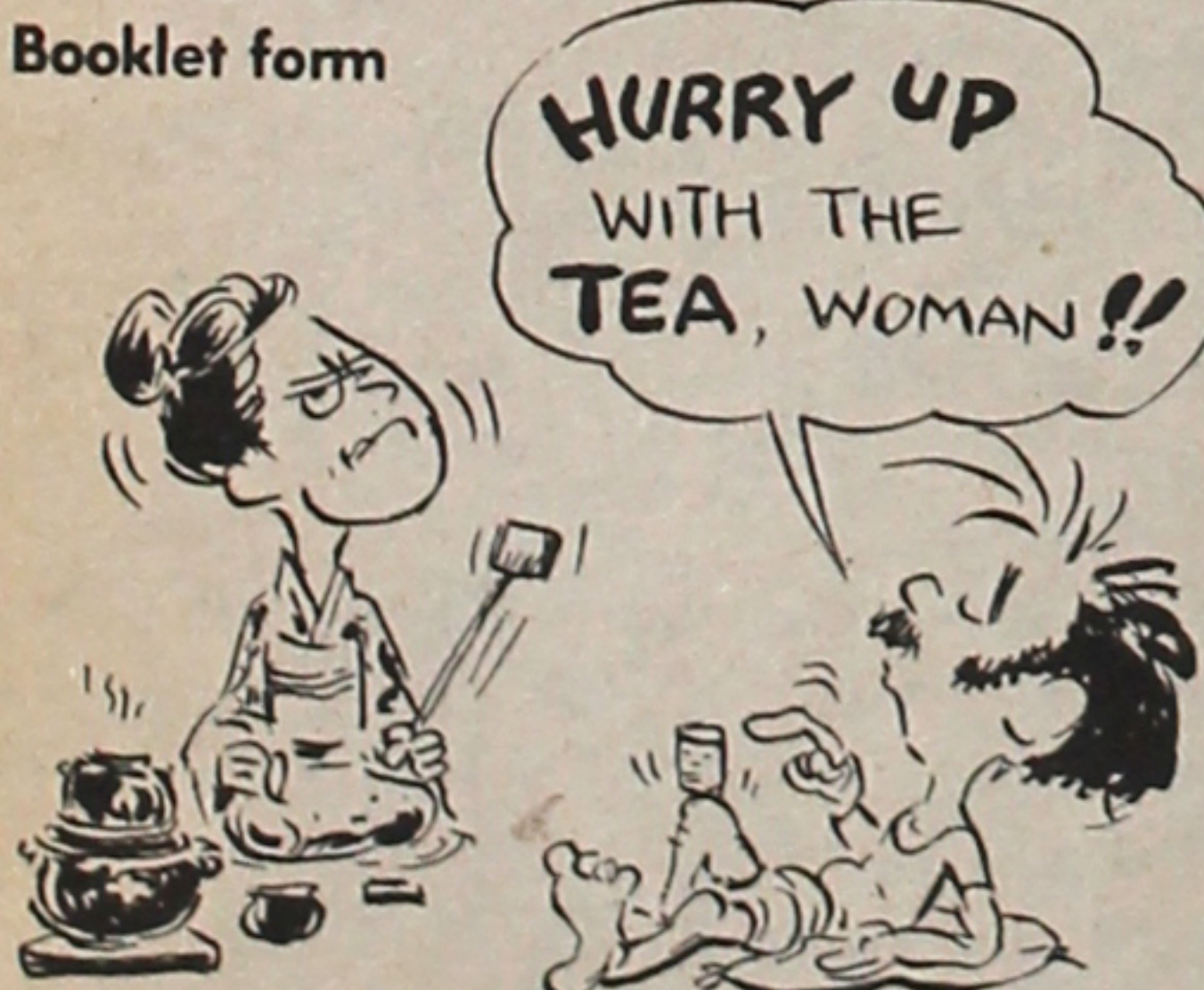
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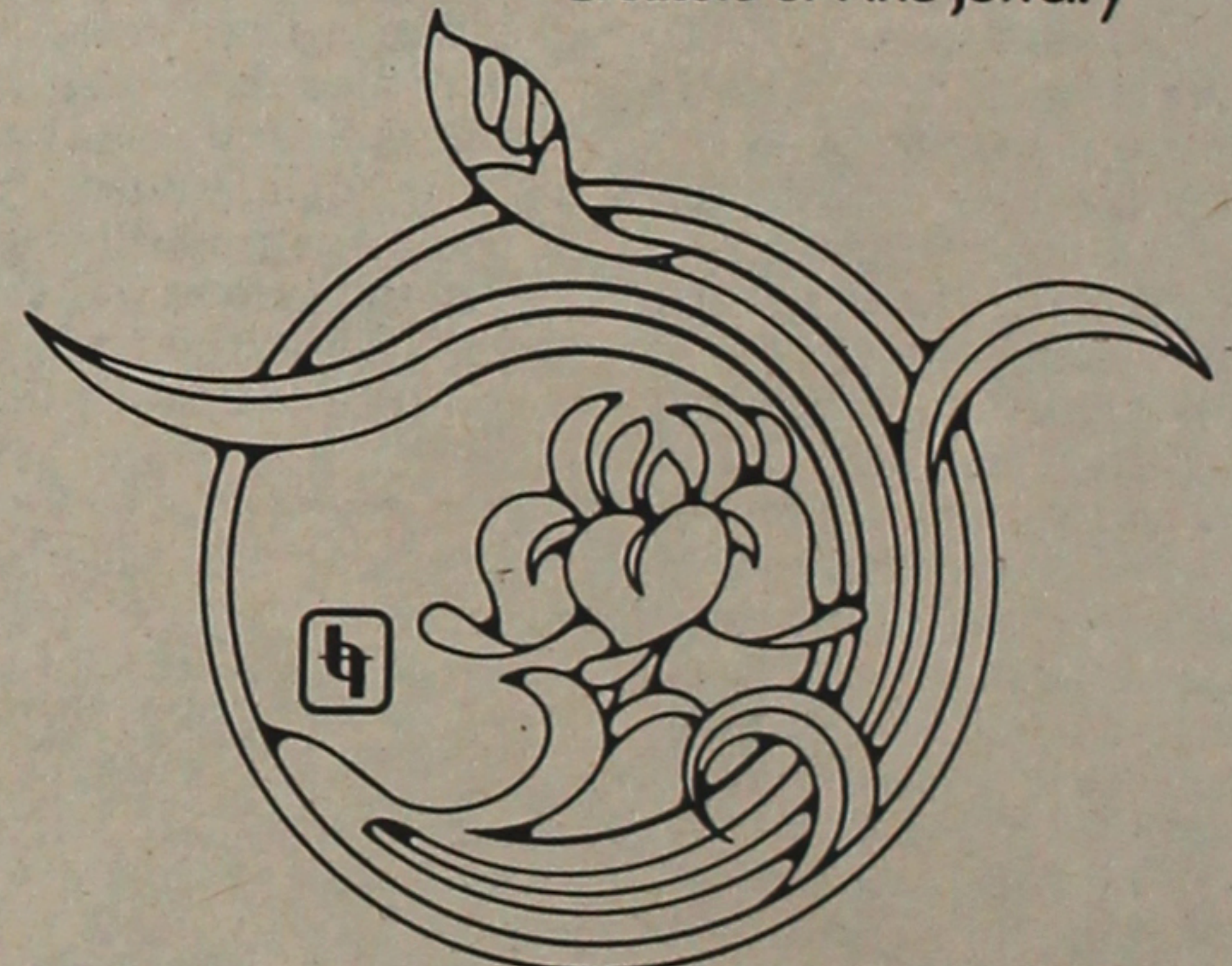
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The Fishing Trip to Be

Salt Lake City:

Two friends planned a reunion at the 1978 National JACL convention in Salt Lake City. Both suffered physical disabilities, one a heart condition and the other Parkinson's disease. They agreed that the remotely located fishing holes of the past were beyond their capability.

