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Wash. State launches Asian studies class

Spokane, Wash.

The first Asian American studies course will be offered at Washington State University this spring semester and a full program will be implemented in the fall, it was announced Oct. 3 by George Brain, dean of WSU College of Education.

Dr. Bryan Man, who already set up Asian studies programs at Humboldt State College and at UCLA, was recently hired and has joined the WSU faculty, putting together a 16 semester-hour minor program.

"This includes two courses in Asian American studies with the balance in jointly-listed courses," Brain said. These include philosophy, religion, sociol-

ogy, anthropology, political science, psychology and education. Additional funds were asked and the university accepted the request last month, Brain added.

Of Chinese ancestry, Man has assumed leadership for development of the program. All that remains is approval from the registrar's office, the catalogue committee, the dept. of academic affairs and the university senate, said Brain.

WSU's program is expected to be a significant one "because in today's world we need love and understanding of our cultural heritage. Our nation is formed from different people. And Asian countries, such as China, are assuming growing significance in

recent years. In the past we may have neglected these loyal Americans (of Asian background). I'm pleased that we have taken this step," Brain said.

Brain had been chairman of a faculty committee to study the possibility of establishing an Asian American study program. It had consulted with James Morishima, Seattle, "to sort through the issues", according to Brain.

The committee found opportunities for students for Asian American studies limited in the Northwest. The only good one was offered at the Univ. of Washington.

Other colleges in Oregon, Idaho and Washington were skimpy in this area. The same was true in the East, where schools in New York and Massachusetts are, even in areas of large concentrations of Asian Americans.

The committee had pro-

posed an Asian American scholar be hired. (Public announcement appeared in the July 14, 1978, PC.)

The Spokesman-Review recalled local Japanese Americans had made headlines several times by their protests about racial discrimination against Asian Americans at WSU. One key objective of their protests was the lack of an Asian American program, which resulted in two actions:

1—Spokane JACL last January filed an administrative complaint with the U.S. Dept. of Health, Education & Welfare, asking WSU to comply with affirmative action and anti-discriminatory laws.

2—Five students and Spokane JACL filed (Sept. 29 PC) a suit in federal court seeking an affirmative action program, an end to claimed discrimination and a cultural studies at WSU. #

JACL credit union treasurer named

Salt Lake City

Ichiro Doi of Bountiful, Utah, has been appointed as the new Manager-Treasurer of the National JACL Credit Union. He fills the position left vacant by the untimely passing June 18 of Albert U. Oshita, who had managed the Credit

Union for the past two years.

A stalwart in Buddhist circles and a staunch supporter of JACL in the Salt Lake City area, Doi brings to this position a wealth of experience and maturity, and a respectful rapport with all the people of the community, it was announced by Shake Ushio, president of National JACL Credit Union.

As a member of the Board of Directors of the JACL Credit Union for over 25 years, Ichiro Doi knows and understands the Credit Union philosophy and the basic policies by which it is governed and operated. #

Architect vows to fight as WSU

Pullman, Wa.

Anthony Wong, a Chinatown architect at the Washington State University's physical plant department, says he has received a number of job offers following recent publicity of job harassment.

But he prefers to stay at WSU and fight the Asian American "battle" there.

Wong has been unsuccessful for the past five years to have his job reclassified. The Equal Employment Opportunities Commission's Seattle office says there is reasonable cause to believe there was harassment. Wong said his case illustrates the general mood of dissatisfaction expressed by Asian Americans about their situation at WSU. They are the largest ethnic group on the campus. #



Ichiro Doi

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Nikkei dominate Hawaii primary returns again

Honolulu

Hawaii's Oct. 6 primary election resulted in a healthy showing by Japanese American candidates as usual. As the state with the largest concentration of JAs in the U.S., Hawaii's politics seem likely to continue to be Nikkei-dominated.

The Democratic gubernatorial ticket is incumbent George Ariyoshi with Jean Sadako King as running mate for lieutenant governor, and they are expected to win in the general elections.

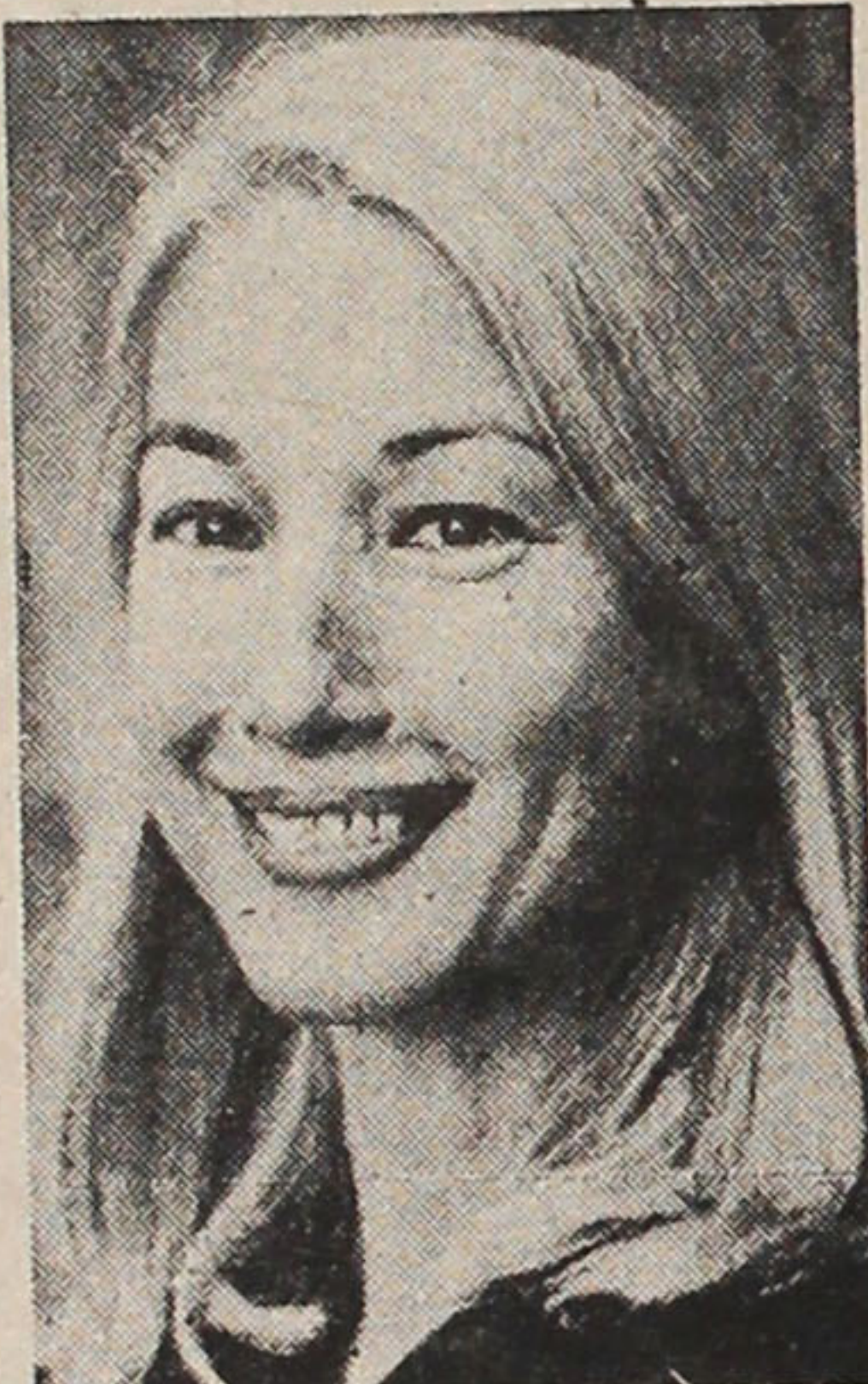
Among the candidates for 25 seats in the State Senate are 14 Nikkei; and in the 51-member State House of Representatives for 27 districts are 33 Nikkei.

Four Nikkei are running for a seat on the nine-member state board of education, four for the nine-member Honolulu city council; and 11 for county councils on the Neighbor Islands. (Hawaii county council and mayoral terms expire in 1980.)

Here's the summary of the major contests by counties for governor and lieutenant governor:

County	Ariyoshi	Fasi
Hawaii	15,817	11,582
Maui	10,869	10,211
Kauai	8,677	5,414
Honolulu	95,158	53,235
Total:	130,521	126,899

County	King	Nishiki
Hawaii	8,922	7,414
Maui	6,320	5,712
Kauai	3,798	3,053
Honolulu	53,235	54,399
Total:	72,275	70,578



Jean Sadako King
Governor (D)

George R Ariyoshi*130,521
Frank F Fasi.....126,899

Lt. Governor (D)

Jean Sadako King.....72,275
Wayne K Nishiki.....70,578
William M Toyama..... 1,216
Mildred W Shimabuku..... 620

The Nikkei names to appear on the Nov. 7 ballot, along with the votes won in the primary, appear below. Asterisks indicate incumbents; CAPITALIZED names indicate unopposed candidates who are automatically elected.

State Senate (25)

1st—Hawaii: (D) John Ushijima* 16,668; Stanley I Hara* 14,984.
2—Maui (2): (D) Henry Takitani* 14,102; Mamoru Yamasaki* 13,234.
3—Windward Oahu (3): (R) Ralph Ajifu 3,431.
4—Leeward Oahu-North Shore (4): (D) Joe Kuroda* 33,368; Patsy Kikue Young* 30,614; Norman Mizuguchi 28,520.
5—Nuuanu-Aiea (4): (D) Duke Kawasaki* 19,058.

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House approves farm data bill

Washington

The House approved legislation Sept. 26 aimed at gathering data on foreign ownership of America's farmlands. The bill by Rep. John Krebs (D-Cal.) of Fresno—HR 13356, the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act—directs the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct the analysis and report the results to Congress.

Rep. Don Clausen (R-Cal.) of Santa Rosa, co-sponsor, said the "bill is not an attempt to cut off foreign investment in farmland as

we do not yet know the true impact of this type of investment".

A similar bill, co-sponsored by Sen. Alan Cranston (D-Cal.), cleared the Senate in August.

The Fresno Bee editorial of Oct. 2 said the whole matter of putting the foreign investment in U.S. farmland into perspective "will soon have enough solid information to determine policy on the purchase of farmland by non-citizens".

The Fresno Bee believed "it may someday be prudent to limit foreign owner-

ship of American farmland". Gathering information would be a first step. It is known, the paper said, that foreign investors vie with American farmers in bidding for acreage and the American farmer finds his limited capital is pitted against "the almost unlimited resources of alien investors".

"That policy (on the purchase of farmland by non-citizens) will affect not only land prices, but also food prices, international trade and the future of the family farm," the Bee concluded.

(JACL was a principal opponent to a California assembly bill making it illegal for non-resident aliens to own more than five acres of farmland. Bill was passed by the Assembly in June. The State Senate scheduled interim study hearings to effectively kill the bill for this session.)

In Sacramento, Assemblyman Floyd Mori has said California should wait for a federal study on alien ownership of farmland before any action is taken by the state legislature on the issue.

One of the arguments against the alien land bill by Assemblyman Richard Lehman (D-Fresno) was an opinion from the Legislative Counsel's office that the measure was unconstitutional because the California Constitution assures

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PL 95-382: INTERNMENT CREDIT

Claims now being accepted

Washington

Japanese American civil servants entitled to retirement credit for time spent in World War 2 domestic internment camps can now apply for the benefits, according to Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Cal.).

The first step in the claim process is to obtain verification for time spent in relocation camps from the Office of National Archives, NNFS, Washington, D.C. 20408. The request should include the claimant's date of birth, name of camp and dates of internment. If a claimant's name has changed, both the current name and name used during internment should be included.

Once the verification has been obtained, claim procedures differ for retired federal civil servants and those still working.

Retired persons may file a claim with the U.S. Civil Service Commission, Bureau of Retirement, Insurance and Occupational Health, Washington, D.C. 20415. The bureau is creating a special office to deal with internment credit cases, Mineta said.

Claims should include the individual's birthdate, name while working for the federal government, approximate time of service and name of the employing agency. The internment credit public law number (PL 95-382) should be included in any correspondence with the Civil Service Commission, Mineta stressed.

Currently employed civil servants wishing to file a claim should contact their agency personnel offices. #

Nisei vets host JACCC benefit dance

Los Angeles

The Nisei Veterans Coordinating Council is putting on a benefit dance Oct. 28 at the Nishi Hongwanji Kaikan for the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center.

Tickets are \$5 per person. Dick Dugar and Combo will play.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER: Clifford Uyeda

Pacific Citizen

San Francisco

I CAN SPEAK about PC only from the readership point of view. As a reader I have not been exhilarated with the weekly issues. My personal reasons are:

Not enough news about Japanese Americans. Some weekly columns are excellent, but even professionals run out of interesting subjects. This is also obvious in the syndicated columns in daily papers. Articles often seem submitted just to meet deadlines and to fill space.

What about Japanese Americans in Hawaii? What about Japanese Canadians, Japanese Brazilians, Japanese Mexicans, etc? We get so little news about them.

PC has not been covering some real issues and problems within JACL. JACLers are not kept informed about their own organization. The readers assume everything is dandy—until problems blow up in their faces. PC needs to be boldly much more informative and up front with its own readers. Keeping the membership well informed is a real safeguard against mistakes getting out of control.

