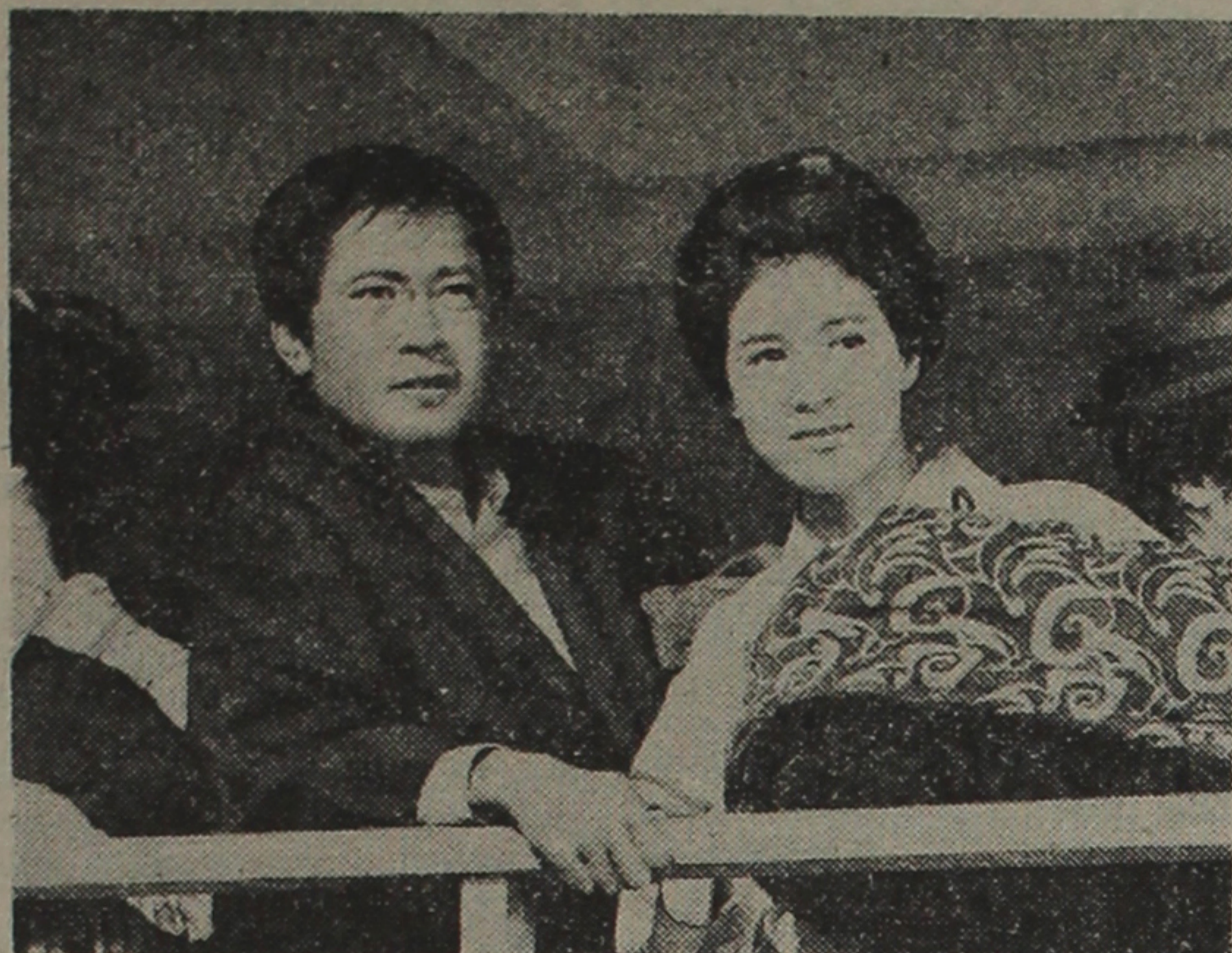


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Kinya Kitaoji (left) and Yukiyo Toake star in NHK-TV's "Story of America", which was aired prime-time on NHK General channel.

NHK 'Story of America' tells drama of Issei-Nisei-Sansei

By MAS MANBO

TOKYO—"Amerika Monogatari (Story of America)" was aired in prime time by NHK, the Japan Broadcasting Corporation, starting Oct. 16 and there seems to be little doubt that the four-part series had received a high viewer rating. Everyone this reporter asked replied that he had seen at least part of the series. And there were a number who said they had taken in the "Roots"-like film even before being asked.

The series, running 80 minutes per segment, starting at 7:30 p.m.—with no distracting ads between—was about the joys and sorrows of three generations of Japanese in the United States.

The story opened with a young Japanese picture bride from a poverty-stricken village in Yamaguchi Prefecture going to Hawaii to marry a man she had never seen in the flesh. On board the ship taking the girl named Ryo to her destination at the end of the Meiji era is her younger brother Kokichi, headed for the U.S. mainland to seek his fortune.

Ryo settles down with her husband working in the sugar cane fields in the Hawaiian Islands. Her brother Kokichi winds up on a farm in Fresno, Calif.

The film traces the lives of the two main characters,

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played by Yukiyo Toake and Kinya Kitaoji, through old age in America. In the last installment of the series, Kokichi is in Los Angeles at the ripe old age of 90, together with a son in the gardening business and his family.

The four-part series was especially reminiscent for a person who had gone through at least part of the Nikkei experiences.

Pictured was discrimination, the "No Japs wanted" sign, the firing of shots at the homes of Japanese. There was Pearl Harbor, the son in Japan drafted by the Army, and the son in the U.S. volunteering for military service. There was also the goodwill shown by sympathetic white friends toward Japanese heading for the Manzanar relocation center.

Carrying on after the Pacific War, the series wound up with shots of Nisei Week in L.A. and a mixed marriage for Kokichi's clan.

The picture should have served plenty in giving an idea of the experiences of the Japanese in America.

One who could relate with the relocation shots was Frank Shori Hiraide, a newsman employed by Kyodo News Service. He was in Manzanar before becoming a "Yankee Samurai", a member of a Nisei intelligence team during the war.

Hiraide said he thought the story seemed okay but there was a bit too much histrionics in the series.

This was noticeable especially in the scene in which Kokichi makes bounding leaps for joy while hurrying home upon learning that he had become a father. Such show of emotion just didn't seem to fit the average Japanese Issei in America. However, you could call it dramatic license.

The director of the series was Sota Yamamoto and the original story was written by Taichi Yamada.

Hara polls 63,000 to win treasurer seat

SEATTLE, Wa.—A tempestuous campaign for the office of city treasurer here culminated in Lloyd Hara, 39, emerging victorious in the Nov. 6 elections over assistant city treasurer George Cooley by a vote of 63,450 - 56,178.