Hito Okada told George Inagaki that he knew of a place nearby. Even if it lacked the challenge and adventure of previous fishing expeditions, there would be plenty of fish to catch. George assured Hito that he would make it even if he had to furnish his own oxygen tank.

Hito told us this story the other night. I said George's death must have come as a shock. "No, I knew he was dying," Hito said. "George told me long before it happened."

Both knew there would be no fishing trip. But the anticipation of the impossible was something they savored. They had an uncommon relationship, extending beyond their service as national presidents of JACL. In their separate terms, one supported the other. They epitomized the fraternity that made JACL work in their time. The same spirit survived cruel incursions of sickness. And made two men dare to engage in one last shared dream, a laugh against death beating at the door.

Hito Okada mourns the loss of his friend. "I miss George," he said. For a few minutes, he looked away into the trees of our yard. Early evening brought the solace of deepening, secret shadows. Canyon breezes, perfumed with scent of pine, promised a cool night.

"Neither of us could write letters, anymore," Hito said. "I suggested we send each other tape recordings. I mailed him one. But George just couldn't do it. There was too much static. So we visited on the phone."

It was not always like this. He remembered a night a few years ago. Hito, George, Mas Satow and Mike Masaoka had a reunion. It was quite an evening of reminiscing among four friends. Someone had said a tape should have been made of that "bull session." Next time, they agreed. "Now Mas and George are gone," Hito said.

Perhaps more is gone. Time has changed JACL. Whether that change has been for the better is debatable. A new professionalism and technological aids, sophisticated language and complicated procedures are timely trends. But even commercial enterprises that initiated the use of these tools have discovered that they do not fully compensate for the essential human relationships between individuals who can make a system work.

The vitality of JACL was formerly its sense of volunteer service. Leadership in any organization or business sets the example for followers. The post-war years of 1946-56 compose a unique section of JACL history. Aside from the initiation of a

legislative program, it was a period of participatory interest. Presidents like Kido, Okada, Sakada and Inagaki set the tempo for volunteers. They never lost their grassroots feel.

The surviving president of these years is recognized for his contributions by being named Honorary Co-Chairman of the 1978 National JACL convention, together with Mike Masaoka. It is a deserved honor. But for me it contains a nostalgic sad-

ness. I asked him the other night if he couldn't help make JACL right again. Return some of the idealism that imbued its beginning. "My health makes it impossible for me to fight anymore," Okada said.

He looked forward to attending part of the convention and to meeting old acquaintances. I imagine that occasionally he will be

caught with a private, far-away look in his eyes, remembering past conventions. Thinking perhaps of years when he could and did engage in defending JACL principles. And if he has a secret smile on his face, I know what that is for. He is thinking of his old friend, George, and the fishing trip they might have made. #

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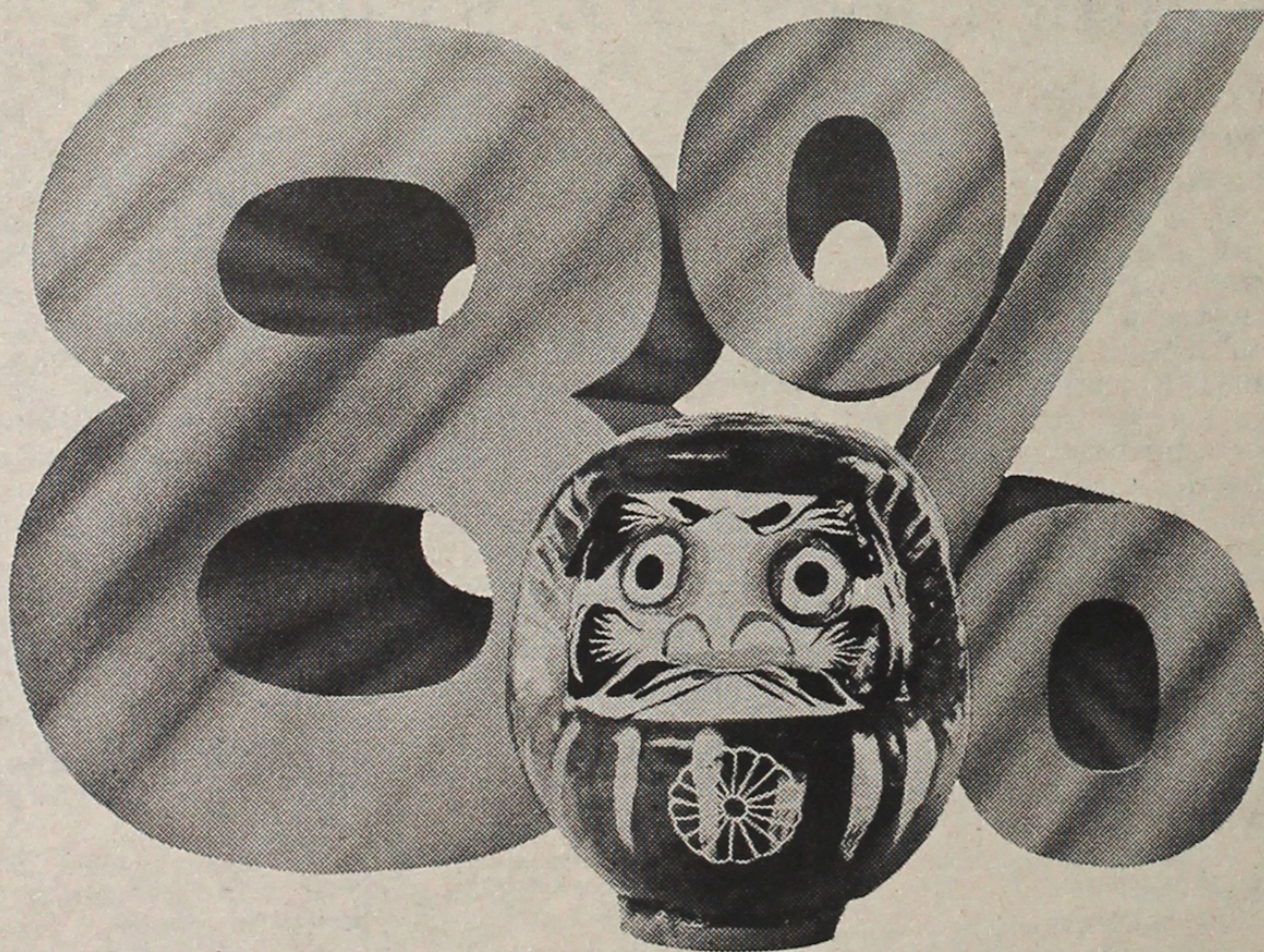
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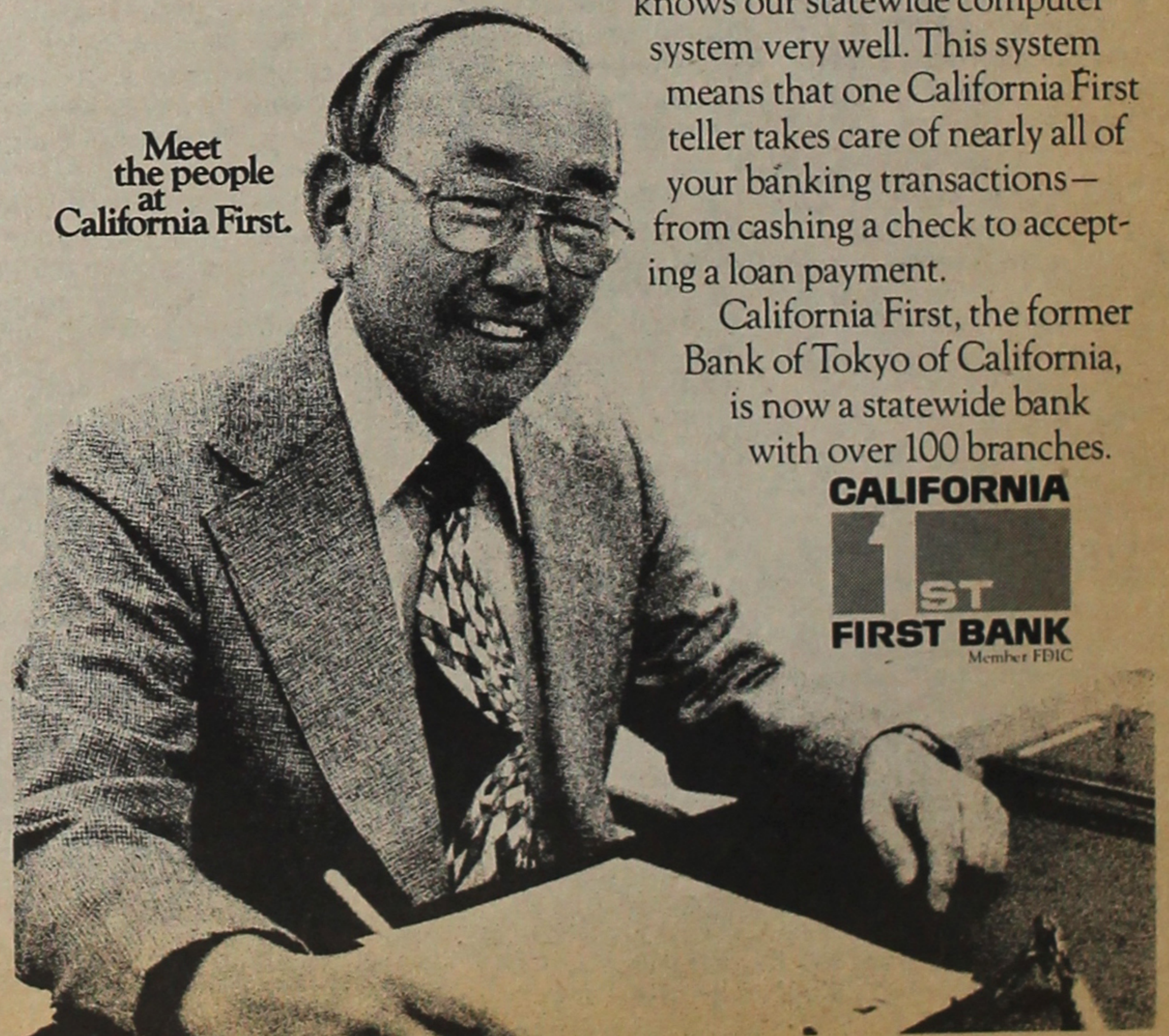
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YE EDITOR'S DESK: Harry K. Honda