I wish there would be more in-depth analyses of the Japanese American scenes and problems. The writers are out there. We haven't heard from them—in the PC.

What about a regular reporter on the Washington scene on impending legislations of interests to Japanese Americans? We ought to be informed better of what's happening, what key legislations are coming up, what we can do, who we can contact.

I WISH THERE were more writers contributing to PC. I wonder if PC should solicit articles from its general readers. When an article is used, it should be paid for. PC can set up guidelines for submission and payments.

I don't know what is possible in the PC. I have much to learn. PC can and should be a voice of the Japanese Americans and a conscience of America. We have dedicated staff running the PC. It should be possible.

DUES FROM OCT. 1, 1978

JACL, 1000 Club Schedule

San Francisco

With the new JACL fiscal year in effect Oct. 1 the new dues structure becomes effective as approved at the recent National JACL Convention.

Regular membership

Active Fresno pair die in auto mishap

Fresno, Ca.

A tragic auto accident on Labor Day took the lives of Tom Saito and his wife, Sumi. Both were active and popular leaders in the American Loyalty League Chapter of the JACL and the Fresno Japanese Congregational Church. Over 700 relatives and friends gathered at the memorial service held for them at the Congregational Church on Sept. 8.

Immediate survivors are (d) Susan Smith, Santa Monica; (s) Mark Saito, Bakersfield. Tom's surviving relatives are (sis) Masako Inada, Fresno; (br) Leo, Los Angeles; Dr. Isamu Fresno.

Sumi's surviving relatives are (sis) June Toshiyuki, Fresno; Alice Takahashi, Fresno; Amy Sugawara, Los Altos.

Deaths

Fred H. Nitta, 75, of Watsonville, died Oct. 10 at the Community Hospital. A native of Hiroshima, he was among the Northern California leaders assisting JACL's campaign for Issei naturalization and evacuation claims in the postwar period and the Japanese community leader in the area. Surviving are w Helen, s Daniel, d Yuriko Otsuji and three sis Dorothy Sumida, Marie Sumida and Lily Yamashita. Funeral was held Oct 16 at the Buddhist Temple.

dues now payable to National JACL is \$16.50. The chapter and district portions are in addition.

The 1000 Club contributions (which are tax-deductible) have been reclassified for individuals and corporate as follows:
Fifty Club . . . \$50 (\$ 10)
Century Club \$100 (\$ 20)
Individual Life \$500
Corp Silver \$250 (\$ 50)
Corp Gold \$500 (\$100)
Corp Diamond \$1,000 (\$200)

Chapter credit portion of the 1000 Club contributions, if solicited by a chapter, is indicated above in parenthesis.

Boeing workers donate \$75,000 to Seattle Keiro

Seattle, Wa.

The Boeing Employees' Good Neighbor Fund awarded \$75,000 to the Seattle Keiro Nursing Home for its capital-improvements project. Announcement came on the second annual Appreciation Day and Anniversary of Seattle Keiro on Oct. 1.

Seattle Keiro is a non-profit facility founded and operated by Issei Concerns to provide health care for elderly Japanese patients.

"This grant will now enable us to proceed immediately with expansion of the dining room into a multi-purpose activity center, a facility that is sorely needed in our program to pro-

IN ASSEMBLY DISTRICT RACE

Republican Bannai still facing Democratic surge

Sacramento, Ca.

The legislative tug-o-war in the coming California general election, described by the Los Angeles Times last week, is tied to achieving a two-thirds majority in the Assembly and Senate or breaking that same stranglehold.

The two-thirds majority is needed to pass appropriations and urgency bills—those that go into immediate effect upon signature of the governor—which often are major items.

Democrats at present have a 57-23 margin in the Assembly, three more than the magic two-thirds number; and 26-14 in the Senate, one less than a two-thirds majority.

While Prop. 13 approval at the June primaries may be an advantage, as the Republicans argue, making voters more receptive to GOP cut-government spending message, the Democrats counter it may not be as big an issue.

Furthermore, the Democrats have four Republican target districts in which they hope to knock off GOP Assembly incumbents. One is Paul T. Bannai of Gardena, in pursuit of his fourth term. He was the first Japanese American elected to the state legislature in 1973 in a special election.

Bannai's district in Gardena Valley has now a whopping 69.7% Democratic voter registration to

Hattiesburg city hit by U.S. suit

Hattiesburg, Miss.

The Justice Department has charged that black voting strength in Hattiesburg, Miss., is diluted by the commission form of government and the at-large election of city council members. (Community is well known to 442nd RCT veterans who had trained at nearby Camp Shelby

only 23.1% Republican, but he has bucked these odds before and won.

His opponent, Democratic state and committee-woman Cindy Wear, lost to him by 3,500 votes in 1976 and Democrats figured her chances should be better this time with increased name recognition.

The Democratic surge on the four Republican tickets, however, is offset by Republicans who consider at least 12 Democratic assemblymen vulner-

able. Of the nine mentioned in the Times story, the Nisei Democrat in the Assembly, Floyd Mori of Pleasanton, is not listed.

In the state senate, Democratic Sen. Alfred H. Song of Monterey Park, a Korean American attorney from Hawaii who was the first Asian American elected to the California legislature in 1962 as assemblyman and to the senate in 1966, was defeated in the June primaries by Assemblyman Joseph Montoya. #



Paul Bannai

Watsonville receives U.S., Calif. flags

Watsonville, Ca.

The Watsonville JACL Center held a flag presentation ceremony on Columbus Day, Oct. 12, as JACL officers received a U.S. flag from their congressman, Rep. Leon Panetta, and the state flag from their assemblyman Henry Mello.

The flags were both flown atop the Capitol dome, the U.S. flag in Washington and the state flag in Sacramento. (Washington JACL Representative Ron Ikejiri is encouraging other chapters in need of such a flag to contact him.)

Sylvia Panetta, the congressman's wife, and Mello made the presentations. Paul Hiura, chapter president, and fellow cabinet officers accepted the flags.

Hattiesburg city hit by U.S. suit

Attorney General Griffin Bell said the voting rights suit was filed Oct. 2 in the U.S. district court here. About 28 pct. of the city's population and 24 pct. of the persons of voting age are black, but none has ever been nominated or elected to the city council.

Hawaii voting

Continued from Front Page

6—Manoa-Waikiki (4): (D) Richard Ando 15,774. (R) Ann H Kobayashi 2,884.

7—Kaimuki-Hawaii Kai (4): (D) Donald S Nishimura* 18,582; (R) Patricia Saiki* 3,850.

8—Kauai (1): (D) George H Toyofuku* 3,929.

State House (51)

1—Ka'u-Puna-S. Hilo (1): (D) Jack K Suwa* 5,130.

2—S. Hilo (2): (D) Herbert Segawa* 7,487; Kats Yamada* 6,820.

3—N. Hilo-Hamakua-N. Kohala (1): (D) YOSHITO TAKAMINE 3,956.

4—S. Kohala-S. Kona (1): (D) Minoru Inaba* 3,572.

5—East Maui (2): (D) Gerald K Machida* 5,797.

6—W. Maui-Mokai-Lanai (2): (D) Anthony Takitani 4,853; Herbert J Honda 3,697.

7—Aina-Haina-Hawaii Kai (2): (R) Donna R Ikeda* 1,257.

8—Diamond Head-Aina Haina (2): (R) Barbara Marumoto 1,113.

9—St Louis-Maunaloani Hts (2): (D) Ted Morioka 5,017; G Miyuki 10—Kapahulu-Kaimuki (2): (D) Ken Kiyabu* 5,792; Bert Kobayashi 4,022.

12—McCully-Lower Makiki (2): (D) C Tatsuo Uwaine 5,900; Dave Hagino 4,698.

13—Manoa-Makiki (3): (D) Chas T Ushijima* 6,444; Carol Fukunaga 4,138.

15—Alewa Hts-Pauoa (2): (D) Robert Kimura 4,861.

16—Kalihii-Kam Hts (2): (D) Dennis Nakasato 4,329.

18—Aiea-Moanalua (2): (D) Mitsuo Uechi* 6,618; James H Wakatsuki* 6,217.

19—Pearl City-Pearl Ridge (2): (D) Clarice Hashimoto 6,746; Donald T Masutani Jr 5,476.

20—Ewa-Waipahu (2): (D) Mits Shito* 9,340.

21—Waianae-Ewa Beach (2): (D) James Aki* 6,890.

22—Wahiawa-N Shore (2): (D) Yoshiro Nakamura* 4,626.

23—Hauula-Heeia (1): (D) Chas T Toguchi* 4,038.

24—Kaneohe-Maunawili (2): (D) Marshall K Ige 6,785.

26—Keolu Hills-Waimanalo (1): (D) Russell Sakamoto 1,881.

27—Kauai-Niihau (3): (D) Tony Kunimura* 8,524; Richard Kawakami* 8,243; Dennis Yamada* 8,200.

Board of Education (9)

(D) Hatsuko Kawahara 49,541; Howard I Takenaka* 49,370; Tom Okamura 48,687; Hiroshi Yamashita* 31,920.

Honolulu City Council (9)

1—Leeward-Pearl City: (D) GEORGE G AKAHANE 19,313.

2—No Oahu: Toraki Matsumoto* 19,104.

5—Palolo-Diamond Head: (D) Tom T Nekota 10,520.

8—Nuuanu-Downtown: (R) Tom Oshiro 936.

Maui County Council (9)

1—Lanai: (D) GORO HOKAMA* 12,652.

3—West Maui: (D) Gordon Miyuki 9,222.

4—Central Maui (3): (D) Bob Nakasone* 12,067; Shigeto Murayama 10,079; (R) Toshi Ansei 1,239.

5—East Maui: (D) Calvin S Nemoto* 12,010.

At-large (2): (D) Ronald K Kondo 11,328.

Kauai County Council (7)

At-large: (D) Robert K Yotsuda* 7,133; JoAnn Yukimura* 7,080; Rodney B Yadao 6,964; Burt K Tsuchiya 6,198.

FARM DATA

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all persons the right to own property. This is the result of repealing the law that once barred Asians from owning property in California.

Mori noted wealthy domestic individuals and corporations also compete with small farmers for purchase of farmland.

The current drive against foreigners, Mori felt, was also poorly-timed because the Brown administration has been trying to get Japan to increase its importation of California farm products and feared that if California forbids foreign investors, Japan can retaliate.

California has been successful in pushing its farm shipments to Japan from 15,000 to 45,000 tons in the past two years, Mori said. "But there's a market there for from 150,000 to 200,000 tons," he added.

Mori is going to Japan and the Far East in November to investigate this project. #

1979 JACL travel program . . .

16 group flights to Japan scheduled

San Francisco

The National JACL Travel Committee is encouraging local districts and chapters to administer Flights to Japan in 1979. In designating the local administrator, the chapter or district also assumes ultimate responsibility for the flight, it was announced by Henry Sakai, chairperson for the JACL travel committee.

The National Travel Coordinator at JACL National Headquarters will provide assistance as needed.

The schedule of available flights for 1979 was also announced. Groups willing to administer any of the particular flights (the dates are tentative), should write to the JACL Travel Committee, Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco 94115, by Nov. 15, 1978. Name of the local administrator must be indicated.

Other flights and departure points may

be negotiated, it was added.

No fare has been announced. The flights are sponsored for JACL members only.

1979 Flight Schedule

Japan Air Lines:	Departure Points
1—April 2-23 . . . San Francisco	Los Angeles
2—May 7-28 . . . San Francisco	Los Angeles
3—June 4-25 . . . San Francisco	Los Angeles
4—June 18-July 16 . . . S Fran	Los Angeles
5—July 30-Aug 27 . . . S Fran	Los Angeles
6—Aug 13-Sep 03 . . . S Fran	Los Angeles
7—Sep 24-Oct 15 . . . S Fran	Los Angeles
8—Oct 1-Oct 22 . . . S Fran	Los Angeles
9—Oct 15-Nov 05 . . . S Fran	Los Angeles
10—Dec 17-Jan 06 . . . S Fran	Los Angeles

Pan American World Airways	Departure Points
1—April 01-22	Los Angeles
2—June 15-July 06	Los Angeles
3—July 14-Aug 04	Los Angeles
4—Aug 18-Sep 15	Los Angeles
5—Sep 29-Oct 20	Los Angeles
6—Oct 13-Nov 03	Los Angeles

JACL's most attractive benefit . . .

Various group health plans offered

By HARRY HONDA

One of the dreams of National JACL in the 1960s was a national major medical plan, especially to assist chapters which offered none. Outcome was the formation at the 1970 national convention of a study committee to write up national guidelines.

The draft was refined and adopted finally in 1976. To implement the guidelines, a national health insurance plan committee with John Yasumoto (San Francisco) and Bud Nakano (Sequoia) as co-chair was established by Jim Murakami, national president.

It is not the intent of this feature to explain specific coverage, what the premiums are but to note what is available and who the contact people are.

Oldest plans in JACL are those associated with Blue Cross.

In 1946, the Salt Lake JACL Auxiliary organized a Blue Cross group. It has dropped the Salt Lake designation to service a wider area of Utah. Its administrator Doris Matsuura founded the group with 13 households. She can be reached at home, 266-1738.