It scrapped the usual ho-hum campaigns of the past five elections for the position which saw the assistant city treasurer being moved up to city treasurer, now a \$40,000 a year job. When Hara resigned in June, 1978, as King County auditor, an appointive post after almost nine years of watchdogging purse strings and programs for the county council, he vowed to end the "good ol' boy" system and offer the city voters a choice.

In the September primaries, Hara had finished second 10,000 votes behind Cooley in a three-man battle.

The son of the James Haras, Lloyd was graduated in 1958 from

Seattle's Roosevelt High, pursuing a doctorate in public administration at the Univ. of Washington, lives on Queen Anne Hill with his wife and family of three children. He is a past Seattle JACL board member and was chairman of a federally-funded Asian employment facility almost continuously since its inception.

In San Mateo County, Tad Masaoka was unsuccessful in his first bid for public office, one of three seats on the San Mateo Community College district board. He had amassed some 35,000 votes—about 10,000 shy to place.

In Los Angeles County, Mas Odoi of Gardena, who has entered in a number of election races, failed in his latest bid for the vacant seat on the Los Angeles Board of Education. Odoi polled 3,926 votes (1%) and was 17th in the field of 23 candidates.

Incumbent Budd Takata of the Hawthorne school board was re-elected with 2,560 votes (42%) to one of two positions.

Aki Watanabe of Baldwin Park finished fourth in an eight-way contest for three vacancies on the Baldwin Park school board.

Nisei know 'first hand' agonies of hostages in Iran

Special to The Pacific Citizen
SAN FRANCISCO — A local TV station last week (Nov. 9) asked Dr. Clifford Uyeda, national JACL president, for his reaction "to what is happening to Iranian students in the U.S."

Since the seizure of the American embassy in Tehran by Muslim students on Nov. 4, as many as 60 of the staff, most of them American and including at least 10 U.S. marines, have been held hostage. During the week that followed, appeals and efforts for release of the hostages were mixed with screaming Americans slugging and kicking Khoumaini backers here in the U.S.

The display of hysteria and anger evident on TV news coverage of the demonstrations in Beverly Hills and Washington,

(The Iranian community in Southern California, estimated between 70,000 and 100,000, is concentrated in the Bel-Air / Beverly Hills area and believed to be the largest inside the U.S.—Ed.)

Rep. Matsui gains new comm. seat

WASHINGTON — Freshman Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-Cal.) gave up his membership in the House Judiciary Committee for an important seat on the House Interstate and Commerce Committee on Oct. 31.

Commerce is considered a prize assignment since the committee handles about half the bills in the House and has extremely broad jurisdiction including energy, health, transportation, communications and financial issues. #

Wendy 'has paid her penalty'

REDWOOD CITY, Ca. — The Peninsula Times Tribune, in its editorial of Oct. 20, commented Wendy Yoshimura "has paid her penalty" and that the "two years behind the walls" since her arrest in 1975 with Patricia Hearst "seems plenty for her".

The Times Tribune had noted the Community Release Board in an extraordinary session on Oct. 12 voted 2 to 1 not to extend her two-year prison term, which ends next September. #

according to the TV newsman, had a "parallel with ... what happened to Japanese Americans here after Pearl Harbor."

Uyeda shot back, "There's no parallel!"

Uyeda said he felt this again was an example of the misunderstanding and gross ignorance of Japanese American history still being prevalent in the U.S.

Whereas Iranian students are in the U.S. as temporary guests, Uyeda explained that "we were American citizens" whose sentiments at the time of Pearl Harbor was in support of the U.S. against Japanese military imperialism in the Far East. Iranian students in the U.S. were demonstrating in support of the humiliations inflicted upon American hostages in Iran, Uyeda added.

"If visiting foreign students learn anything of value here, it is the compassion for innocent victims and those suffering for whatever reason," Uyeda said. "These students should be at the forefront of those demanding release and safe return of the hostages to their families."

Uyeda said Americans of Iranian ancestry, although deeply concerned with the safety of Americans held captive in Tehran, are also being made victims of anti-Iranian

sentiment, "but that's another story". By week's end, Iranian Americans and other students were voicing their contempt of the anti-U.S. demonstrations.

"Our hearts reach out to these fellow Americans who are abused," Uyeda concluded. "We know their agonies from first-hand experience." #

CCDC confab adds workshop on women needs in education

FRESNO, Ca. — The Central California JACL District Convention here this weekend, Nov. 17-18, has been expanded to include a spot on the program which would be of interest to JACL women (non-members and Asian/Pacific American women as well).

The Women's Workshop will be in two parts. Kay Kodama is coordinator.

One segment will have a guest speaker, Dr. Merry Salehi, a charter member on the Fresno City and County Commission on the Status of Women and chairwoman during its very difficult first year, who will cover how the commission began and how it functions. She teaches courses in woman and child psychology at California State University Fresno and is presently chair of the Psychology Department.

The second segment involves a short presentation and discussion to inform JACL women about a project

funded by the U.S. Dept. of Education. Dr. Tin Myaing Thien, national coordinator and director of Educational Designs, Inc., USC, UCLA, the State Commission on the Status of Women, Asian/Pacific Women's Caucus and others are participating to carry out a conference as one phase of this project. The project is designed to focus on educational needs of Asian/Pacific girls and women.

A February-March conference in Los Angeles will bring Asian/Pacific women from throughout the state together to express their views on these questions.

The main convention speaker will be Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Cal.) of Sacramento at the Sunday banquet. Karl Nobuyuki, national executive director, will address the Saturday dinner meeting. Bruce Shimizu, national youth director, will lead a workshop on the role of JAYS.

Conference registration is \$18 per person at the door.

Nob Doi, CCDC vice-governor, expects a large turnout at the Sunday banquet and invited all those interested to learn more about the Japanese American Citizens League to attend the sessions starting Saturday night. Gov. Stanley Nagata will preside at the business meetings.

Funds sought for Puyallup plaque

SEATTLE, Wa. — Lack of funds has stymied efforts to erect a historical landmark monument at the Western Washington Fairgrounds in Puyallup, where some 7,000 persons of Japanese ancestry were assembled during 1942 and detained because of Executive Order 9066.

The state historical society has designated the area, once known as Camp Harmony, as a historical site. Fair directors have endorsed placing the monument inside the main gate. #



CITIZEN OF THE MONTH—Michael H. Ishikawa, Sr., charter member of San Diego JACL, receives Citizen of the Month (September, 1979) honors from San Diego County Board of Supervisors. Congratulating him are Supervisor Jim Bates and Ishikawa's wife Emiko. He was cited for his life-long contributions to the Japanese American community and also recognized JACL's role in the area.

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Seattle to host PNW session

SEATTLE, Wa. — The Pacific Northwest District Council meeting here Dec. 8-9 at the Nisei Veterans Committee clubhouse, 1212 S. Main St., will feature election of district officers, an update on the new regional office here, committee reports and redress.

Seattle JACL is hosting the overnight meeting with chapter president Martin Matsu-daira in charge.

