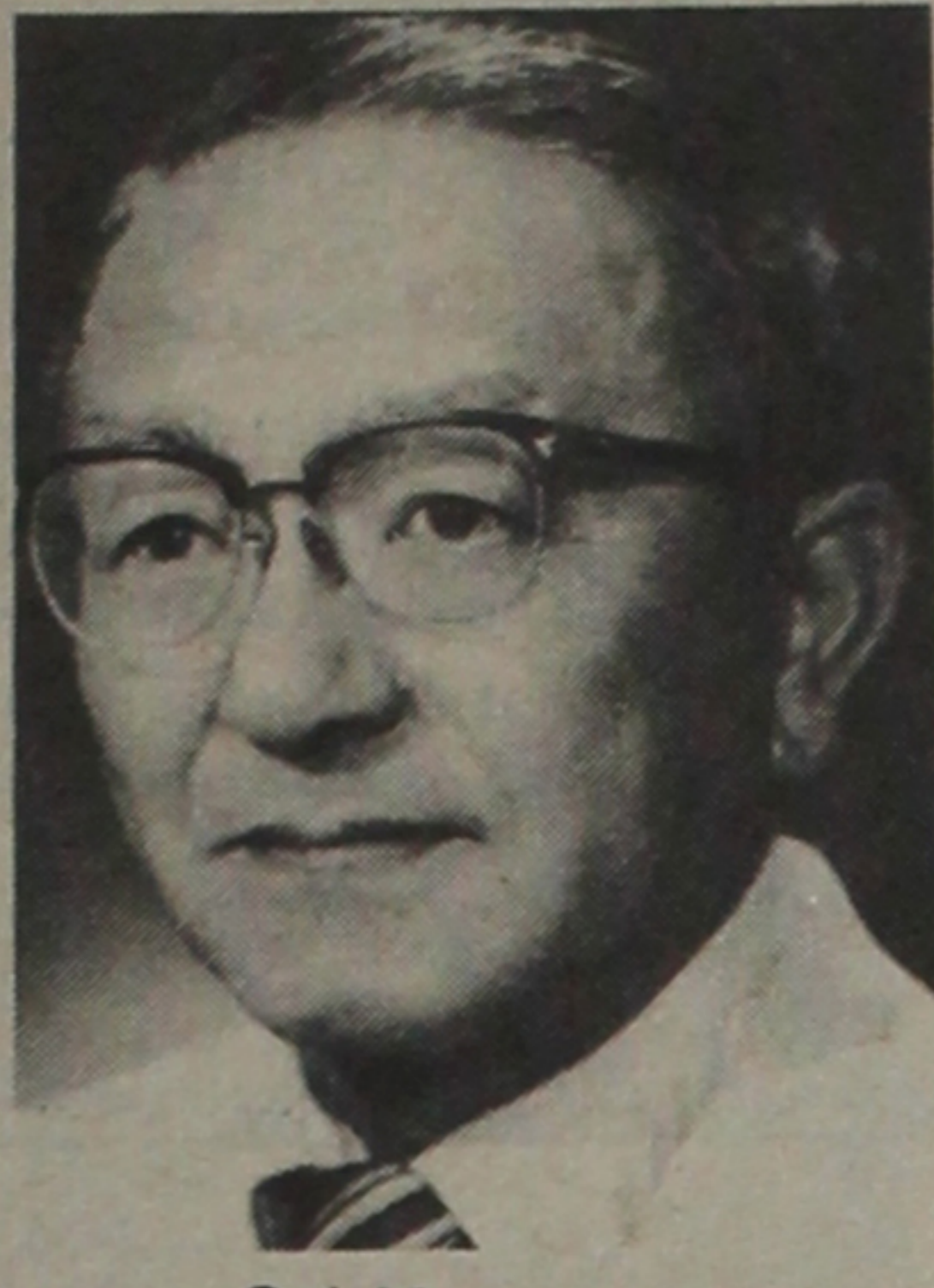


Carson mayor pro-tem Yamamoto recalled

CARSON, Ca. — Mayor Pro-tem Sak Yamamoto, 66, and fellow council member John A. Marbut were successfully recalled in a special election Oct. 16, announced city clerk Helen Kawagoe who was expected to certify the results Oct. 23.

Out of 5,284 votes cast, 3,195 (61.7%) endorsed recall of Yamamoto and 3,114 of Marbut, both council members since the city was chartered in 1968. Total registration is 28,148.

Yamamoto served every term except 1970-72 when he failed in a re-election bid.



Sak Yamamoto

Main issues in the recall were trash collection and a drive-in movie. Yamamoto, this past year, was charged with having failed to grant the city contract for trash collection to the lowest bidder. He was also criticized for opposing construction of the drive-in movie.

San Francisco businessman

Ray Syufy, who sought council approval of the drive-in theater, kicked in nearly \$19,000 in the recall effort.

Yamamoto is believed to be the second Nisei public official to be recalled in a Mainland election. In 1972, Parlier voters had recalled councilman Sho Tsuboi. *

Sen. Inouye helps I&NS improve form

WASHINGTON — The Immigration and Naturalization Service has agreed with Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) to amend a question appearing on a naturalization application that unfairly discriminates against persons who received treatment for mental health problems.

With federal law requiring applicants for citizenship be mentally competent, Inouye asked the question be changed from: "Have you ever been a patient in an institution or been treated for mental illness or disorder?" to "Have you ever been declared legally incompetent or confined to a mental institution?"

The Mental Health Assn. of Hawaii and a state mental health Ethno-cultural Task Force brought the unnecessarily broad question to Inouye's attention. #

Seattle calls off pilgrimage to Minidoka campsite

SEATTLE, Wa. — Plans for the Seattle JAACL pilgrimage Oct. 13 to Minidoka were cancelled, for perhaps a year, chapter president Martin (Mich) Matsudaira said a press conference three days earlier.

Dr. Minoru Masuda, who was to have been the emcee at the "Day of Remembrance" ceremony at Minidoka, expressed his disappointment over the cancellation which were ascribed to "fears among Japanese Americans living in Idaho that there would be a white backlash" by burning down a replica of guard tower as a planned by the Seattle group as a symbol of liberation.

Idahoans objected to the plan when it was first proposed for last Aug. 18. Minidoka then was being dedicated as a national historic landmark.

Masuda, a Univ. of Washington professor in psychiatry and a 442nd Infantry veteran, believed the symbolic burning would have been too militant and aggressive in the eyes of Idaho Nikkei who had not been evacuated and might invite bitterness. "I don't think their fears are legitimate," Masuda added. "What they want to be is good, quiet, obedient Americans who don't put themselves out front in a demonstration."

It was no secret here that the Idahoans kept up a persistent phone campaign asking Seattle to desist.

Even if those fears cannot be allayed, Masuda said, he would want to make the pilgrimage to Minidoka and "make (his) final peace with the Evacuation."

Also pressuring for cancellation were many of the silent Seattle majority who are considered to be against burning down a tower.

Tule Lake's plaque dedication committee had similarly rejected a Seattle request to burn down a guard tower replica.

Matsudaira, an ex-Minidoka resident as was Masuda, said at the press conference the Seattle group has a right to hold the observance at the historic site near Twin Falls, Idaho, but because of the current disagreement, the plans for the Seattle JAACL pilgrimage were called off. "I don't really know if I want to go back. It's not a nice place. And especially with the attitude of the (Nisei) people over there." A majority of the 9,400 put into Minidoka

WRA Center during World War II were from the Pacific Northwest, especially from the Seattle-Tacoma area.

Frank Chin, one of the pilgrimage organizers, said the Seattle Japanese Americans "don't want to unleash a white backlash on the Japanese Americans in Idaho".

It was explained that the pilgrimage, as with previous Day of Remembrance rites at former campsites, was intended to dramatize the Evacuation story. A burning down of a guard tower replica would have conceivably garnered greater media attention to redress. #

Ethnic matching of pastor to congregation criticized

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. — Should a Japanese pastor be necessarily assigned to a Japanese congregation? A Hispanic pastor to a Hispanic congregation?

The Commission on Religion and Race of the United Methodist church, through its executive secretary, the Rev. Woodie W. White, challenged the church's "common practice of matching pastors and congregations on the basis of race" here last Oct. 1, and asked what it proposed to do about this violation of its own laws regarding "open" assignment of pastors without regard to race.

Dr. White posed the three dilemmas faced by the church—racism and prejudice, the matching of pastors to congregations, and the Methodists' commitment to the develop-

ment of ethnic minority leadership for minority congregations.

In an attempt to resolve this apparent conflict of goals, Dr. White said that the "fundamental question is not what is the color or sex of the minister or congregation, but what is needed in this place at this time?"

Asking "How can the church require open and fair employment practices in every other area of church institutional life, but exempt the local congregation and the minister," he said that the church should be guided by its theology rather than by racism.

According to a 1978 survey in which 50 of 73 annual conferences responded, there were 143 cross-racial appointments. Fifty were for white pastors in ethnic churches, more than 50 were Asian pastors in white congregations, and 17 were blacks in white churches. #

Join the JAACL

Immigrants want to come by hook or crook

SAN FRANCISCO, Ca. — The "green card" shown by a young newly-arrived Asian woman at the request of an immigration officer in Reno last year appeared strange though it had been genuine and issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. In checking the files, the officer found the serial numbers had been duplicated.

The FBI was called in and according to court documents, the FBI determined that woman's green card and 35 others issued over a six-month period had all been assigned to illegal aliens from the Far East by a supervisory immigration inspector, William Van Tubbs,

who worked for the service for 23 years.

Late last month, Tubbs was arrested by the FBI at his office at San Francisco International Airport, charged with 36 felony counts of having falsified immigration documents. His lawyer said he would enter a plea of not guilty.

What has begun to unfold—as reported by the New York Times reporter here—according to federal sources is a complicated web of a wealthy Chinese resident as a go-between in selling false green cards allegedly issued by Tubbs. Investigators indicated cards go for about \$3,000 on the black

market, or \$5,000 if obtained from an immigration lawyer who deal in such documents.