In 1947, San Jose JACL began a Blue Cross group with Dr. Robert Okamoto and Phil Matsumura as the prime movers. Still active explaining the program to others, there are now 10 other JACL chapters in Northern California with Blue Cross.

Each chapter maintains individual control, serviced by a chapter administrator rather than a commissioned broker. At the present time, the Blue Cross groups are being polled on an enrollment rule: whether or not to keep the 6-month waiting period and no questionnaire.

Information about coverage may be secured from:
Alameda—Haj Fujimori...523-8309
Gilroy—Setsu Hirahara...842-2973

Sonoma—Geo Okamoto...823-2792
Monterey—Bart Yoshida...375-5961
Salinas—Harry Iida...422-6814
S Benito—Gladys Nishita 623-4754
S Jose—H Nakagawa...289-8488
Sequoia—Bud Nakano 732-5656
Tri-Valley—S Morimoto 846-8021
Watsonville—Frank Tsuji 688-9411
West Valley—H Konno...243-7351

For the NC-WNDC chapters not in Blue Cross, then regional director Haruo Ishimaru organized a district-wide program through California Blue Shield in 1964, now administered by Frances Morioka at the Sator Bldg. (JACL Hq), 931-6633. The plan now has 72 participating chapters in six districts.

Enrollment requires a health statement with Blue Shield reserving the right of acceptance. Members over age 65 are ineligible but group plan members upon reaching that age may remain with benefits integrated with Medicare. Details in a brochure is available. Following are chapter insurance commissioners:

Northern California
San Francisco Yoshio Nakashima
Sacramento...Percy Masaki
Stockton...George Matsumoto
Marysville...George Nakao

Placer Cty.....Cosma Sakamoto
San Mateo.....Grayce Kato
Berkeley.....Jordan Hiratzka
Oakland.....Tony Yokomizo
Contra Costa.....Joe Sugawara
Fremont.....Dr Jim Yamaguchi
French Camp.....Robt Tominaga
Eden Township.....Jas Tsurumoto
Florin.....George Furukawa
Cortez.....Jim Yamaguchi
Reno.....Sam Wada
Liv-Merced.....Buichi Kajiwara
Marin County.....John Tateishi
Lodi.....Jim Morita
Las Vegas.....George Goto
Diablo Vly.....Yasuko Wada
Solano.....Dr Yosh Shitanishi

Pacific Northwest
Oregon.....Rowe Sumida
Seattle.....Utaka Fujiyama
Spokane.....Harry Honda
White Riv/Puy V...Tom Takemura
Col Basin.....Ed Yamamoto

Intermountain
Idaho Falls.....Margaret Tanaka
Snake River.....Jack Ogami
Boise.....Jun Yamamoto
Pocatello.....Hiro Shiosaki
Salt Lake City.....Saige Aramaki
Wasatch.....Harry Suekawa

Mountain Plains
Arkansas Vly.....Haruye Saiki
New Mexico.....Ron Shibata

Pacific Southwest
Downtown LA...Willie Funakoshi
East LA.....George Yamate
Gardena Vly.....Stuart Tsujimoto
Gr Pasadena.....Bob Uchida
Hollywood.....George S Ono
Imperial Vly.....Hatsu Morita
Long Beach.....Al Fujimoto
No Sn Diego.....Tom Sonoda
Orange Cty.....Betty Oka

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Chapter credit unions thrive as convenient, ready service

At one time, there were as many as five other JACL credit unions in addition to the National. Three are continuing to serve.

The Chicago JACL Credit Union, in its 31st year, with Lincoln Shimidzu as president and Ariye Oda as treasurer, has \$650,000 in assets. It recently declared dividends of 5 3/4 pct. For information, call the Chicago JACL Office (728-7170).

The San Francisco JACL Credit Union was founded in 1948. The Cal-Neva JACL credit union was merged in 1966 with San Francisco to service a larger and immediate membership. Dave Asano is board chairman; Ichiro Taniguchi, treasurer. For information, call (415) 397-5445 day, Richard Kiwata; 387-4878 eve. To join the San Francisco JACL

credit union, any JACLer can by a one-time \$1 enrollment fee and purchase of at least five shares (\$25). A 30-day waiting period is required before a loan is granted the first time. Current loan rates here are:

New car, 25% down, 36 mos to pay at 9 1/2%; max loan \$10,000. 1st mortgage 9%; estate plan 7.2%; home improvement 9%; share applied loans 7%; personal 12%; instant credit loan 12%.

The Twin Cities JACL Credit Union, founded in the 1950s, has an enviable record of every loan it has made being paid in full. This shows up the advantage of a locally available chapter credit union. Ed Yoshikawa is treasurer, (822-8982).

JACL's first building . . .



Acquired in March, 1965, the National JACL Credit Union headquarters at 242 So. 4th East, Salt Lake City, Utah, was National JACL's first building. Picture was taken in 1968 when the credit union observed its 25th year. Pictured are then treasurer Hiro Okada and bookkeeper Ruth Aoki.

\$5.50 can get you started . . .

If you are not a National JACL Credit Union member, here's how

Salt Lake City

With many of the JACL Chapters ready to start their membership drives, it is possible that some of the membership solicitors have been or will be asked questions about the National JACL Credit Union. Here are some of the basic questions that may come up.

Who is eligible to join? Any member of the JACL can become a member of our credit union, including immediate members of the family (spouses, minor children and parents living in the same household without the requirement of JACL membership).

How may I join? By submitting a membership application card, obtainable for the asking at National JACL Credit Union, 242 South 4th Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, telephone (801) 355-8040.

How much does it cost? There is an initial entrance fee of 50 cents and an initial purchase of one share, \$5, or more. Dividends are paid only on full shares of \$5.

What will my savings in the credit union earn? Your savings, which we call "shares", making you an owner of the credit union, have been earning about 6.5% per annum, compounded quarterly. (7% was declared as of Sept. 30, 1978.)

What is the life insurance feature? Each share account carries a life insurance on the life of the depositor, dollar for dollar, up to \$2,000 up to age 55. There are certain health and age restrictions, but these are liberal in their coverage. Loans are insured up to \$40,000, so that in the event of death of the borrower the loan balance is paid by the insuring company, which is Cuna Mutual Insurance Society.

How much can I borrow? Signature loans are restricted to the maximum of \$3,000 plus the amount of shares held by the loan applicant. If a member has \$100 in shares he is eligible to borrow \$3,100. The maximum on secured or collateral type of

loan is \$20,000 plus the amount of shares held.

What is the interest rate on loans? The interest rate is 1% a month on the unpaid balance, or 12%, which means in dollars and cents an interest cost of \$6.62 in the case a member borrows \$100 and pays it back in twelve equal monthly installments.

How long does it take to obtain a loan? To those living in the locale of our office and where the applicant is known to the loan officer, it is a matter of dropping in the office and filling out a loan application. On new accounts where the member is not known to the loan officer, time should be allowed for answers from references. Once a credit rating is established in majority of cases loan applications can be handled in 24 hours.

Who runs the credit union? The president of the National JACL Credit Union is Shake Ushio of Murray, Utah, an active member of the Mt. Olympus Chapter. Administration of the credit union is in the hands of a six-member Board of Directors: S. Ushio, president; Min Matsumoto, vice president; Nobuo Iwamoto, secretary; Saige Aramaki, Yukus Inouye and Al Kubota. Ichiro Doi as treasurer-manager executes the directives of the Board of Directors.

Mas Akiyama, an accountant with Mt. Olympus Water Co., is chairman of the supervisory committee that examines and audits the working of the credit union. Rupert Hachiya, a lab technician at Christianson Diamond Products Co., chairs the credit committee that passes on loans. The loan officers who assist the credit committee are Ichiro Doi and Mrs. Yoshie Fujii, assistant treasurer. The office secretary is Karla Kasai.

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Alien Landowners

Editor:

JACL at the Salt Lake Convention passed a resolution against restrictions on foreign investors who buy agricultural lands in California. I do not have the exact wording of the resolution, but I understand that reference was made to the anti-alien land

laws which prohibited the purchase of farm lands by our non-citizen parents.

There is a case for such restrictions. One example that might be cited is the increasing number of Mexican-Americans who are becoming farmers and leasing and purchasing farm lands. Foreign investors are bidding up the price of farm lands. This

is good for the farmer who wishes to sell out and retire. It is bad for farmers who wish to stay in farming, because the higher values placed on his farm increases his taxes. It is bad for everyone who wishes to become a farmer, including the Mexican-American, because the higher price of farms makes it almost impossible for him

to buy farm land at prices which will allow him to pay for the land out of the crops.

The point I wish to make is that resolutions should be adopted only after careful and thorough investigation of background and facts on all sides of the proposition.

FRED Y. HIRASUNA
Fresno, Ca.

THE EDITOR'S DESK: Harry K. Honda

Friday Theme



With Page 3 of the Pacific Citizen taking shape as a new feature, let's explain: we are attempting to expand our presentation of interesting subjects, personalities and ideas.

We hope to feature people and pictures on the first Fridays. For the opener, the picture-story of the new Washington JACL Representative and the National JACL Executive Director making the rounds in the Nation's Capital to renew JACL contacts was well-timed. Karl Nobuyuki had just sent the snapshots and story a week prior. Chapter correspondents and camera clickers are welcome to venture on to this particular page.

The second Friday special shall be devoted to something new or urgent. It so happened that Sen. Inouye's bill regarding "aquaculture" (a word not in most dictionaries) piqued us to use it for the first time. Our journalistic instinct to look for a Nisei or Japanese angle, aside from the fact that the first Nisei U.S. senator had written the bill calling for a national policy to develop this new industry, uncovered what became Page 3 last week. . . . We are now working a special on mental health for next month and where the Asian American experience in this field has international impact.

IN CONSIDERING THE third Friday theme that would be apropos for the month, the new JACL membership campaign domineered as the obvious topic. Perennial question as membership campaigns start is: What do I get with membership? . . . The PC subscription to members is well understood but a review of other membership services can be explored for both current and potential members. We checked around, listing the people who have application forms and answers about their respective credit unions, group health and travel programs. The 1979 National JACL Travel Program was announced just in time to fit into page 3 this week. . . . It maybe our third Fridays will be JACL-ish. We need to pinpoint other themes so that others can be asked to contribute.

Next week, the fourth Friday focus will be a think-piece by Barry Saiki on "what's wrong with America", but in a sociological vein. If it appears slightly dated, it's because we had no space heretofore to run it altogether in a single issue. . . . We'd like to feature essays of about 2,500 words on the fourth Fridays to exercise the Asian American mind.

If some are wondering about the three fifth Fridays next year, we are dubbing it fiesta, containing a potpourri of light, maybe inconsequential or bizarre, items to amuse.

THUS, PAGE 3 in the PC will be a year-round effort as a kind of substitute for the "Quarterly" which was shelved for the time-being due to economic factors. #

GROUP HEALTH PLANS

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Pasadena.....Mary Yusa
Prog Westside.....Toshiko Yoshida
Riverside.....Michiko Yoshimura
S Fernando Vly.....Fred Muto
San Diego.....Vernon Yoshioka
S Gabriel Vly.....Sam Imai
S Luis Obispo.....S Ikeda
Santa Barbara.....Hiro Goto
Santa Maria.....Dr Ken Oye
Selanoco.....Jim Seippel
Venice-Culver.....Frances Kitagawa
Ventura.....Yas Yasutake
West LA.....Arnold Maeda
Wilshire.....Alice Nishikawa
Coachella.....Harry Arita
South Bay.....John Tsuruta
Metropolitan.....Ernest Fukumoto
Carson.....Jim Seippel
Arizona.....Thos S Yamauchi

Central California

Fresno.....Bob Tsubota
Clovis.....Frank Kubota
Delano.....Joe Katano
Fowler.....Art Fujikawa
Parlier.....Tad Kanemoto
Reedley.....Ken Sunamoto

Sanger.....Kaz Komoto
Selma.....John Fujioka
Tulare Cty.....Tom Shimasaki

In 1964, the Pacific Southwest group health plan committee, chaired by hospital administrator Mable Yoshizaki of East Los Angeles JACL, reviewed a number of programs. As recommended, the chapters adopted a Capitol Life plan, where low cost and coverage were deciding factors. General agent Paul Chinn for the company was administrator. The same plan was adopted by Central California District.

While PSW discontinued

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History Overlooked

Editor:

It is very unfortunate that the first three paragraphs of "A Case for Redress", Sec. 4 (PC Sept. 8) sound like the anti-Japanese propaganda of WW2. For instance:

There is no mention of four centuries of western aggression to Africa, Western Hemisphere and Asia-Pacific. Commodore Perry's fleet attacked Japan, murdering people and occupying a part of the country. English, French, and Russians did the

Redress: Pro & Con

Editor:

If (JACL) must pursue the reparations program, I suggest the resolution be amended to include "reparations" to the U.S. taxpayer. Let the taxpayers pay each J-A who relocated to the WRA center the \$25,000 but then enter on other side of the balance sheet the cost to feed, house, provide medical and dental care, and education to the J-As. . . .

It cost the U.S. taxpayers six million dollars the first year alone to support the WRA centers from which the people of Japanese were not only free to leave but were urged to do so. . . .

