

Chapters favor commission redress approach 5 to 1

Special to The Pacific Citizen

San Francisco

A 5 to 1 majority vote was tallied in the JACL chapter poll in favor of the commission approach to the national redress campaign for Japanese American evacuees, it was announced July 13 by Dr. Clifford Uyeda, national president.

The 107 chapters in the national organization were polled and 70 chapters observed the July 9 deadline, though Mountain Plains District had asked that additional time be granted. The vote: 57 approved the commission

approach, 10 were against and three abstained.

The commission approach was recommended by the National JACL Redress Committee meeting here Mar. 3 (see Mar. 9 PC) over any other method. There were three considered at the time:

- 1—An IRS check-off plan.
- 2—Direct appropriations plan.
- 3—Legislative commission to study the issue and recommend method for solution.

On June 2, the National JACL Board approved the committee recommendation (June 8 PC) by 13-1 vote with two members abstaining.

The so-called Japanese American Constitutional Studies Commission would be comprised of 11 members (including at least one Japanese American) appointed by the President, and the Congress appoint two from the House and two from the Senate. It would conduct public hearings around the nation to hear from evacuees to help determine whether they are entitled to some form of redress.

Dr. Uyeda said the chapter poll was of extreme importance for it dispels any notion that the National Board was

usurping a function of the National Council as some have charged.

Redress Committee chairperson John Tateishi said the 5 to 1 margin indicated "substantial support" and that time has come for the national organization to unite in the campaign.

National Executive Director Karl Nobuyuki, obviously elated by the results, said: "Now, let's go for it (to have the bill introduced). I know Ron Ikejiri is ready." Ikejiri is the Washington JACL representative.

HOW THE CHAPTERS VOTED

PACIFIC NORTHWEST (3-2-1)
YES—Columbia Basin, Portland, Spokane.

NO—Puyallup Valley, Seattle.
ABSTAIN—White River Valley.

NO. CAL.-W. NEVADA (23-3-1)

YES—Berkeley, Contra Costa, Cortez, Diablo Valley, Fremont, French Camp, Gilroy, Lodi, Marin, Marysville, Placer County, Reno, Sacramento, Salinas Valley, San Benito County, San Francisco, San Mateo, Sequoia, Solano County, Sonoma County, Stockton, Tri Valley, West Valley.

NO—Monterey Peninsula, San Jose, Watsonville.
ABSTAIN—Eden Township.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA (8-0-0)

YES—Clovis, Delano, Fresno, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, Selma, Tulare County.

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST (12-2-1)

YES—Carson, East Los Angeles, Greater Pasadena Area, Imperial Valley, Marina South, New Age, Orange County, Pasadena, San Fernando Valley, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Wilshire.

NO—Riverside, Selanoco.
ABSTAIN—Ventura County.

INTERMOUNTAIN (3-0-0)

YES—Pocatello-Blackfoot, Salt Lake, Snake River Valley.

MOUNTAIN PLAINS (1-0-0)

YES—Mile-Hi.

MIDWEST (4-3)

YES—Cincinnati, Detroit, Hoosier, St. Louis.
NO—Chicago, Cleveland, Milwaukee.

EASTERN (3-0-0)

YES—New York, Philadelphia, Washington DC.

SUMMARY July 13, 1979

On Commission Approach for Redress

of Chapters Yes No Abst n/v

8 PNWDC 3 2 1 2

31 NCWDC 23 3 1 4

9 CCDC 8 0 0 1

32 PSWDC 12 2 1 18

7 IDC 3 0 0 4

7 MPDC 1 0 0 6

9 MDC 4 3 0 2

4 EDC 3 0 0 1

Total: 57 10 3 38

Mineta lauds Nisei MIS role during WW2 in Pacific theater

San Francisco

In the keynote speech July 7 to nearly 400 members and guests of the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) Assn. of Northern California, Rep. Norman Y. Mineta (D-San Jose) applauded the contributions of Americans of Ja-

panese ancestry who fought in the U.S. armed services in the World War II Pacific theater.

The MIS dinner at the Miyako Hotel was in honor of Joseph Harrington, author of "Yankee Samurai", a new book which chronicles the largely unknown role of the Nisei in America's Pacific victory.

Harrington's book, said Mineta, will make the story available to many Americans "who never knew how much of the victory in the Pacific was due to the bravery of

these men." He continued: "It has been said that the Nisei who served in the Pacific shortened that conflict by at least two years, and saved more than one million lives."

The participation of the Nisei in World War II, said Mineta, is significant because, "despite the relocation of many of their countrymen and the adversity they faced at home, they still had a vision, an abiding faith in the American dream."

"They believed in the right of all men to be free from the arbitrary and capricious ac-

tions of their government, and they fought and gave their lives for that dream."

Mineta continued: "As a people, we have been in a position to experience both the best and the worst in American life. We have realized the dream of providing for our families, of knowing freedom from deprivation and of having the dignity of self-reliance. On the other hand, we have suffered the intolerance and bigotry which will always lurk as a potential force in human nature."

"We know from experi-

ence that the founding principles of this country have real meaning. And yet, we also know that in times of adversity, unless those principles are defended and maintained, they can become hollow and even mocking."

"The Yankee Samurai ex-

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Gov. Brown silent on Wendy appeal

Sacramento, Ca.

Gov. Brown was noncommittal last week (July 11) after friends of Wendy Yoshimura came here to discuss possible executive clemency. She is scheduled to be imprisoned July 17, pending an appeal in federal court July 13.

Dennis Riordan, state deputy public defender, and a handful of Japanese community supporters met the governor's legal staff for more than an hour. Riordan later said he anticipated an "uphill battle" to obtain a pardon.

Yoshimura commented her imprisonment doesn't make sense. "I've been a productive and constructive citizen" since the 1977 trial. "It costs (the taxpayers) \$20,000 for one prisoner. It doesn't make sense. That's more than I make in one year working."

Honolulu

An immigration official here has returned the passport of 86-year-old Calixta Rabaino, her alien I.D. card and waived a \$5,000 bond to assure against applying for Supplemental Security Income.

Hers was a plight that affected elderly aliens who had returned from a brief visit to their homeland. Only after the press had disclosed the situation about a month ago did the situation change for Mrs. Rabaino, who had arrived in Hawaii 12 years ago to be with her son who was later disabled with kidney

and spinal infections and unable to care for her needs.

The elderly had found an ally in Arthur Rutledge, president of the Hawaii Teamsters, who told the Advertiser June 13 he intended to check out the situation "and if it's justified, we're going to fight like hell." He added that one-third of his union membership was Filipino and "that alone justifies our involvement."

Community groups working with immigrant elderly here and in California have charged the Immigration Service with "usurping the intent of the law", restricting aliens who have lived in

America for years. Persons who have lived here more than five years were getting the "same treatment" as those who are new arrivals. "It's not fair for them (immigration) to ask these people for written commitments not to apply for SSI payments when they have every right to it—especially when they need it ..." one spokesman for the Kalihi-Palama Inter-agency Council for Immigrant Services explained.

In Oakland, Ca., the Asian Law Caucus, Inc., reported an "INS Update" indicated changes in the regulation allowing permanent residents receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) may still visit a foreign country and return without fear of being denied re-entry, if they can show their "intent" to return and were not leaving the U.S. permanently.

A directive was issued May 29 clarifying this problem.

JACCC garden work commences

Los Angeles

Work on the JACCC Japanese garden commenced July 15 with purification rites conducted by the Rev. Taiichi Tsuyuki of the Konkokyo Church. Largely funded by James Irvine Foundation of Orange County, the garden is east of the Center Bldg. now nearing completion.

Passport, I.D. card returned to aged alien

The ALC, Inc., explained:

"Intent" is determined according to how long a person is gone, whether the reason for leaving was for personal or family reasons, whether the person had made arrangements to return to the U.S. before leaving, and whether the person had knowledge of the "public charge" provision of the I.N.S. policy.

... It would be advisable, for example, to carry a bankbook showing you have money in the United States. Make arrangements for a return flight to the United States before you leave the country. Another thing to consider is whether you need to be out of the country over 30 days. If you can return sooner, you should try to do so.

If you have any questions you should contact the Asian Law Caucus at (415) 391-1655, or at 835-1474; or Nihonmachi Legal Outreach at 567-6244.