The Justice Department, it was noted, undertook investigation of corruption within the immigration service six years ago with Operation Clean-sweep — principally along the U.S.-Mexican border and at major ports of entry.

The allegations are easy to come by, said one attorney, but not the proof. There is reluctance among immigration officers and border agents to testify about illegal actions taken by their colleagues. There is even greater reluctance among the aliens themselves to give such testimony.

Issei had ventured into Yukon before '98 Klondike gold rush

By SUMIRE SUGIMOTO
(The New Canadian)

WHITEHORSE, Yukon—Considered by many as Canada's last frontier, Yukon Territory remains relatively unpopulated despite great spasms of population booms first stirred by the Klondike Gold Rush of 1898 and later by the wartime construction of the Al-Can Highway, intended to fend off a Japanese invasion.

Even now, only 25,000 live in the entire territory and within the City of Whitehorse, lie large tracts of wildflowers and woods.

But the frontier must have seemed even more awesome during the last years of the 19th century when thousands headed for the fabled Kon-

dike goldfields surrounding Dawson City, 350 miles north of Whitehorse.

It is interesting, but perhaps not surprising, to note that there were Japanese among them.

From 1877, when Japanese first arrived in Canada, most settled into the coastal areas of southern British Columbia, where communities eventually flourished. What prompted some of them to leave their families and hard-won, newly-established homes to a region of intensely cold, dark winters, and mosquito-infested summers, were probably the same reasons why they left Japan in the first place: economic opportunity, a fresh start, and the appeal of

remoteness, adventure and challenge.

Census breakdowns do not register the exact number of Japanese in the Yukon during this tumultuous period at the turn of the century which saw Dawson City become almost overnight the largest city west of Winnipeg.

But the annual report of the Northwest Mounted Police indicate that well before the gold rush, as early as the spring of 1894, a group of Japanese and Chinese had arrived at Dyea in Alaska, intending to cross over Chilkoot Trail into the Yukon. But 200 miners met them and advised that if they valued their lives, they would go no further. So they turned back.

It is uncertain just when the

first Japanese finally did appear in the Yukon. And there are no accounts of any becoming wildly rich millionaires from gold mining. But local newspaper accounts and photographs show that by 1902, Japanese restaurants were doing fine business in both Whitehorse and Dawson City.

It was the success of those restaurants, in fact, that angered the Whitehorse Star newspaper to refer to them as "those cheap Japanese restaurants". The Star accused them of being able to serve food cheaply (at less than half the normal price) solely because the food it served was hauled through back alleys from other, higher-priced restaurants. The paper was

appalled at the heavy patronage of "good working men" that Japanese restaurants received.

The other, more widespread argument levelled against the Japanese was the same as that heard down south. They would work for less, and live under harsher conditions without complaining. Many felt that they thereby did some white person out of a job.

Just south of the border, in northern B.C., Japanese caused the only serious labour disputes in the history of the Atlin goldfields. These occurred in 1902 and 1908 when first a mining company and then a power company brought in Japanese workers

from Vancouver and Victoria. Protest meetings and citizen boycotts resulted in most of them being shipped back on the first boat, leaving behind only a few Japanese cooks.

Yukon archives has several photos of groups of protesters sending off "Mr. Jap" with signs reading "White Men's Rights".

Their number was and still is quite small. But it appears the Japanese were able to withstand public protest and successfully live here. Mention of Japanese families who did so through the early part of the century and through other mining discoveries are found in the histories of various settlements throughout the Yukon. #

400 attend Hollywood CL tribute to PC editor

LOS ANGELES—Nostalgia prevailed at the Hollywood JACL-sponsored "Evening with Ye Editor", marking the Pacific Citizen's 50th anniversary last Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Biltmore Bowl.

With 400 attending the dinner paying tribute to Harry K. Honda's many years as editor, it was highlighted by a slide presentation depicting his childhood days, school years, military service in WW2 and the early years as PC editor.

Judge Bill Marutani of Philadelphia, master of ceremonies and JACLer of the 1964-65 Biennium, introduced many civic and community luminaries in attendance. In brief remarks, Dr. Clifford Uyeda, national president, encouraged the independence of the Pacific Citizen in the affairs of the organization. Marutani added the PC should never become the "Pravda" for JACL and related how readers east of the Rockies really appreciated the news scope of the PC each week.

Following the slide presentation, put together by Tomoo Ogita, on the life of the PC editor with recollections by Fr. Clement, Honda delved into his own newspapering past in what was his first lengthy remark before a JACL group.

Assemblyman Paul Bannai presented a resolution relative to PC's 50th year. Marutani also read portions of remarks in the Congressional Record entered Oct. 18 by Rep. Norman Mineta on PC's 50th year.

Presentations to Mrs. Guyo Tajiri and the Honda family were made by Wiley Higuchi, PSWDC governor; PC Board chairperson Ellen Endo, Charles and Yuki Kamayatsu, two who attended JACL's first national convention at Seattle in 1930.

Program began with France Yokoyama, chapter president, extending the welcome, followed by invocation from Fr. Clement, who was introduced as the JACLer of the 1962-63 Biennium. Butch Kasahara and the Maratians entertained during the dinner and provided dance music afterwards.

On the committee were:

Wiley Higuchi, France Yokoyama, Tomoo and Toshiko Ogita, Muriel Merrill, Danar Abe, Amy Ishii, Bill and Irene Koseki, Charles and Yuki Kamayatsu, Shunji Asari, Les Hamasaki, June Taomae and Ken Takamoto.

Nikkei church in SFV dedicated

GRANADA HILLS, Ca.—West Valley Japanese Community Church here at 10408 Balboa Blvd. last Sunday celebrated its dedication as an independent, ecumenical ministry for the growing ethnic populace in west/mid San Fernando Valley. The Rev. Ren Kimura is minister. The Rev. Dr. Paul Nagano of Seattle Japanese Baptist Church was the dedication speaker.

Deaths

Heiji Sakakibara, 99, of Los Angeles died Oct. 18. Father of longtime Pacific Citizen office secretary Jane Ozawa, he is also survived by w Mitsugi, s Rev. Joe (Sacramento), Sho (Portland) and d Hatsuko Nakatsuka. He would have been 100 years old next Feb. 7.

Hostage resting after ordeal

SAN FRANCISCO — Chiyo Tashiro, 55, was home from Oct. 9 the same day sniper Wayne Cullinane, 22, hanged himself in jail. He had paralyzed a 20-block section of Market Street for 23 hours beginning around 5 p.m. Friday (Oct. 5) and held the Nisei executive secretary hostage on the 16th floor of the State Compensation Insurance Fund Bldg.

As the drama continued, the Tashiro family prayed throughout the night for her safety. After a medical check Saturday at Children's Hospital, she was whisked home by car driven by her brother, Frank, an electronic engineer at Los Angeles. #



DOWN TO EARTH: Karl Nobuyuki

No Hill Too Steep!

The theme for this 50th anniversary convention is "No hill too steep". And taking the lead for the host chapter is John Yasumoto, chairman of the convention planning committee. Serving are some well-known JACLers as well as some relatively new faces. Members include:

The Doi brothers, Steve and Wes, Yo Hironaka, Nob Mihara, Hats Aizawa, Connie Arimoto, Greg Marutani, Gary Nakamura, Richard Kiwata, Donna Kawamoto, and Mike Ito.

It's a good mixture of Nisei and Sansei and for 1980, it's the only way to go.

The host committee is well aware of the projected business agenda for the 1980 convention. Redress,

constitutional revision, aging & retirement, international relations are expected to be among the key issues for delegates.

Yes, the host committee has given a good deal of thought to make convention week an enjoyable experience in San Francisco. I am tempted to share some of

the planned events but I'll hold off and let the committee present them. I can say that the host committee is in agreement that one's stay in San Francisco has got to be more than just seeing the four walls of a room or convention hall and that this convention should be a family affair. So, pull out your calendar and mark in the date—July 28 to August 1, 1980.

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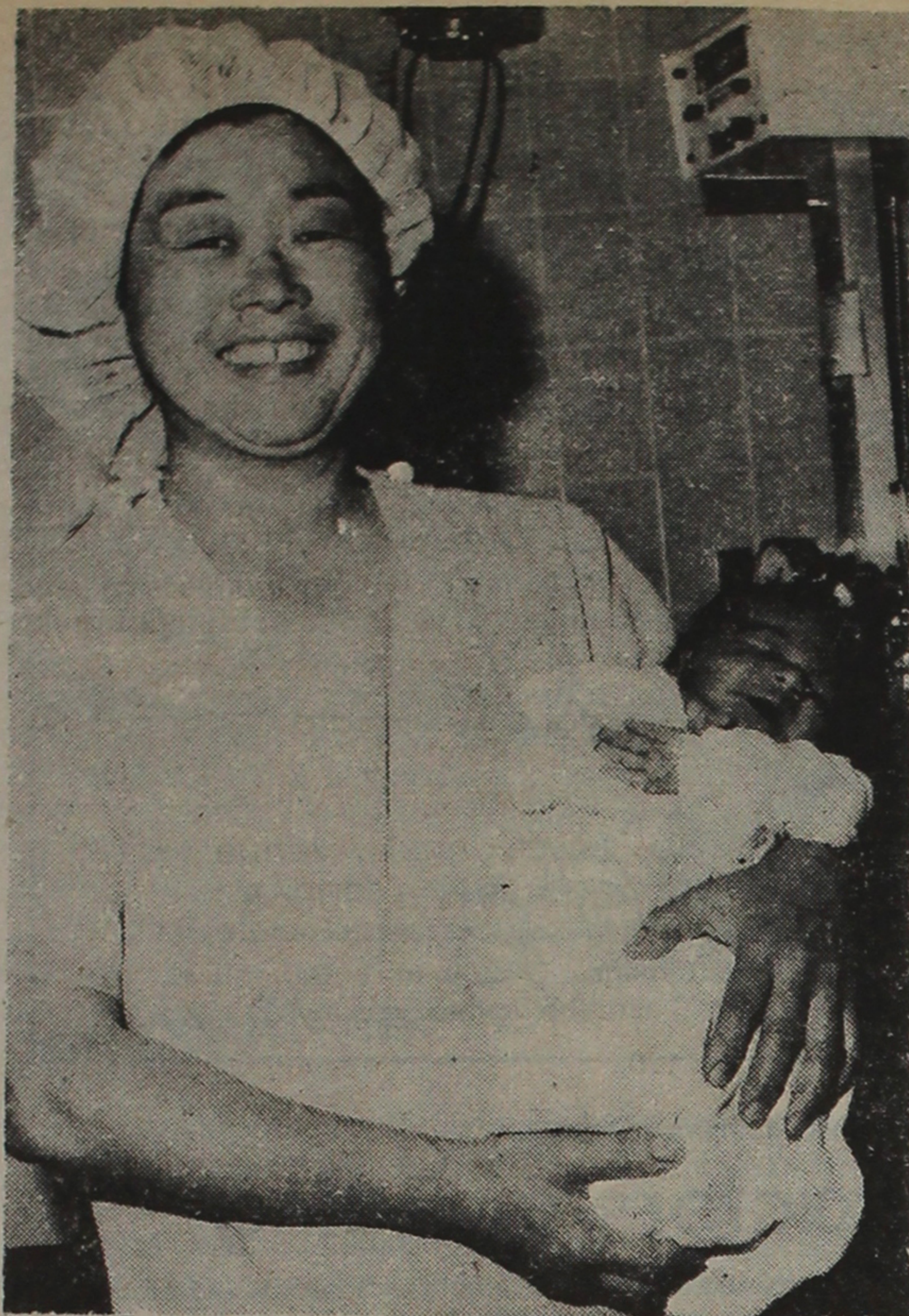
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Monterey, Ca.