If the reparation bill passes, it might set a good precedent for reparations to (war) widows who can then ask for the \$15,000 difference from the \$10,000 widow's pension. JACL had best stir before the backlash hits and makes them rise to the occasion. JACL would best "lose face" within their organization than to lose the excellent place gained in public respect and acceptance.

LILLIAN BAKER
Gardena, Calif.

Editor:

I again wish to reaffirm my position in favor of financially redressing a wrong that should never have been committed in the first place by a democratic nation such as ours.

While I have to admit that \$3 billion is a lot of money, even with today's inflation, it seems to me that rescinding Executive Order 9066 with a public apology is not enough. In a materialistic society such as ours, only a financial hardship similar to that of Germany and their Jewish problems will be sufficient to see that what happened to the Japanese Americans will never again happen. . . .

As to how the money is to be distributed is another matter. \$25,000 to a person who has never recovered from his or

There is no room for unsigned letters here.

same. And western military forces invaded China.

It says that Germany invaded Poland in 1939. This is half-true because both Germany and Russia invaded Poland.

It says that Japan overran Southeast Asia. This is a complete distortion of the fact. English, French, Dutch, and Euro-Americans overran Asia for centuries. The U.S. was not placed under tremendous pressure to enter the war (by Japan). Japan was never a menace to Europe nor the United States,

her loss would certainly be welcome. But those who have recovered may wish to consider the furtherance of Japanese-American departments of education in our universities and/or scholarships.

GUNNAR OLSBORG
Seattle, Wash.

Editor:

As I contemplate Reparations, I keep thinking of an American GI who has lost his right hand on Saipan in WWII. I am sure that every time he looks at his artificial appliances, he thinks, "That's the price I paid for the war!"

Could it be that Evacuation was the Price we Japanese Americans paid for the war with Japan? But at least, many of us never lost our hands, feet, or lives in it?

I hope that Japanese Americans by now know, that the inequities we find in the American Judicial System are merely defenses protecting an America which was wrested by gunshot from the Indians, and taken by deceit and force from Mexico (Texas).

Let us understand these things in order that we dis-

35 Years Ago

IN THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

OCTOBER 23, 1943

Oct. 11—President Roosevelt urges Congress to repeal Chinese Exclusion Act.

Oct. 13—20 Jerome camp residents hurt in semi-trailer overturned in mishap.

Oct. 15—Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play (coordinated by Mrs. Ruth Kingman, San Francisco) conducting survey of federal government and California officials on their sentiment toward Japanese Americans.

Oct. 15—Nisei 100th Infantry spearheads 5th Army campaign on Volturno front.

Oct. 16—Calif. State Grange favors deportation of all persons of Japanese ancestry.

Oct. 18—WRA Director Dillon Myer reveals 21,000 evacuees released this year from camps; 70,000 more eligible.

Oct. 20—Author Pearl Buck tells State Senate panel evacuees have right to fair trial to determine their loyalty and status of freedom or detention.

Oct. 21—House passes bill to repeal Chinese Exclusion Law.

play NOT the naivete of a Jew who looks at the white people, and says, "You Christians." Unquote.

ROBERT H. IWANABE
Los Angeles

Editor:

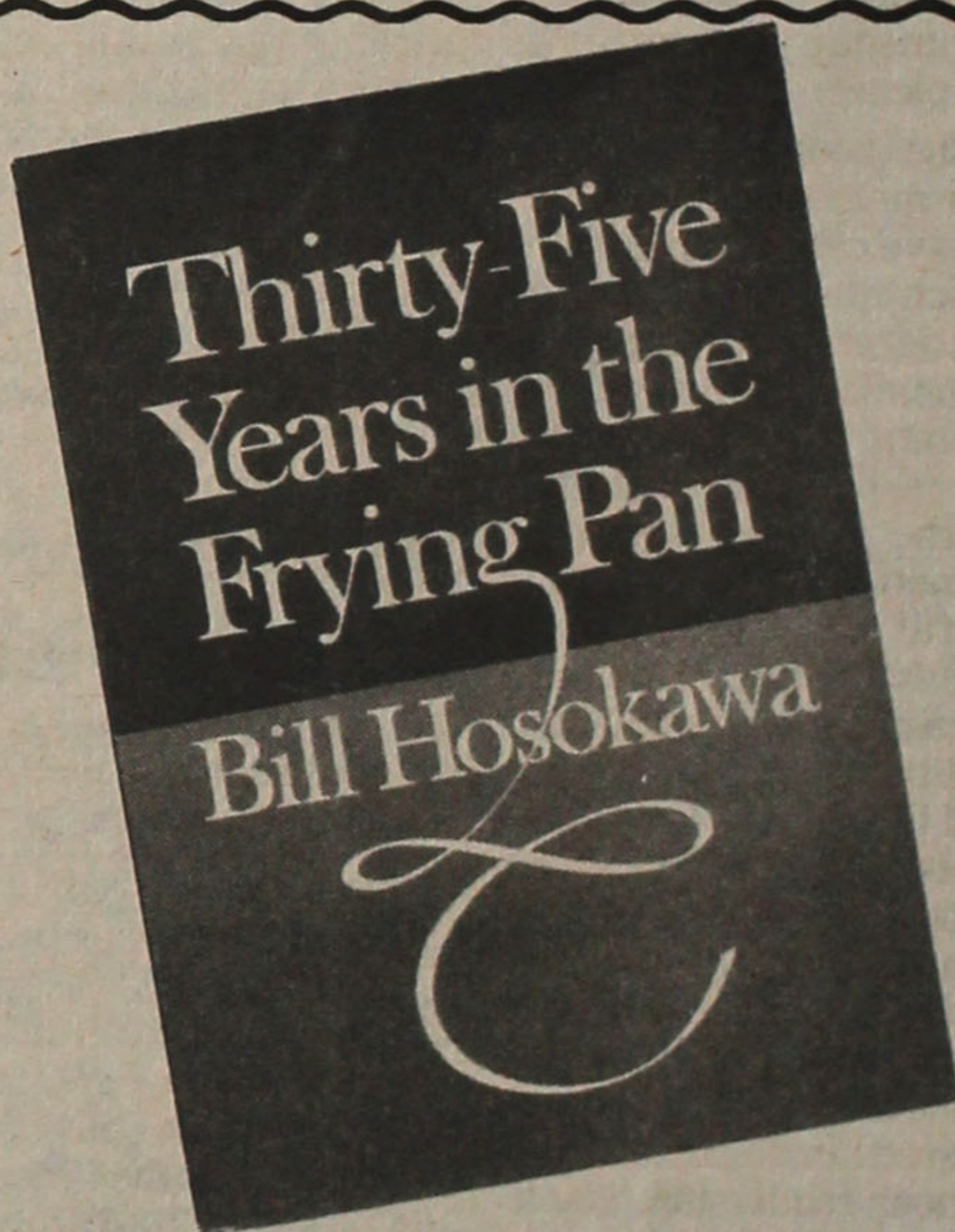
My observations of the so-called West Coast Evacuation were limited in 1941 to see three Nisei transferred from our outfit, Co. A, 53rd Infantry at Fort Ord (Calif.) to an interior part of the U.S. for reasons most of us found difficult to understand. I visited the war relocation center at Tule Lake in June, 1945, shortly after being discharged.

Duties in the U.S. Army later brought me into close contact with the history, culture

and language of Japan and gradually I became aware of the tremendous loss sustained by many persons of Japanese ancestry through the Evacuation.

The JACL redress action at present is a legitimate, timely thing which needs to be presented in Congress without further delay. Our senators and congressmen need to be made aware that there is feeling that the U.S. government has a very legitimate debt to be paid to persons of Japanese ancestry who were evacuated and detained. And Sen. S.I. Hayakawa happens to be one of my favorites.

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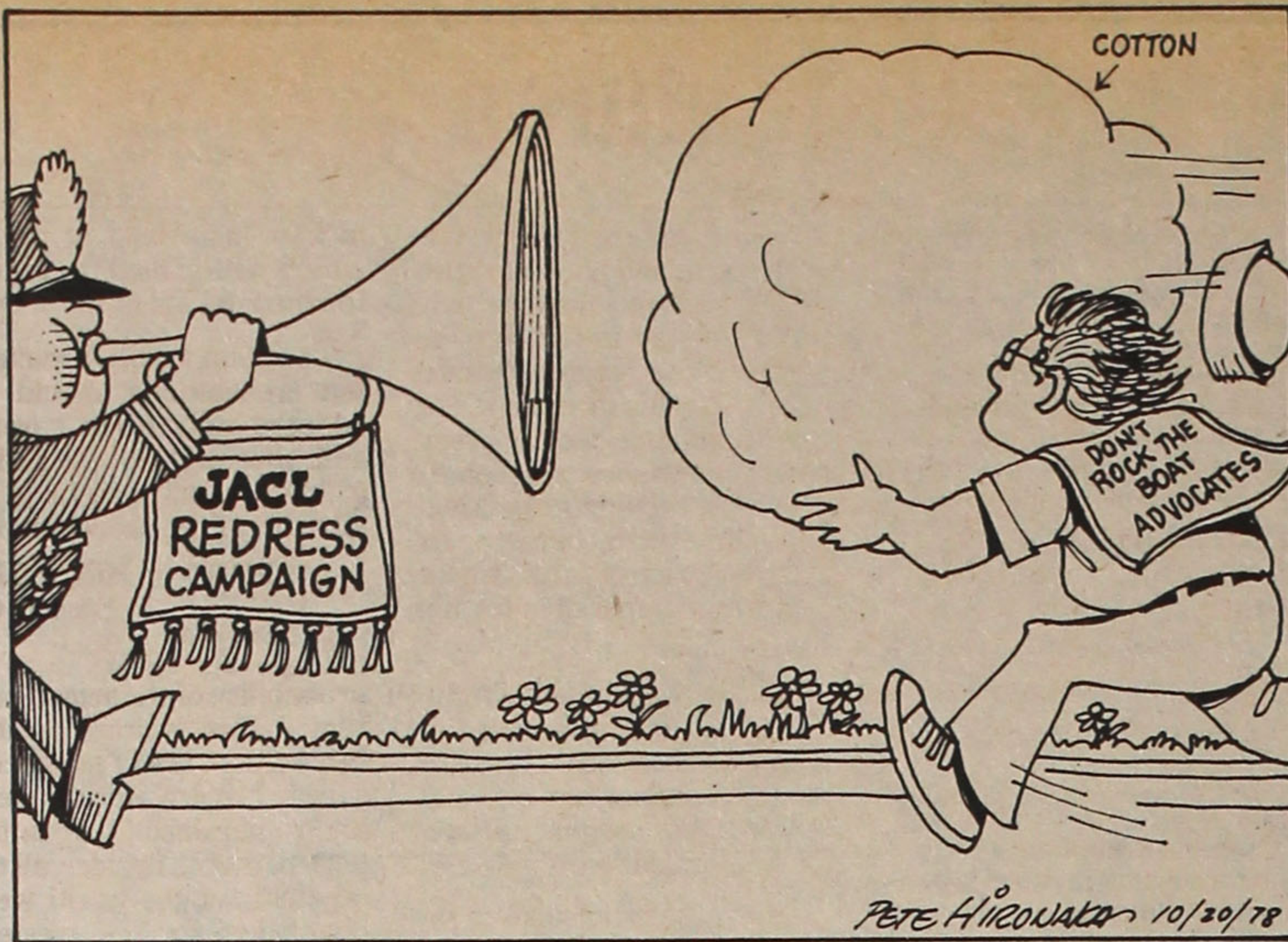
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FROM HAPPY VALLEY: Sachi Seko

Reading for Sheer Pleasure

Salt Lake City FOR MORE THAN 35 years, "From the Frying Pan" has occupied a special place in the hearts and minds of PC readers. Bill Hosokawa is the PC to many, who subscribe to this weekly simply for the pleasure of continuing a long relationship.

The column was first introduced on June 18, 1942 and is the oldest continuous PC feature. In popularity, it stands in an unchallenged position of its own. Bill Hosokawa is in a class by himself, without any peers among Japanese American writers.

I have just finished a collection of his columns, "Thirty-Five Years in the Frying Pan". It contains a selection of some of the more than 1,750 columns that were published. For contemporization, suitable commentary accompanies the pieces.

The book is dedicated, "To memories, fickle and elusive companions of life, which reward us best with gentle prodding." No better dedication could have been written, for indeed, memory responds in recognition of the far and near past. Sometimes the reunion is joyful or sad, angry or reflective. Often it is proud, occasionally it is shamed. But that is the way of truth and life.

Hosokawa is the undisputed dean of Nisei journalism. He is a professional writer, a master of words. But these qualifications alone are not what have endeared him to a most homogeneous readership. The influence of his column has been its down-to-earth quality. He has achieved what most writers can only hope for, that unique connection between reader and writer. We relate to him. For those of us, and I include myself, who are frustrated in our attempts at expression, he has been our faithful scribe.

So "Thirty-Five Years in

the Frying Pan" is the journal of our generation. It is a saga of the Nisei, who abruptly came of age on December 7, 1941. But unlike most journals, it moves beyond the Evacuation and concentration camps. Sometimes, it seems that we are obsessively concerned with the Evacuation, that all else following it is comparatively inconsequential. That our lives are centered on one big event. But Hosokawa's book proves that life did and does continue, often in ways more splendid than we dreamed were possible.