PNW chapters delegates were reminded floor nominations will be accepted for all board positions except for governor. Regular meeting will start on Sunday, 9 a.m., break for a noon bento prepared by Uwajimaya. #

FROM NO. CAL-WESTERN NEVADA: George Kondo



Watsonville's Work & Worth

agricultural products. It produces one-half of the State's strawberries and is No. 1 in the Nation's frozen food industry.

The first Japanese to arrive and settle in Watsonville was Sakuyo Kimura and Mrs. Fumiko Izumisaki (who is still active) was the first woman and a graduate of the local high school in 1914.

Watsonville Chapter is community oriented and was chartered in 1934. Twelve years ago when there was a fund drive to build a local hospital, Japanese American participation was recognized as: "Had the community as a whole contributed as did the Japanese American community the goal

would have been reached two-fold".

The JACL Hall was purchased in July of 1976 and first meeting to organize a building fund drive was held in October of the same year. Within four months the mortgage on the building was paid in full. Presently the Hall is used primarily by the senior citizens who number 40 to 50. Their activities are directed by Mr. Izuka. A group of talented singers from these senior citizens entertained the delegates during lunch which was deliciously prepared by the members of the Watsonville Chapter.

Delegates from 28 of the dis-

trict's 31 chapters were in attendance. The absentees were Cortez, Oakland & Reno Chapters. The main concern of the agenda was the District's recommendation for change in the National JACL Constitution and By-Laws. So intense was the interest of the delegates that time was insufficient to resolve this item. Consequently, a special meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 18, at the Masao Satow Building so that the recommendations can be sent to the National Constitutional Revision Committee by the Nov. 28 deadline.

Eden Township and the Solano County Chapters were awarded the 1978 Scrapbook of the Year recognition. The 1978 "Arigato" recognition was awarded to Frank Hiya-ma, who was responsible for the successful Tule Lake Plaque and Monument Dedication project as well as for his exemplary community involvement.

Mrs. Beatrice Kono, Wilson Makabe, Dr. Yosh Nakashima, William Nakatani and Hiroshi Morodomi were selected for 2-year terms on the NC-WNDC Executive Board. They will complement incumbents Ben Takeshita, Dr. Tom Taketa, Ozzie Imai, Charles Kubokawa, George Baba, Ms. Margaret Morodomi, Don Ito, Ich Nishida and Nori Tashima.

Thank you, Watsonville Chapter, for hosting a most successful and enjoyable District Council meeting. We shall meet again there in eight years at which time we hope to hear additional good reports on your service to the Japanese Americans as well as to the total community. #

JACL Briefs

International Relations—Revisions to PL 94-118, the Japan-U.S. Friendship Act, are currently being studied by the JACL International Relations Committee, including the expansion of the Friendship Commission which develops and carries out program to include "four native-born Americans of Japanese ancestry". Chairman Chuck Kubokawa has asked committee members to comment by Dec. 1.

NC-WNDC's constitutional revision committee, being unable to finish its agenda at the Nov. 4 session at Watsonville, will meet to draft its recommendations this Sunday, Nov. 18, 10 a.m., at the Masao Satow Bldg., San Francisco. All chapters are expected to be present, regional director George Kondo added.

Nat'l membership, as of Oct. 31, reached 29,849 or 94% of the 1978 total of 31,545. There were 2,136 active in the 1000 Club. The district breakdown follows:

	1978	1979
Pac Northwest	1,993	1,889
No Cal-W Nev	12,739	12,050
Central Cal	1,796	1,748
Pac Southwest	9,439	8,858
Intermountain	1,417	1,327
Mtn Plains	700	647
Midwest	2,438	2,270
Eastern	1,000	1,015
Others	23	45
TOTALS:	31,545	29,849

FROM THE MIDWEST: Bill Yoshino

Orbiting the Midwest

Enroute to Minneapolis As this article is being written we are airborne somewhere between Milwaukee and Minneapolis. J.D. Hoko-yama, his wife, Theresa, and I began this journey in Chicago on October 30 and will complete it with a visitation to the Twin Cities chapter on Nov. 8. In all, we will have visited nine chapters in 10 days.

The purpose of this whirlwind visitation is multifold: to

update the chapters on the status of the national organization; to demonstrate a much-needed national presence; to unfold the exciting program of "Operation '80s" and most importantly to allow each chapter to air their concerns regarding the workings and purposes of JACL.

At this point we have nearly completed our itinerary and certain Midwest attitudes have become evident to J.D.

The pressures faced by JACL chapters in the Midwest differ from those of the West Coast. JACL in most cases is the only Japanese American organization in many Midwest cities, thus the local chapter is forced into the situation of being all things to all people.

Also, it was echoed time and again throughout this visitation that the Midwest membership expects national staff to take a more active leadership role and, in fact, is under the assumption that staff pro-

vides that function in terms of facilitating the formulation of policy-making. The general tone is that policy is formed by staff when in fact the structure of the organization precludes this.

Among the over-riding concerns is the defined purpose of the organization and the extent to which JACL is fulfilling that purpose. Has the purpose of the organization changed and what is it to become? This, in light of the Midwest concern of bi-racial marriages, the new Issei, permanent residents and other Asian groups. The Midwest has been forced to deal with these issues beyond, it seems, the scope of the organization.

The Midwest may be more realistic in terms of the transition of the organization from Nisei to Sansei. It was brought out at one chapter that the prevailing attitude is that the Nisei simply don't trust the Sansei; that the Nisei simply do not want to let go. This is not to say the Nisei should become inactive as members, but that they should be involved and

support the emerging leadership.

Given the opportunity, the chapter members have been only too happy to voice their concerns regarding JACL. The questions we have encountered have been pointed and difficult. As an organization, JACL has come under some criticism. This criticism, however, is constructive and shows a genuine concern for the organization. #

Deaths

Kenzo Ogasawara, 80+, former editor-publisher of the Rocky Mountain Jihō, Denver, died Oct. 13 in Kumamoto, Japan. He had returned to Japan 11 years ago.

Mrs. Sugi Togasaki, 91, San Jose, Ca., died Nov. 1. Longtime Berkeley resident and widow of Issei pioneer Kikumatsu Togasaki of San Francisco, she had been living with her only son Shinobu. Also surviving are stepchildren Dr. Kiyoshi (Tokyo), Dr. Kazuyue, Dr. Teru (San Francisco), Susumu (Berkeley), Dr. Yoshiye (Lafayette) and Yaye (New York).

Mrs. Tsuru Matsui, 93, Sacramento, Ca., died Oct. 31. She was the grandmother of Rep. Robert Matsui. Surviving are s Noboru, Yasuji, Jimmy, d Miyoko Takehara, Nancy Sanjo, gc and ggc.