Chuman tribute for scouting role set

Los Angeles

A dinner honoring Frank Chuman as the first Japanese American receiving the prestigious Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Eagle Scout Award is being planned for Aug. 29, it was announced by Dr. Franklin D. Murphy, chairman of the Board of the Times Mirror and dinner chairman.

The award is made by the National BSA Court of Honor to an Eagle Scout with a minimum of 25 years of outstanding service to his fellow man and distinguished himself in business, profession or service to country.

House passes own Educ. Dept. bill

Washington

The House July 11 passed by a narrow 210-206 vote its bill to create a cabinet-level Dept. of Education, which would consolidate 160 existing federal programs that have over 18,000 employees and a \$14 billion budget.

JACL supported formation of this new agency, which the President "promised" during his 1976 campaign to reorganize the federal education program. Senate approved the new agency last April.

However, the House bill includes amendments that forbid the department to require busing to promote segregation and favoring voluntary prayer.

Miss Nikkei ...



Deborah Kodama, 22

Representing Hawaii, Deborah was picked Miss Nikkei International at Sao Paulo June 29. She received her crown from Karen Yano, also from Hawaii.

Major cutback in whaling approved

London

The International Whaling Commission has approved a partial ban on whaling to protect sperm whale from explosive harpoons and factory ships used by the Soviet Union and Japan; the vote being 18-2 with three abstentions.

The July 11 vote prohibits all factory-ship whaling except for the smaller minke species. The USSR and Japan

are the only nations using factory ships; they cast the only two nay votes.

Another U.S. proposal to extend the moratorium to all whaling in the world failed to win a three-fourths majority. It would have affected those nations whaling short distances from coastal ports, such as Norway, Denmark, Iceland, Chile, Peru and Brazil. It would also have barred coastal whaling by the Eskimos for self-preservation.

In its second major decision of the week-long meeting, the IWC voted July 13 to make the Indian Ocean the world's largest whale sanctuary. It banned all whale hunting for at least 10 years in the Indian Ocean.

Arabian and Red seas as far south as 55° latitude. The Indian Ocean is the home and spawning grounds of several species of great whales.

In Tokyo, the IWC decision was called an "unexpected one" but Japan will remain in the IWC, the Japan Whaling Assn. announced. Japanese whalers plan to continue operations "at any cost", it was added. Whale meat is part of Japan's diet and culture and the Japanese will adjust, noted Kinshiro Sorimachi, JWA spokesman.

Japan, which had long denied charges that it was circumventing the IWC quotas, announced that it would ban all imports of whale products from non-IWC members.

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J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT SAYS:

Japan acquires secret for humanity: make cultural development, not war

By BARBARA HASTINGS

Honolulu

Like an aged and respected grandfather, former Sen. J. William Fulbright verbally gathered his audience around him here the other night and basically said Japan has learned the ultimate secret for humankind.

Somehow, Fulbright, 74, managed to make a group of 170 people at a Japan America Society meeting seem like a gathering of family around a fireplace, as he discussed U.S.-Japan relations. And he fielded questions as if he were keeping the family black sheep in line.

What Japan has learned, Fulbright said, "is that the hope for the future lies in cultural development rather than in warfare."

During the last 35 years, the former senator from Arkansas said, Japan has taken a new approach "with truly remarkable success". The Japanese have achieved not only a democratic political system, but industrial advances as well.

The Japanese have recognized the necessity to find something besides violence to get along in the world. "They understand Einstein's admonition," Fulbright said, that unless we understand the power of the atom "we will be faced with incalculable catastrophe."

Japan has learned that a world power can sustain itself "without relying on force and violence," Fulbright said, but rather on educational, cultural and economic factors.

Ah, but he was asked, what if the United States removed its umbrella of protection from the Japanese?

"I am getting old, and maybe I'm getting senile, but there's no such umbrella over Japan," Fulbright told the questioner.

"We didn't create (our strong armament) to protect Japan," he said. The United States developed its military strength to protect itself. "We cannot afford, even if we wanted to, to let that great country be taken over by the Russians," Fulbright added.

"Certainly it is a most powerful country, economically. With very limited natural resources, they are an extremely gifted and ingenious people," the statesman added. "We don't do that (offer security protection to Japan) for the Japanese people," he said. "We do that for our own security."

And, despite his pacifistic reputation, Fulbright said he is not advocating that the United States disarm itself. He talked of the American military "of which I'm very proud. By no means are we at the point that we can dispense with their services."

But, he called Japan a "grand experiment" that other nations might follow—a reliance on scientific, cultural and economic advances.

"It is a great puzzle to me that nations have heretofore chosen military power rather than education and arts, or efficient and intellectual ordering of their economies.

"Japan has given me hope that it is possible," he said.

The United States and Japan working together for a better world is appropriate, if ironic, Fulbright noted. "The Japanese people are the only people who have actually had these (atomic) weapons dropped on them and the United States is the only nation who actually dropped them."

Anticipating questions about Russia, Fulbright said, "I do not share the common view in Washington that the Russians are different from other people, and only want to destroy the United States."

He said too that the United States government has been playing "the China card against Russia". And added that some of our recent China relations emphasis "is more to irritate Russia rather than facilitate the Chinese."

Fulbright left the U.S. Senate in 1974, after almost 30 years as a member.

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DOWN THE RAMP—It was a brief 1½-hour stopover in Hawaii for President Carter, who was rushing back to Washington from the Tokyo Summit because of the East Coast energy crisis. Coming down the ramp (at left) are Sen. Spark Matsunaga and his wife, Helene, from Air Force One. At the foreground are the President, wife and daughter being greeted by Gov. George Ariyoshi.

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japan/asia

Imperial Names Era (Gengo) Bill became law June 12 after the upper house of the Japan Diet passed on June 6 the controversial measure, which was passed in the lower House last April. Opponents had preferred legal use of the Christian method (A.D.) in designating the years rather than traditional gengo system. Proponents contended the people were not being forced to use the gengo system.

A new Japanese national holiday, "Family Day", was proposed for sometime in June to recognize the contribution of work done by housewives.

washington

Efforts to abolish the Electoral College and substitute with direct election of the President and Vice President were stilled again this past week (July 10) when the Senate defeated the resolution for a constitutional amendment. Black and Jewish groups for retention of the historic system explained minorities make up a significant proportion of the elec-

Deaths

Palmer Hoyt, 82, editor-publisher of the Denver Post until his retirement eight years ago, died June 25. An outspoken critic of the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy in the early 1950s, he headed the newspaper for 25 years.

† **Fr. James S. Tokuhisa, M.M.**, 64, from Seattle died July 4 in Tsu, Japan, following an operation for cancer. He was Maryknoll's first Japanese American priest, ordained in 1949; engaged in missionary work for most of his 30 years in the Kyoto area. One sister, Kiyuko Takayoshi of Seattle, survives.

torate in key states with large electoral votes and tend, in presidential elections, to vote in a bloc. Hence, political parties are "sensitive" to minority interests in selection of candidates and adoption of party platforms, noted the American Jewish Congress.

A bill (S. 1427) to establish temporary worker's visa program between the U.S. and Mexico was introduced by Sens. S.I. Hayakawa (R-Cal.) and Harrison Schmitt (R-N.M.) June 2 to relieve the problem of uncontrolled influx of undocumented workers from Mexico. Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) is co-sponsor.

the south

Atlanta, Ga., long regarded as the most xenophobic in the nation, is taking on the characteristic of an international city during the past 2½ years, notes the New York Times June 26, because of trade. It was Georgia Sen. Talmadge who got a federal study on foreign investments on U.S. farm lands because of foreign incursions in his home state. Mitsubishi was the first of the Japanese corporate giants to open in

Georgia; now dozens of foreign banks from such countries as Brazil, Netherlands, England, Switzerland, Germany and Japan are here.

Cheung Hon Law, 23, pleaded guilty in federal court at Dallas to a conspiracy charge to extort money from several Chinese restaurants, racketeering and gun running. Sentencing was scheduled for July 13. A second man arrested with Law, Mike Kin Chie Yee, 28, pleaded guilty to similar charges. Both face up to 35 years in prison and fines.

Body of Michio Nakada, 22, Hyattsville, Md., was found in a wooded area near her apartment June 21. The Univ. of Maryland foreign student from Okinawa had died of multiple stab wounds and had been beaten, police said. She was due to graduate in psychology in August and return home.