AS NISEI SCATTERED into midwestern and eastern states, Hosokawa kept us informed of their activities, progress and achievements. With a journalist's objective accuracy, he wrote of the gradual decline of racial barriers. He told of the hospitality of people who had never encountered a Nisei before.

Over the years, every loyal reader has been acquainted with the Hosokawa children. Most of us have a Mike, Susan, Pete or Christie. A third generation was born in those years. Raising a family was a common concern. It is no wonder that the columns about his family elicited the most reader comment. Although grandchildren have lately been added to the family, the columns about his children still sparkle. There were also nostalgic pieces about the Issei, his father in particular.

But the most interesting aspect of a collection of columns such as this, are the noticeable changes which have occurred in the writer. E.B. White, the American essayist said, "Whoever sets pen to paper writes of himself, whether knowingly or not."

So the book is also autobiographical. For those who have not had the pleasure of a long acquaintance with the column, it may be revelatory. In the begin-

ning, 1942 and 1943, Hosokawa's voice was strident, even militant. But the lucid language puts to shame the later and younger voices of recent years.

Hosokawa has not softened in his battle against injustice. But neither has he failed to acknowledge the changing times, the changing world of the Nisei. He tries to keep us in balance, with warmth and wit.

I AM NOT going to put this book into our library. It belongs upstairs, within easy reach. Maybe, someday Bill will stop by and I can ask to have it autographed. Just this summer, we brought out our copy of "Nisei" for inscription. The book's back is broken, the pages loose. I should have been embarrassed by its appearance. But in a way, it's a compliment. The book is used and read. I wonder how long "Thirty-Five Years in the Frying Pan" will look presentable. Not very long, I'm afraid. #

CORNER FOR OUR GUESTS:

Riding the rails to Lillooet, B.C.

BY HERB IZUNO
(Fremont JACL)

My recent trip to Canada was highlighted by an unexpected visit with one of that country's leading Pioneers.

The sky was grey and raining as British Columbia Railroad Train #1 pulled out of the North Vancouver Station heading north into the interior of Canada. My destination was a little town 157 miles up the Fraser River called Lillooet. I had never heard of this town before but it was a layover point until the thru-train to Prince George arrived.

As I was enjoying the beautiful scenery from my train window, the conductor asked if I would like to sit up front with the engineer. A rare opportunity not to be wasted!! They stopped the train at all the scenic spots so that I could take pictures. A running commentary of all interesting points during the five-hour trip was a real treat. This unusual cordiality had me puzzled until talk turned to the subject of Lillooet, our destination.

It seems that a Canadian Issei doctor had been attending the needs of the local people up there since 1945 and had a loyal following, including the train crew when required. Hugh Campbell, the train engineer, told me of the almost legendary service of this doctor. During the Canadian Evacuation, he was the only medical person for all three of the camps in the area. Canadian evacuees had to build their own camps after they got inland.

As I walked up the main street. I was greeted like an old



FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

The New Issei

Denver, Colo.

THE KIMONO-clad waitress had served the clear soup and salad and we were sitting quietly in the Kabuki restaurant waiting for the main course. In the evening the pace is usually leisurely at the Kabuki and there is time to look around and wonder about the other patrons.

Presently a young Japanese came through the door. He looked to be in his early thirties. With him was a woman several years younger, presumably his wife. There were two children with them, a girl perhaps 4 or 5 years old, and a fine-looking boy of 7 or 8.

They were, obviously, Japanese from Japan. I say obviously, yet I cannot explain why. A Caucasian looking at this family probably could not say whether they were Japanese or Japanese Americans. But to one who has been looking at all kinds of Japanese all his life, they were unmistakably Japanese-Japanese. If someone had asked me how I knew this, I would not have been able to reply. They just looked different from Issei, Nisei or Sansei, that's all.

Once upon a time not too long ago the Western clothing worn by people from Japan looked different. The belt loops on the men's pants, for instance, were placed just a fraction of an inch too low so that the top of the trousers curled over the belt. And their shoes weren't shaped like American shoes, especially the toes. If you looked closely enough, you could tell where the back of the shoe, up on top, had been smashed down a little by frequent taking-off and putting-on because, of course, the Japanese have that laudable custom of removing their shoes when they go indoors. And the women always seemed to wear their shirts a bit longer than was fashionable at the time.

So long as all the increased wealth which modern progress brings, goes but to build up great fortunes, to increase luxury, and make sharper the contest between the House of Have and the House of Want, progress is not real and cannot be permanent.

—HENRY GEORGE

But not now. The cut of Western style clothing for both men and women in Japan is excellent, and this young couple was quite fashionably dressed. Particularly the man. He wore a sports jacket over a modest aloha shirt. Yet something about his appearance said he and his wife were Japanese, not Nisei or Sansei.

The waitress sat them at a booth next to ours and we could overhear their conversation. They spoke Japanese. Obviously the first impression had been correct.

Then we noticed the children were speaking a strange mixture of Japanese and English—English nouns and verbs tossed in indiscriminately with Japanese word forms. It is difficult to write down what the girl was saying, but it went something like this: "Kyo, at school, *tomodachi no girl ga Saturday play shini come shinai-ka ask shita. Itte mo okay?*"

In translation, it goes something like this: "Today at school a girl who is my friend asked if I could come Saturday to play. Is it okay to go?"

I almost burst out laughing except for the fact that the scrambled English mixed with the Japanese was strangely familiar. Then it struck me!

THE LITTLE GIRL was speaking precisely the way we spoke to our parents more than five decades ago when our command of Japanese was as inadequate as our parents' knowledge of English. So we spoke a jargon and they, in their wisdom, could make out what we were trying to say. Of course they replied all in Japanese, a language we could understand in a way, but which we could not use to express ourselves.

And then it occurred to us that this young couple here in this country for whatever reason, was indeed Issei. They had arrived more than a half-century after the last of the original Issei, and their little children were in effect Nisei struggling to master two languages simultaneously and not doing very well at it.

I almost went over to these strangers to tell them of my discovery, but thought better of it. If I had intruded upon their privacy they might have thought me strange indeed. And so, being a somewhat quiet American, I came home to write about it instead. #

friend, most unusual. The lady at the 4 Pines Motel asked if I had come to see Dr. Miyazaki. At last, a name to go with the legend. A quick phone call got me invited to his house. Since the War, the Japanese population dwindled until he was the last family left. I was greeted at his door by an 83-year-old, slight Issei who was eager to know all about me. Obviously, not many Nisei from Fremont come to call! The two-hour visit was most enjoyable and interesting. He is a walking History Book of the Area. Although retired, he still sees patients.

Formerly from Vancouver, he has, quietly and with dignity, changed Lillooet from a "No Japs Allowed" town to one where I felt welcome. His accomplishments, both civic and professional, are many, as the multitude of plaques and citations will attest. Dr. Masajiro Miyazaki is the recipient of the Order of Canada, a distinguished service award.

An autobiography that he wrote in 1970 ("My Sixty Years in Canada", 137pp, \$5; Dr Miyazaki, PO Box 688, Lillooet, B.C. V0K 1V0) was purchased prior to my departure and has provided many enjoyable hours of reading.

I was reluctant to leave town so soon, but the train whistle could be heard in the distance. Time to push on to Alaska, my eventual destination of this particular trip by train through British Columbia. #

Calendar, pulse

NISHIDA KOTO ENSEMBLE

JACL concert tour arranged by No. Calif. heritage group

Livermore, Ca.
Eight NC-WNDC chapters have signed up so far to sponsor concerts by the Nishida Koto Ensemble of Shizuoka, Japan during its JACL-sponsored tour from Jan. 13 to Feb. 5, 1979.

Under the direction of Kyoko Nishida, the ensemble was organized in the early 1970s and made its first foreign tour under the sponsorship of the Thailand Music University in Bangkok. The group also received critical acclaim during its appearance in Geneva, Switzerland under the auspices of the Geneva Music University.

Members of the ensemble besides Nishida are Fumiko Miyakoda, Toshimi Mochizuki, Yumiko Ooi and Naoko Sato. They will present both classical (including Rokudan and Sakura variations) and modern numbers.

The NC-WNDC Cultural Heritage Committee feels the koto concert series "will be a fine cultural experience for the members of the ensemble and the people in your community," reports its chairman, Samuel M. Cohen.

There is room for one more concert, the first of the series, if a chapter in the

IDC meeting date Nov. 11

Date of the Intermountain District Council meeting at Tapadera Motor Inn, Ontario, Ore., is Saturday, Nov. 11. The recognitions dinner follows at East Side Cafe, 7 p.m., with Karl Nobuyuki as guest speaker.

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\$375.06—Northern California Young Buddhist League.

area would like to host it. Interested chapters should contact Cohen, 5120 Norma Way, Livermore, Ca 94550, (415-443-5290).

Calendar

*A non-JACL event

- **OCT. 20 (Friday)**
Hoosier—International Festival (3 da), Conv Ctr, Indianapolis.
- **OCT. 21 (Saturday)**
San Francisco—Schol Fund benefit dance, Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park, 8:30pm-12:30am.
*San Diego—Calligraphy exhibit, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, 11:00am.
*Los Angeles—Amache reunion (overnight), Hilton Hotel.
*Union City—Keirokai lunch, So Alameda Cty Buddhist Church, 11:30am-3pm.
- **OCT. 22 (Sunday)**
Las Vegas—Luau, Paradise Pk, 2pm.
Cincinnati—Bd mtg.
Salinas—Sr cit luncheon, China House, 2:30pm.
San Mateo—Cultural arts-craft fair., Central Park, 11am-4pm.
Sonoma County—Nisei GI Memorial, Enmanji Temple, 9:45am.
Santa Maria—Issei appreciation.
- **OCT. 24 (Tuesday)**
Houston—Theater-dnr party, Windmill Theater, 6:45pm.
- **OCT. 25 (Wednesday)**
San Francisco—Stanford/Takahashi Lectures: "Origin of Japanese People", Christ United Presbyterian Church, 8:00pm; Prof Paul Varley, Columbia Univ, spkr.
- **OCT. 26 (Thursday)**
*Eden Township—Src cit tour of Leslie Salt Co.
- **OCT. 27 (Friday)**
San Diego—Bd mtg.
Tulare County—Vegas Fun Tor (3 da), Iv Visalia 7:00am.
- **OCT. 28 (Saturday)**
PNWDC—Qtrly sess, White River Valley hosts: Satmtg, White River Buddhist Church, 7:30pm; Sun mtg, Sea-Tac Airport Travelodge, 9:00am.
*Palo Alto—AACI forum, Chinese Comm Ctr, 9am-12:30pm; Norman Mineta, March Fong Eu, Floyd Mori, spkrs.
*Los Angeles—NVCC benefit dance, Nishi Hongwanji Kaikan, 9pm.
- Marin County**—Rap sess: "Adjustment of JAs in American Society", Jean K Whitenack, spkr.
- Riverside**—Gen mtg, UCR International Stndt Lng, 7:30pm.
- **OCT. 30 (Monday)**
Tulare County—Mtg, Visalia

- Buddhist Church, 7pm.
- **NOV. 1 (Wednesday)**
San Francisco—Stanford-Takahashi Lecture: "Origins and Development of Japanese Language", Christ United Presbyterian Church, 8:00pm; Prof Roy Miller, Univ of Washington, spkr.
Reno—Memb wind-up dnr, Rice Bowl, 7pm.
- **NOV. 3 (Friday)**
Contra Costa—Annual bd mtg.
- **NOV. 4 (Saturday)**
San Mateo—Monte Carlo night.
Nat'l JACL—Endowment Fund Comm mtg, San Francisco.
*San Francisco—Co K 442nd reunion, Kyoto Inn.
- **NOV. 5 (Sunday)**
Hoosier—New member dnr, Ft Harrison Civilian Clubhouse, 2-5pm.
NC-WNDC—4thqtrly sess: Florin JACL hosts. Red Lion Motor Inn, Sac'to, 9am.

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Honda was Chicago JACL president and Midwest District Council chairman and currently chairs the Dr. Yatabe Scholarship Fund. Masuda, a longtime Nisei attorney, is a member of the Chicago JACL Credit Union board, the Yatabe Trust Committee and National JACL Endowment Fund board.

Number of Chicago area organizations will assist in the testimonial being planned. Reservations are being accepted at \$17.50 per person by May Nakano (561-8944) and Toshi Sakamoto (721-7861).

● **Salt Lake**

ASIAN NIGHT AT SALT PALACE SET

Salt Lake JACL, as part of the Asian American group in Utah, is participating in the first Asian Night ever produced and staged at the Salt Palace on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2 to 10 p.m. The seven ethnic groups—Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Laotians and Filipinos—will each feature a cultural program and food.

● **Watsonville**

ASSEMBLYMAN MORI TO ADDRESS INAUGURAL

Watsonville JACL installation dinner-dance is set for Friday, Dec. 1, 7 p.m., at the Aptos Seascape Club with State Assemblyman Floyd Mori (D-Pleasanton) as guest speaker. His colleague, Assemblyman Henry Mello (D-Watsonville), will be installing officer while Watsonville councilman Frank Osmer will open the formal portion of the program with the Pledge of Allegiance. Paul Hiura is dinner chairman. Tickets may be purchased at \$12.50 per person from Shig Hirano and chapter officers.