On the Lighter Side

Salt Lake City

It's been 20 years since the National JACL Convention met here last and some of the people who helped with that are still pitching in this week as the 25th biennial winds down ... Rupert Hachiya, who was convention chairman in 1958, emceed the recognitions award luncheon with undiminished skill ... Rae Fujimoto and Alice Kasai, remembered from JACL Conventions in 1948 and 1958 hosted by Salt Lake, were as young as ever keeping the 1978 edition rolling on schedule ... Furthermore Shake Ushio has been involved in all of the national conventions ever staged in Salt Lake, including the two held during the war years (1942 and 1944), and the three since—the latest as convention co-chairman.

The seasoning of Salt Lake/Mt. Olympus JACLers in having sponsored so many national conventions assured the 1978/25th biennial would be long remembered ... and to certify that effort will be the elegant and well-endowed JACL Convention booklet designed by Ted Nagata, who has come up with a 176-page job that is going to all JACL households, officials, etc., with a summary of the national council sessions attached ... Delegates who have the book thus far will note the inside 18 pages are still to come.

Weather has been enjoyable—especially for this escapee from a Los Angeles that has been plagued with thick smog three days prior. The 100-degree afternoons were avoided, of course, by sitting through the council and workshops inside Little America Hotel, whose symbol is the penguin ... "Little America" originally referred to Admiral Byrd's Antarctic base in the 1930s though the hotel chain started in mid-state Wyoming where the hotel named the town.

To Ernie and Sachi Seko go our personal appreciation for a pre-convention treat of "peanut butter" in their home and a firt-hand look at her hilly yard groomed meticulously into a verdant and colorful garden ... To Raymond Uno and Shake Ushio, convention co-chairmen, go our bouquets for another job well done. As a team, they are indefatigable and unflappable ... to Ernest Scott of San Francisco Book Co. for sponsoring Lee Kuttle's appearance at the convention autographing his "Private War of Dr Yamada" and getting better ac-

Comment, letters, features

Scholarship

Editor: It is an honor to have been selected the recipient of the Saburo Kido Memorial Scholarship as Mr. Kido and my late grandfather, Tokutaro Nishimura Slocum, were old, old friends.

Since applying for the National JACL Scholarship, I have also been awarded additional honors: class valedictorian of our senior class of 325 members, regional Seymour Award winner (highest state award for a California Scholarship Federation member) and Fresno County winner of the UCLA Alumni Scholarship.

I am looking forward to my years in college and am grateful for the financial aid that this scholarship will afford me.

CARRIE K. KATAYAMA
Parlier, Ca.

JPC's 2000th

Editor: Please accept my warmest congratulations on Pacific Citizen's 2000th edition. I salute Editor Harry Honda and his dedicated staff.

Also, a special commendation is due for the new quarterly. This makes a splendid addition to Pacific Citizen.

Nearly always I read the entire issue and enjoy it especially

when I find an item about a "Yabanjin" I knew at MISLC or in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater during World War II. I developed an enormous amount of respect and admiration for these young men for the job they did for this country and their steadfast devotion to duty under exceptionally trying personal circumstances.

I have been a regular reader for many years. While I enjoy all of your columnists, two of my favorites are Sachi Seko and Bill Hosokawa.

Keep up the fine job.
ROBERT Y. THORNTON
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Salem, Ore.

Should we laugh?

Editor: Two very well known JACLers have expressed the difference between the quiet American and the progressive American. I'm referring to Bill Hosokawa's "From the Frying Pan" (June 23) when he asks, "When do you suppose we will become sure enough of ourselves to laugh about it (when people use the term Jap or call you one)". The other article is by Bill Marutani titled "But, What Will My Haku-jin Friends Think?" Hosokawa states that the Fink clan takes the kidding they get from their name good naturedly even though it has a bad connotation; therefore, we should be sure enough of ourselves to take Jap

good naturedly. Unfortunately Bill doesn't seem to understand that there is a difference. Jap has a racial connotation. Certainly many people use it out of ignorance and without malice, but nevertheless we should correct them in a nice way. Ilie Nastase in a Los Angeles Times article says he calls Ann Kiyomura "Little Jap Miss" or "My Jappy Girl." Now it's probably out of ignorance and without malice, but nevertheless we feel he should be told that it is offensive to the Japanese Americans. Do the Jewish people laugh when "kike" is used? Would Spiro Agnew laugh if the reporter he called a "Fat Jap" replied "ok Greek"? During the Watergate hearings when Mr. Wilson called Sen. Inouye the "Little Jap", should we have laughed? During the whaling issue at the Orange County school when some of the kids started calling the Japanese kids "Japs", should we have laughed?