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ABC-TV's 'HOW THE WEST WAS WON'

'China Girl' segment angers Nisei

SAN FRANCISCO—On April 16, ABC-TV's *How the West Was Won* segment, "China Girl", was aired though Noriko (Sawada) Bridges did not see it. On a Sunday in June while a guest at a ranch barbecue in Sonoma, two boys, 5 and 8, saw her from an upstairs window and yelled, "China girl", at her. And they continued to mutter "China girl" each time they came near her and then run away giggling.

Finally, in late September, Bridges learned that executive producer John Mantley (who touted the episode as a "Chinese Roots") had brushed aside objections to its racist nature from the Asian American communities in Los Angeles and San Francisco. That enraged the Nisei woman to protest.

"I didn't stand a chance. Before I got to the barbecue, you

(the presidents of 10 major U.S. corporations sponsoring the TV series) had poisoned their minds against me," Bridges complained in her letter.

Mantley's subtlety "was lost on the children" and the youngsters had identified the middle-aged Nisei woman with a debased Chinese girl of the production, the letter pointed out.

"You bought a million dollars worth of ill will by sponsoring *China Girl*... I did not see the show, but it wounded me deeply...

"I am sick of being stereotyped and quietly 'taking it', Bridges wrote and adding she was, at the same time, asking her friends through the vernacular press to join in a boycott of their product.

Bridges charged the show with disseminating racism and prejudice and warping

young minds. The sponsors were also blamed for being associated with a show that denigrated the Asian woman, Asians in general and women as well.

The protests were sent to the presidents of the following companies:

Armour & Co., Chrysler Corp., Colgate-Palmolive Co., General Motors Corp., Gillette Co., B.F. Goodrich Co., Holiday Inns, Honda Motor Co., Ltd., Mennen Co., and Joseph Schlitz Brewing Co. #

Mazda pays false advertising claim

LOS ANGELES—Mazda Motors of America agreed Nov. 1 to pay \$400,000 to settle a false advertising case brought by the Los Angeles City Attorney's office over rotary engine problems in Mazda automobiles.

City Attorney Burt Pines said the settlement was the largest ever reached by his office. He said 310 claimants driving the 1970-73 models will be reimbursed from between \$43 and \$1,100.

Radio-TV

Wakako Yamauchi's play, "And the Soul Shall Dance", produced by Hollywood Television Theater, was repeated by KCET (the Los Angeles PBS station) four times during the week of Nov. 11, starting at 10 p.m.; then Nov. 14, 2:30 a.m.; Nov. 15, 2 a.m.; and Nov. 16, 3:30 a.m. (KCET is now on 24-hours.)

Tokunaga in charge of Alb. FBI office

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Don S. Tokunaga, 41, has been appointed assistant special agent in charge of the FBI Office here by FBI Director William H. Webster. The Colorado-born Nisei had been in charge of the Equal Employment Opportunity Office in Washington, D.C.

A 11-year veteran of the FBI, he also served in San Antonio and Los Angeles; is a graduate from Colorado State University and a Navy veteran. #

Cooking class

LOS ANGELES — Matao Uwate's latest Japanese cooking classes at Zenshuji feature holiday foods: (1) Monday—Party appetizers and dishes from Nov. 19, (2) Wednesday—sushi from Nov. 28; and (3) Saturday—sushi from Dec. 1.

Staff job open for JACL study of middle-aged and aging Nikkei

SEATTLE, Wa. — Minoru Masuda, Ph.D., has just received a federal three-year grant to study middle aged and aging Japanese Americans. He is now soliciting applications for a full time program assistant. Project start date is Dec. 1, pending funding.

The position requires knowledge of and sensitivity to the Nisei experience, a strong background in social science (M.A. or B.A. with research experience) interviewing experience with capability of relating to Nisei, and lack of close personal contact with the Seattle Japanese American community.