Miyoko Enokida was guest of honor recently for having completed 30 years as an obstetrics nurse at the Community Hospital here. Among the 150 guests present at the Presidio of Monterey Officers Club was Tommy Tabata, 30, one of the first infants she helped deliver. He is the son of Cedar and Jimmy Tabata, owners of Sunrise Grocery.

Nursing was not her first choice as a career, the Peninsula Herald discovered. She had graduated from Monterey High School and was attending Salinas Jr. College with an eye toward majoring in physical education at San Jose State when the war broke out.

Evacuated with her family to Stockton Assembly Center, she chose to work at the camp hospital, which was a huge concrete building. "I thought if I went there I could stay cool" in the summer heat of San Joaquin Valley, she recalled.

And working as a nurse's aide in the children's clinic, she remembered the usual childhood diseases being treated then: measles, chicken pox, mumps, scarlet fever. After five months in Stockton, the evacuees were transferred to another in-

ternment camp at Rohwer, Ark., where she worked in surgery as a nurse's aide. She entered nursing school at Milwaukee in 1945, graduating in 1948 and returned to the peninsula here and Community Hospital's maternity ward, where she has been ever since.

The longtime active JACL-

● Agriculture

Kei Kitahara and his son **Larry** of Reedley are patenting "Rich Red", a new type of red plum that is fast-ripening (by the end of May) and revolutionizing the state plum industry which has relied on "Red Beaut"—the earliest plum crop usually packed and shipped in early June. The Kitaharas discovered a seedling mutation in a 10-year-old orchard of Red Beaut acquired after Larry finished Fresno State College in 1976 as an agribusiness major. Last spring, Rich Red was fully colored while the Red Beaut was still solid green, Larry pointed out, as he works on plant breeding. The patent would enable them to sell budwood from their scion tree.

Dr. John Matsushima, professor of animal science at Colorado State University, received the 1979 distinguished service award of the western section, American Society of Animal Science, in recognition of his research and teaching to beef and cattle feeding.

● Courtroom

For lack of sufficient evidence, L.A. Municipal Judge Edward Davenport on Oct. 1 dropped charges filed against **Albert Morita**, Nisei service station operator, during the first gasoline crunch last May when the county weights & measures inspector cited him for not posting a warning that sales were limited to \$5 per patron. While the complaint harassed his family and was affecting his reputation of helping youth in the community, Morita received quick assistance in the matter from **Mas Fukai**, senior deputy to Supervisor Hahn, and from **Jeffrey Matsui**, executive aide to Mayor Bradley.

er and a recipient of the Chapter Citizenship Award for her work in the community, she commented: "I meet people on the street and they say—I remember you from when I had a son or daughter." That's where the gratification in nursing is—that people do remember. #

A Flagstaff (Ariz.) jury on Oct. 3 awarded **Jeannie Yamamoto**, former radio station advertising sales person and now a Los Angeles legal secretary, \$7,500 for loss of her long hair, which had been cut in a TV show in 1978 by Los Angeles hairstylist **George Carroll**. Yamamoto said they agreed he would cut no more than six inches off. Her hair, which fell below her knees, was trimmed to just below her shoulders. The 1967 journalism graduate from Northern Arizona University had sued for \$30,000.

● Education

Sen. S. I. Hayakawa (R-Cal.), opposing the new Dept. of Education bill, which was passed by the Senate 69-22, explained, "... I still believe we could achieve the same goals at a better, faster rate by working with what we already have in HEW." He wished someone would tell him how a new department "is going to make our children literate, or how it will erase the violence that has erupted in our schools".

● Flowers-Gardens

A garden in purple and green at Maunawili School, Honolulu, showing a relief map of the Hawaiian Islands won national recognition in the July edition of American Education, a magazine of the U.S. Dept. of HEW. It was the work of grandma **Harue Tanouye**, **Joseph Franca** and two other school custodians.

● Government

Mayor Pete Wilson of San Diego last month appointed **Richard T. Miyao**, an attorney and board member of the San Diego Chapter JACL, to the newly created 26-member blue-ribbon crime control commission. This commission includes the Mayor, the Chief of Police, U.S. Attorney, and other community representatives.

● Medicine

Yale medical researcher **Dr. Clarence Sasaki** says he may have found the cause of the so-called sudden infant death syndrome that kills over 10,000 apparently healthy babies in America each year. He and **Dr. Taketsugu Ikari** in a recent re-

port to the National Triological Society at Los Angeles indicated the syndrome could be caused by abnormal development of breathing reflexes, such as temporary imbalance of the reflexes governing the larynx.

● Military

A husband-wife team in the U.S. Air Force, **Maj. Ronald and Maj. Reiko Polomsky**, are stationed at the Yokota Air Base in western Tokyo. Reiko, 35, a Maui Sansei, is a graduate of Washington State with a masters in communications from Northern Colorado University. She has been in the service now for 12 years, having been stationed in Thailand and Wright-Patterson, Ohio, and is believed to be the only Sansei female major in the U.S. Air Force.

● Music

San Francisco Ballet will premiere a full-length choreography of Shakespeare's "The Tempest" to open its 1980 season at the Memorial Opera House. Composer **Paul Chihara** and choreographer **Michael Smuin** are collaborating a third time, their previous hits being "Shinju" (1975) and "Mistletoe Bride" (1979). Chihara, who

teaches at UCLA, has also written orchestral works and background music for films and TV, including the Kory Film production, "Farewell to Manzanar".

The nine-piece Asian American musical group, **Hiroshima**, will produce its first record on the Arista label, scheduled for Oct. 24 release. They appeared at the L.A. Street Scene musical extravaganza Oct. 14 in front of City Hall.

● Politics

Los Angeles attorney **Jun Mori**, a member of the L.A. Harbor Commission, was named to the 20-member California executive committee of the Carter-Mondale 1980 re-election campaign. Others include San Francisco Mayor **Dianne Feinstein**, Oakland Mayor **Lionel Wilson** and Fresno Mayor **Dan Whitehurst**.

● Sports

Maj. Paul Maruyama, four-time collegiate national judo titlist and a 1964 Olympic competitor coaching judo at the U.S. Air Force Academy, has been selected to coach both the U.S. men's national team and the Pan American team. He is also a candidate to coach the U.S. Olympic judo team.

JACL Okubo-Yamada Fund

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

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

Nine years following the tragedy, the legal battle continues. Will you join us in support of these families?