In the other article Bill Marutani asks "Why are we afraid to speak out?" Aren't we sure of ourselves or are we still saying, "But what will my haku-jin friends think?"

The Ethnic Concerns Committee is currently trying to put pressure on Kenzo to eliminate the term Jap from his two labels "Kenzo the Jap" and "Jungle Jap". In addition to an ad in Women's Wear Daily an information demonstration was held downtown Los Angeles. We received many words of support from the noon hour crowd after they read the pamphlets. Not surprisingly, many of the people who would not take the pamphlets or stop were Asians. George Kodama who is the Chairman of ECC has worked very hard on this issue and plans to pursue it further at the National convention. He certainly needs the support of all the people who feel that we should continue to speak out on issues like this. If you would like to support the ECC please write or send contributions to PSWD JACL, ECC Comm., 125 N. Central Ave., Los Angeles, Ca. 90012 or in care of the Pacific Citizen.

HENRY S. SAKAI
Long Beach, Calif.

Convention Award

Editor: Why don't we just rename the JACL to the Japan America Corporation? As a grassroots JACL member, I think it is disgusting and completely out of place for the organization to name Nobuhiko Ushiba, Japan's Minister of State for External Economic Affairs to receive the Distinguished Public Service Award at the forthcoming JACL Convention (PC 7/7/78). Ever since the '70s, JACL has increasingly become involved with Japan instead of sticking to its avowed goals of "becoming better Americans in a Greater America".

JACL takes money from Japanese corporations for their building, as well as for other uses. What business is it of JACL to get involved in Japanese government affairs, anyway?

ERNEST SEKO
Salt Lake City

Peacemakers

Editor: Dennis Renne's letter (of May 26) spoke eloquently of Dennis Roland and Herbert Nicholson's peace initiatives. In the same spirit of reconciliation and brotherhood, her late father, Louis Obed Renne, worked ceaselessly in behalf of interned Japanese Americans during World War II as documented in Renne's *Our Day of Empire: War and the Exile of Japanese Americans*, The Strickland Press, Glasgow, Scotland, 1954.

Funds for the *Hibakushas*, both in the U.S. and in Japan, are still being collected by Rev. Nicholson (1639 Locust St., Pasadena, Calif. 91106).

MICHI N. WEGLYN
New York

What's His Name?

Editor: "Soo—A Singing Indian" (PC, May 26) recalls the crime fighter, Green Hornet (Flight Of The Bumblebee) in the 1930 & 1940. His partner was Kato, a Japanese. But when Japan bombed Pearl Harbor (Dec. 7, 1941) fighting Karate Kato became instant Filipino.

T. SHIRAKI
Maywood, Ca.

quainted with the JACL and its inner workings.

NAMES IN MY MEMO—Special plaudits were reserved for Jiro Aoki of Seattle, despite his physical handicap of recent years, who introduced as the JACLer who has attended all the national conventions since the first one held in 1930 at Seattle ... Also introduced at the session were George Knox Roth and his wife of Claremont, Ca. He is remembered by the PSWDC for his defense of the Nisei right after Pearl Harbor by going on the radio and then later being "blackballed" from teaching jobs because he had been branded a "Nisei lover" ... Tak Kawagoe, erstwhile Gardena Valley JACL president, is becoming the convention sergeant-at-arms fixture—a merry-making task with him with his chirps and whistles since the Portland convention four years ago ... To Seiko Kasai (a 1967 JACL Japan Tour mate) for "getting me to the church on time" was a post-convention gesture that will be remembered, too. (To be concluded.)

Court says government officials can be liable

By BILL HOSOKAWA
(Denver Post Editorial Page)

(Commentary on an interesting Supreme Court case which may have bearing on the JACL proposal for redress appeared July 9 in the Denver Post, where Bill Hosokawa is editor of its editorial page.)

Denver, Colo.

THE SUPREME COURT two weeks ago in a relatively obscure case returned a ruling that may have profound implications linked only peripherally to the central issue.

The case involved a \$32 million damage suit brought by Arthur N. Economou who operated as a commodity futures commission merchant. In 1970 the Agriculture Department issued a complaint that Economou had failed to maintain minimum financial requirements. Economou filed a lawsuit charging Agricultural Secretary Earl Butz and others had violated his civil rights by beginning departmental enforcement proceedings without notice and circulating to the press untrue statements about his financial position.

A federal district court

dismissed the suit on the grounds that federal defendants enjoy immunity. A court of appeals reversed this ruling and the Supreme Court upheld that decision, holding that federal officials enjoy only qualified immunity.

Attorneys have interpreted the Supreme Court's 5 to 4 ruling to mean that high federal officials, possibly including the President, can be sued personally for taking part in deliberate violations of constitutional rights.

IN THE ABSENCE of clarification, it is not believed the ruling will have an effect on damage suits filed against former President Richard M. Nixon and his colleagues. Ordinarily, such rulings affect only cases that arise after the decision is handed down. However, it may have a bearing on a apparent wholesale violation of constitutional rights a generation ago.

That was the wartime evacuation of 1942 when more than 70,000 American citizens were ordered out of

their homes by the Army in California, Oregon and Washington and confined in concentration camps.

No charges were filed against these persons and it follows that none were tried. They were simply imprisoned.

The legal authority was an executive order signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The basis for imprisonment was Japanese ancestry. The rationale was "military necessity" since the United States was at war with Japan and it was feared that somehow Japanese Americans endangered the national security.

LATE IN 1944 the Supreme Court heard the appeals of imprisoned citizens who held that they had been denied due process of law as guaranteed by the Fifth Amendment, and had not received equal protection of the laws as provided by the Fourteenth Amendment.

The Supreme Court ruled 6 to 3 that the Army was justified in evacuating citizens on a racial basis. In effect

the court affirmed, in the case of *Korematsu vs. U.S.* that the military's judgments were not subject to court review.

Then the Court went on to rule in *Ex parte Mitsue Endo* that once a prisoner's loyalty was established, he could not continue to be imprisoned. This opened the way for release of the prisoners more than three years after the beginning of hostilities.

All this would be murky history except for two considerations.

FIRST, THE COURT'S opinion approving a military order based on racial discrimination still stands as legal precedent.

Justice Robert H. Jackson, in a dissenting opinion, wrote: "A military order, however unconstitutional, is not apt to last longer than the military emergency ... But once a judicial opinion rationalizes such an order to show that it conforms to the Constitution, or rather rationalizes the Constitution to show that the Constitution sanctions such an order, the Court for all time has vali-

dated the principle of racial discrimination in criminal procedure and of transplanting American citizens.

"The principle then lies about like a loaded weapon ready for the hand of any authority that can bring forward a plausible claim of an urgent need ...

"A military commander may overstep the bounds of constitutionality, and it is an incident. But if we review and approve, that passing incident becomes the doctrine of the Constitution."

The High Court did indeed review and approve imprisonment of a minority on the basis of its race, and that decision has not been overturned.

THE SECOND POINT is that the Japanese American Citizens League, a national organization with headquarters in San Francisco, is considering pushing action in Congress for monetary compensation for wartime mistreatment of Japanese Americans.