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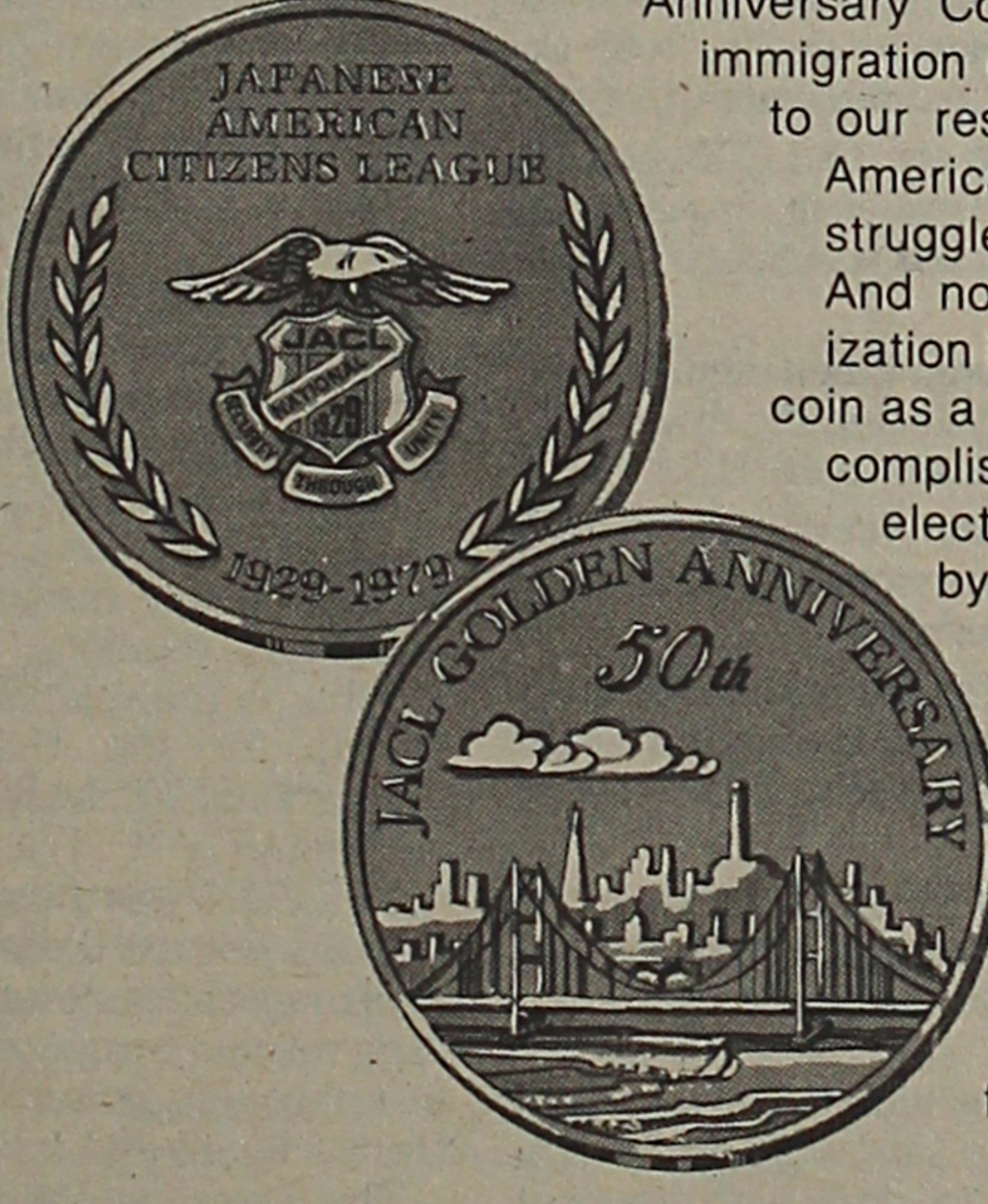
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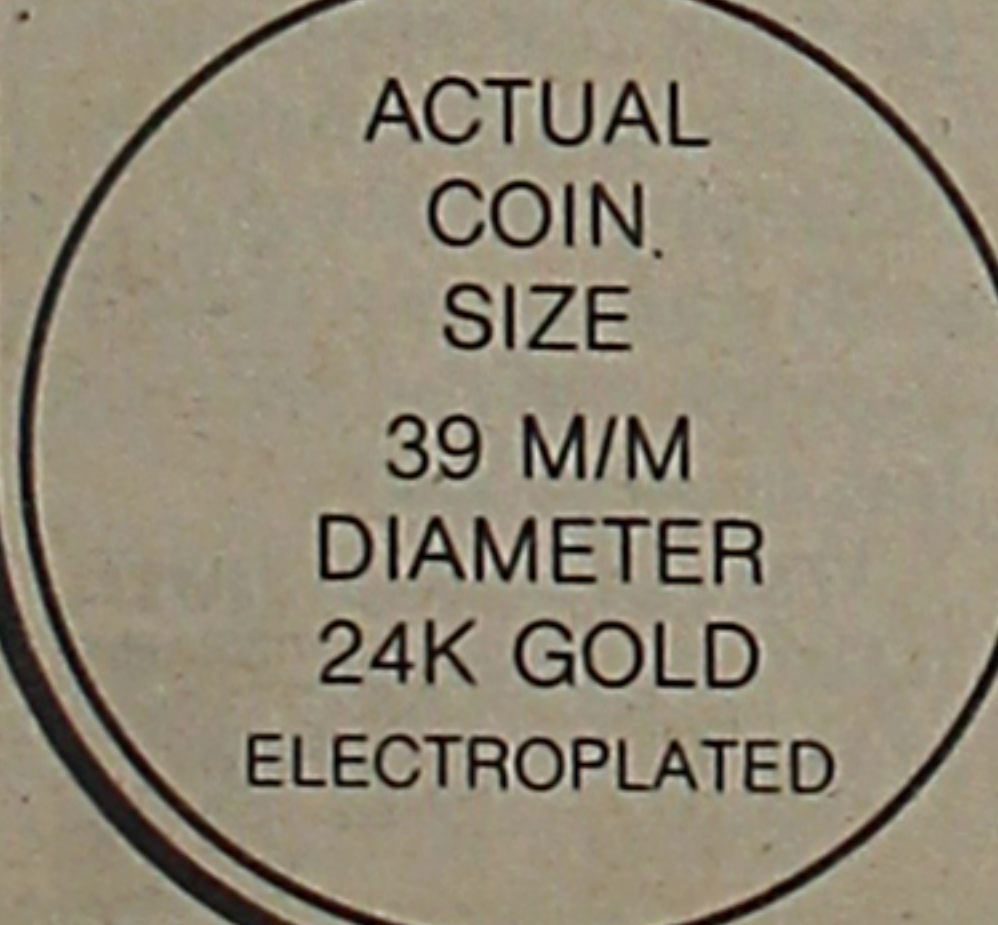
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In number, the Japanese Americans represent a mere 0.2 of 1% of the American population. Jewish Americans represent 2½%. Both are tiny minorities.

The National Executive Council of the American Jewish Committee (AJC) met in San Francisco recently. JACL was privileged to be represented on the dais at the gala dinner held at the Grand Ballroom of the Fairmont Hotel.

Jacob Timerman was honored with AJC's Human Relations Media Award. He was a former editor and publisher of La Opinion in Buenos Aires. Even with the Argentina's Supreme Court ruling in his favor he still remained imprisoned for 2½ years for his campaign for political and human rights.

The anguish he communicated to the audience of 600 was that he feared that his thanks will reflect his happiness of being free more than the terrible sorrow of those who are still imprisoned as political prisoners.

He further remarked that a moral courage of small groups such as the AJC can save more lives and establish bases for co-existence better than governments and international institutions such as the United Nations. Mere size does not reflect either the power or the will to do justice.

Jews have fought against intolerance for over 3,000 years. They understand what it means to face outright as well as subtle discriminations. They have dipped deep into their culture and talent for strength, and have continued to champion the oppressed. JACL, like AJC, can and must assume leadership within our own sphere to fight for human rights and against intolerance. #



YE EDITOR'S DESK: Harry Honda

Mexican Nikkei

Our peripatetic personality Chuck Kubokawa happily combines not only his profession as a scientist with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) but ties in JACL with his personal interests on

the many trips he takes around the country or out of the country. For instance, during his recent venture into Mexico, he learned the Nikkei in Mexico have an organization comparable to JACL and that there are about 10,000 persons of Japanese ancestry living in Mexico City.

Kubokawa had requested contacts from us prior to his going to Mexico but our best bet—Frank Fukazawa—had since returned to Japan. It was while Fukazawa was in Mexico City to establish the Ajinomoto Co. there about a decade ago that he was asked to report on the Japanese in Mexico and we dubbed his column, "El Pimentero" (Pepper Shaker).

One of the earliest Issei pioneers in Mexico was the late Tatsugoro Matsumoto, who died in May, 1955, at age 91. He had emigrated to Peru in 1885, moved to Mexico in 1889 and became best known for his flower-growing enterprise. At the time of his death, his estate was reputed to be worth \$8 million—perhaps making him one of the richest Issei anywhere.

Matsumoto's Tokyo-born son Sanshiro helped build the Nihonjin Kaikan, established a Japanese language school in Mexico City, financed Japanese relocated during WW2 from the coastal states to start businesses in Mexico City and in 1965 at age 72 was decorated by the Japanese government for his work with the Japanese in Mexico.

Mexico should always have a special place in the minds of all Japanese in the North and South Americas for historically, the first Japanese to have crossed the Pacific Ocean landed in Acapulco in August, 1610, planning to establish trade routes between New Spain and the Orient. Three years later, another Japanese ship landed at Acapulco with an emissary (Tsunenaga Hasekura) bound for Rome. Please note: the years predate the landing of Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower at Plymouth Rock. #

35 Years Ago

in the Pacific Citizen

- NOV. 18, 1944
- Nov. 9—Davis County (Utah) PTA votes 4-1 to hire Nisei nurse for county health program.
- Nov. 11—Nisei battle casualties in Vosges mountains mount in late October, over 60 families in relocation camps notified by

- War Dept.
- Nov. 13—NBC commentator Larry Smith asserts "all disloyal Japanese should be compelled and all loyal persons of Japanese ancestry asked to return to Japan after the war" during war loan speech at Fresno school.