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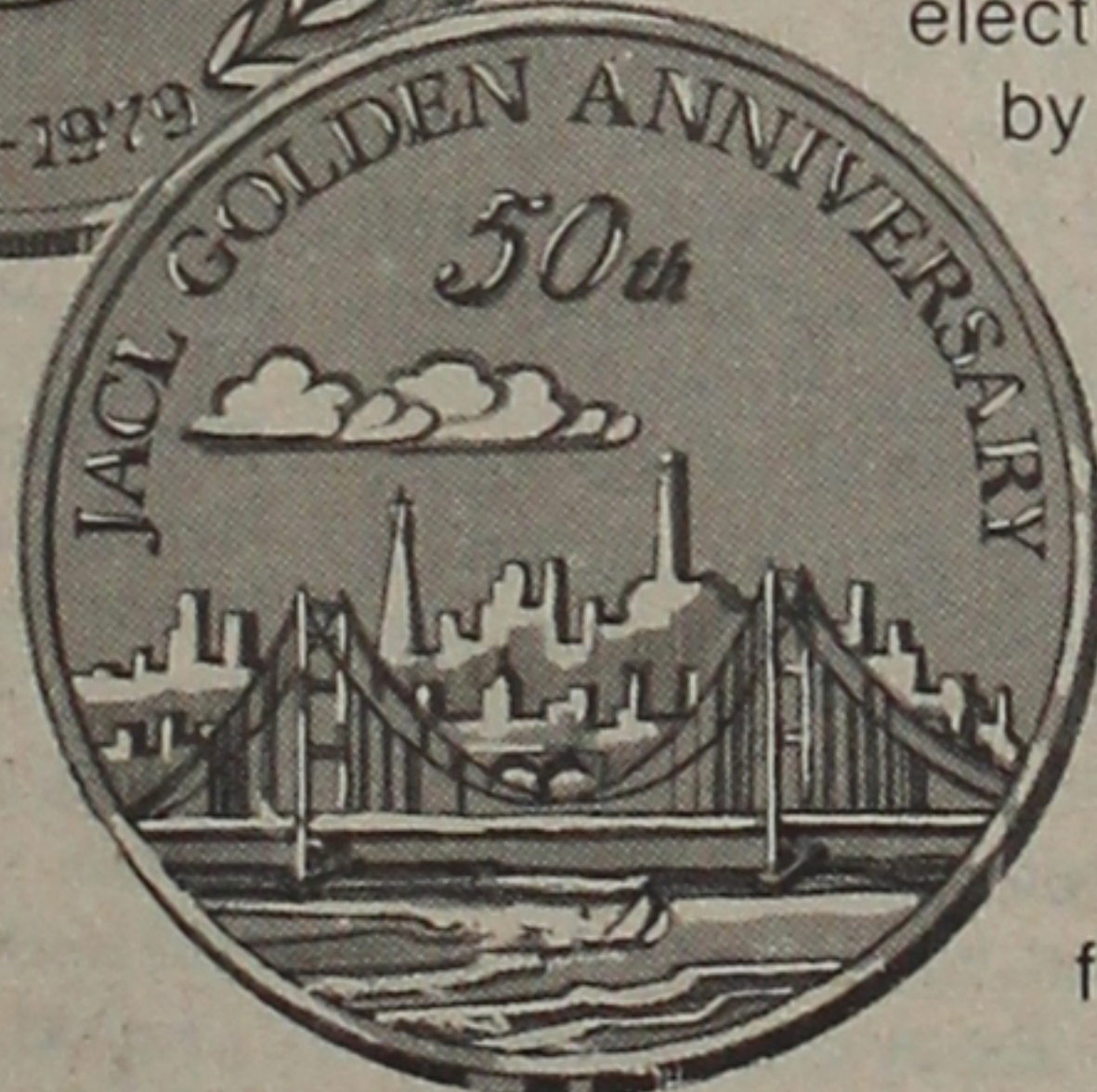
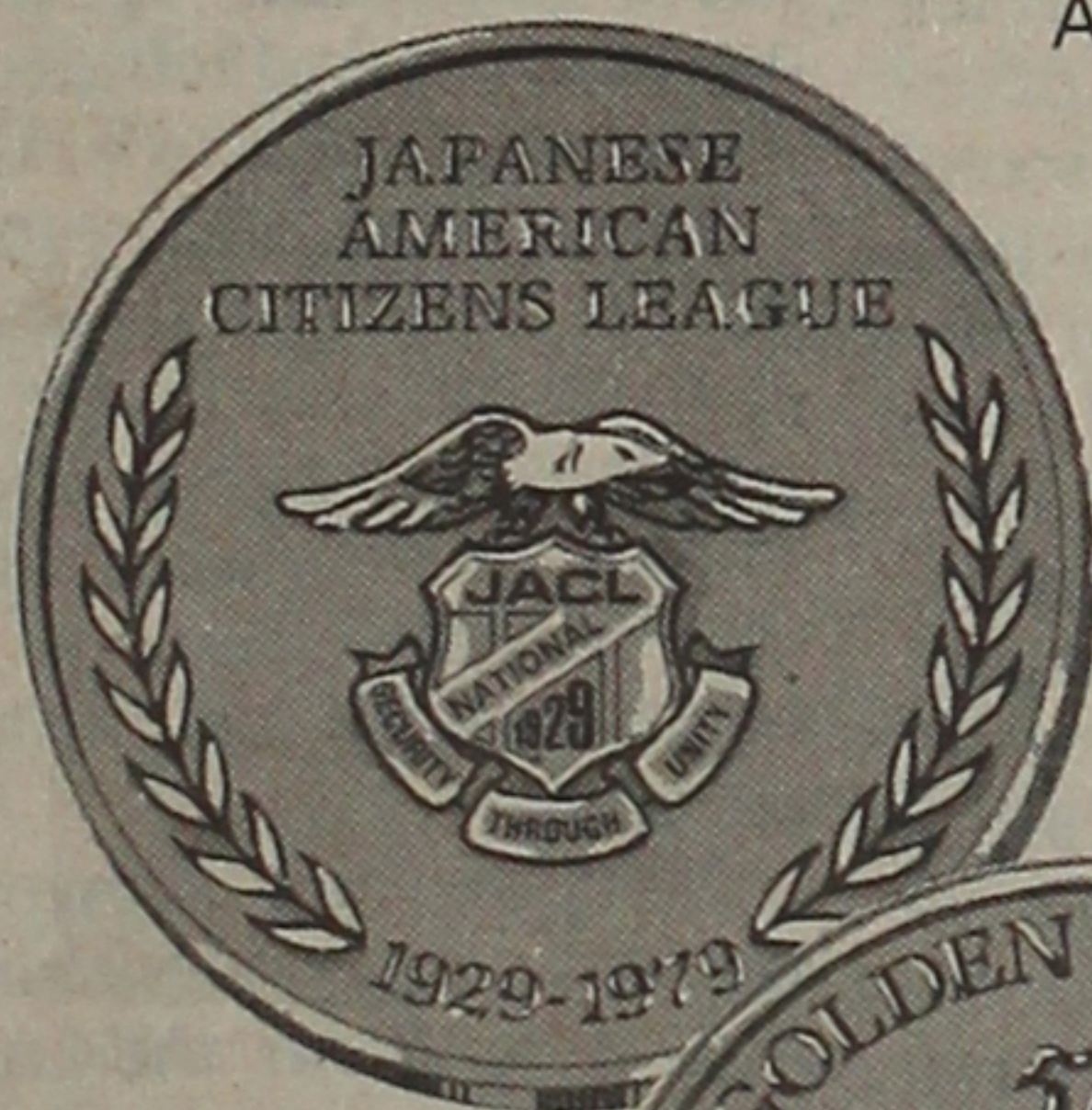
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Japan Women

In both the Eastern and Western legends women in Japan are pictured as meek, totally subservient, lacking in independent expressions, etc. Then we read Japanese history, her literature, and see Japanese women as they are. It makes no sense.

Ancient Japan was ruled by women. Both the Korean and Chinese chronicles of the second and third centuries record this. They referred to Japan as the "Queen Country". The line of succession to the throne was by a queen. Even in mythology the original ancestor of the Imperial family was Amaterasu-Omikami, a Sun-Goddess.

Japanese Court Ladies were writing beautiful Japanese while the men were writing in poor Chinese just as at one time European scholars ignored their own languages as a medium of literary expressions and wrote in poor Latin. The *Tale of Genji* by Murasaki Shikibu is just one example. Women also exercised considerable influence in the Courts.

Customwise, women's position declined most during Japan's feudal era, but women continued their power and influence behind the scenes.

The birth of Kabuki during the 16th Century was by a woman, Izumo no Okuni. Also consider the characters of strength in Japanese movies, both classical and modern; the strength, whether it is good or evil, is often in women rather than in men.

As independent thinkers Japanese women were far ahead of men whose education, thoughts and feelings were so regulated and formalized that their reactions were entirely predictable. Expressions of independent thoughts and feelings from them were seldom noted.

During the Russo-Japanese War of 1904-05, no men in Japan could have had the insight, the foresight, the strength and the courage that Akiko Yosano showed in her anti-war poem, "My Brother, You Must Not Die." That poem would be most appropriate by an American woman during the Vietnam War of the '60s.

Akiko Yosano not only gave new direction to the poetic movement of the time, the monumental work of her later years was the modern translation of "Genji Monogatari". It is considered by scholars to be one of the finest ever produced.

All of us can reflect on our own mothers and our friends' mothers. We saw strength and reassurance there. It shows that stereotyping is primarily from without. It portrays what people like to see for their own benefit and ego, seldom what it is really like.



YE EDITOR'S DESK: Harry Honda

The PC Years

cusing distant thoughts into the light of now. Seeing in the audience some of the people or loved ones of people who held memorable roles of those early years in the life of this newspaperman was part of that magic.

We saw two of our prewar bosses: Louise Suski and Yas Abiko. Louise was editing the *Rafu Shimpō* English Section (started by her father, Dr. Peter M. Suski, in 1928), where I started by editing the Sunday sports section. Yasuo, of the *San Francisco Nichibei*, represents my first job away from my hometown of L.A.

We mention two prewar newspaper buddies, too: Henry Mori and Vince Tajiri. Henry wrote a column, "Making the Deadline" (and recently reactivated) in the *Rafu Shimpō*. That spawned the title of my first column, "After the Deadline", in the rival *Sangyo Nippo* morning daily. Vince, widely known for his stint as photo editor on the *Playboy*, was being drafted by the Army in 1941 and it was his position at the *Nichibei* that I was asked to fill. A decade later, I was to be asked to fill in for his brother Larry as PC editor.

Now that my life had suddenly become an open book with every page turned, my response ventured to appear as a nostalgic defense of my niche in life as a newspaperman — from the time in Miss Guild's journalism class at Belmont High (yea—Hilltoppers). They said it would be an easy class to pull down "A's".

Our interest in journalism spans some 40 years, but it does not seem to be that long. Such is the magic of memory—fo

Book on 442

Editor:

The reprint of the book "American" the story of the 442nd RCT may be obtained by writing to Hiroshi Takusagawa, 1648 W. 183rd St., Gardena, Calif. 90248. The price is \$10 per copy.

The story of the 100th Infantry Bn., "Ambassador in Arms" by Thomas D. Murphy may be obtained by writing to University of Hawaii, Book Store, 1770 East West Road, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822.

Y.B. MAMIYA
President

Editor:

T. K., Anaheim, (Oct. 12 PC Letters) asked about the books on the 442nd RCT and the 100th Inf Battalion.

If T. K. is willing to accept copies and is willing to pay for the copying, I would copy the following two books for him: "Americans, the Story of the 442d Combat Team" by Orville C. Shirley (1946); "The Story of the 442d Combat Team", published by Information-Education Section MTOUSA (Med Theater of Operation, U. S. Army) and compiled by members of the 44nd Combat team.