The 1979 chapter officers are:

Wally Osato, pres; Kee Kitayama, lvp; Arthur Hayashi, 2vp; Betsy Shikuma, tr; Joanne Hayashi, rec sec; Frances Sukekane, Jean Oda, cor sec; Harry Fukutome, aud; Zen Ota, John Yamashita, youth; Paul Hiura, del; Kenzo Yoshida, 1000 Club; Frank Tsuji, memb/Blue Cross; Tom Kizuka, Tom Nakase, sr cit proj; Ben Umeda, Shig Hirano, Robert K Yamamoto, adv.

In preparation for the dinner-dance, the disco-ballroom dance class resumed at the JACL Center Oct. 13, 8 p.m. and will continue through Nov. 17. Yuri Hiura (722-6536) is registering.

Frank Tsuji is organizing the four-man JACL bowling team for a Fraternal Organization league with the sponsor of the winning team getting a \$1,000 prize.

The Senior Citizens of Watsonville celebrated their seventh anniversary Aug. 27 at the JACL Center with 150 persons present, including 11 members over age 90. Program included entertainment provided by Salinas, Monterey and local members, and bento featuring 15 different Japanese dishes.

● **West Los Angeles**

CLIFFORD UYEDA TO SPEAK AT INAUGURAL

West Los Angeles JACL announced Dr. Clifford Uyeda, national president, will be guest speaker at the chapter's 1979 installation dinner scheduled Sunday, Nov. 19, at the Miramar Hotel, Santa Monica. Further details are to be announced.

Installation dinner chairman Bill Sakurai described the 6 p.m. dinner as a time for rededication to the ideals of the JACL Creed and to meet friends and neighbors. Dinner reservations contact is Virginia Tominaga (820-3365).

The West L.A. president is longtime community worker and teacher Toy Kanegai.

WEST L.A. OFFERING 2 PCYA SCHOLARSHIPS

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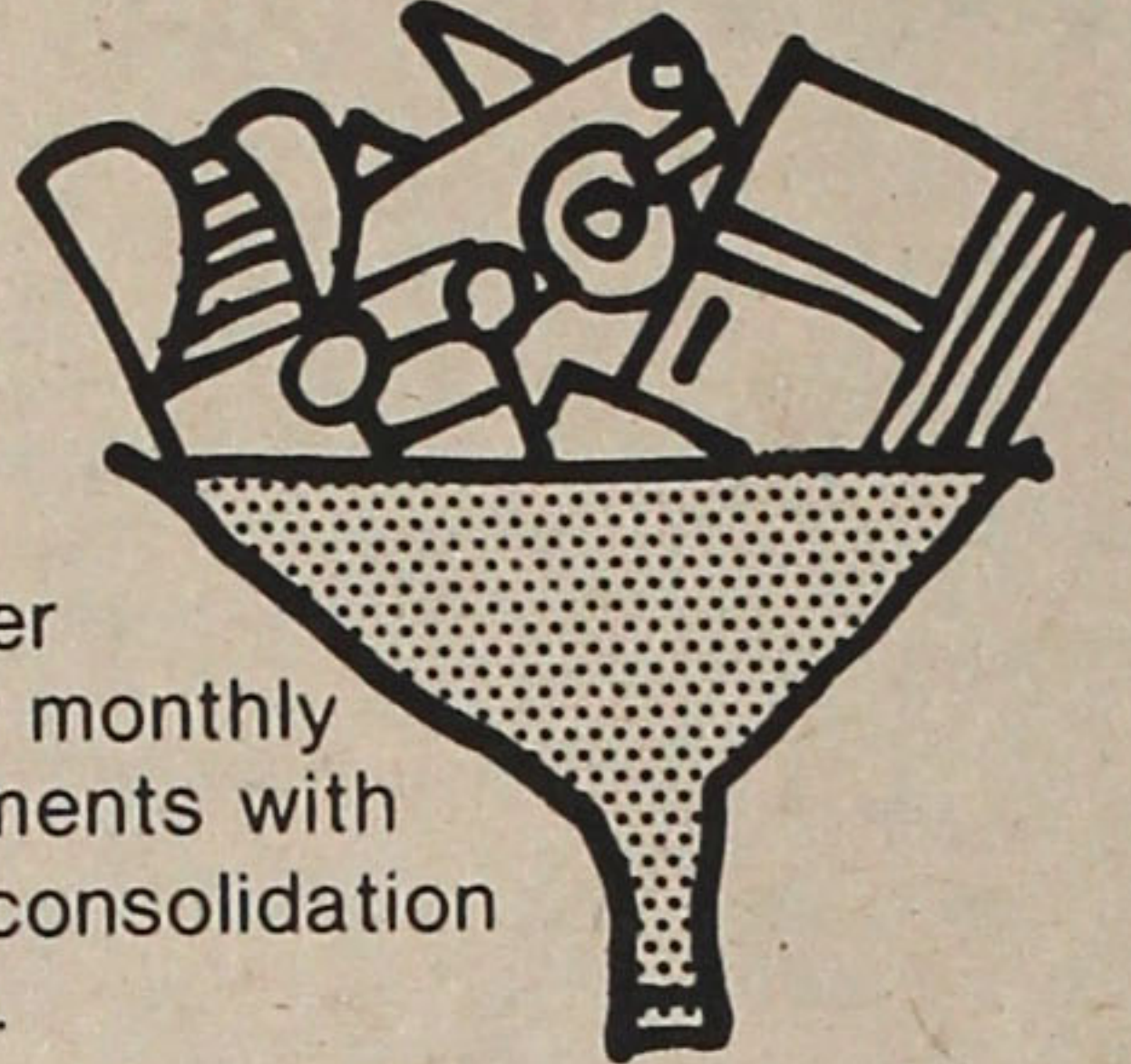
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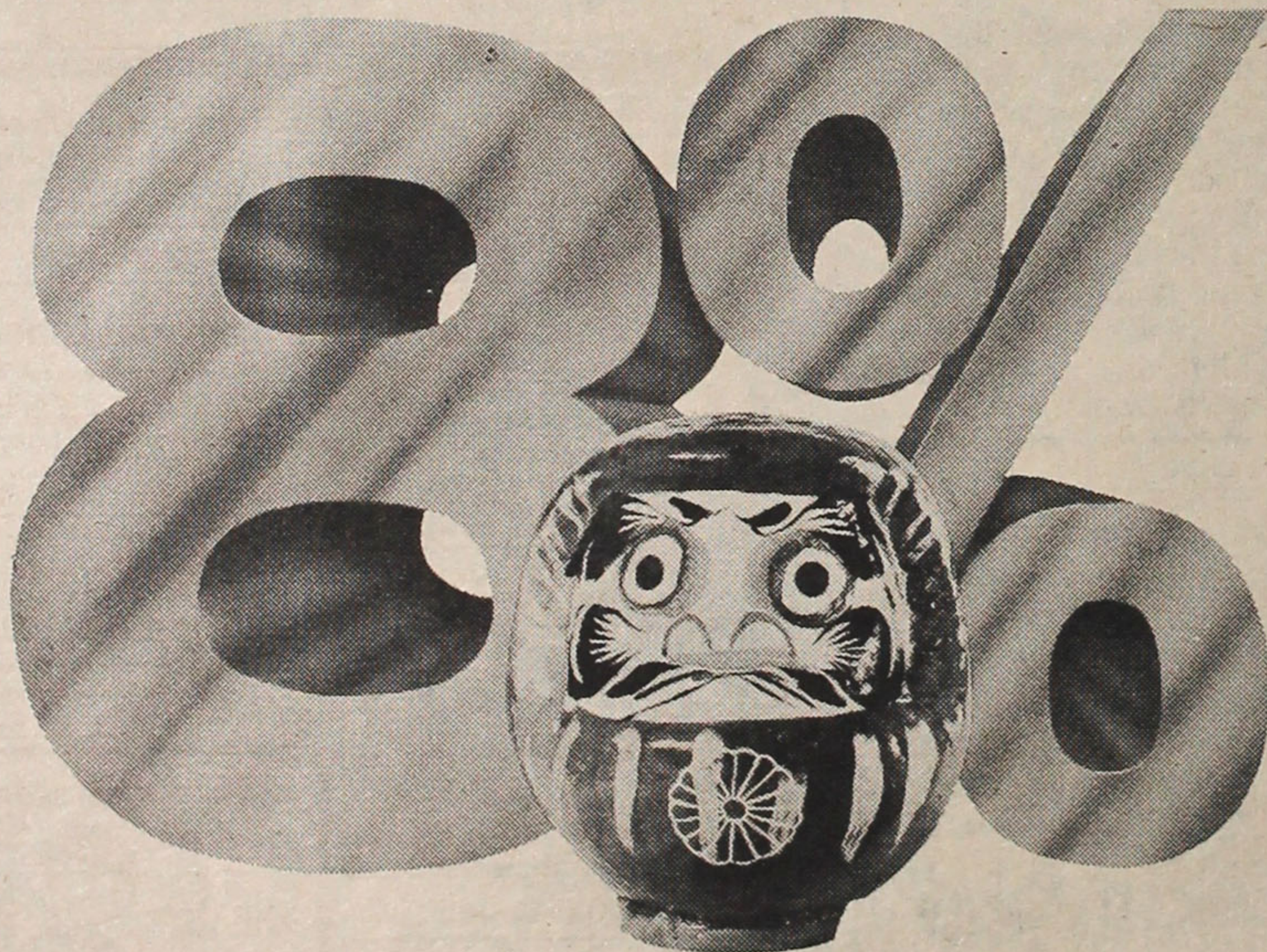


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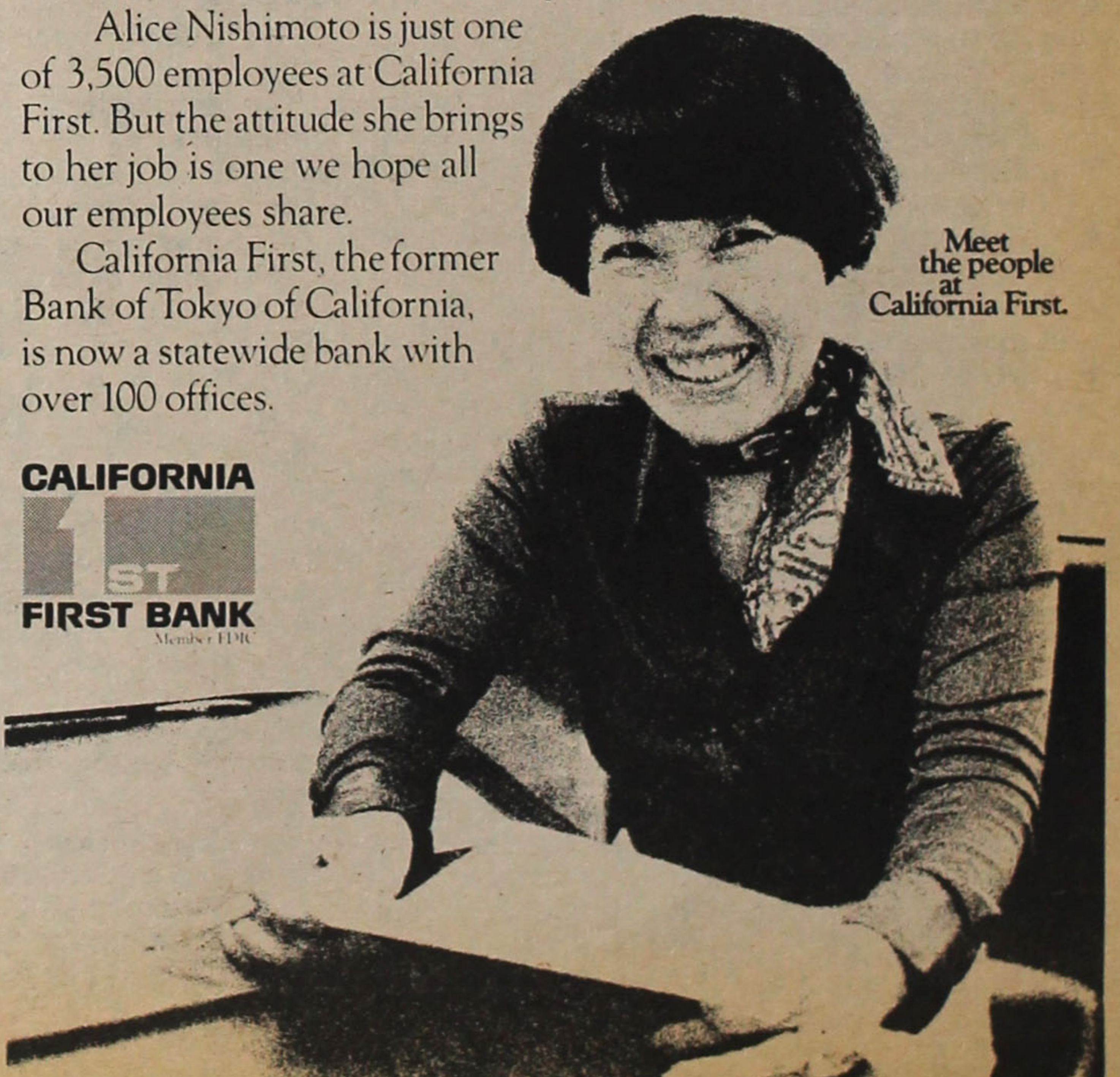
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Political pull of MDC vital to Nat'l JACL

"Bamboo Heritage" Included in the National JACL FY 1979 budget is \$23,000 to support the MDC office. The total budget for district funding (nationally) is \$110,000; therefore, MDC's allocation is approximately 21% of the total.