For the Record

Dr. Clifford Uyeda was inadvertently misquoted in the July 6 story getting chapters to vote on the national redress poll. It should be: "Nikkei legislators told him that in no way will the IRS check-off plan be construed by Congress as the U.S. Government not paying the redress and that it is the Japanese Americans paying themselves."

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Okamoto's anti-card club move in Gardena fails to fly

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news briefs

hawaii

Honolulu city road workers were indicted July 3 for unauthorized paving of a private bus tour company lot. Among several facing criminal charges is Melven T. Miyata. Public Works director said its in-house investigation did not turn up "any wrongdoing on the part of our employees".

In wake of President Carter's promise to double intake of Vietnam refugees, HEW Secretary Califano assured immigrant-heavy Hawaii would receive federal help for its role. Gov. Ariyoshi had told him more than 3,500 Indochinese refugees were taken in over the past four years—more per capita than any other state—and had appealed for federal aid in caring for and resettling the refugees.

The Moiliili Inari Shinto Shrine, spared from demolition, has been moved to the Waipahu Cultural Garden Park, a 50-acre outdoor museum of old Hawaiian plantation life. It was built in 1914 in Kakaako and moved four years later to its landmark site at 2132 S. King St.

First contingent of Hawaii community leaders visiting China June 6-23 was led by Roger Ariyoshi, son of the late Koji Ariyoshi, an officer of the U.S.-China Friendship Assn. State Planning director Hideto Kono termed the trip "excellent".

Oahu grand jury indicted Arthur Freedle, 10-year police veteran, on a charge of manslaughter in a case stemming from the shooting death of a Korean youth, Aaron Yong Ki, 19, who died April 26. Indictment differed from an earlier police report that concluded the shooting was accidental during a quarrel

Gardena, Ca.

Asserting that card clubs exercise "an unhealthy control" over city politics in Gardena, City Councilman Vince Okamoto had introduced an amendment which would have prohibited owners or employees of this city's six legalized draw poker parlors from contributing to any candidate's campaign for public office.

The amendment was defeated 3-2 by the city council at its regular session July 11. Voting against were Mayor Ed Russ, Charles Nader and

Don Dear, while Masani Fukai, the other Nikkei councilman, and Okamoto voted for the amendment to the campaign ordinance.

Fukai and Okamoto have both sought to remove the influence of card clubs from Gardena politics. Fukai indicated he favors putting the defeated measure on the April, 1980, ballot when both mayoral and councilmanic seats will be contested. Okamoto told the press it should appear in the next November ballot.

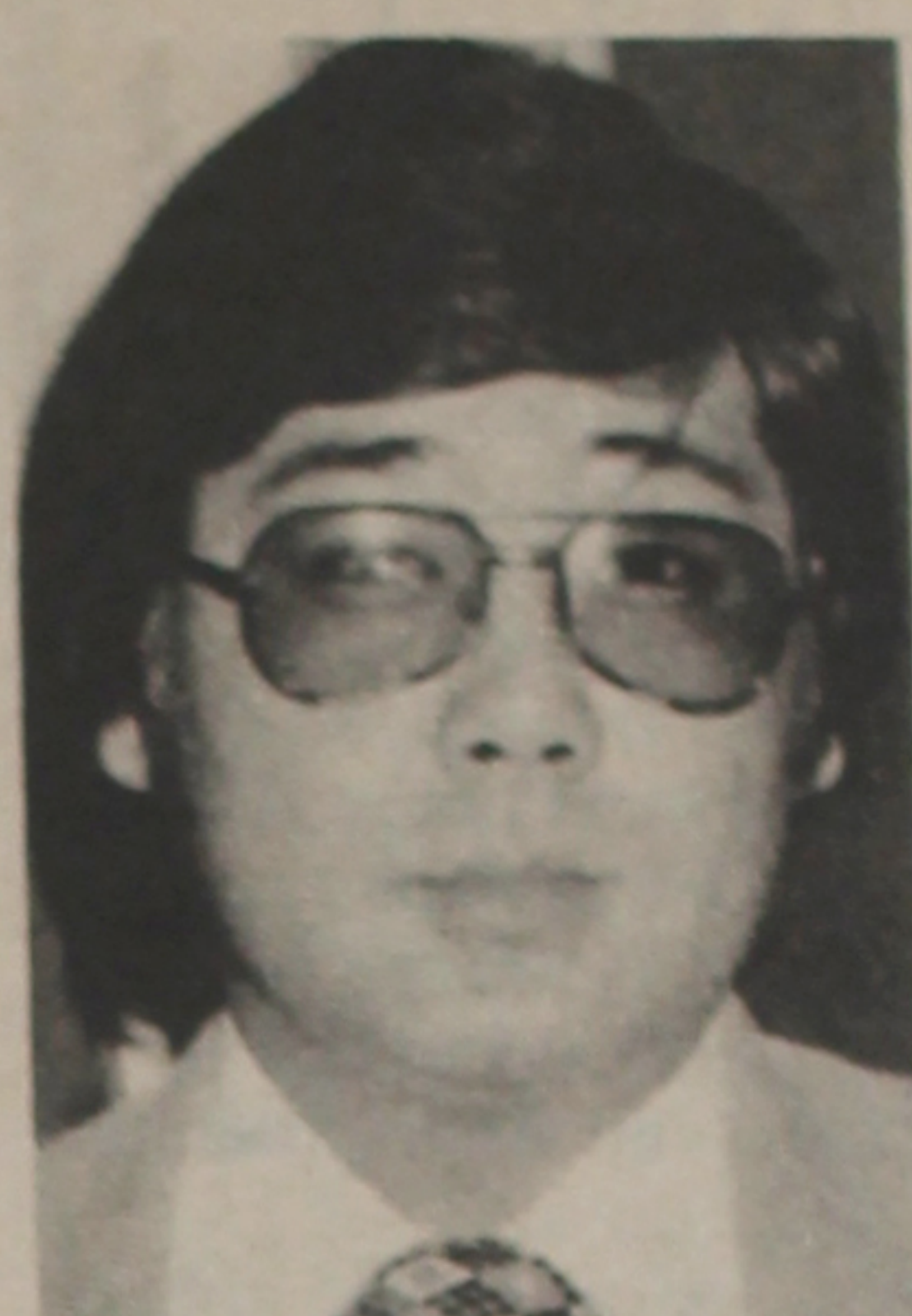
Card club owners objected

to the amendment at an earlier council session, saying it was discriminatory and denied them free speech.

Dear believed the ordinance would have been circumvented by the card club industry then organizing so-called ad-hoc committees which spring up regularly during election time. Besides, he noted there was no strong community feeling for such an amendment.

Fukai was instrumental in 1976 to have Gardenians pass a \$500 limit on campaign contributions in city elections.

Another Nikkei, then coun-



Vince Okamoto

cilman Don Hata (appointed to fill the unexpired term of Paul Bannai, who had been elected to the State Assembly in 1975), was instrumental in putting in the law that allows the public to know who owned stock in the clubs.

Okamoto had introduced the amendment partly in response to a recent case involving Woodland Hills. That matter ended in a ruling that a city council cannot properly sit and adjudicate the rights of a party before it if city council members had received contributions from that party.

Scholarship to honor centenarian

Los Angeles

Faith in God, love of neighbors and an insatiable curiosity in things new were ascribed as the formula for John Ryosuke Funakoshi's longevity. He celebrated his 100th birthday here last July 12.

His six children hosted a dinner party at Steven's Steak House July 7 attended by 280 friends and family members. Over 20 came from Japan and 12 from Colorado, where the venerable Issei pioneer had resided and farmed for 15 years before moving in 1920 to Los Angeles, where he first started a gardening route and then into a nursery with a flower shop.

The Funakoshis sold the business with Evacuation, going to Santa Anita Assembly Center with many of the families from the Japanese Methodist Church, to which they belonged, on to Poston, and relocating to Denver. His wife's arthritic condition necessitated a return to warmer Los Angeles. While he resumed his nursery business in Montebello, ill health soon forced him to quit.

In 1957, the Funakoshi couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary and shortly thereafter his wife passed away.



John Ryosuke Funakoshi

Since his retirement, Funakoshi had revisited Japan three times. He hails from Fukuoka. He came to the U.S. in 1902, worked as a farm hand and learned how to cook from the Alexandra family in St. Helena (Napa Valley), then ran an employment agency in San Francisco until the 1906 Fire. With the city fathers encouraging people to start anew elsewhere, he went to northern Colorado where many of his friends were. The move gave him American roots as Shizuko Sawamura became his picture bride in 1907 and their first born, Willie, arrived a year later.