The total cost for the two copies would be \$10.80. I would also add a 442nd shoulder patch plus a copy of a newspaper clipping from Wyoming about a few members of the 442nd from that state.

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ing—the nuts and bolts of a newspaper, while we were classmates at Belmont High. Sab, who was most responsible for moving PC from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles, tapped me to succeed Larry. "Don't put anything into the PC that's going to land me in jail," he counseled when I began as PC editor. As national president in 1942, Kido had given Larry the same guideline.

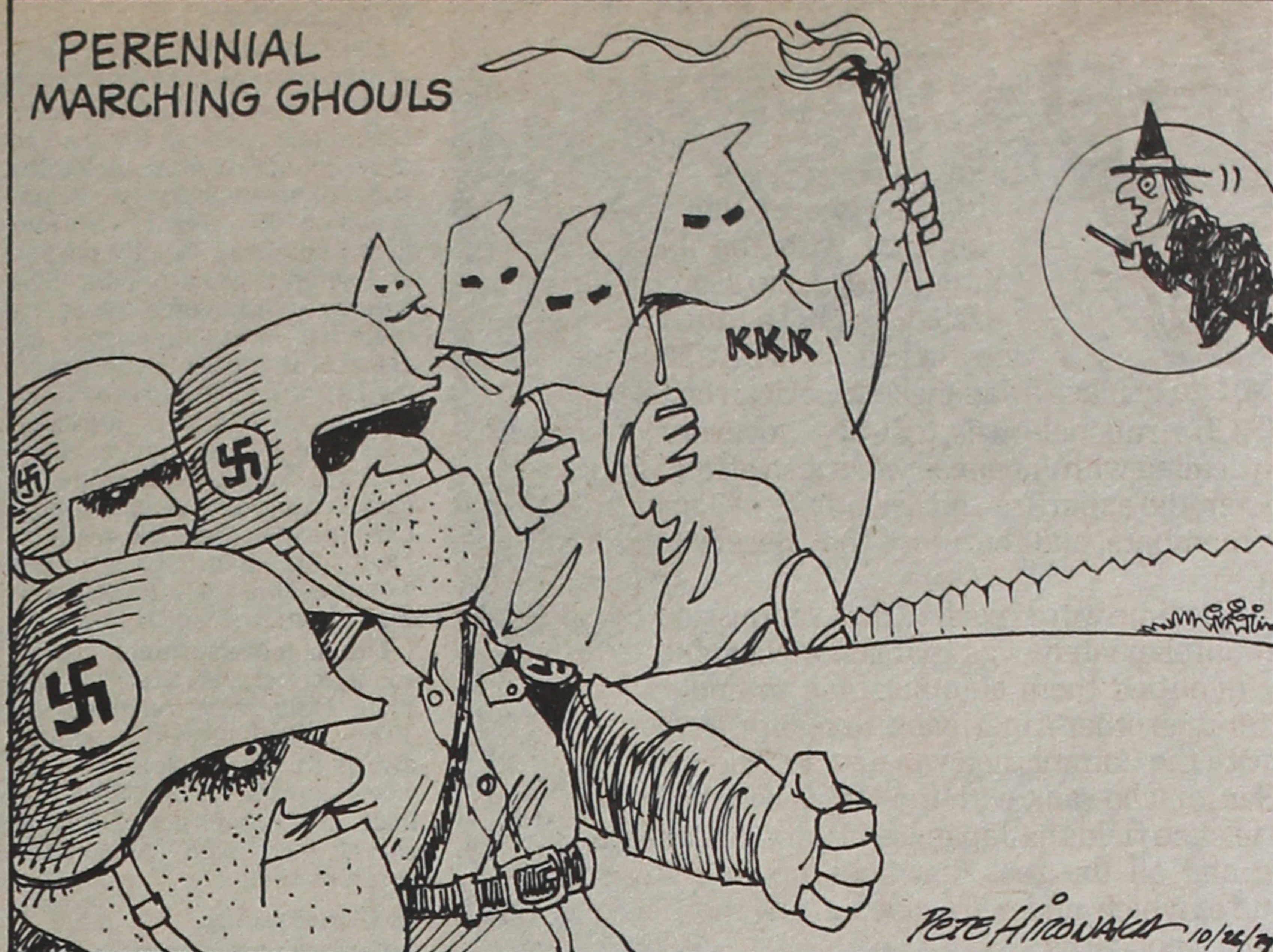
The PC board chairmen of the 1950s and 1960s made sure PC became fiscally stable and maintained its independence. Prestige of past national presidents taking on the role of PC board chairman, Sab Kido, the late George Inagaki, and Dr. Roy Nishikawa in the 1950s turned PC into what it is today for the community and organization. And Dr. David Miura, who had battled convention after convention in the 1950s for "PC w/Membership", was to become PC board chair in the 1960s after the delegates finally agreed with him at the 1960 convention to see that every JAACL household got the PC.

Tats Kushida, JAACL regional director in the 1950s, doubled as PC business manager and columnist par excellence, when PC began its L.A.-run. His efforts proved the potential that PC would be self-supporting in Los Angeles.

JAACLers who go back some 20 years as well as 20 months were in the audience. They were from near and far (i.e., Ira Shimasaki of Washington, D.C., and now in North Hollywood; his brother Tom and Gov. Stan Nagata from Central Cal; from Northern California, Dr. Clifford Uyeda, regional director George Kondo and endowment fund chair Yone Satoda — along with program participants Judge Bill Marutani of Philadelphia and Father Clement of Seattle). The same distinct tingling will be bigger and better at the 1980 national convention in San Francisco.

And to the many who remembered us by letters, wire and support of the PC Golden Anniversary Committee — let me repeat: "Thanks for the wonderful evening!" #

PERENNIAL MARCHING GHOULS



PEPPERMINT WHIRL: K. Patrick Okura

Factors in Aging

• JAACL's aging and retirement committee, chaired by Dr. Minoru Masuda of Seattle, is in the process of submitting a proposal to the (Federal) Administration of Aging to fund a three-year project involving collection of data on Japanese American aging and the optimum ascertainment of Nisei retirement program planning.

Cooperation from all the chapters will be sought. Meanwhile, Pat Okura is reactivating his "Peppermint Whirl" to introduce a series of material being presented at an aging-retirement workshop for his Washington, D.C. JAACL chapter as a prelude to the national JAACL project. As with technical papers of this kind, terminology of necessity will slow down the average PC reader. — Ed.

Washington:

The continual process of aging results in the gradual decline of activities, the physical, social and psychological.

Changes in physical activities due to biologic aging are also reflected in a changing health status, and one's perceptions of health are directly related to the psychological concept of self-satisfaction. Nisei concepts of health as physical and mental fitness, plus emphasis on bodily concerns over the psychological point would imply increasing psychosomatic disorders in aging.

There is a social disengagement with advancing age. Social activities and social roles may be altered in terms of organizational activities, social and recreational activities, productive hours, social contracts, employment and marital, family and kinship relationships. The sum total of these leads to a narrowing social orientation in the world of the elderly as the quantity and quality of social activities change.

Aging imposes, in general, a reduction in social activities in all roles. Reductions in the social world of the aging Nisei place greater strain on their family and kinship system and community activities.

Psychologically, disengagement in aging is a usual, but not always, accomplishment of social disengagement indicates a constriction in psychic "energy", a reduction in the readiness to deal with and take on new challenges, a diminishment of receptivity to new ideas and decline in endorsement of assertive activity. This constriction could lead to styles of thinking which might be called passive or regressive.

Life Satisfaction (L.S.), however defined or measured, can be related to aging. A study of the relative importance of the variables that impinge on L.S. in the

middle-aged and elderly showed that health (self-rated or medically rated) was by far the strongest component to L.S. Other significant correlations were the extent of organizational activity and the sense of internal control of one's life. These significant variables encompass the biological, social, and psychological aspects of life satisfaction.

Neugarten et al focused on the individual personality patterns in the middle-aged and elderly and found that the differences in personality patterns led to differences in satisfaction in aging. They postulated that this was the most important variable in aging around which all others were organized.

These studies have indicated the individual's personality to be the core factor in the challenges of aging. The individual's life style and his coping abilities become even more clearly delineated in aging.

Maddox has shown that there is a clear persistence of life style from the middle-aged to the elderly in terms of activities and life satisfaction. How one has developed, lived, adjusted and coped with environmental challenges are of clear relevance and predictable of how one meets the aging challenge and achieves life satisfaction.

Good life adjustment, according to Kuhlen, is seen as happiness or contentment with a positive regard for self; freedom from handicapping anxiety; a low frustration tolerance; and the ability to deal effectively with stressful situations.

The process of personality formation may be viewed as a continual and changing interaction between the internal and external world. In aging, as in adolescence, there is a need to respond to perceptions of external circumstances. Inasmuch as the aging have a lifetime basis for

evaluations and adaptations, there is a differing and changing basis for assessments and actions.

Neugarten has characterized personality characteristics into two major spheres. The first, called "intrapsychic," has been shown to decline with age. The evidence for this lies in introversion, reduced interest and social interactions, decline in intellectual functioning, increased eccentricity, stereotyping, flattened affect, energy conservation, and avoidance of stimuli. This represents a psychological constriction and a loss of psychobiological life space.

On the other hand, the second personality characteristic, "socio-adaptation," is not seen to decline with age. This reflects the individual's coping style and adaptational behavior. Here the focus is on the purposive processes of personality in which value orientations such as autonomy, resiliency, social adaptability, harmony, etc. are represented. It would seem that this "socio-adaptational" category of personality and life style is all important in the psycho-social adjustments of the aging to the aging process and retirement.

The history of the Nisei as he has coped with the challenges of life such as discrimination, intergenerational conflicts, marital and family relationships, work achievements, social interactions, all point to a coping style of socio-adaptability.