The support of MDC by National is gratifying; however, the relationship between National and MDC is analogous to that displayed between parent and neglected child, i.e. we know that you are out there, but do not bother us with your problems. I realize that the majority of the members reside in the three western states, especially California, resulting in National's attention to the needs to these states.

This is understandable, but National's inattention of MDC and the problems unique to its member chapters must be rectified.

Although the MDC represents a minor portion of the National's membership, the MDC must be considered a vital part in the promotion of the programs of National that require congressional action. Seven states including Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin, make up the MDC. This represents a sizeable voting bloc in Congress.

Money helps, but it does not solve our problems. And, with the recent passing of Mrs. Esther Hagiwara and the relocation of Ms. Lillian Kimura from Chicago to St. Louis, Mr. William Yoshino, the interim (new) Regional Director will need all of National's resources and assistance. Maintaining the vitality of the individual chapters in MDC should be of great concern to National because these chapters will play an important part in fulfillment of National's goals. —Hoosier JACL

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In some ways, I'm lucky. I didn't see Esther Hagiwara after her death, and so I can remember her as she was—so full of life.

Most of our conversations were by phone, since I live in St. Louis and she was in Chicago. Yet, when I spoke with her, her image was clear. She'd chuckle or giggle in the middle of a conversation, and suddenly I could see her sitting at her desk, munching on a candy bar while taking my dictation.

I always knew who to call if I needed historical information for the MDC Page. "Ask Esther" was the reality for me. Aside from Harry Honda, I no longer know where to go or to whom to turn for that information.

Esther wasn't fazed by my apparent youth—at least youth by most Nisei standards. She didn't think in terms of age, but rather capabilities and desire to serve.

I remember one occasion when she asked me whether the other Peterson on the St. Louis Board was my daughter. I turned to look at her and asked how old she really thought I was.

A funny look passed over Esther's face as she paused and said, "You know, I never really thought about it!"

"You always seem so mature," she added. Being the spry old age of 23 or so at the time, I looked exasperatedly at her and wanted to know if my false teeth were clanking.

Now that I'm older, I realize just what a compliment she'd offered.

I didn't know Esther when she was young, or when she had Abe, or even when she was in camp. I only knew Esther as she was those last years, a tiny woman with a bright smile.

She loved the JACL and its people through thick and thin.

With the passing of Esther, the JACL lost an irreplaceable person. It wasn't because Esther could type and take shorthand and work long hours for less than adequate pay, but because people like Esther just aren't born every day. She was such a good person, in addition to her secretarial attributes and willingness to sacrifice hours and salaries for an organization which she loved.

Wonderfulness isn't a characteristic that can be acquired. Either one is or isn't. With Esther, there was no question that she was, and for that, we are all grateful.

CHAPTER SPIRIT:

A busy summer passes

By VICKY MIKESELL

Dayton, Ohio
Dayton JACL epitomizes being the best organized ethnic group in this city. This summer they worked with the Rotary Club, the U.S. Volleyball Association and on its own initiative to help host many visiting guests from Japan.

This being the headquarters for the U.S. Volleyball team, all the preparation and training for the coming Olympics is being done here. Meanwhile different teams from all over the world come here for exhibition matches. The towering Japanese volleyball team arrived and were greeted at the airport by a group of JACLers, one who happened to be our tall, 6 ft. 2, Dr. Kaz Kimura. For a change he had to look up because the Japanese players were a head taller than he. After the exhibition game with the U.S. team, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pace, with their fellow JACLers, host-

ed a dinner party for the team.

The International Hydroplane races are held each year in Dayton. This year Japan entered three hydroplanes with Takeshi Sasakawa, the owner, and his crew of ten. They were also entertained by a group of JACLers.

The Yamagata City, North High School Girl's Choir ended the summer visit with a performance that equaled a professional choir. The choir was sponsored by the Dayton Rotary Club and under Mas Yamasaki's able guidance, found host families from the local Rotary and the JACL membership.

Last but not least, we closed the summer activities with our annual "Corn Fest". Beautiful and tender White Angel corn in the husk, roasted over charcoal, was the top draw at Brockman's Hillcrest

New MDC director appointed

Chicago

The Midwest has a new regional JACL director, announced Lillian Kimura, MDC Governor.

William Yoshino, who acted as the office's interim director during September, has accepted the position on a permanent basis. He replaces Thomas J. Hibino, who left the position in May after five years as regional director.

There are no immediate plans to hire a replacement for Mrs. Esther Hagiwara, Midwest office secretary for 22 years, who passed away last month.

During the past month, Yoshino has been involved in several projects for the office. One area that interests him is youth programming in the Midwest.

"We must make an effort at revitalizing inactive JAYs chapters," said Yoshino. "In Chicago, we have had a meeting of interested people who developed a short range youth program to gauge the level of interest and participation."

"The program includes a

Hosokawa to speak at Dayton-Cincy fete

Dayton, Ohio

Bill Hosokawa will be guest speaker at the Dayton-Cincinnati JACL joint installation dinner to be held on Saturday evening, Dec. 2, according to Dayton JACL president Charles Pace. Time and place will be announced.

The two chapters in southwestern Ohio hold joint installation affairs and this year, it's Dayton's turn to host.

Stables, where JACLer Eugene Crothers is manager. Here under the canopy of a grove of Ohio trees ... hickory, oak, elm and no buckeye ... overlooking the farm with its white, board fence and prancing and grazing thoroughbreds —Gene and his wife Marie hosted the picnic.

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social event and two workshops, and afterward we can begin working with other inactive Midwest chapters," he added.

Yoshino is also actively seeking funding to mount a traveling pictorial exhibit on the history of the Japanese in America.

In 1976, certain Japanese Americans in Chicago with the aid of local sponsors, created a Bicentennial pictorial history of the Japanese in America which was shown during the Chicago Nisei Veterans Convention.

"The original designers of the exhibit feel that this pictorial history is a tremendous educational tool which could be used by organizations throughout the country," said Yoshino. "I am seeking possibilities of funding to cover the re-shooting of many of the original pictures and the re-designing and packaging of the exhibit so that it can be easily transported."

Yoshino can be reached weekdays at the regional office, 5415 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60640, (312) 728-7170.

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German Jews experienced the horrors of the Nazi death camps. Japanese Americans experienced the agonies of being incarcerated for an indeterminate period. Both were imprisoned in barbed wire compounds with armed guards. Both were prisoners of their own country. Both were there without criminal

charges, and were completely innocent of any wrongdoing. Both were there for only one reason—ancestry. German Jews were systematically murdered en masse—that did not happen to Japanese Americans, but the point is that both Germany and the United States persecuted their own citizens based on ancestry.

West Germany has made a 25 billion dollar restitution payment to Jews and Jewish institutions, and another 10 to 15 billion dollars will be paid. The fact that the victorious Allied Powers initially imposed on Germany the concept of reparations to the victims of the Third Reich does not diminish the righteousness or the justice of the act. The Federal Republic of Germany has stated that it is giving precedence to the payment of compensatory damages to "those who suffered in mind and body, or had been

deprived unjustly of their freedom." In subsequent legislation Germany went far beyond the responsibilities assumed in the earlier agreements.

More recently, the United States government designated an American Jewish organization to negotiate with East Germany on restitutions. The United States has informed the German Democratic Republic that a refusal to acknowledge the necessity for a meaningful restitution would delay the establishment of normal diplomatic relations.

The mass expulsion and incarceration of American citizens without trial did happen in the United States. As a professed leader in civil and human rights throughout the world, the United States must take meaningful action to correct its own mistakes.

President Gerald R. Ford

rescinded the Executive Order 9066 on February 19, 1976—exactly 34 years after its promulgation—and stated: "An honest reckoning must include a recognition of our national mistakes as well as our national achievements. Learning from our mistakes is not pleasant, but as a great philosopher once admonished, we must do so if we want to avoid repeating them."

Redress for the injustices of 1942—1946 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.

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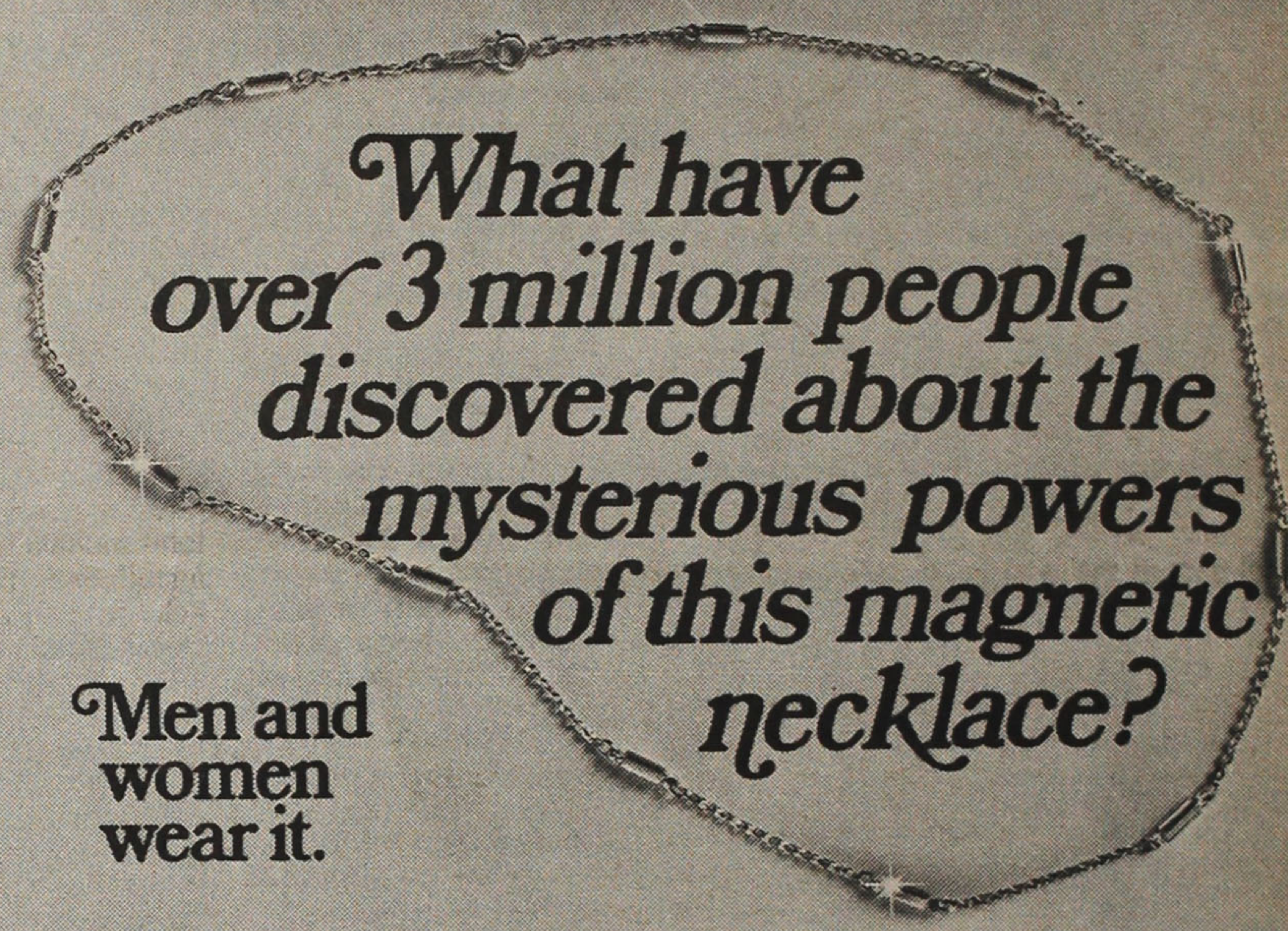
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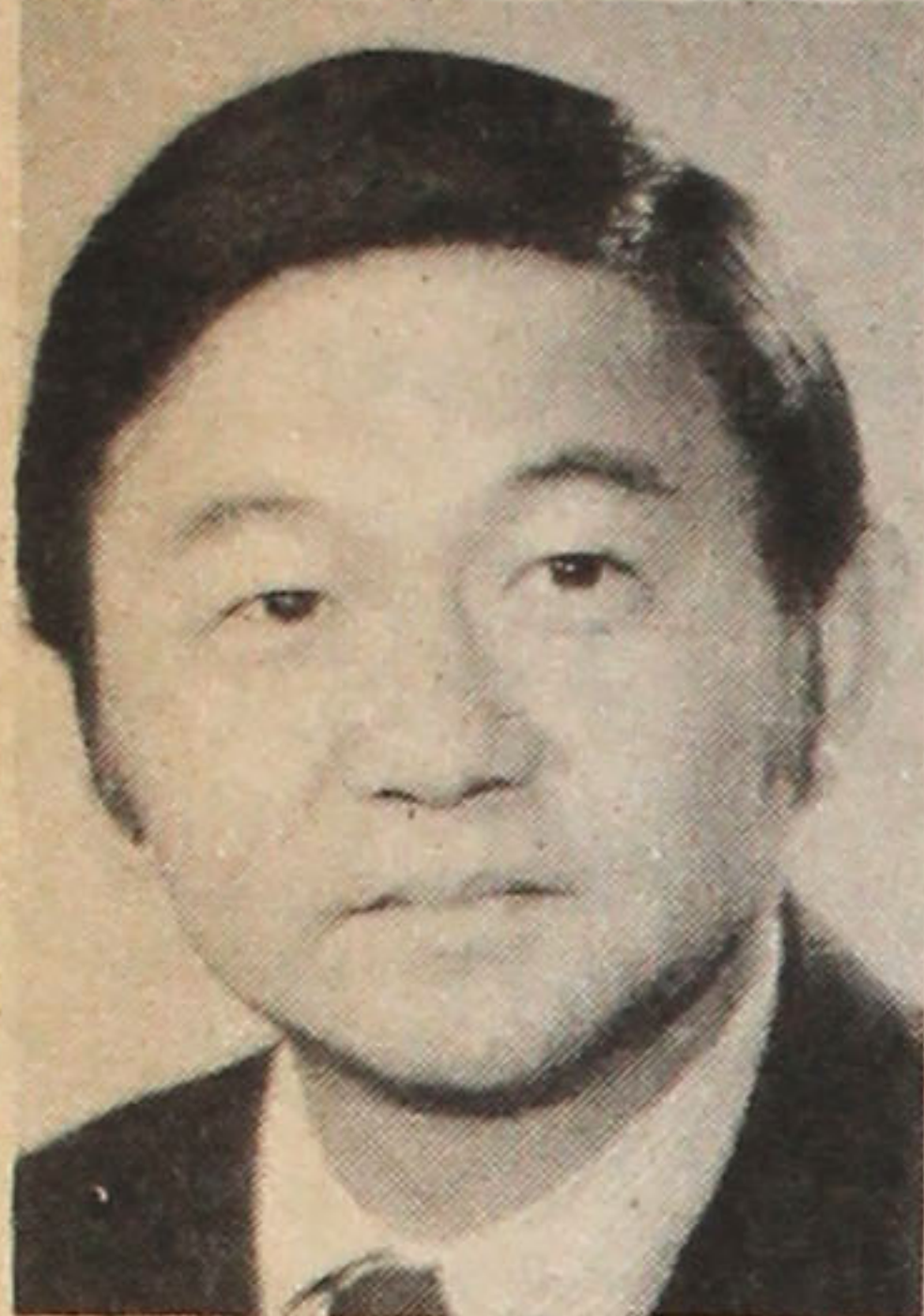
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He is professor and chairman, department of neurology, Univ. of Oregon Health Sciences Center School of Medicine, Portland.