Reflecting the centenarian's spirit, Willie Funakoshi announced a \$10,000 trust in

the name of John R. Funakoshi was being established at the Claremont School of Theology.

There were greetings from the White House, signed by Rosalyn and President Jimmy Carter, from the Japanese Consul General Wataru Miyakawa, from State Assemblyman Paul Bannai, from Mayor Tom Bradley, Councilman Gilbert Lindsay, and mementos from the Prefectural Governor of Fukuoka, the mayor and city council of Fukuoka. Most of the 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren were gathered to sing Happy Birthday. Rev. Jonathan Fujita emceed the dinner bilingually.

Sansei slain in Apple Valley

Victorville, Ca.

Prominent Apple Valley attorney John Delatore and his wife, both 55, were arrested July 5 by the San Bernardino County sheriff's department which is investigating the death of Carol Hiroko Kumagai, 35, of San Jose, who was understood to have arrived that same day.

Local accounts reported deputies found the body, fully-clothed, slumped over a couch in Delatore's living room. She had been shot twice by a small caliber handgun. An anonymous caller notified the local deputy of a shooting at the 20832 Racheiras Rd. home.

It was also reported she had been an employee of the law firm Delatore, Caldwell, Hansen. She was the daughter of Mike and Mary Nakano, San Jose.

year. For reservations, call the Nisei Week Office, 687-7193; or Kiyo Maruyama, 624-6087.

Appearing at the RTD (Rapid Transit District) hearings being held on the proposed subway through the Wilshire Blvd. corridor, PSW Regional Director John Saito said Asian Americans are ready to assist in the planning, construction, as well as patronage of the system.

Nisei Week baby show entry applications may be obtained from the L.A.-Nagoya Sister City Affiliation, c/o Mrs. Gail Uratani Miron, 810 Keniston, Los Angeles, Ca 90005 (936-7560). Deadline is July 27. There is a \$5 entry fee. The show will be held Aug. 4, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at (L.A. Police Dept.) Parker Center Auditorium.

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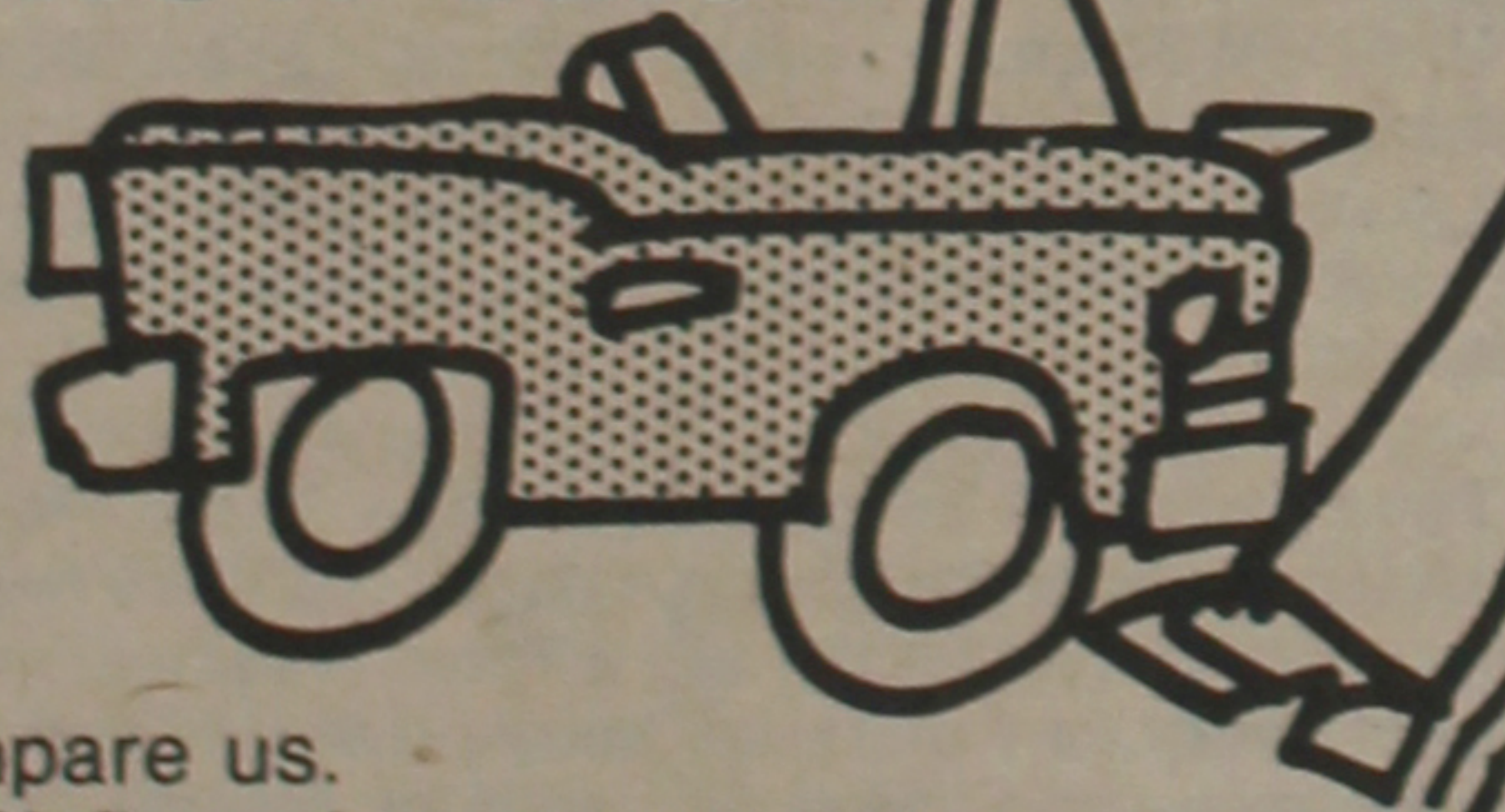
A Toronto housewife, Arlene Oda, 41, won \$1 million in the May provincial lottery. She told reporters she'd like to visit Japan. Husband is a motor mechanic. They have one son, 12, who hasn't gotten around yet to telling what he wants.

the world

Japan warned the Hanoi government July 10 it would discontinue financial assistance to Vietnam unless steps were taken to stop the exodus. Japan has provided \$1.84 million in grants and \$46 million in loans through Mar. 1979.

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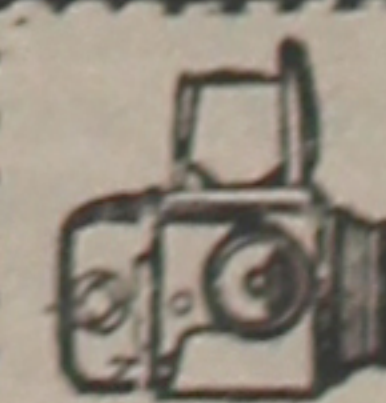
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One Whole Year

A year ago today we were in the midst of a national convention at Salt Lake City. Since then, have we progressed or have we stood still?

The redress campaign under John Tateishi has continued to the point of introducing a bill into Congress. It has been particularly rough these past six months since the commission approach was suggested. However, we must not lose sight of the fact that all proponents and oppositions alike have the welfare of the Japanese American community at heart.

In the field of ethnic concerns we have been able to work together with other Asian organizations. The Ad-dabbo bill which omitted Asians as disadvantaged minorities for obtaining government contracts has been amended to include Asians. The successful nationwide campaign to protest the use of "Yellow Peril" as a trademark by a Washington, D.C. firm resulted in their voluntary abandonment of the trademark.

The Ethnic Concern Committee Chair Ron Wakabayashi has continued to campaign for Asians to receive their fair share of the United Crusade funding. The Employment Discrimination Committee under Attorney Yoshinori Himel is looking into the whole area of underemployment among Asians. Chairperson Denny Yasuhara has been outstanding in seeking Asian American studies at the Washington State University. He deserves increasing JACL support. We also believe that bilingual programs are the correct approach to recognizing and preparing ourselves for the multilingual world in which we must survive.

The committee to aid the American A-Bomb survivors attain federal medical aids to their problems has been very active under Attorney Frank Kasama. The U.S.-Japan trade conflict is receiving the attention it must by our International Relations Committee Chair Dr. Chuck Kubokawa.