Cross-cultural observations and research have indicated that personality is the child of culture and that, in human development, the personality is the product of a life-long process of interactions of the individual and his society and culture. From this standpoint, it is clear that different cultures and subcultures differ markedly in how society views the elder-



FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

Translation Service Center's role

Denver, Colo.:

It is no secret that some persons connected with the Japan - United States Friendship Commission were puzzled, and not a little amused, when they heard about JACL's effort a year or so ago to place a Japanese American on its board.

JACL's rationale was that any government commission dealing with Japanese American affairs would benefit from the expertise and sensitivity of Japanese American members, and therefore they deserved representation.

By the time word reached the Commission, the impression unfortunately was that some Nisei felt their ethnicity qualified them automatically to understand Japan better than other Americans. In reality, as those connected with the Commission were aware, there are few Nisei or Sansei who rank with top Caucasian American scholars in such fields as Japanese history, art, theater, literature and all the rest that adds up to civilization and culture, which under its charter are the Commission's primary concerns.

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I had occasion to recall this episode a few weeks ago while attending a meeting in Chicago for the American Advisory Committee of an organization known as the Translation Service Center (TSC). This is a project of the Asia Foundation, established in 1978 with funds from the Japan-United States Friendship Commission, the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and Toyota USA. Its purpose is to select representative Japanese writing—what Japanese thinkers, academicians, commentators and journalists are saying to the Japanese people about current issues—to translate these essays and articles, and make them available to American newspapers and magazines.

The goal, of course, is to promote understanding between the two countries. The Japanese get a huge volume of news and information about the United States, but there is a far smaller flow back across the Pacific, and

this was an effort to equalize the exchange.

The American Advisory Committee is a relatively small group of men interested in improving communication and understanding between Japan and the United States. Its chairman is Prof. Robert Scalapino of the University of California, one of the most eminent of American Orientalists. Some of the other members are Ed Kleinjans who heads the East-West Center in Honolulu, David MacEachron who runs the Japan Society in New York, Frank Gibney now of Encyclopedia Britannica but formerly a distinguished magazine correspondent and later a publisher in Japan, Paul Lilienthal of the University of California Press, and Ivan Hall, assistant executive director of the Friendship Commission.

It soon became obvious that, despite my ethnic background and interest in things Japanese, my most valuable function on the Advisory Committee was to explain to the others things I have learned in my profession—the workings of the U.S. newspaper industry and the thinking process of editors. The others knew far more about Japan—from their work, studies and long residence there—than I will ever know.

* * *

Two other ethnic Japanese at the meeting proved particularly valuable. They were Japan-born but completely bilingual professors in American universities—Prof. Akira Iriye of the University of Chicago and Prof. Masao Miyoshi of the University of California. They speak and write in both languages with equal fluency. They could discuss with considerable authority the political leanings of prominent Japanese and American commentators. They could scan leading Japanese magazines of opinion and comment like Chuo Koron and provide a quick evaluation. So they were extremely valuable additions to the meeting.


No doubt there are others like them, including some Nisei, with comparable skills and background. But chances are there aren't many, certainly not among Japanese Americans. And more's the pity.



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EAST WIND: Bill Marutani



Nisei: A Balanced Outlook?

Philadelphia:

MANY OF US no doubt have friends that others would label as "conservative" and some perhaps even "bigoted". Very often, but by no means always, such labels seem to be applied to those who have "made it", who belong to "the establishment", and such other vague and meaningless criteria. Although I've never been quite sure what is meant by "conservative", I do have a fair idea of what is meant by "bigot".

THE DEFINITION FOR the noun "bigot" appears in Webster's as follows:

1. A person who holds blindly and intolerably to a particular creed, opinion, etc.
2. a narrow-minded intolerant person.

The keys are "blindly" and "intolerantly"; otherwise, anyone who has some firm views—and don't we all—would be a bigot. Including myself.

AMONG MY ACQUAINTANCES, including those whom I cherish as close friends, a number of them undoubtedly would be considered as conservative by others. While I am not in the habit of comparing philosophical views with such of my friends, were we to do so, there undoubtedly would be sharp differences exposed. And in many instances, that would be because—believe it or not—my own views would be even more firm, "conservative", than theirs. For example, in the area of civil rights, invoking equal rights without exceptions, without regard to sex, religion, creed, color or station in life, I happen to hold some consistently firm views. Much more stringent and thereby more "conservative", than some of my friends. Or, at least, so I've been charged. Let me hasten to add that even in this area I suffer blind spots. But I am working on it.

THERE ARE ALSO a number of so-

called "liberal" acquaintances who hold, or seem to hold, "blindly and intolerantly to a particular ... opinion" and who, thereby, refuse to countenance any slightly contrary views. I personally find it mighty frustrating to do business with some folks because some cloak themselves in self-anointed righteousness, claiming a monopoly on Truth. And I suppose this writer has, at times, been so charged in the past—and will continue to be. As well as being charged with being a conservative. (To make a self-serving assessment, perhaps that places me in the middle, a "moderate".)

I'VE OFTEN THOUGHT that one's experiences in one's own immediate society, the general milieu of one's own immediate life surroundings, do much to shape one's outlook. Thus, for example, if I were a rancher in some rural area, I undoubtedly would have some gung-ho views quite contrary to a number of philosophical views I presently hold. I'll never know.

THE POINT FOR us Nisei is that many, if not most, of us have experienced both the rural-urban life, poverty-wealth in varying degrees, prejudice-success also in varying degrees. Having been so exposed, hopefully we can more readily understand the status of those in either end of the spectrum and have a balanced socio-economic outlook. Rather than a blindly one-sided view.

The only freedom deserving the name, is that of pursuing our own good in our own way, so long as we do not attempt to deprive others of theirs, or impede their efforts to obtain it. Each is the proper guardian of his own health, whether bodily, or mental and spiritual. Mankind are greater gainers by suffering each other to live as seems good to themselves, than by compelling each to live as seems good to the rest. —JOHN STUART MILL

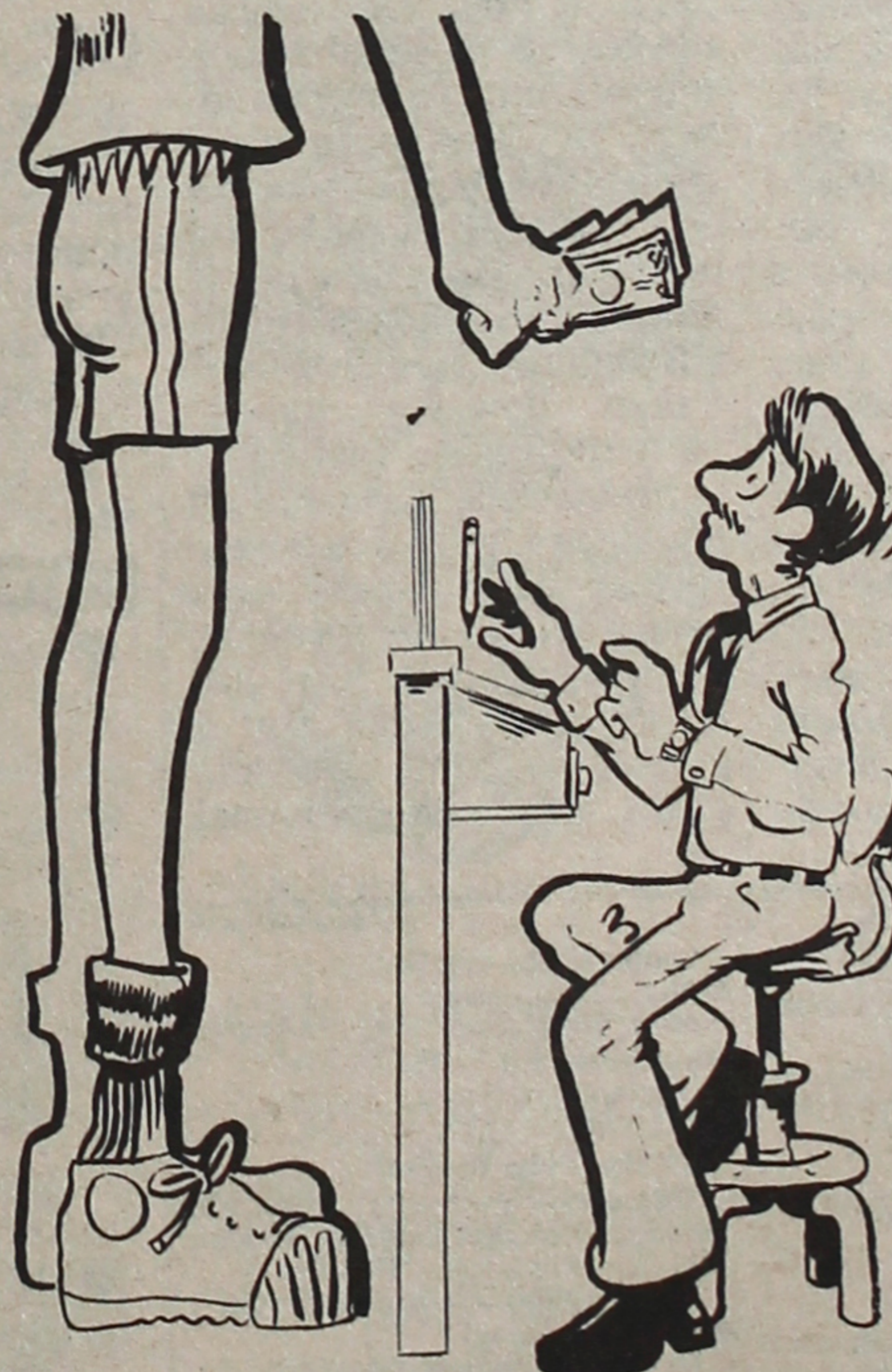
When even one American—who has done nothing wrong—is forced by fear to shut his mind and close his mouth, then all Americans are in peril.