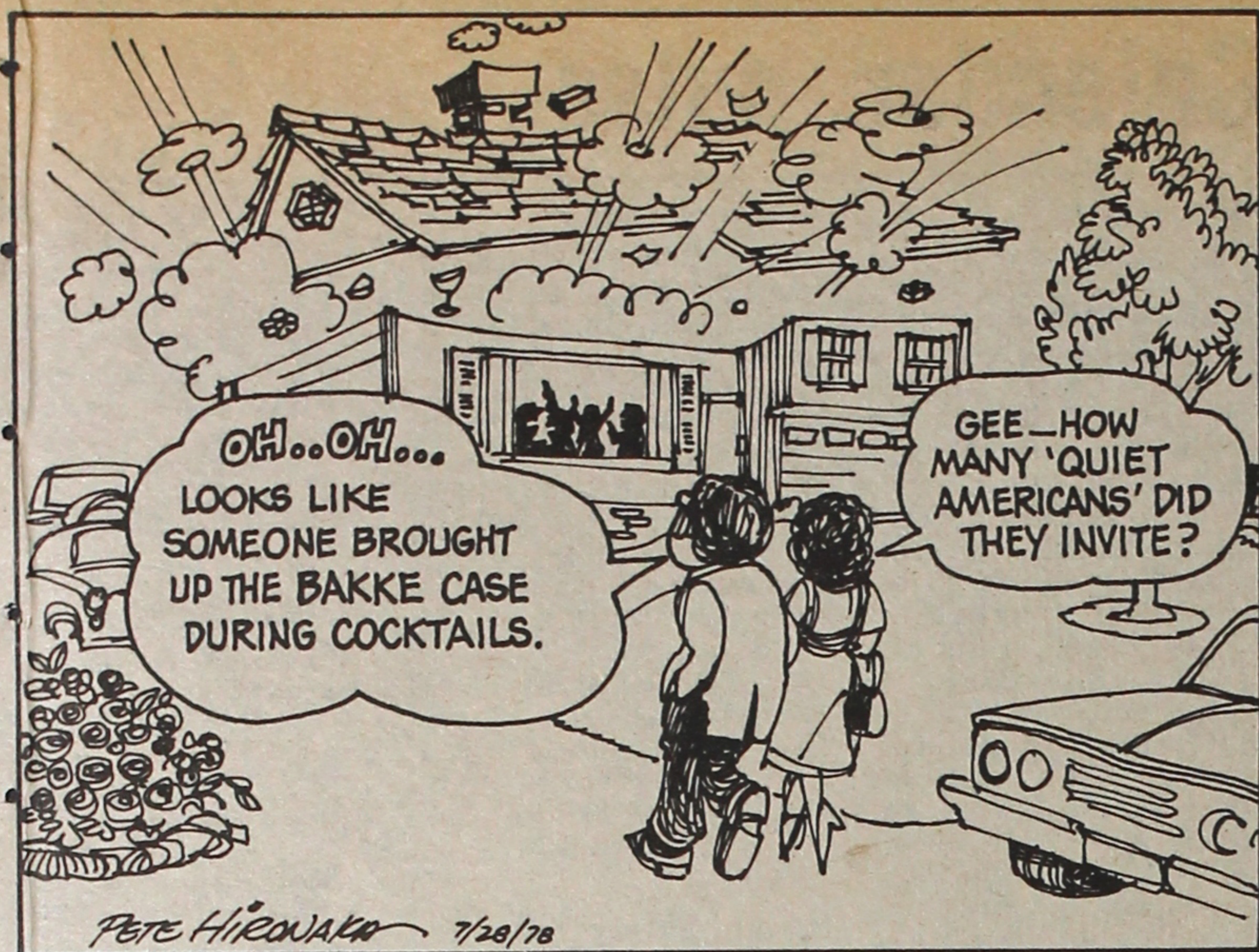
Ever since the Supreme Court ruled that the evacua-

tion was constitutional, the League has sought an opportunity to present another test case which would be heard in other than an emotionally charged wartime atmosphere. It is widely believed a court hearing the evidence in the context of contemporary respect for civil rights would quickly overturn its previous ruling.

Because the court has said the evacuation was a legal exercise of government power, the decision in *Butz v. Economou* would seem to have no bearing on that earlier case regardless of time sequence.

However, this new decision may spur efforts to seek another hearing on the evacuation issue. A reversal would strengthen the case for what has been variously described as redress or reparations for official wrongdoing. And even without court action, the Economou ruling may fortify the campaign to seek congressional action.

A meaningful amount of compensation would be a not



NAKAGAMA

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impressed with his thorough research in writing the stories.

In San Francisco

Sam was in San Francisco recently to address executives of leading financial institutions, including the Bank of America and Wells Fargo.

Internationally known for his accuracy in making predictions, the news that he brought and what he had been telling the higher-ups, wasn't too pleasant. He said, "A depression is a real possibility" and he did not know whether inflation would accompany the depression. Even if prices came down, there would still be a scarcity of dollars.

He was chagrined that someone like Arthur Burns, an old experienced policy maker, was changed for someone less experienced, and felt that "Nixon, as bad as he was, still had better sense as far as keeping some good key people."

"We've had a long period of prosperity and we have put people with personalities into top jobs, not substance."

"The stock market now," he said, "is reacting to fluctuations in the dollar and if you own stocks, you should be very conservative. Property should be hung on to, but in a Depression there would be a devaluation from 20 to 30 percent."

He also thought that Japan was wrong in some of the things that she did like accumulating such a large surplus. He thought that Japan should use some of that money to lower the taxes of the people. "But bureaucrats are entrenched. They're comfortable. They don't want things to change ..."

Rumson, New Jersey

About a year and a half ago, the Nakagamas moved into a comfortable eight-year-old, two-story house in a large estate in Rumson, N.J., one of the most beautiful areas in Jersey. The other two are Princeton and Short Hills. The executive vice-president of Macy's

35 Years Ago

IN THE PACIFIC CITIZEN
JULY 31, 1943

Story of the Week—Kathleen Iseri, from Oakland, gives blood for soldiers of Free China at a New York blood bank.

July 22—Lt. Gen. Robert Richardson, Hawaii military governor since June 1, upholds citizen rights of Nisei in speech at Univ. of Hawaii.

July 22—Restrictions relaxed as Nisei pea cannery workers strike against ban to stay out of residential area of Dayton, Wash. Sheriff imposed ban after reported criminal attack on woman in her home by unidentified "small dark man". Many Nisei evacuees and imported Mexicans employed by Blue Mountain canneries.

July 22—442nd Infantry wins Camp Shelby baseball championship with 23-2 season.

July 25—WRA announces Tule Lake as new segregation center; loyal evacuees at camp to be transferred from Sept. 1.

Kahoolawe sites urged
WASHINGTON—The federal government should expedite efforts to identify historic sites on the Island of Kahoolawe and recommend them for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) said. In letters to the Secretary of Navy and Interior and Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Matsunaga said he was concerned about delays at the federal level in identifying sites on the island.

lives next door in a huge (I've never seen the likes) baronial house.

Sam wrote to us, "We're just at the time of the year when Rumson is a marvelous place—mainly swimming, sailing, and fishing. Sorry that you can't be here for a cookout. While I like San Francisco and the Bay Area very much, I've come to like New Jersey (and especially this area) quite a bit. And so long as New York City remains the financial capital, this is where I have to be."

Proud of his own cultural background, Sam likes Japanese films and songs and is very conversant about both American and Japanese history; he is also an American Civil War buff. When he visited Spain, he said, "The Spanish have a lot of pride like the Japanese, very proud. Very stylized. They have strong family ties.

They're feudalistic. Bull-fights have a lot of rituals."

Sam not only chauffeurs his daughters to church meetings on weekends and on some week nights, but used to drive his children all the way to Fort Lee, N.J., so that they could attend the Saturday Japanese school.