Judge Mikio Uchiyama is tackling the mighty task of revising the JACL Constitution. Major changes are anticipated, and the committee is seeking suggestions from various Districts. The Aging and Retirement Committee under Dr. Min Masuda will be forthcoming with an extensive report which will be of great interest and help to many.

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The budget passed at the Salt Lake City convention is proving difficult to realize. Aside from the 37% increase in the national dues the budget was based on a 7% increase in membership. During mid-spring membership renewals were equal to last year's. At the end of May we were significantly below last year's renewals. A drastic cut in the budget became necessary.

Membership must become the priority item over the next six months if we are to effectively continue the many programs the organization is involved in. It has also been mentioned that relying solely on membership dues for funding is unrealistic. Alternatives are being explored.

The Youth program has progressed little since a year ago. Reasons are many, from policy differences to philosophical differences on how the programs should be run. A National Youth Director, Bruce Shimizu, has just been appointed. He is both talented and dedicated. I believe we will see progress.

JACL is a complex, multi-interest and multi-concept organization. We all know that we can't always achieve all our goals. The excitement, however, is in the trying and the challenge they put upon us. The success or failure of JACL programs depend a great deal on the committees, and we're blessed with many excellent chairpersons.

35 years ago

in the Pacific Citizen

JULY 15, 1944

June 27—NBC radio commentator H.V. Kaltenborn hails Nisei role in Pacific theater.

July 5—Three evacuees (Shizuko Shiramizu of Salinas, Ca.; Dr. George Ochikubo of Los Angeles; and Masaru Baba, honorably discharged veteran, of Reno) challenge validity of military exclusion orders in L.A. superior court; Western Defense Commander Gen. Bonesteel named as defendant.

July 6—Army court martial finds Pvt. Bernard Goe, Tule Lake MP, innocent of manslaughter charges preferred after May 24 shooting of James Okamoto during an argument at the main gate.

July 6—WRA reports 2,100 seniors graduated from the 10 camp high schools.

July 8—British Columbia police report shows no sabotage by Canadian Nisei since the time of outbreak of hostilities between British Empire and Japan.

July 9—L.A. Times editorial backs Sen. McFarland-Rep. Leroy Johnson bill to deport all alien Japanese and "disloyal" Nisei.

July 10—442nd engaged in initial combat tests along Italian west coast sector in push toward Livorno; German PWs captured by 100th Infantry near Salerno surprised to find Japanese Americans fighting in Europe, mistaken for Eskimo, Indian or Chinese.

Midwest Comments

Affirmative action with 'Asian accent' asserted

By TERRY ISHIHARA
(Hoosier JACL)

I was one of a concerned and determined group of Pan Asian Americans who attended the Affirmative Action Workshop held at Truman College in Chicago March 19. Not having been active in affirmative action efforts, I attended in order to catch up with such activities in the larger Pan Asian American community.

My world is somewhat isolated not by choice but due to geographic isolation in Terre Haute, Ind. My main contact

with my racial heritage has been with the Hoosier JACL based in Indianapolis.

As is true of every workshop I have attended, I enjoyed the people most of all. My awareness of the plight of Pan Asian Americans has greatly increased. I was impressed by the genuine concern expressed by the speakers and other participants to improve opportunities and conditions for Pan Asian Americans.

I came to realize in sharper focus the cultural heritage of native Americans as based upon social Darwinism (sur-

vival of the fittest), Adam Smith economics (free enterprise system), and the so-called Protestant ethic (emphasis on individual accomplishment). I had not realized how strongly these beliefs were infused in U.S. culture. As a Christian, I disagree with the label "Protestant Ethic". Protestant as well as Catholic Christianity in reality teaches that the individual must turn his life over to God's will and devote it to helping others, not himself. True Protestantism emphasizes others rather than self.

Darwinism or survival of the fittest is thriving today as is evident from the growing lack of concern in the U.S. between individuals. The "fit-test" try to survive by taking advantage of others. Racial and ethnic discrimination can perhaps be regarded as a consequence of social Darwinism.

Adam Smith economics emphasizes monetary gain as a primary goal. Hence, it tends to promote materialism which is so rampant in the U.S. today.

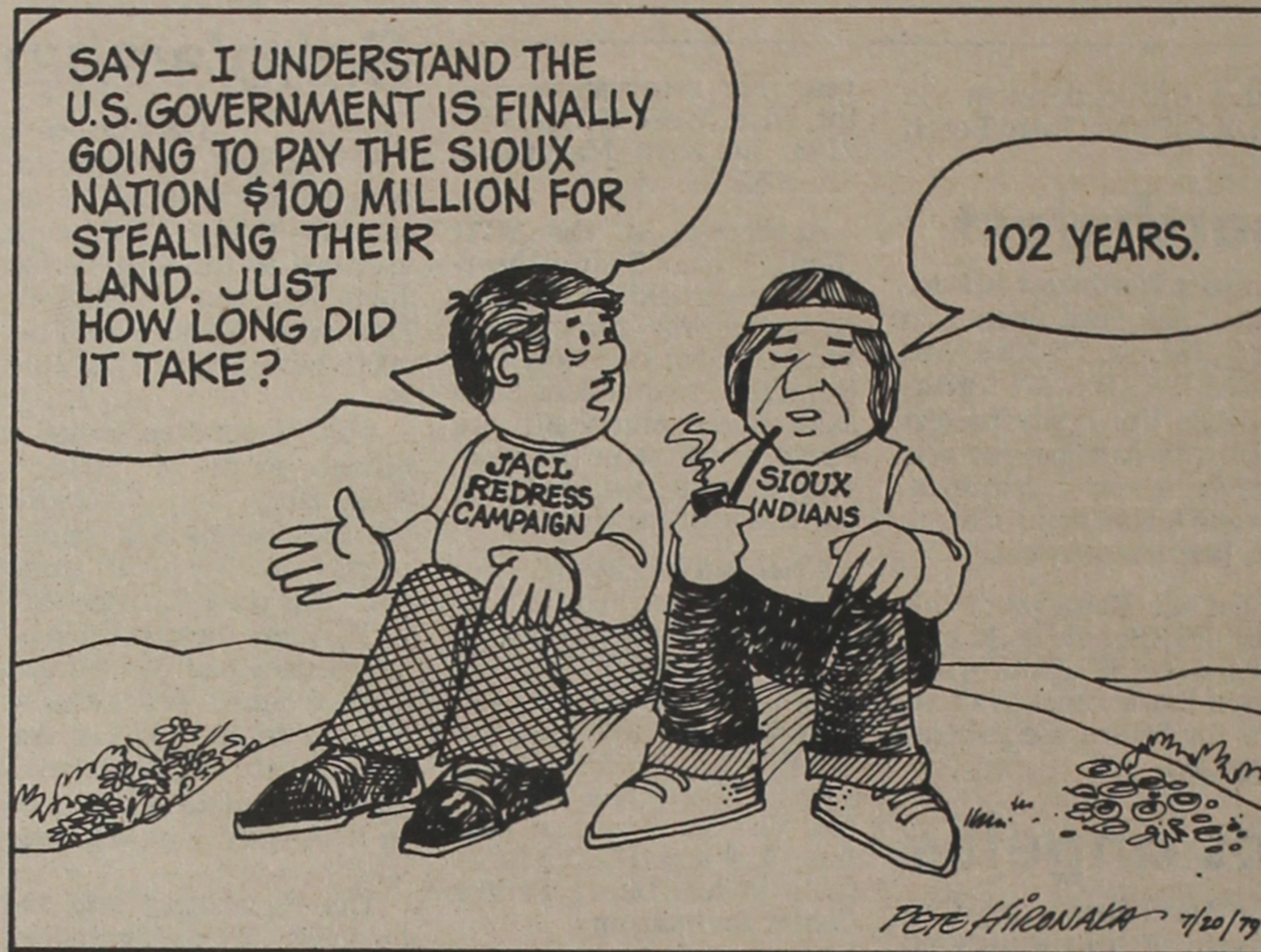
Those of us who were born in the U.S. and grew up under the aforementioned influences have been affected by them. I certainly cannot deny the effect that emphasis on the individual, striving for survival, and materialism has had on me. At the same time, I have been strongly influenced by Japanese culture which surrounded me during my formative years within Japanese communities in Ogden, Tacoma, and Tule Lake. The strongest mold in my life has come from Christianity where I have come to believe that devoting my life for others is a far, far better way to live than I have ever lived before.