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FROM HEADQUARTERS: Bruce Shimizu

Youth: Pro or Problem

San Francisco:

As we move into the decade of the 1980s, JACL finds itself in a very difficult situation. The JACL leadership is getting older, the programs are beginning to stagnate, and their only hope for the future—the youth aren't interested. In the 1960s, the Jr. JACL was started in the hopes that it would attract the youth into the organization. That program today is known as JACL-JAYS. Through the years this program has faltered and currently the national membership is below 500. At one time the youth program had nearly 2,000 active members. What happened?

For the past three months, I've been working with several JAY and JACL members to determine what happened to the youth program and what we can do to improve it.

On Thursday, Oct. 11, I mailed out to JAYS and JACL chapter presidents, to our National JACL Board, past national presidents, regional directors, district youth commissioners and concerned youth and seniors a copy of the newly proposed national youth program. This proposal, if adopted, by the National Youth Council and the National JACL Council, will replace the current youth program.

This new plan will require the following changes:

Elimination of the JAYS Constitution, JAY membership, JAY chapters and JAY officers at all levels.

In place of that structure, a new youth category of JACL membership, revised student membership, chapter youth program and inclusion of the JACL national youth program in the JACL national constitution and by-laws.

What it does do is give the youth a more active role in JACL and provide for a youth program oriented about the local chapters. This new plan establishes chapter youth program—not separate youth chapters or a separate youth organization—but a JACL-sponsored youth program, activities, etc. These programs will encourage JACL to work with and for the youth—instead of isolating them. JACL is listening to the needs of the membership.

Through your recommendations and suggestions, the national officers and staff are working to better serve the organization.

"Operation '80s" is a long range plan for the entire JACL: the proposed youth program is a part of that plan. If you want more info, please call me at Headquarters. #

PNWDC urges Japanese Americans be named to redress commission

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)

TACOMA, Wa. — A generous representation of national JACL officers was on hand at the Pacific Northwest District meeting on Sept. 30 to report on the latest developments of the internment commission bills, S 1647 and HR 5499, while providing local delegates the opportunity to air their concerns. Urging that the inclusion of Nikkei members in the proceedings was essential, the Pacific Northwesters unanimously recommended that the National Redress Committee advocate for Japanese Americans to be placed on the Wartime Relocation & Internment Commission and/or the upper echelon staff of the Commission.

Washington representative Ron Ikejiri gave a rundown on the current status of legislation in the House, reporting that Reps. Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui had been joined by 110 fellow congressmen in cosponsorship of the House bill. State of

group relationships. The more given to the situation, the greater the need for "on".

My father used to say, "You never know when one must ask a favor from those we thoughtlessly damage, because we, as human beings, are all dependent on one another in efforts to reach a common goal. Bigness without 'on' breeds arrogance of power."

It is a form of grace under pressure that is rooted in "on" to insure group harmony and cooperation at every level of any society.

Words and gestures without "on" are just that—empty. But bigger and better with a dash of "on"—now, that IS something!

Washington representatives were expected to line up with 100% backing. Both Senators Magnuson and Jackson have committed support of S. 1647.

John Tateishi, national redress chair, expressed hope of speedy passage in light of the latest developments and stressed that the national committee was not abandoning their end goal of securing monetary compensation. With the disbanding of the original redress committee, Tateishi defined the newly reorganized lines of authority to fall into three major areas: fund raising and public education to be under his wing and legislative activities under the Washington, D.C. office.

Relevant to public education efforts on redress, Dr. Min Masuda announced that a \$11,200 grant had been awarded by the Washington Commission for Humanities for a project on the effect of Evacuation entitled, "Japanese Americans: A Contemporary Perspective on Internment". Consisting of three all-day public forums,

the program will present an overview of the factual and experiential backgrounds of detention and focus in detail on sociological, psychological, literary, legal, cultural and personal perspectives.

Scheduled to be held in Seattle on Jan. 19, in Spokane on Feb. 2 and Puyallup on Feb. 19, the forums will include a pro and con discussion on the validity of redress. KSTW (11) will be filming the Puyallup program and videotapes will be available for redress education dissemination.

Following a comprehensive presentation by National Executive Director Karl Nobuyuki on the Operations '80 plan, the PNWDC voted unanimously to endorse the concept.

Other issues covered during the eight-hour council session were:

1—Aging & Retirement proposal to Administration on Aging for a 3-year grant of \$415,000 transmitted to national office by Dr. Min Masuda for submission by Nov. 1.

2—Current status of WSU case reported by Denny Yasuhara, with chapter representatives named to mount fund drives.

3—New directions in the Youth Program presented by national youth director Bruce Shimizu.

4—Report on Atomic Bomb Survivors bill in Congress by Ron Ikejiri; on local committee developments by Ken Nakano.

5—Reports on Pacific Asian Elderly by Don Kazama, membership by Emi Somekawa, Pacific Citizen by Cherry Kinoshita, recognitions and nominations by Ed Yamamoto.

6—Nominations for 1980 district officers: Governor—Don Kazama; Vice Gov.—Denny Yasuhara, John Matsumoto; Recording Secy.—Ted Taniguchi; Historian—Dr. James Watanabe, Peg Sargent; and Dr. Richard Doi—open nomination for any position except governor.

7—Seattle Chapter's proposed revisions to national constitution approved for submission to national committee.

8—Introduction of Mark Wada, Portland attorney, as new district redress chr., Kathryn Bannai, Seattle attorney, as chair of district employment discrimination committee, and recommendation for national committee appointment.

9—District office move to Seattle set for Nov. 1, 1979 with budget of \$6,400; new address to be: 318-6th Ave. S., Suite 108, Seattle 98104, additional district funds of \$250 approved for moving expense.

FROM THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Kimi Tambara

With a Dash of 'On'

Portland, Ore:

As the Pacific Northwest district office is about to be relocated from Portland to Seattle, public acknowledgement and recognition is being paid this week to Portland and Gresham-Troutdale members who served on the PNW District Office Committee for their efforts to reopen and maintain the facility for benefit of the district. Chaired by Al Abe, the committee members are H. Hiram Hachiya, Bill Koida, Bill Sugahiro, Shig Nagae and Bones Onishi. Dr. Jim Tsujimura, in his capacity as a National JACL officer, served as adviser.

This committee re-opened the PNW office during the difficult period of a few years back at the National level, and by closely scrutinizing office operations, used this district's minimal allocation to the best interests of membership. Due to their fiscal vigilance, substantial sums of money were allocated to Spokane JACL in the Washington State University matter and to the Seattle

JACL for their Camp Harmony "Day of Remembrance" program. Other sums were allocated within the district. Personnel's salary, although issued by National, came out of the District allocation.

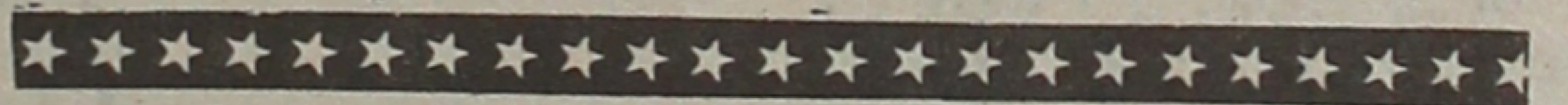
The survival of an organization like JACL is dependent on the quality of volunteerism and promises of bigger and better do not hold up without a touch of "on". Without "on", words and gestures lose substance and meaning. In an open society, "on" loses much in the translation, but in its native culture, this form of human behavior assures the continuation and success of a particular society or group. Taken however lightly, "on" expresses feeling of appreciation, recognition and decency for deeds performed for a benefit of a group, and in this instance, the organization. "On" has no monetary value. But it gives a touch of class and grace to interpersonal

DC JACLers fete Ira Shimasakis

WASHINGTON — Ira and Gladys Shimasaki and her sister, Sada Onoye, were honored by their fellow JACLers at a farewell dinner Sept. 11. Charter members of the chapter, they have moved to North Hollywood.

Ira has the singular distinction of chairing a national JA-

CL committee for three decades—the Arlington National Cemetery Committee, seeing to it that the gravesites of Nikkei war dead at Arlington are remembered and decorated. He also chaired the annual Nisei memorial services here. Key Kobayashi succeeds Ira as committee chair. #



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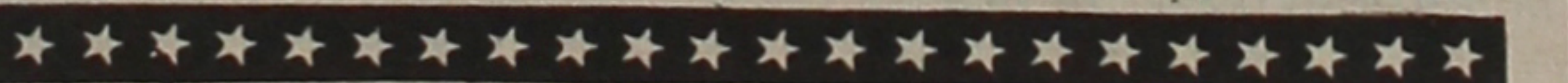
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- OCT. 26 (Friday)
 - Diablo Valley—Luncheon, Adobe S&L, Concord Shpg Ctr, 12n.
 - Marin County—Gen mtg, Hanamoto res, 7:30pm; J.D. Hokoyama, spkr, "Operations 80s".
- OCT. 27 (Saturday)
 - New York—Bazaar, Buddhist Church, 332 Riverside Dr.
 - CCDC—Golf tournament, Sherwood Forest, Sanger.
 - Placer County—39th Goodwill dinner, Buddhist Church, Penryn, 6:30pm; Karl Nobuyuki, spkr.
- OCT. 28 (Sunday)
 - Los Angeles—Little Tokyo health fair, Nishi Hongwanji, 10am-3pm.
 - NC-WNDC—Redress comm, Sattow Bldg, S.Francisco 10am.
- OCT. 29 (Monday)
 - Tulare County—Gen mtg, Visalia Buddhist Church, 7pm.
- NOV. 1 (Thursday)
 - Oakland—Asn Comm Mental Health Sv fund-raiser, Bench & Bar, 5-9pm; Judge Ken Kawaichi, spkr.
- Contra Costa—Bd dnr
- NOV. 3 (Saturday)
 - New York—Gen'l mtg, elections, potluck supper.
 - Dayton—Gen'l mtg.
 - Cerritos—AAUW Faire 79, Park-East Rec Bldg, 10-4pm.
 - Selanoco—New memb potluck, Rio Hondo College Fac Dng Rm, 6:30pm; Phil Shigekuni, spkr, "Redress".
 - Los Angeles—Seinan health fair.
- NOV. 4 (Sunday)
 - NC-WNDC-Watsonville—Qtrly sess, JACL Hall, 9am.
 - Monterey Peninsula—Health clinic.
 - Hoosier—Member pitch-in dnr, Highwoods Pavilion, 2-5pm; J.D. Hokoyama, Bill Yoshino, spkr.
 - Gardena—Poston II Hi reunion comm mtg, Merit S&L, 1:30pm.
- NOV. 7 (Wednesday)
 - Chicago—Bd mtg, JACL Office, 7:30pm.
- NOV. 9 (Friday)
 - Philadelphia—Bd mtg, Kaz Horita res, 8pm.