PC w/Membership Announcement

JACL Headquarters is about to dispatch 1980 Membership blanks, brochures and cards to the Chapters. One key change in procedure will be forwarding the WHITE COPY of the membership form to the Pacific Citizen office. That tells us the member is either New (and to start the PC subscription immediately) or Renewing (and to extend the PC subscription another 12 months.)

As the newsprint crunch continues, the PC cannot accommodate and honor any chapter request "not to kill" subscriptions pending renewal. Individual members can determine the expiration date by checking their address label.

It is also PC policy to keep chapter membership chairpersons regularly informed by an "Immediate Action" letter of members whose subscriptions are about to expire 30 days prior to insure against any unintended cutoffs. —Editor.

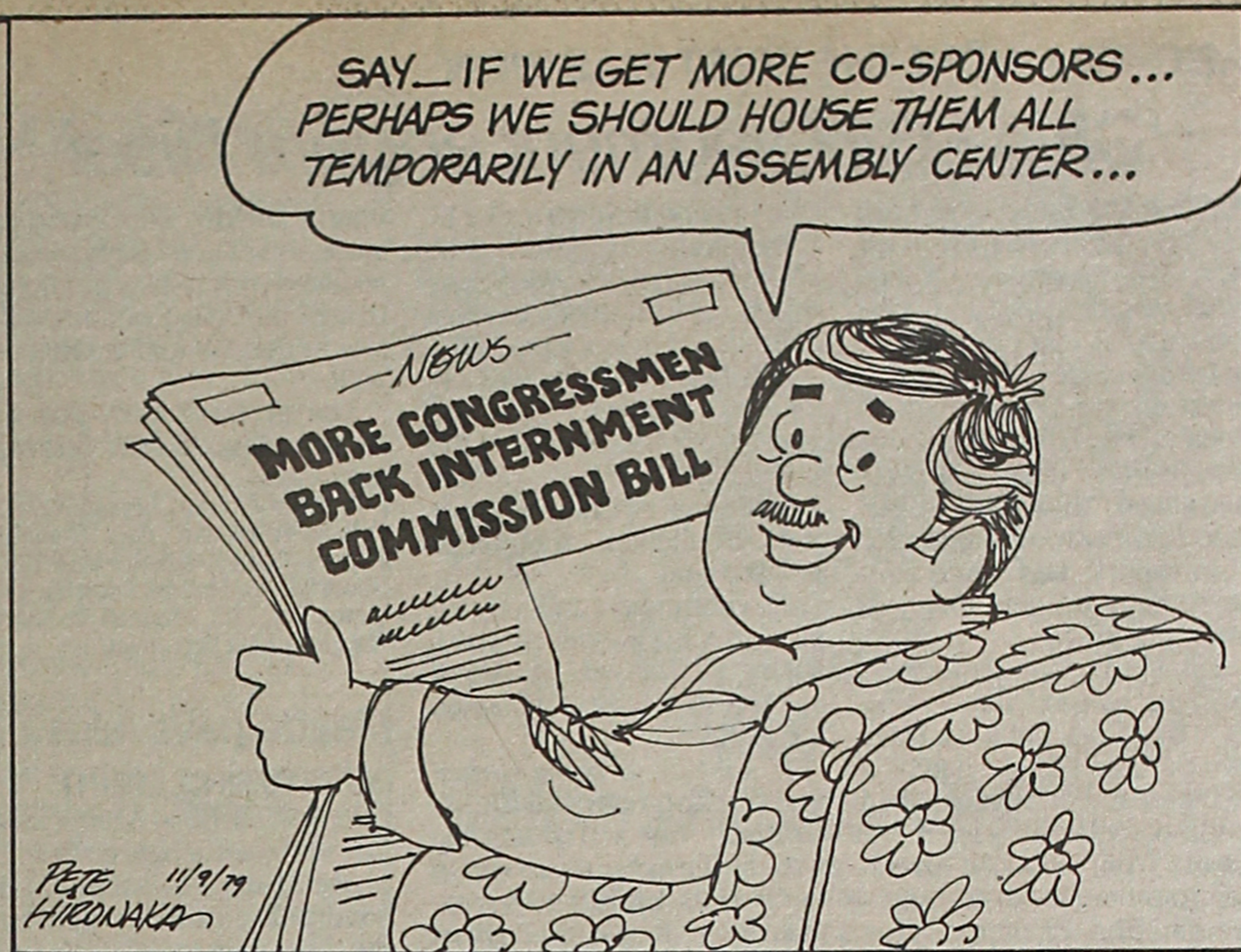
JRedress

Editor:

The story on co-authorship of HR 5499 by over 110 members of the House of Representatives had appended to it a parenthetical comment about the relative success in co-authorship. When I first heard about this large number I was a little puzzled because a House publication, "How Our Laws Are Made", states that only 25 members of the House may co-sponsor a bill, while an unlimited number may co-sponsor in the Senate. However, I recently received another House publication, "Rules of the House of Representatives", which clarified the question by noting that unlimited cosponsorship in the House became effective January 3, 1979.

A final question about the whole story: does that large number of cosponsors have any bearing on Japanese American redress? If so, which way?

WILLIAM HOHRI
Chicago, Illinois 60625



A BACKGROUND REPORT

Japan-U.S. Friendship Act

By CHARLES C. KUBOKAWA

JACL International Relations Committee Chairperson

Continued from Last Week

The question is, have relations between the U.S. and Japan improved because of the expended Commission funds and their programs (that is: relative to the person-to-person "grass roots" interaction the Nikkei have played over the years; especially the role the Nikkei are pushed into playing)?

I would say that the Act has not been effective and has fallen short of its program to really improve the Japan-U.S. relations.

• Who are on the Commission?

The Act established the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission and is composed of 18 appointed and "Act" named members. At the present time the members are:

- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Dr. John W Hall (chairman), prof, Yale University; James A Linen (v.ch.), past pres of Time, Inc.; Dr Mary Berry, asst sec for education, Dept of HEW; Carl A Gerstacker (finance ch.), finanadv, Dow Chemical Co; Richard C Holbrooke, asst Sec of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Robert H Walker, prof of American Civilization, Geo Wash'n Univ; Roger R Rice, pres, Television Bureau of Advertising Inc; Daniel J Borstin, librarian, Library of Congress; Dr Richard F Brown, Kimball Art Museum, Ft Worth, Tex; James F Hoge, editor, Chicago Sun Times; John E Reinhardt, dir, International Communications Agency; Dr Kozo J Yamamura, Univ of Wash'n School of International Studies, Seattle.
- NON-VOTING MEMBERS—Rep John B Anderson; Rep Clement J Zablocki (*), Sen Daniel K Inouye, Sen Jacob K Javits (*), Joseph D Duffey, asst Sec of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs; Livingston L Biddle, chair, National Endowment of the Arts.
- (* Executive Committee members.