It was emphasized during the workshop that Asian Americans need to be more assertive rather than being dormant and not "rock the boat". The cultures of Asian Americans stress unselfishness, sharing, and caring about others. They are cultures that can do much to stem the deterioration in the U.S.

Since we are living in the U.S. largely as natural born or naturalized citizens of Pan Asian backgrounds, we need to be more assertive for the sake of our children and others.

I do not feel that we should be assertive solely for our own personal gain for that would mean perpetuation of the emphasis on the individual or selfishness. The Asian heritage from which we can trace our immediate backgrounds with emphasis on the welfare of others is superior to the "I-my-me-mine" focus brought about by the influences of Adam Smith, Charles Darwin, and distorted Protestantism.

It is my hope that we as Asian Americans can introduce our more desirable cultural beliefs so as to act as a transfusion into the bloodstream of the U.S. and thereby revive and uplift our nation to new splendor.



YE EDITOR'S DESK: Harry Honda



'Pacific Overtures'

nica Blvd. near Hoover St. since 1973. We've glimpsed E-W talent over the years at various JACL affairs, assigned first-nighters to friends and somehow by-passed their local productions till this past week when we made it a family thing to catch one of their most popular draws. Each of us found rewarding moments.

With respect to Nisei Week upcoming, Japanese cultural arts are annually presented during the festival—but Japanese theater or Kabuki (much more plebian in essence than the aristocratic arts of *Chano-yu* or *Ikebana*) is seldom carded. An E-W Player version of Kabuki in "Pacific Overtures" might well fill the need.

The E-W touches of Kabuki were evident in the substitute

hanamichi as actors approaching center stage entered from side doors by the lobby ... the reciter (*benkei*) with Mako repeating his Broadway role ... some women roles enacted by men (*onnagata*) in gorgeous costume, heavy white make-up and a higher pitched voice. Ernest Harada as the geisha madam is also repeating from his Broadway role.

While U.S. audiences clap in appreciation, the audience in Japan shouts approval, sometimes with the "shop name" of the actor, who responds with *mie* (a static pose epitomizing the emotion of the character). We would have shouted "Mako!" for his portrayal of the Shogun just as he passes out from too much sake.

Other Kabuki inklings were

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From Nobuyuki Nakajima

Time Ripe for Japan to Change

Cleveland

To help rectify the U.S.-Japan trade balance, the Japanese ought to be invited to build universities here for educating their youths. Imagine that 100 universities are built with each filled with a thousand students, how much Japanese money would be invested here and spent to maintain the schools. This certainly would have a considerably favorable effect on our economy.

However, I would like to put aside the economic question for a while, and examine non-economic effects, because of multiple benefits to the future of two nations.

First of all, the Japanese people must be convinced that it is a good investment and a good enterprise for a long time to come.

Nobody would doubt that Japan has a fine culture a thousand years old. Yet, this nation is the least tradition-bound. Throughout her history are many examples of spectacular 180-degree change. In 1639 Japan closed her door to Western influence for fear of being colonized. This led to 200 years of peace and prosperity. Yet, Japan reopened her door in 1854; this time to absorb Western culture as quickly as pos-

sible in order to strengthen the nation against Western aggression.

Until WW2 Japan was very successful as a military power in a world controlled by Europeans and their descendants. After the war, Japan reversed her course again, cutting down on defense and concentrating on developing a high level of industrial skills.

Time has come for another change. There are number of reasons: one was the oil crisis. Japan has since been in recession and inflation at the same time. A nation which has to import every raw material, knows that it is time to change. Furthermore, the industrialization of several Asian nations has caught up to the point where they could compete with Japanese products. Hence, it is not surprising that the Japanese are seriously seeking a new direction.

It is proposed that Japan changes her thinking from national to global. It was understandable for Japan rising from the ashes of WW2 to concentrate on national survival. But, time has changed. Many problems of the world and those of Japan need to be solved with a global thinking.



FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

Nisei Who've Influenced America

Denver, Colo.

SEVERAL WEEKS AGO this column named 15 Nisei who have won national or international recognition "and who have had very substantial influence in their particular fields of endeavor." It was pointed out that Nisei mayors, judges, scientists and others who wield great influence in their own communities and profession have become rather commonplace; what we sought to identify are the really Big People. In conclusion, readers of this column were invited to nominate others who in their estimation belonged on the list of Nisei who have had an extraordinary impact on our society.

Well, the nominations did indeed come in, and they are being listed below without any attempt to evaluate their achievements:

JOHN AISO—Los Angeles attorney, jurist, and director of academic training during World War II at the Military Intelligence Service Language School.

SAM NAKAGAMA—New York economist with Kidder, Peabody & Co., adviser to several Washington administrations.

TADAO E. INOUE of Los Angeles, free-lance furniture designer. His Kantan line, first introduced in 1957, is still a leading seller. His work has been displayed in a dozen museums.

GEORGE ISHIYAMA of the San Francisco area, businessman, director of the Wells-Fargo Bank.

NEWTON WESLEY (Uyesugi) of Chicago who helped perfect contact lenses and make them available to the masses.

YOICHI OKAMOTO of Washington, D.C., White House photographer during the Lyndon Johnson administration, photographer of corporate leaders for various business publications.

BOB SAKATA of Brighton, Colo., member of a federal agricultural commission, farm movement leader, a

grower whose products are marketed in virtually every state.

TOGO TANAKA, Los Angeles businessman, publisher, and real estate developer.

TARO YASHIMA and **MAKO**, nominated as a father-and-son team. Taro is an artist and author, Mako an actor.

H. WILLIAM TANAKA of Washington, D.C., internationally known attorney specializing in anti-trust and regulatory matters.

JUN MORI of Los Angeles, partner in the largest Nisei law firm in the country specializing in representing Japanese multi-national companies, active in Democratic party.

SAM YANAGISAWA of Garland, Tex., operator of Varo, Inc., a firm with 2,000 employees manufacturing technical components for the electronics industry.

SAT TAKEMOTO of Chicago whose pizza supplies are sold throughout the United States, Europe (including Italy) and the Far East.

DR. BENJAMIN ICHINOSE of Hillsborough, Calif., an orthodontist businessman whose collection of rare and vintage wines is recognized as one of the largest in the country.

YOSH UCHIDA of San Jose, Calif., internationally known judo coach, judo coach of the U.S. Olympics team.

YOSHIKO UCHIDA, author of numerous children's books.

GEORGE ARATANI of Los Angeles, pioneer importer of chinaware and Kenwood stereo equipment.

For the record, the 15 on the original list (June 22 PC) were: Kay Sugahara, shipping tycoon; Minoru Yamasaki, architect; U.S. Senator Dan Inouye; U.S. Senator S.I. Hayakawa; George Togasaki, former president of Rotary International; Isamu Noguchi, sculptor; Dr. Harvey Itano, medical scientist; Mike Masaoka, civil rights leader; George Nakashima, furniture designer; Dr. John Matsu-shima, animal nutritionist; Goro Suzuki, actor; Taul Watanabe, railroad vice president; Dr. Paul Terasaki, medical scientist; Neil Fujita, artist and designer; Gyo Obata, architect.

The list already is impressive testimony of the number of Nisei who have made or are making important and unusual contributions to our way of life. Further nominations are welcome. The names of those making nominations have been omitted to avoid possible embarrassment.

FROM THE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST: John J. Saito



Dr. Noguchi vs. McRoy

For a new column, here is an expected way to come aboard the PC pages. It's a hard hitting subject, one that has personally involved the writer before joining the JACL staff May 1 as PSW director.

Los Angeles

Almost ten years have passed since those most infamous charges against Dr. Thomas Noguchi, Chief Medical Examiner for the County of Los Angeles were brought against him by the Chief Administrative Officer for the County of Los Angeles, whereupon Dr. Noguchi was summarily dismissed by the Board of Supervisors from his department head position.

The chief testimony against Dr. Noguchi was supplied by his own Chief Administrator, Herbert McRoy.

After much grueling days of civil service hearings, Dr. Noguchi was absolved of the charges and reinstated to his position as the Chief Medical Examiner, Coroner's Office, County of Los Angeles. Many in the Asian American community were elated by the justice received by Dr. Noguchi, and many also felt that the Los Angeles County was becoming sensitive to the struggles of the Asian American community.