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Business

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REVIEW: 'Home Again'

Exile, detention & return home

BY LARRY TAJIRI
(PC: Jan. 21, 1955)

IN HIS FIRST book, *Home Again*, James Edmiston has fused the separate arts of novelist and historian to present a dramatic documentary record of the exile, detention and return of one California family of Japanese ancestry in World War II. *Home Again*, published this week (Doubleday), is a work of fiction which has been developed in its entirety from fact. It is the story of the two Mio brothers, immigrants from Japan, who started their lives in America as gandy dancers on a railroad in Nevada and stayed to build one of the biggest nursery businesses in all Santa Clara Valley. It

is also the story of the children of Toshimichimaru, the older of the two Mios, who grew up as Americans, only to learn they were "Japanese" when Lieut. Gen. John L. DeWitt issued his mass evacuation order in 1942.

The story of the Mios could be the story of any Japanese American family who lived on the Pacific Coast, for the events which touched the Mios and changed their separate destinies also affected, in varying degrees, all Americans of Japanese ancestry and their alien parents. As the author notes in a short but illuminating forward, the saga of the Mios is the story of all Japanese Americans, told in the terms of "one home, one family, and

in particular, one girl," Midori Mio.

THE BOOK STARTS on a day in 1909, and the two railroad workers, Toshimichimaru and Hirokichimaru Mio, are waiting on a San Francisco dock for the ships which will bring their unseen "picture brides", the Itoi sisters of Hiroshima. The ending is 43 years later, in 1952, and the two brothers Mio, the once ineligible aliens, are American citizens by naturalization. In between is chronology, told in flesh and blood terms, of a Japanese family in America. The Mio brothers prosper as growers and developers of hybrid chrysanthemums, despite the obstacles of prejudice and legalized discrimination in the form of such restrictive legislation as the Alien Land Law. The children of Toshimichimaru, known to his Nisei youngsters as "Pops", and his wife, Tani, grow to adulthood. There is Kazuo, the oldest, who is a bitter disappointment to his father, and Midori, the daughter whose strength holds the family together in the days of crisis which were to come. There are Emiko, who fulfills the father's ambition to have a doctor in the family, and Hiro who volunteers for the 442nd Combat Team. There are Sumiko and Michio, the younger children.

The author provides a graphic description of what happened to the Mios on Pearl Harbor day, and describes the building of racist hysteria in California. The Mios are bundled off to the Santa Anita assembly center, and then to the Heart Mountain relocation center in Wyoming.

James Edmiston was head of the San Jose office of the War Relocation Authority and he is at his best

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GROUP HEALTH PLANS

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the plan in 1969, CCDC remained with Capitol and licensed insurers in JACL are aiding the subscribers. Central Cal's insurance plan associates are:

Taro Katagiri, Hiro Kusakai, Ed Yano, John Niizawa, Kaz Komoto, Tom Shimasaki, Yo Katayama.

A chapter-sponsored program initiated earlier by Jimmy Gozawa for San Fernando Valley JACL was expanded in 1970 to include six chapters. Now administered by Sugino-Mamiya

Little Tokyo health fair seeks volunteer aides

Volunteers are needed to help run what is developing into the largest Little Tokyo Community Health Fair ever at Nishi Hongwanji Temple, 815 E. First Street on Sunday, Nov. 12, 1978, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

While focusing on preventive health care, flu immunizations will be free to people who are at least 55 years of age. Volunteers should call the Pioneer Center, 680-1656 and 625-2673.

Yokusuka Rotarians give gakuen books

The local Japanese language school operated by the Rev. and Mrs. Minoru Fukuda recently received a donation of 750 history and social study textbooks from Yokusuka Rotary Club.

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Though not well known, the Chicago JACL has been providing a JACL Hospital Money Plan now for about a decade, administered by Harry Mizuno and underwritten by Continental Casualty Co. Recent enrollment data indicates membership is limited to under age 60 but once in they can stay until age 70.

Several years ago, the PC learned that most JACLers in the Midwest and Eastern districts were in group plans through their place of work. Hence, no heavy attempt was made to explain the west coast JACL health programs.

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Edmiston's novel

FOR YEARS, I've been telling people I'd read James Edmiston's *Home Again*, and now I have egg, not for the first time, all over my face.

Have no idea now what book I had confused with Edmiston's but sure couldn't have been his.

Now I know better, thanks to Frank and Amy Hironaka, now of Citrus Heights. We met at a party recently, for the first time in a couple of years, and talked about, among other things, books of mutual interest. They dropped over for a minor scale swap meet the following day.

Home Again wasn't one of the books we'd discussed, but Frank brought it along, loaned it to me, anyway.

(Edmiston's book was among the first novels on the theme of Evacuation and recommended by National JACL for homes, schools and libraries. —Ed.)

Most everything else was set aside as I cover-to-covered it.

How did I miss it? Figure it's because, in 1955 when it was published, I was a GI at a fairly remote part of the world ... a place called Wakkanai, of happy memory.

When I got "home

again," a half-decade later, those who were interested were perhaps already taking it for granted.

So ... I'm 23 years late in reading it ...

And have a notion Edmiston was about the same length of time early in writing it.

It wasn't just for me that it appeared at the wrong time ...

Had it appeared in this decade, it would, I believe, have had the impact of a *Farewell to Manzanar*, and more.

Like that work, of half-hakuin authorship, it is, I suspect, based on simple chronological fact; only the names have been changed to protect, in 1955, the innocent and guilty alike.

Even today, though Edmiston's book, unless much watered down, might be too strong for television treatment, which in this case, is a shame.

Even without boob tube treatment, though, if there are any publishers reading this, it's time for republication.

There's a whole new generation out there, Americans of whatever ancestry, ready for it.

COVERING THE SAME era, but from another part of the world ...

War-Wasted Asia, edited by Otis Cary and published in this country and Japan three or so years ago, is well worth reading by anyone interested in Asian history generally, Japanese history in particular.

The book is made up of letters written by a group of then-young men who'd been military interpreters during and immediately after World War II.

TAJIRI

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in describing his personal prototype, Sam Morgan, who, in the book, runs the WRA's San Jose office. Morgan is the best-realized character in the book and he, like Edmiston in real life, succeeds in resettling in the San Jose area more than double the number of persons of Japanese ancestry who originally lived there. This job is not accomplished without considerable heartbreak and hardship, in which the Mios have their share. The evacuees return, as actually they did, to find their possessions destroyed by vandals or plundered by thieves. They are attacked by night riders and their homes are put to the torch. But they survive and remain, with the help of courageous government men like Sam Morgan and a growing number of their fellow Americans who are

The writers, in addition to Cary himself, are Donald Keene, William Theodore de Bary, Frank L. Turner, Sherwood R. Moran, Hisashi Kubota, Richard K. Beardsley, Warren Tsuneshi, and David L. Osborn, all men who've gone on to greater service since their wartime days.

Though there are letters from China, the Pacific Islands, and other parts of Japan, most of them are from Tokyo; all are primarily about the Japanese, in Japan or in parts of what had been an empire. The letters

willing to resist the terrorists.

IF THE MIOS are prototypes of a Japanese American family, and Sam Morgan represents the WRA official with the guts to do the job, Eric Redding, the big ranchowner, personalizes the grasping bigot who has fought the Japanese all of his life. Yet it is Redding's son who is in love with Midori. The romance provides bittersweet counterpoint to the main story theme.

The original Edmiston manuscript was twice as long as the book in its published form, and the story bears the scars of the editorial scalpel. For example, the passage which tells of what happens to Jim Redding on his return from service is treated almost too casually after a long buildup.

If the book has a happy ending, it is because the American people wrote it that way—for the story of the Japanese Americans in World War II and after is one of the victory of democracy over prejudice. And that is the way James Edmiston had set it down in a book which is gripping in its intensity and shocking in the story it has to tell. Many readers may wonder whether all this happens in America. The Nisei can give testimony that it did.

James Edmiston's *Home Again* tells, for the first time, the full story of the Japanese who came to live in a strange country and of their Nisei children who had to fight to win acceptance in their native land. *Home Again* is a book for all Nisei to buy and read.

Author Edmiston, 47, died of heart attack in Hollywood in 1959. Former PC editor Larry Tajiri, 50, died of massive stroke in Denver in 1965.

are in chronological order, the first dated Aug. 19, 1945, just days after the Pacific War ended, the last on Jan. 14, 1946.

Even though they weren't intended for publication, these letters foreshadowed a future in which four of the ten became writers of note, with a special interest in matters Asian. Just wish the other six, one of these days, would sit down and get to work at their typewriters.

All—repeat all—the letters are of interest to anyone—repeat anyone—with an interest in Asian or just

Japanese history.

Some few of them, though, give a new background to a promising but all too brief interlude, now almost forgotten, in recent Japanese history.

And that teaser is all I'll give, except to say that those few letters in particular make *War-Wasted Asia* a must for those interested in understanding Japan today.

Phil Jordan, a free-lance writer living in Sacramento, Ca., contributes "Butadofu" to the *Kashu Mainichi* and *Hokubei Mainichi*. —Editor

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Tokyo
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The names have been compiled into a directory, which will be printed by the Nihon Keizai Shimbun, Ltd.

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Lunch on second day at

Ex-CIA director agent for Japan industries

Washington
Former CIA director William E. Colby, 58, registered with the Justice Dept. in May as a political consultant to Political Public Relations Center, a Tokyo-based firm with clients in many areas of Japanese industry.

Colby told UPI recently he sees nothing wrong in drawing on his 30 years in U.S. intelligence to advise the center on how Japanese industrial interests can best be represented in this country.

an offbeaten path sushiya in the fish-market area, two small trays of sashimi and cold sake—\$23.16 for two.

Dinner for four at the French restaurant on the top floor of the Okura, soup, salad, middle-priced entree, bottle of Portuguese wine, coffee and dessert—\$225.27 for four. (Had it been a first-class Japanese restaurant on the Ginza, a 10-course affair with liquor served by highly trained geisha, bill for three hours would have been at least \$525.)

Tharp, at the outset, noted he was "living it up" as a business man on an expense account. "You shouldn't believe all those horror stories you hear about how expensive To-

kyo is for dollar-dominated Americans. But you ought to believe most of them."

Former national JACL president K. Patrick Okura, who was in Japan last August participating at a Japanese seminar on mental health, reported his stay at the Okura Hotel came to about \$100 a day (¥16,500 plus 10% service charge and a 10% tax), that coffee was \$1.60 per cup, orange juice around \$3 per glass, dinner between \$40 and \$50.

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