Many questions still remain for the International Relations Committee and the JACL to ponder.

- 1.—Why is it necessary to have all the overlapping members between the CULCON and the Commission (12 same members on both panels)?
- 2.—Why can't the working "grass roots" Nikkei who are sensitive to and aware of everyday experiences dealing with the Japan-U.S. relations be involved with the Commission or CULCON?
- 3.—What real significant output has the CULCON and the Commission made in the past year to help quell the issues on the whales, Japanese imports, racist media and vernacular presentations?
- 4.—Where have the CULCON and Commission members impacted the Japan-American relations reducing the discrimination vented toward the Japanese Americans in the U.S.?
- 5.—Why aren't the funds provided by the Act used for helping the medical expenses of the Atomic Bomb victims? (What better ways are there to create improved friendship?)
- 6.—Innovative teaching methods and exchanges can be made at grades one through six, but these grades are passed up for the secondary schools. What was the rationale behind this type of reasoning?
- 7.—Why was a Japanese national appointed to the U.S commission when promises were made to appoint a Nikkei? (The Japanese have their own counterpart commission.)

If our own government has problems identifying Japanese nationals from Japanese Americans, we have a big problem in identity. JACL must therefore play a major role with others in the Nikkei community and help educate the rest of our country about Japanese Americans.

We are American and proud of it. We are not second-class citizens who will sit by and accept bureaucratic blunders one after another. People in high-ranking government positions must realize the Nikkei are very sensitive people and desire to be recognized as first-class citizens.

Any vacancy on this Commission would be an ideal position for a Nikkei commissioner. The Nikkei community representative could act as the much needed conduit for expressing and

For purposes of this report, NIKKEI (which is Japanese for "of Japanese ancestry") will only refer to Americans of Japanese ancestry. The term actually is broad and would include the NIPPONJIN—the Japanese National.—Ed.

relaying the real concerns, needs and recommendations to improve the Japan-U.S. friendship from the non-scholarly "grass roots" level. It should be realized that the Nikkei community inputs and concerns will greatly affect and help improve the purpose of the Act.

The Nikkei community is very sensitive to Japan-U.S. relations through personal experiences and information from relatives and friends in Japan. It is, therefore, a good sounding board which can help anticipate the right actions for improving the existing and ongoing Japan-U.S. relationship.

The Nikkei community having diversified backgrounds and professions in addition to the cultural link to Japan, also provides an ideal platform for perceiving situations from varied perspectives, relating to unique experiences and qualities which most Caucasians cannot realize.

It is felt that the Nikkei can better meet, represent, and contribute to the needs of the Act by being actively involved as a part of the Commission. A Nikkei appointee will be able to help resolve problems by voicing unique perspectives which can shed light and contribute greatly towards enhancing better understanding and friendship between U.S. and Japan.

• JACL's concerns about the Act

Here is the function of the Act. It is to:

- (1) Provide authorization for the Commission to develop and carry out programs at public or private institutions for the promotion of scholarly, cultural, and artistic activities in Japan and the U.S.
- (2) Provide grants to carry out such programs.

JACL has voiced concerns for the need to involve "grass roots" participants. We have conducted research and improved our understanding of the Act to the point where we are ready to act in concert with the activities of the Act. (Though there needs to be revisions and additions to it.)

The overpowering emphasis on academia in the Act did not come about by chance. It came about through the coordination and inputs made by the scholars during the formation of the Act. (Not one Nikkei group was heard from during the formulation phase.)

Now we feel the shortcoming of the Act by not using the most effective resource, the Nikkei. It is in a way discriminatory not to recognize the potential we possess with respect to effecting the means for best reaching the goals and objectives of the Act. Furthermore, the Commission must realize the use of the Japanese American Community and Organizations is one of the most effective resources and mechanism to further improve U.S.-Japan relations.

What is the relationship of CULCON to the Act? CULCON stands for the U.S.-Japan Conference on Cultural and Educational Exchange. (USJCEE) would have been a better acronym.

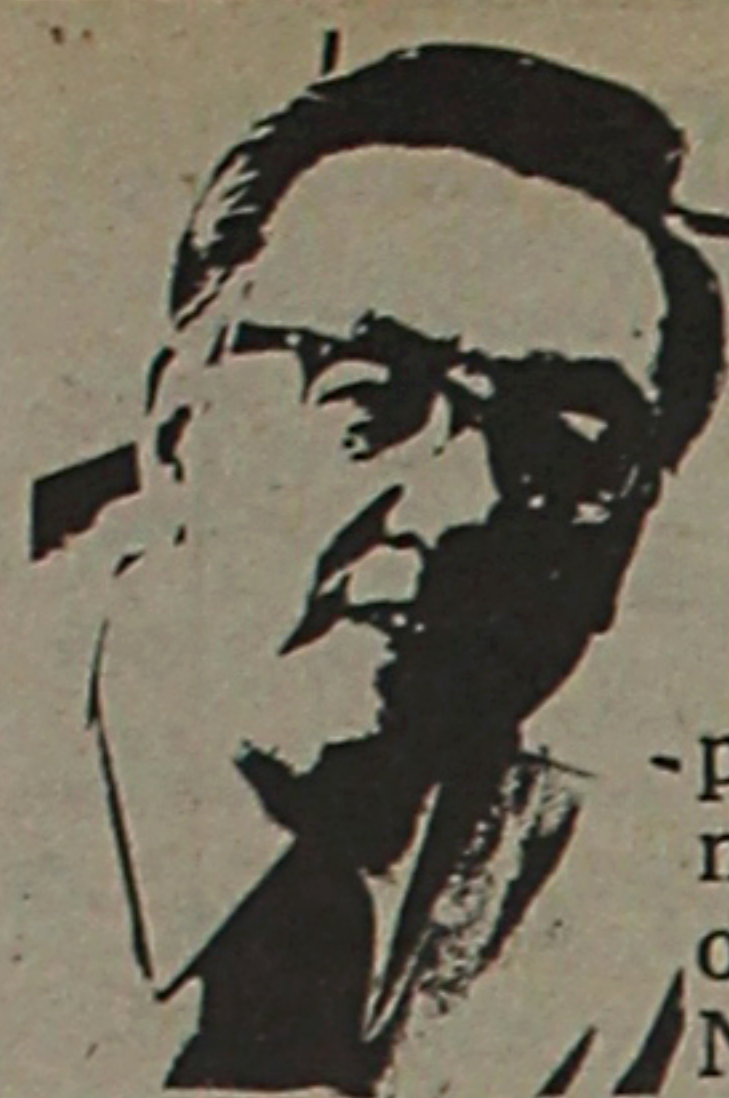
CULCON was founded in 1961 by President Kennedy and Prime Minister Ikeda. Its purpose was to broaden the base of exchange and understanding between the U.S. and Japan. It is an organization composed of public and private leaders dedicated to improving cultural and educational relations between the United States and Japan.