Although there was talk of commensurate justice for the accusers, the community concentrated on the wrong that was corrected and forgot about pursuing charges against the false accusers.

It might be that what was left undone in the past can now come to haunt us. It appears that McRoy's past behavior did not hinder his up-

ward mobility, for he is presently high in the administration within the newly created Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health. He is second in command to the department head, Dr. John R. Elpers.

I have had direct dealings with both men.

I have had, on separate occasions, job interviews with Dr. Elpers and again separately with McRoy. My first scheduled interview on Feb. 26, 1979 with McRoy was cancelled by McRoy's administrative assistant Ms. Susanna Ruiz. A second meeting was

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WASHINGTON WRAP-UP: Ron Ikejiri

Mottl Amendment

Washington

On or about July 24, the House will vote on an amendment to the Constitution which would limit integration and the guarantee of equal educational opportunities.

The amendment offered by House sponsors is headed by Rep. Ron Mottl (D-Ohio). If passed, it would effectively overturn the Supreme Court's Brown v. Board of Education decision of 1954 and will give credibility to the concept of "separate but equal".

Here is the text of HJR 74: Section 1. No student shall be compelled to attend a public school other than the public school nearest to the residence of such student which is located within the school district in which the student resides and which provides the course of study pursued by such student.

Section 2. The Congress shall

have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation and to ensure equal educational opportunities for all students.

The text is short, but its effect would be devastating and far-reaching. The Mottl amendment would reopen old wounds and inflame passions. Communities that have made their peace with school desegregation would be torn apart again and state legislatures would be embroiled in controversy.

The JACL agrees with the remarks of Arnold Arenson, secretary of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights:

"Mottl amendment would trivialize the Constitution; circumscribe the protection of the 14th Amendment; and breach the separation of powers by placing restraints on the ability of the federal courts to correct injustices. Under Mottl, the courts would be prohibited from ordering busing beyond the nearest school, even if that were the only way to overcome illegal segregation and grant children their constitutional right to an equal education."

"It is ironic that less than two months after we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Brown decision, we find ourselves fighting to keep Congress from negating it. But this is a fight that must engage everyone who wants to preserve the integrity of the Constitution and further equal opportunity."

Recommended Action
LETTERS: This is an issue on which members will be watching their mail closely. Mottl told the press that he "hopes to generate enough public pressure" to get the necessary two-third votes for passage. We must have a flood of letters and JACL chapter resolutions opposing the amendment to help defeat it.
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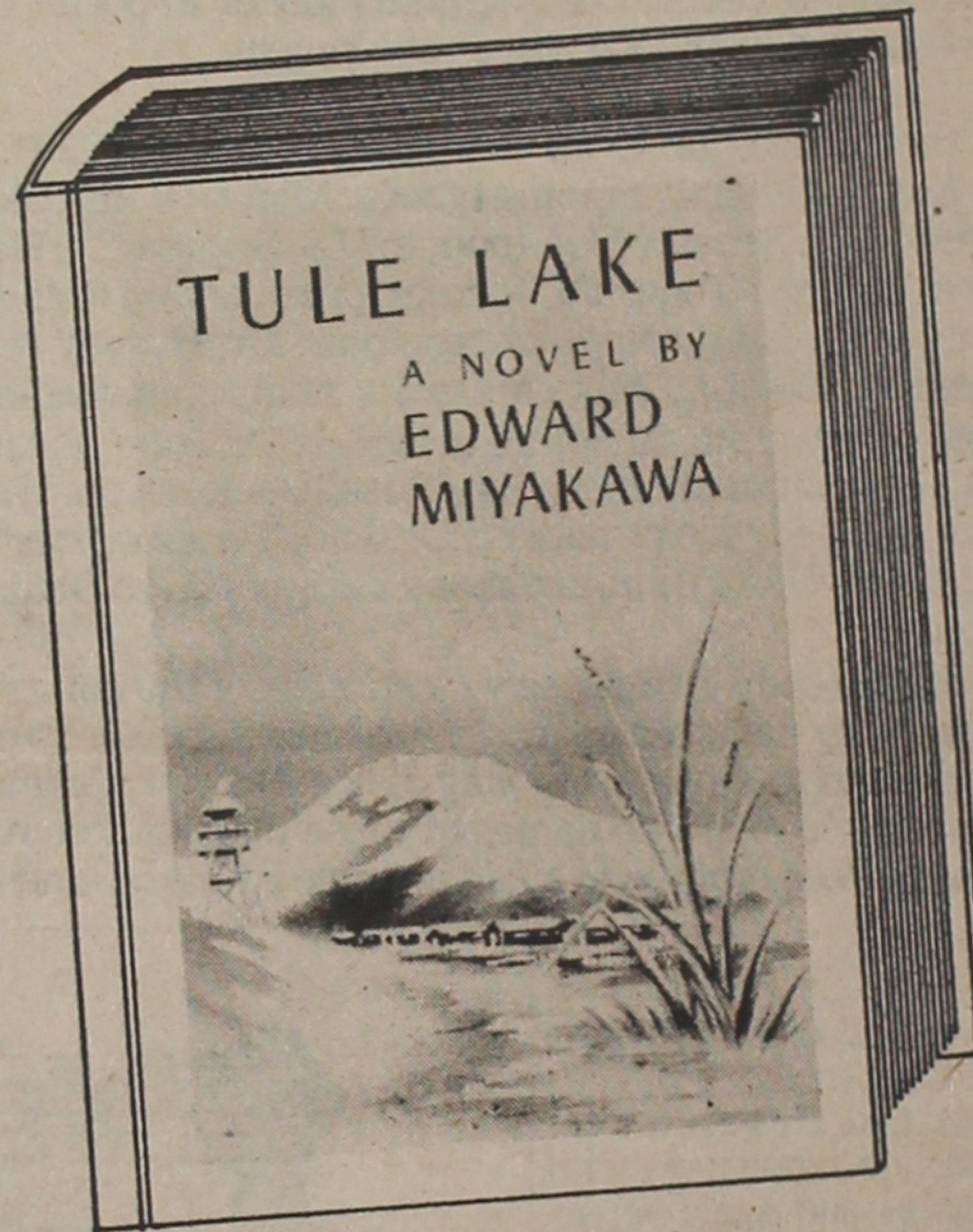
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calendar

JULY 21 (Saturday)

*Los Angeles—SCYPC luau, Seicho no Ie, Gardena.
*San Francisco—Nihonmachi Street fair (2da), Buchanan St. Mall.
*Mountain View—Obon bazaar, Buddhist Temple.

JULY 22 (Sunday)

NC-WNDC—Invit swim meet, Gunn High, Palo Alto.
*Portland—Folkfest, Waterfront Pk.

JULY 27 (Friday)

San Jose—Exec bd mtg, JACL Office.

news briefs

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Ethnic Concern—Asian Americans are being excluded from the Los Angeles Head Start program, HEW's regional program director at San Francisco was told in a letter June 26 from Ron Wakabayashi, ECC chair. Their participation can be achieved through pan-Asian delivery system, which Wakabayashi felt would be most cost effective. Wakabayashi was a board member of the Greater Los Angeles Community Action Agency.

Job Bias—Guidelines for the Nat'l JACL Employment Discrimination Committee have been proposed by its chair, Yoshinori H. T. Himel, Washington, D.C., to assist speaking to the press, the court and other bodies "with one voice". The committee aims to combat discrimination in employment affecting Japanese Americans and promote affirmative action which may benefit Japanese Americans. Members of the committee include:

Wesley Iijima, Chicago; Shigeru Kaneshiro, New York; Dr. Lindy Kumagai, Sacramento; Dale Minami, Oakland, vice chair; and Judge Robert Takasugi, Los Angeles.

* non-JACL event

• JULY 28 (Saturday)
*Los Angeles—Poston I HS reunion, New Otani Hotel.

• JULY 29 (Sunday)

Houston—Bowling party, Sharpstown Lane, 2pm.
Seattle—1000 Club golf tour, Jackson Park.

Santa Barbara—Barbecue, Tucker's Grove.
Philadelphia—Picnic, George Nakashima's, New Hope, 2pm.

*Cleveland—Buddhist church picnic.
• AUG. 5 (Sunday)

Portland—JACL/ONV picnic.
Watsonville—Picnic, Santa Cruz City Fairgrounds.