Things came very naturally to Sam. Of a very modest nature, he wrote, "I was probably quite lucky in the fact that I was just about the right age to take advantage of the postwar opportunities as they opened up.

"I have been able to exercise my talents—thinking, reading, and writing pretty much as I pleased—and finding that this is useful to people. The truth is that I always did want to be a writer—and, fortunately, I have been able to combine writing with economic, political, and social analysis and have made a living out of it." #

FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

Camp Honor Roll

But everything familiar was gone and the Blackburns, who felt a kinship to the evacuees because of the hardships they experienced while proving up on their homestead, were convinced, something ought to be done.

They and some of the other homesteaders focused their attention on the war memorial that had stood near the administration building. There Heart Mountaineers had proudly listed the names of men and women from the camp who had gone to serve in the armed forces.

The elements had done cruel things to the memorial. Sun and wind and flying sand had removed the painted names. The wood was badly weathered. Nonetheless, it seemed a fitting centerpiece for the Memorial Park. The Blackburns enlisted the help of many others, cleared the brush, made a parking area, spread plastic sheet and covered with gravel, brought up huge boulders to outline the memorial. They are also prepared a plaque engraved with a picture showing how the camp had looked, and mounted it on a huge stone. A concrete walk leads to the original war memorial.

THE BLACKBURNS sought desperately to find the names

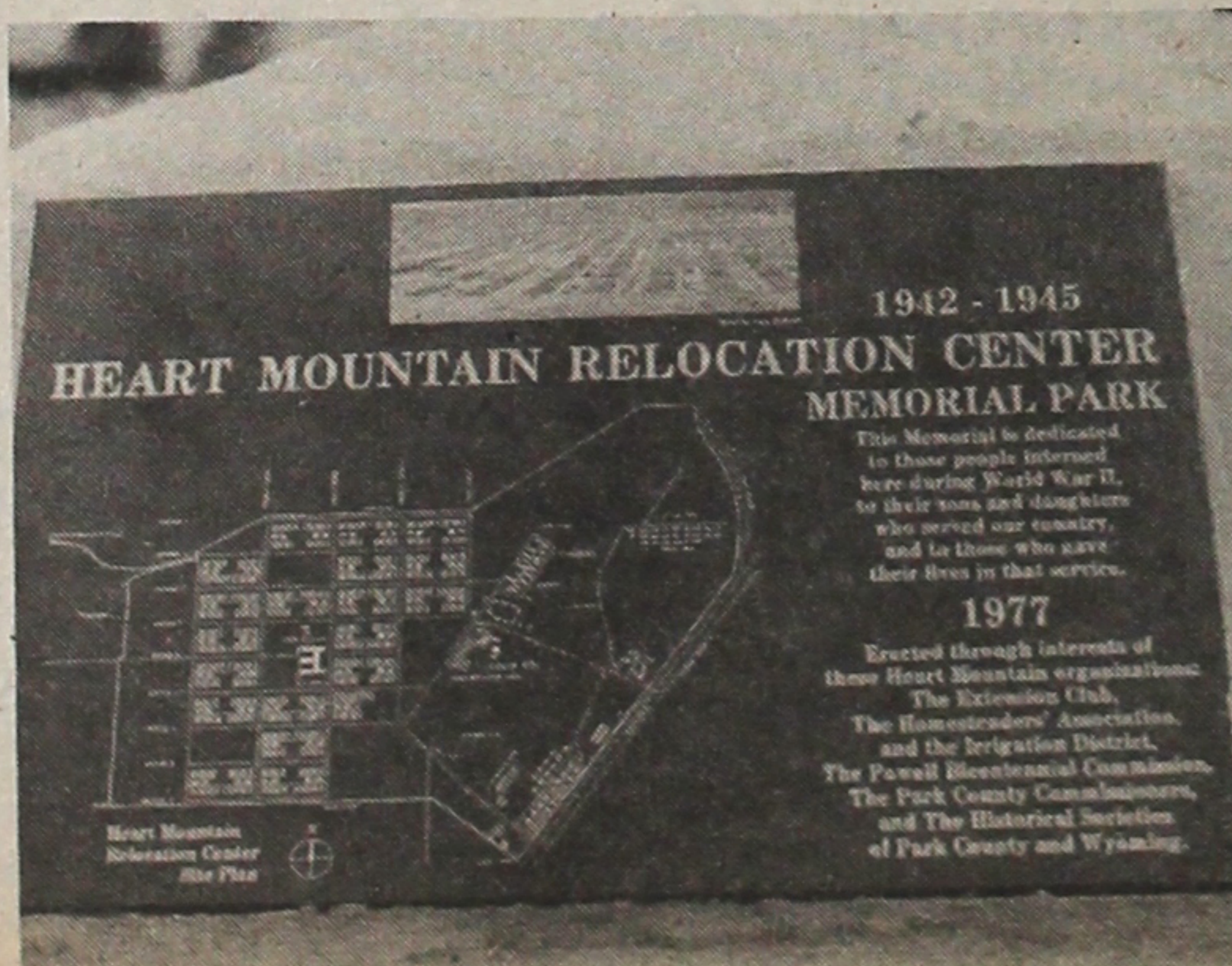
that had appeared on the memorial so they could be restored. They tried the National Archives. They asked Congressman Teno Roncalio for help and he wrote to the Pacific Citizen. No luck.

Perhaps someone has a photograph put away somewhere that shows the memorial well enough to decipher the names. If so, Mrs. Blackburn would like to borrow it, so she can arrange to have the names put back on the memorial.

The dedication was simple and moving. The Rev. R. N. Buswell of Cody, who had visited the camp often during the war years, set the tone with his dedicatory prayer. He recognized the courage and sacrifices of those who had suffered internment in the camp, and he asked for mercy and forgiveness that such an act could take place in a free country. He dedicated the park to a healing spirit of concern.

No one has pushed the Blackburns and their friends to build the park. They undertook the project because they felt it was a decent thing to do. They took it on as a labor of love. They deserve thanks. If you wish to write to Mary Ruth Blackburn, her address is Box 774, Ralston, Wyo. 82440. She'd enjoy hearing from you. #

Heart Mountain plaque dedicated ...



Close-up of the plaque dedicated by homesteaders of Heart Mountain WRA Center shows picture and map of wartime camp.



Powell, Wyo.

THE BRIEF CEREMONY that will dedicate Heart Mountain Camp Memorial Park begins at 5:30 p.m. There is time to drive around the site of the War Relocation Center where, from 1942 until 1945, up to 10,000 Japanese Americans were confined as a result of the panicky decision to evacuate them from the West Coast.

But even one who spent three full years in the camp would have difficulty recognizing the place. About the only thing that hasn't changed since the evacuees left more than three decades ago is the mountains—towering Heart Mountain on the north, the deeply serrated McCulloch Peaks in the other direction where the evening sun casts purple shadows. The mountains and the endless wind.

The barbed wire fence and watchtowers are gone. The barracks that housed the evacuees row on row, are gone. The school and the administration building are long gone.

Fields of oats and barley grow green where once there had been only bitter dust. A pump irrigation sprinkler systems shoots out plumes of water gleaming in the distance. The prosperity that has come to some of the homesteaders who are farming land that the evacuees broke to the plow is visible in comfortable homes, huge stacks of hay and costly farm machinery in sheds—some of them built of the planks salvaged from the barracks.

IT WAS THE confusion over what has happened to the campsite that led to the creation of a Memorial Park. Chester and Mary Ruth Blackburn, who won the right to homestead a plot of land near the campsite, became aware that every summer a few Japanese Americans would visit the area. Many brought their children to show them where the war years had been spent

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JCCA president observes JAACL

SALT LAKE CITY — George Imai, national president of the Japanese Canadian Citizens Assn. and a Toronto public school teacher of geography-history, was a special observer at the 25th biennial National JAACL Convention.