Books from PC

This supersedes prior lists as items no longer available are deleted.

- Thirty-Five Years in the *Frying Pan*, by Bill Hosokawa. Selections from his popular column in the Pacific Citizen with new background material and a running commentary. \$10.95 (Postage is on the PC on this book.)
- 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.
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MOSHI MOSHI: Jin Konomi

Townsend Harris's 'Geisha'

a concubine. To put it more frankly, as a bed companion.

The story of Tojin Okichi is so well known that retelling it hardly seems necessary. If at all, however, certainly not in the way N. Muramaru did (Japanese Folklore: The Story of Tojin Okichi. *Asahi Evening News*, May 16, 1979)—completely bowdlerized. So I was frankly puzzled why that sort of article was published in the *Asahi* in the first place. A sudden whimsical thought occurred as I read it (as reprinted in the *Hokubei Mainichi*), and I could not help breaking out in a smile. Supposing a child was discoursing on the mystery of life by the parable of bees and flowers. Would not a parent, overhearing it, feel as I did?

Okichi was not hired as a chambermaid, as Mr. Muramaru has it. She was hired as

In 1856, Townsend Harris, 51, and the most experienced China and Far East hand of the State Department, arrived in Shimoda, on the southern tip of the Izu Peninsula, about a hundred miles by land from Edo, then the *de facto* capital of Japan. By the Treaty of Kanagawa of two years earlier, Shimoda had been designated as the only open port nearest Edo. Harris' announced mission was to revise and expand the treaty which had left many problems and issues unresolved. With him was Henry Heusken, a 25-year-old Dutchman, who acted as his secretary and interpreter.

They were quartered in the Gyokusenji, a Buddhist temple some distance outside the town of Shimoda, and there established the first consulate general of America in Japan.

The negotiations were hard and frustrating all the way. One of the chief difficulties was language. American proposals and demands were translated into Dutch and presented to the Japanese. Japanese responses, which were often stallings and demurrers and excuses, were translated into Dutch and handed to Heusken. But the Dutch used by the Japanese was at least 200 years out of date and lacked the vocabulary of modern diplomacy and commerce. The frustration often made Harris angry. The Japanese found him a formidable *tojin* to cope with.

The term *tojin* can stand a bit of clarification. It was during the Tang Dynasty (618-907) that Japan had the most active relationship with China. Through all changes of dynasties, the Japanese always called the Chinese *tojin*, meaning a man of Tang. Later all foreigners came to be called *tojin*.

When the Europeans began to drop in on Japanese shores, the Japanese coined the word *ketojin*, meaning hairy *tojin*. At this time in Japanese history, the foreigners who had the greatest impact on the Japanese consciousness were the westerners. So *ketojin* came to mean hairy foreigners.

It must have been with considerable relief that the Japanese officials received a request from the American consulate for two young women. One was ostensibly to nurse Harris—according

to the Japanese record—as he was at this time in impairing health. Having had the experience of entertaining the officers and men of the four American ships at Uraga two years previously, this was one aspect of international diplomacy they could handle with competence. They were mighty happy to have now a means of mollifying Harris.

There was one difficulty. In those days the Japanese in general regarded the *tojin* with a fear, abhorrence, and mistrust that verged on the pathological. Physical contact with them was considered polluting—much as Portnoy's mother felt about the black people—and for women especially it was the lowest degradation. Two years previously one courtesan of Yokohama committed suicide in protest when ordered to serve a *tojin*. Her swan song is the famous 31-syllable poem that goes something like this:

Ominaeshi of Japan shrinks even from dew.

Why should she let her sleeve get wet by the falling *amerika*? *Ominaeshi* (*Patria scabiosaefolia*) is one of the seven flowering herbs of the autumn. With its clusters of appealing yellow florets, it was widely loved, but for some obscure reason it has always symbolized the prostitute. *Amerika* is a play on the word *ame*, rain.

But you must make allowances. When profit was involved, some Japanese could forget the prejudice. Proprietors of the brothels of Ura-

ga were willing enough to entertain the officers and men of the Perry fleet. The inmates, though reluctant at first, were compliant.

But Shimoda was not as sophisticated as Edo and Yokohama. Being so far out of the main current of national commerce, its xenophobia was intense. When the town officials began looking for likely girls, they found a townful of nubile maidens, all unwilling to cooperate. So the choice settled on Okichi, 17, and Ofuku, 15, both daughters of widows in reduced circumstances.

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JAPAN TODAY

● Japan

An Osaka sushi take-out chain, Kozo-sushi, plans to open its first U.S. shop in Hawaii come spring, then move on to the West Coast and to Taiwan. It has about 1,700 outlets in Japan.

The Concorde supersonic jetliner maintains a regular schedule between London and Singapore. The Nagasaki city administration called on Singapore Airlines and British Airways to extend flight of the controversial aircraft (because of its noise) to Nagasaki. The Concorde flew to Tokyo last June when French President d'Estaing attended the economic summit meeting.

Japan Hang Gliders Assn. says over 4,000 are now in their sports clubs, which has become subject to police demands that some legal regulations be established because of the increasing number of death falls and injuries.

Japanese expand overseas schools

TOKYO—The Education Ministry will build seven more new schools overseas for children of Japanese nationals, bringing the total number to 69. Schools will be opened in Hamburg, Medan (Indonesia), Taichung, Vitoria (Brazil), Santiago, Prague and Dubai. Of the 24,000 children overseas, half are studying at Japanese schools, officials said.



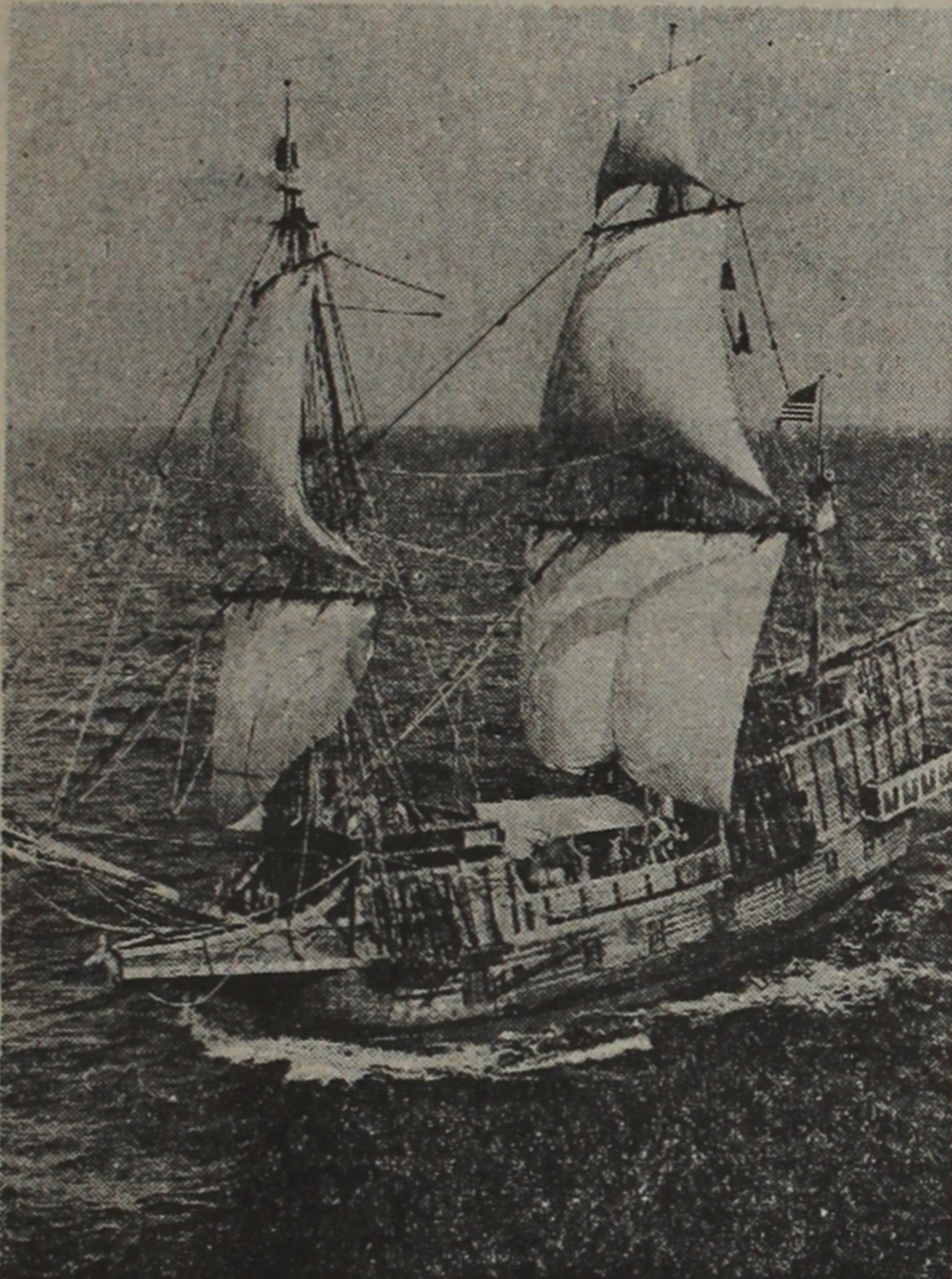
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