NC-WNDC—3d Qtrly, Cortez JACL.
Contra Costa—Picnic, Turtle Rock Ranch, Walnut Creek, 10am-7pm.

• AUG. 9 (Thursday)

*San Jose—Yoshio Ando testimonial, Hyatt House.

• AUG. 10 (Friday)

Oakland—Bd mtg, Sumitomo Bank, 7:30pm.
San Jose—Bd mtg, JACL office, 8pm.

• AUG. 11 (Saturday)

*Los Angeles—Nisei Wk coronation ball, Biltmore Bowl.
New Mexico—Monte Carlo Night.

• AUG. 12 (Sunday)

Houston—Bd mtg, Yamauchi's res.
Milwaukee—Picnic, Brown Deer Pk, Area 3.

*Los Angeles—Nisei Wk parade, Little Tokyo, 3pm.

• AUG. 13 (Monday)

Las Vegas—Potluck supper, Osaka Restaurant.

• AUG. 18 (Saturday)

IDC—3d Qtrly at Twin Falls; Minidoka dedication, 1pm.

PSWDC—Bloodmobile, JACL Reg'l Office, L.A., 10:30-3:30pm.

Hosier—Ginza trip to Chicago.
*Los Angeles—Nisei Wk carnival (2da), E. 2nd & L.A. Sts.

• AUG. 19 (Sunday)

Cincinnati—Picnic, Maple Ridge Lodge, 1:30-7:30pm.

• AUG. 20 (Monday)

*Oakland—Nisei Plastics-EBIH benefit golf tour, Round Hill CC, Alamo.

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The Bamboo People: The Law and Japanese Americans, by Frank Chuman. Legal and legislative history of the Japanese in America. A "must" for every collection.
Hardcover, \$12.00 postpaid.

Japanese American Story, by Budd Fukei. A good taste of the history and cultural heritage. One chapter by Mike Masaoka recalls JACL's role during Evacuation.
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They Called Her Tokyo Rose, by Rex Gunn. Documented story of a WW2 legend by a Pacific War correspondent who stayed with the story to its unimagined culmination.
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Nisei: the Quiet Americans, by Bill Hosokawa. Popular history of the Japanese in America, 1869-1969.
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Rulemakers of the House, by Spark Matsunaga-Ping Chen. An inside look at the most powerful committee in the House of Representatives, based on Spark's 10-year experience in that committee. (The Senator has autographed a limited supply for PC readers.)
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scheduled for Feb. 27, to take place in McRoy's office. At the appointed hour I arrived and McRoy was not present and Ms. Ruiz did not know of his whereabouts. I waited ap-

MINETA

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emphize the undying belief our people have in our country and everything it stands for. They realized that despite the adversity we faced, our country was in need of their help, and they gave all the assistance they could provide," said Mineta.

The same weekend, in San Jose, Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Cal.) addressed a naturalization ceremony July 6 for 125 new citizens on the responsibility of citizenship. He reminded that his parents had come from Japan, determined to raise a family in the U.S., despite the encounters of hatred and fear.

Then came the "painful consequences" of confinement of 110,000 Japanese Americans during World War II and knowing how fragile laws and the constitution can be. Since then, progress has been made, that society is becoming less segregated, and there is satisfaction that discrimination is becoming overcome, Mineta added. The new citizens were reminded of what Edmund Burke said in 1795:

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." And Mineta concluded: "It is for each of us to 'do something'."

proximately 15 minutes and asked Ms. Ruiz if I could be excused and be called when McRoy returned to his office. About one hour later I received a phone call stating that McRoy would see me now.

What occurred after I went into his office was a series of discourteous, rude and demonstrated insensitivities by McRoy. He failed to acknowledge my presence in his office. Even after failing to acknowledge my presence, he failed to say anything to me as he walked past me in search of a match.

I felt greatly insulted by his treatment since I had heard that he was not any

longer the insensitive person of ten years ago.

This incident was brought to the attention of the National JACL Ethnic Concern Committee. The chairperson in turn brought it to the attention of Dr. Elpers, who in turn called me into his office on March 16, and asked me why I did not bring the above incident to his attention instead of taking it to someone outside. He then proceeded to defend McRoy's conduct and behavior.

McRoy wrote to me about the above-mentioned incident but excused his behavior of that moment because of the urgent matter on hand

Yamauchi play draws good reviews

New York

Wakako Yamauchi's simple but tender play, "And the Soul Shall Dance", produced by Pan Asian Repertory Theatre at La Mama Theater, drew positive press reviews last month.

Don Nelsen of the Daily News found it "an old-fash-

ioned play, a simple yet striking portrait not only of these Japanese farmers (in the California of the Depression) but, in the wider context, of all our grandparents." Bob Stenzel in the N.Y. Nichibei said it "may be the most important of the season on Off-Broadway."

long pole operated by a *koken* (stage assistant garbed in black from head to toe); and a horse operated by two men.

As we said, we enjoyed this performance (*shibai*). Ironically, "shibai" can mean something else to Japanese Americans, especially in Hawaii where the term has appeared in headlines during a political campaign to mean "all show, no substance". At East West Theater, *shibai* was bathed in the amazing brilliance that it traditionally engenders. #

HONDA

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in the stylized facial make-up (*kumadori*) on the spirit of Commodore Perry; clown roles (*dokeyaku*) in Act 2; different kinds of wigs that identify the good guys and bad guys; a stage trick that lifts the part of the platform to appear as the bow of the big black ship; the same person playing three or four roles (*kanneru yakusha*); group fighting scenes with swords; a fluttering butterfly attached to a

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which created a hectic morning. One important factor in his letter is that he does not deny my allegations.

I feel that after ten years the County of Los Angeles still has, at least, one insensitive person in a very high position and possibly two, since the latter condones the behavior of the former. #

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Ex-Kamikaze pilot teaches English to foreign students at Michigan State

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Shigeo Imamura gets a chuckle when he tells people he's an ex-Kamikaze pilot.

The soft-spoken, 56-year-old English teacher says he can see the ironic humor in the situation himself. But he insists he was in deadly earnest that night 34 years ago when he walked toward his bomb-laden plane, determined to make the ultimate sacrifice for the glory of Japan.

The mission turned out to be a false alarm—triggered by the mistaken belief Japan was being invaded—and Imamura's career as a Kamikaze ended before he even climbed into the cockpit.

Today, he wonders at the intense, fanatical devotion that carried him to the brink of self-destruction as

a young man. But he believes that devotion is not unique to Japan and even could take hold in the United States if conditions were right.

"It does concern me when I see people going all out for a cause," said Imamura, a Michigan State University Associate Professor who works at a special center teaching English to foreign students.

Imamura, born in San Jose, Calif. in 1922, speaks almost flawless English. He moved to Japan with his parents when he was 10.

He entered the Japanese Naval Air Force, wound up as a flight instructor, and volunteered late in the war to serve as Kamikaze—a pilot who deliberately crashed a bomb-laden plane into enemy ships. His mission, code named Campaign Decision, was to blow up enemy ships and their

crews in the event of a U.S. landing on the Japanese mainland. It never occurred.

"In 1932, when my parents took me back to Japan, it was at the height of ultranationalistic indoctrination," Imamura said. "I think I got completely hooked on it."

Kamikaze pilots, seeing that 98 percent of all Japanese fliers were shot down anyway, "had no concept (it was) suicide," he said.

"It was a glorious death—an effective one—a warrior's death."

Nonetheless, he remembers feeling frightened as he walked toward the plane that night. He thought of how he would never see his family or friends again, or even, in all probability, the sunrise.

"We were firmly determined to hit the ships—not to be outdone by our comrades," he said.

But, he said he was "greatly relieved" when the mission was scratched.

After the war, Imamura worked for a time in Japan as a translator for the Occupational Forces, then as an English teacher.

His test for the job consisted of correctly pronouncing the word "Lollipop."

"It's the 'l' and 'r' problem," he said.

Still technically a Japanese citizen, Imamura—who likes both countries—is undecided whether to apply for American citizenship or maintain the status quo.

He said he has run into little resentment over his service on the Japanese side.

Once, after a lecture, an elderly man approached him with tears in his eyes and shook his hand, Imamura said.

"He said until today he

was angry at the Japanese because he had lost a son in the Pacific, but after hearing me, he realized that

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