The last time Canadian Nisei attended a JAACL convention was at Detroit in 1964, it was recalled.

Imai did not elaborate on his group's plan for redress in Canada but



George Imai addresses the National Council.

"we are working in parallel courses with the United States", he noted, and "pushing for civil rights for all minorities in Canada".

Canadian minorities face special problems because the nation lacks a constitution, bill of rights and supreme court system, he said. However, he feels that present prime minister is sympathetic to civil rights, and he expects greater protection of human rights in the near future. #

Calendar, pulse

● Alameda
Service-oriented programs were offered by the Alameda JAACL during July at the Buena Vista United Methodist Church, the regular meeting place of the chapter the second Monday of the month. Mrs. Mizutani of the Social Security office spoke at the July 10 meeting, while Eugene Tomine explained the importance of having wills and trusts. Chapter also reported 30 attended the cardiopulmonary resuscitation class conducted by the Alameda Red Cross recently. Another session is scheduled, according to Yas Koike (523-9817), who reminds that persons who have CPR class certificates may wish to take refresher courses.

Committee appointments are expected to be made at the next meeting. Aug. 14, to work on future events, such as the Reno trip, dance lessons, fishing derby and mah jong party.

The winners of the chapter bowling fun night held at Mel's Bowl were:
Women's Sgl—Terry Kuge 517 + 123—640; Men's Sgl—Joe Clutts 630 + 57—687; and Mixed Dbl—Mits Ikeda-Helen Baba 1152 + 168—1320.

● Cincinnati
A long overdue general meeting with a luau following has been planned by Cincinnati JAACL for Sept. 30, 4:30 p.m. at the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge. Meeting coordinator Shiro Tanaka was expecting an advance reservation of 25 by July 15 to assure the date. Meanwhile, the chapter picnic potluck style will be held at spacious Maple Ridge Lodge at Mt. Airy Forest Aug. 6, from 2 to 8 p.m. Each family was asked to bring enough for 10 people Bob and Masako Van-Dierendonck head the picnic committee.

● South Bay
Marsha Ann Aseka, 21, of Torrance was introduced as South Bay JAACL queen at chapter reception held July 16 at the Sumitomo Bank in Torrance. The daughter of the Richard Asekas is a graduate of North High, the same school from which previous queen candidates for Nisei Week from the chapter were graduated.

Currently a history major at UCLA, she intends to study law and practice with her sister, Jasmine, who is already an attorney. The Nisei Week queen

Renew Membership

ACLU urged to put Asian American on its board

SEABROOK, N.J. — The JAACL Eastern District Council, at its June 17 quarterly session here, deplored the lack of an Asian American member on the national board of the American Civil Liberties Union.

While the JAACL has held and continues to hold in high respect the past record and principles of the American Civil Liberties Union as well as its involvement in matters affecting the rights of Japanese Americans, the EDC urged the ACLU board to "affirmatively seek mem-

bers within and from the Asian American community ... (to correct) a continuing omission".

The ACLU was founded in 1920 by Roger Baldwin, now 94, who was its director until 1950. Its membership had a peak of nearly 300,000 several years ago and an operating budget in excess of \$7 million, some of the revenue derived from philanthropic foundations.

Be a PC Ad-Watcher

- AUGUST 19 (Saturday) Hollywood—Nisei Wk Coronation Ball, Beverly Hilton.
- AUGUST 20 (Sunday) Milwaukee—Picnic, Deer Park Area 3.
- Santa Barbara—Picnic, Manning Park Area 3.
- Los Angeles—Nisei Week parade, Little Tokyo.

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Ex-Nisei Week queens

LOS ANGELES—A bevy of former Nisei Week queens, princesses and Miss Teen will model at the Nisei Week fashion show-luncheon Aug. 6 at the Biltmore Bowl. Tickets at \$17.50 may be ordered from Jean Tsuchiya, 800 W. 1st St., Los Angeles 90012.

The ways to enrich are many, and most of them foul. —Francis Bacon.

House passes Asian Heritage Week resolution

WASHINGTON — The Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week resolution (HJR 1007, formerly HJR 540), authorizing the President to declare one week in May of each year as a period of recognition for the historical and cultural accomplishments of some 2 million Asian Americans in the United States was approved by the House of Representatives July 10. The recorded votes were 360 in favor of the measure, 6 against.

HJR 1007 was introduced by Reps. Frank Horton (R-N.Y.) and Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) in June 1977. A coalition of Asian American organizations, including JAACL, has been pushing this measure, and during June 1978, calls were made on a number of uncommitted congressmen in order to ob-

tain at least 218 cosponsors, the minimum needed to assure passage in the House.

The first week in May was selected as a time of great significance for the Asian/Pacific American community, according to Mineta.

"While there is not a definite date when the first individuals of Asian/Pacific ancestry entered this country, we do know that May 7, 1843, the first Japanese entered America. On May 10, 1869, Golden Spike Day, the Chinese began the monumental task of laying the trans-American railroad," he remarked.

In their statements to the floor, both Horton and Mineta acknowledged the assistance of Mrs. Jeanie F. Jew, chairperson of the National Coalition for an Asian/Pacific American Proclama-

tion, who encouraged the support of national organizations for HJR 1007, and Ruby G. Moy, chairperson of the Asian Pacific Congressional Caucus.

Speaking on the floor of the House, Mineta noted "The U.S. is a free society which has permitted a continuation of the cultural and social heritage of our citizens' ancestral homes from all over the world."

Edward Takahashi fund established

SPOKANE, Wash.—Friends of Ed Takahashi have established a memorial fund to assist the local community. "His unselfish deeds to his family, friends and various organizations will never be forgotten," Spokane JAACL president Dean Nakagawa said this past week. "No matter how small or large the task, he always managed to find the time."

In his memory, a Japanese stone lantern will be placed in the Nishinomiya Tea Garden. The remaining funds will go to the landscaping of Hifumi En (Retirement Home) and other community projects. Memorial fund contributions can be sent to:

American Commercial Bank, c/o Jackie Adams, Edward M. Takahashi Memorial Fund, N. 120 Wall, Spokane, WA 99201.

Poston III students all set for reunion

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Over 400 Poston III junior-senior high school students, faculty, their spouses and friends will attend a reunion Aug. 11-13 at Holiday Inn-Embarcadero, according to chairman Ben Honda (714-277-8082).

Dr. Arthur Harris, director of education for Poston schools, will fly in from Hawaii for the festivities to be highlighted by a Saturday banquet. Mementos of the Poston days as well as their 1975 reunion will be shown.

West Valley to host next NC-WN meet

SAN JOSE—The third quarterly, being hosted by West Valley, will be held at Ramada Inn, 2151 Laurelwood Rd., Santa Clara, on Sunday, Aug. 27. The executive board will meet Aug. 6 at the West Valley JAACL Clubhouse, 1745 Teresita Dr.

Over 50,000 Readers See the PC Each Week

Salvation Army sets up trust

SAN FRANCISCO—Representatives of the local Japanese American Community and The Salvation Army of Northern California released information concerning the establishment of a trust for the benefit of The Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California.

Designated "The Major Masasuke Kobayashi Memorial Trust" in honor of a respected Japanese Salva-

tion Army Officer, the sum of \$75,000 is to be set aside by The Army pending the successful undertaking of a building campaign envisioned by The Japanese Cultural and Community Center Committee. The trust will be administered jointly by four representatives each from The Salvation Army and the Building Committee.

HOSOKAWA

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inconsequential total. In addition to the 70,000 citizens, approximately 40,000 resident Japanese aliens were involved, bringing the total of those imprisoned to some 110,000 persons. Even a token payment of \$1,000 per person would amount to \$110 million.

Payment of \$10,000 per person, which would be closer to the actual loss in property and earnings, would mean a total of \$1.1 billion. And this does not take into consideration compensation and punitive damages for wrongful imprisonment, mental anguish and other factors.

In the Economou case the justices were aware that the decision could invite "costly and frivolous litigation" against the government. Perhaps unknowingly, the Supreme Court has opened the door much wider to litigation than it suspected □

Calendar

* A non-JAACL event

- JULY 28 (Friday) Riverside—Sendai Festival (2 da), Riverside Plaza.
- San Diego—Bd mtg.
- Hoosier—Minyo dance workshop, Eastgate Christian Church, 7-9 p.m.
- JULY 29 (Saturday) Indianapolis—Obon Festival, Woodland Trace Clubhouse, 1800 E 116th, Carmel, 6 p.m.
- JULY 30 (Sunday) Reno—Picnic, Bowers Mansion, 12n.
- Philadelphia—Barbecue picnic, Tak Moriuchi's, 2 p.m.
- Seattle—1000 Club golf tournament, Jackson course.
- Detroit—Picnic.
- NC-WNDC—Invitational swim meet, Gunn High.
- AUGUST 5 (Saturday) Los Angeles—Nisei Week baby show, Police Dept aud, 8 a.m.-12n.
- Union City—Obon Odori, Sangha Hall, 5 p.m.
- AUGUST 6 (Sunday) Mid-Columbia—Picnic, Rooster Rock State Park, 11 a.m.
- Cincinnati—Picnic, Maple Ridge Lodge, Mt Airy Forest.
- AUGUST 12 (Saturday) Mt Olympus—Outing, Liberty Pk.
- AUGUST 13 (Sunday) Hoosier—Picnic, Eagle Creek Park Area D, 1 p.m.
- PSWDC—Qtry mtg, West L.A. JAACL hosts; Ramada Inn, Culver City, 9 a.m.
- AUGUST 15 (Tuesday) San Mateo—Bd Mtg, Sturge Presbyterian Church, 8 p.m.

contest culminates with the coronation Aug. 19 at Beverly Hilton. This year, being JAACL's turn at sponsorship, is being hosted by Hollywood JAACL. Longtime Wilshire JAACLer George Takei will be emcee.

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John Tateishi moderating the workshops on the implications of the Japan-U.S. Friendship Act Tuesday morning and by Frank Nakamura on Freedom, Justice and Responsibility, featuring a number of Nisei in political offices.

Out-of-town participants included:

Jack Kelly, a member of the White House reorganization project and of the Office of Management and Budget; Bill Hosokawa of the Denver Post; Dr. Harry H.L. Kitano of UCLA; Dan Kuzuhara of Chicago; John Yoshino of the Federal Highway Administration, Washington, D.C.; Rep. Norman Mineta, Calif. Assemblymen Floyd Mori and Paul Bannai; and Joji Konoshima, Democratic National Committee, Washington, D.C.

The highly-publicized appearance of former U.S. Ambassador to Japan, Edwin Reischauer of Harvard, did not materialize at the Thursday workshop on the Japan-U.S. Friendship Committee.

The JAACL also focused on a proposal seeking redress for the placement of Japanese Americans in "relocation centers" during World War II.

This proposal asks the U.S. government to compensate each person disrupted in the incident.

Murakami estimated some 110,000 persons were involved in the evacuation and relocation of Japanese Americans in the 1940s. This may be a particularly good time to submit such a proposal to Congress, Murakami believes, because the Carter administration is especially keen on the human rights issue.

The warm dry atmosphere and balmy evenings were like a tonic for the long hours that tested the stamina of some 400 delegates here to:

1. To accept the proposed national budget of \$743,700 with some slight modification in the expenditures.
2. To accept unanimously the concept of redress through legislation.

3. To accept the concept of a separate corporate JAACL arm as a "501 c-4" nonprofit organization, subject to Board determination of the effective date.

4. And to prepare for the hectic elections culminating the week-long activities.

The first of three special events honored the Issei and Nisei in the comments by Mike Masaoka and the main address by Calif. Assemblyman Floyd Mori during the Distinguished Public Service Award banquet. The award was presented to Nobusuke Ushiba, former Japanese ambassador to the United States, with Consul General Tamio Amau of San Francisco accepting on his behalf. Ushiba was in West Germany participating in the economic summit.

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The other specials were the recognition awards luncheon Friday naming Edward Yamamoto of Moses Lake, former Pacific Northwest district governor, as the JAACLer of the Biennium, and the Sayonara banquet Saturday with Sen. S. I. Hayakawa as guest speaker.

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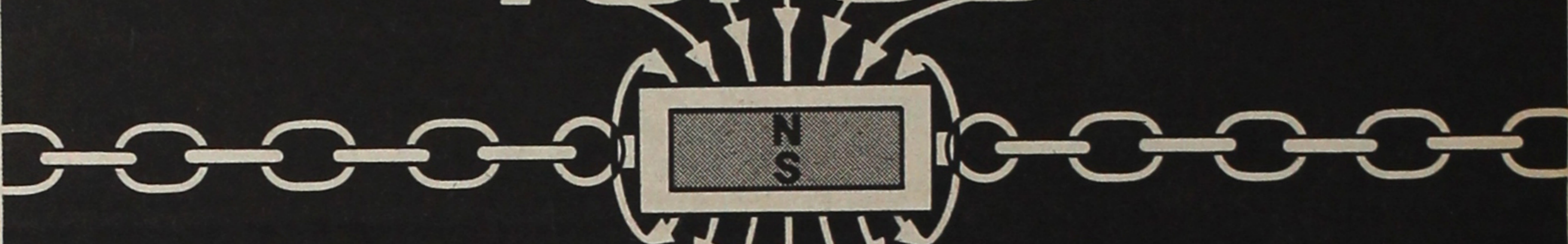
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Business

Samuel T. Yanagisawa, chairman and chief executive officer of Varo Inc., Dallas, was named to the additional post of president. The electronics firm last year reported earnings of \$9.7 million. It makes military night viewing systems and rectifiers for industrial products... Calif. Gov. "Jerry" Brown appointed **Yukuo Takemura**, 35, of Rancho Palos Verdes, a partner in an accounting firm, Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., Los Angeles, to a new 20-member advisory council on economic development "to help promote business in California".

Jack Ching Lee, 52, Los Angeles import-trade firm, was also named. New Otani America Corp. president Yoneichi Otani of Los Angeles announced **John K. Borton** is acting manager of the New Otani Hotel, following the resignation of **Thomas P. Cullen**, who left for personal reasons. **Kenji Yoshimoto**, project manager of the hotel construction in Little Tokyo, was recently named New Otani America vice president.

Education

Jerold Takahashi, completing his Ph.D. work at UC Berkeley in sociol-

gy next June, was appointed acting assistant professor of community studies by the Asian American Studies Program of the UC Berkeley Dept. of Ethnic Studies. A San Mateo High School graduate with two BA degrees from UC Santa Barbara and UC Berkeley, he is the first full-time faculty member in charge of community studies, according to Prof. **Ling-chi Wang**, Asian American studies coordinator. Takahashi's doctoral study delves into Nisei responses to racism between 1930-70.

Elaine T. Mayeda, UC Davis '78 graduate from Sacramento, was the only Asian Phi Beta Kappa honoree. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Bryan Mayeda.

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