The American Panel of the CULCON is composed of twelve members, four from Government and eight from areas relevant to Japan-U.S. cultural relations. Panel members include individuals from foundations, mass media, business, academic institutions, cultural and fine arts arenas. Non-government persons are appointed by the Director of the International Communication Agency, John E. Reinhardt. (The U.S. Secretary of State used to make the appointments). The U.S. Government staff support is supplied by the Cultural and Educational Affairs Bureau, and the Secretariat is maintained by the Japan Society Inc. of New York.

The CULCON also has established subcommittees on Japanese Studies, News Media, American Studies, Education, Museum-Interchange, TV Exchange, and Library.

Members of the U.S. CULCON Panel are the first twelve names listed on the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission. #

FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa



Let's Get the Record Straight on David

Denver, Colo.

Some people who think they know me pretty well will be startled to learn that my son David has been named publisher of three small newspapers in Florida.

Not least among them will be Bob, a.k.a. Rube and Yoshi Hosokawa of Minneapolis, Minn., who are, respectively, my brother and sister-in-law.

This piece of incidental information about David first appeared some weeks ago in the English section of the Rafu Shimpō, a Los Angeles newspaper. The item was picked up and published in at least one other newspaper, the Chicago Shimpō. The Shimpō placed a headline over the story which said: "Son of Bill Hosokawa Named Publisher."

Before any other publications pick up the item, and startle even more readers, let's get the record straight. I don't have a son named David. I do have two sons, but their names are Mike and Pete, and they are smart enough not to get into the newspaper business. I also have two daughters, and neither of them is named David. They, too, were smart enough not to go into the newspaper business.

David Hosokawa is my nephew. He is the son of the above-named Bob and Yoshi Hosokawa. Although Bob has excellent credentials as a newspaperman, he is the relatively invisible Hosokawa among Japanese Americans. He was, among other things, news editor of one of the Minneapolis dailies, either the Star or the Tribune, I forget which. He has taught journalism at colleges in Minnesota, New York, and in the famed school of journalism at the University of Missouri. He is also a respected public relations practitioner and currently is vice president for communications, or something like that, of a major corporation headquartered in Minneapolis.

So if there is anything to the theory that children inherit certain skills from their parents, David is well-endowed

by heritage. But he deserves to be recognized for his own talents, and not as the son of anybody.

David, who played quarterback on his small college football team, has worked as a reporter on metropolitan newspapers in Minnesota and Houston. He was assistant managing editor of a daily in Albuquerque, N.M., before he became assistant publisher of the Sun newspapers, a string of suburban weeklies in Omaha, Neb. He left that job to go to Florida as publisher of a string of weeklies owned by Suncoast Publications, a subsidiary of the Chicago Tribune Co. So, obviously, at age 35 he is a young man going places in the newspaper industry.

On more than one occasion my brother and I have been asked how come both of us happened to get into the newspaper business. Darned if I know. We led normal boyhoods, not subject to any special traumatic experiences, eating fairly regularly, not working any harder than we had to, steering clear for the most part of strong drink and loose women; in other words there wasn't anything in our background to steer us into the then somewhat disreputable business of newspapering.

If one gets down to it, I suppose the reason both of us fell into journalism was that we weren't prepared for any better profession, like the law, or medicine, or accounting, or engineering, or anything. And we weren't willing to settle for spending the rest of our lives doing what we had done previously. Like unloading truckloads of vegetables, working in a frozen pea plant, canning salmon, selling furniture, pumping gas.

So what was there to do but take the road of least resistance? Well, I'm not sorry, and neither is Bob. And neither will David be sorry, although both his uncle and his father have warned him that there are more profitable ways to make a living.

FROM HAPPY VALLEY: Sachi Seko

Pleasant Aspects of Provincialism

Salt Lake City

In many ways, Salt Lake City is still a small town. It is on occasions like death in the family that one's appreciation of its provincialism is sharpened. On the morning my father died, the hospital asked whether we had a mortuary preference. During his last week, my father had reminded us that his body was to be taken to the White Chapel. When I called, I asked for Richard McDougal. The person on duty said it was Richard's day off. So I gave brief instructions, making a tentative appointment for early afternoon.

The phone rang a short while later and it was Richard. I reminded him that it was his day off. He said, "For you, my dear, it is a working day." Richard and our family have been friends for years. It all began when we had the store on First South. He and his brother, David, were starting in the mortuary business about the same time.

On one of his first visits to our store, I remember Richard saying that it shouldn't have been called the "California Market". He said, "Salvation Army" would have been more appropriate. In the late '40s and '50s, Issei bachelors populated First South. Many died there. My mother and her friend, Kinuye Oki, were partners in a private crusade to assure that the friendless and fundless were properly interred or cremated. They were a voluntary committee of two, receiving no money or recognition for their work. Both women contributed their earnings to this thankless project.

I remember how carefully they budgeted funds, shopping at thrift stores for burial garments. Or demanding that their children contribute an article of clothing or a spray of flowers. They were especially careful in the selection of caskets, sometimes calculating the number of future funerals to be arranged. The McDougal brothers became their secret allies. They made a verbal promise that regardless of the women's limited resources, they would never have to settle for the cheapest casket. "Bring us all your poor and we will take care of them," the brothers said. The women found a way of expressing their ap-

preciation. They were always pleased to make arrangements for a rich relative or friend, saying it should help balance the books. I thought of this the day Richard forfeited a rare day off to accommodate me and my family. Small towns are places where people are concerned and become involved.

Later, we went to a florist to select flowers for the private service. It used to be a moderate sized business, but the operation has expanded in size and prestige. Its new quarters are spacious and elegant. Many clerks are now employed to serve customers.

But on learning that we were old friends of the firm's founder, the clerk suggested that the son, the present proprietor, would like to serve us. When he came from his private office, he recognized us. We caught up on family news, his and ours. We discussed flowers and colors and he remembered our preferences. The next day the flowers were perfect. Small towns are places where relationships are continued from generation to generation.

My father's funeral was a private family affair, so there was no public reception. Death has often been called an American embarrassment. Many do not know how to cope with it, even in terms of simple acknowledgement. Some hope that with a decent passage of time the subject can be conveniently obscured. The human experience of death is dignified by a direct approach. It becomes undignified and somehow obscene when enclosed within belated parenthetical apologies.

In the days that followed my father's death, I was touched by those who knew exactly how to deal with it. Gifts and cards arrived. Small hand-written notes. The beauty was in the simplicity. "We know," is what they meant. I received the generosity of people I know slightly. People who owed my family nothing. Some who did not know my father. Small towns are places where people do nice, spontaneous things. They know how to give from the heart and I am learning to receive.

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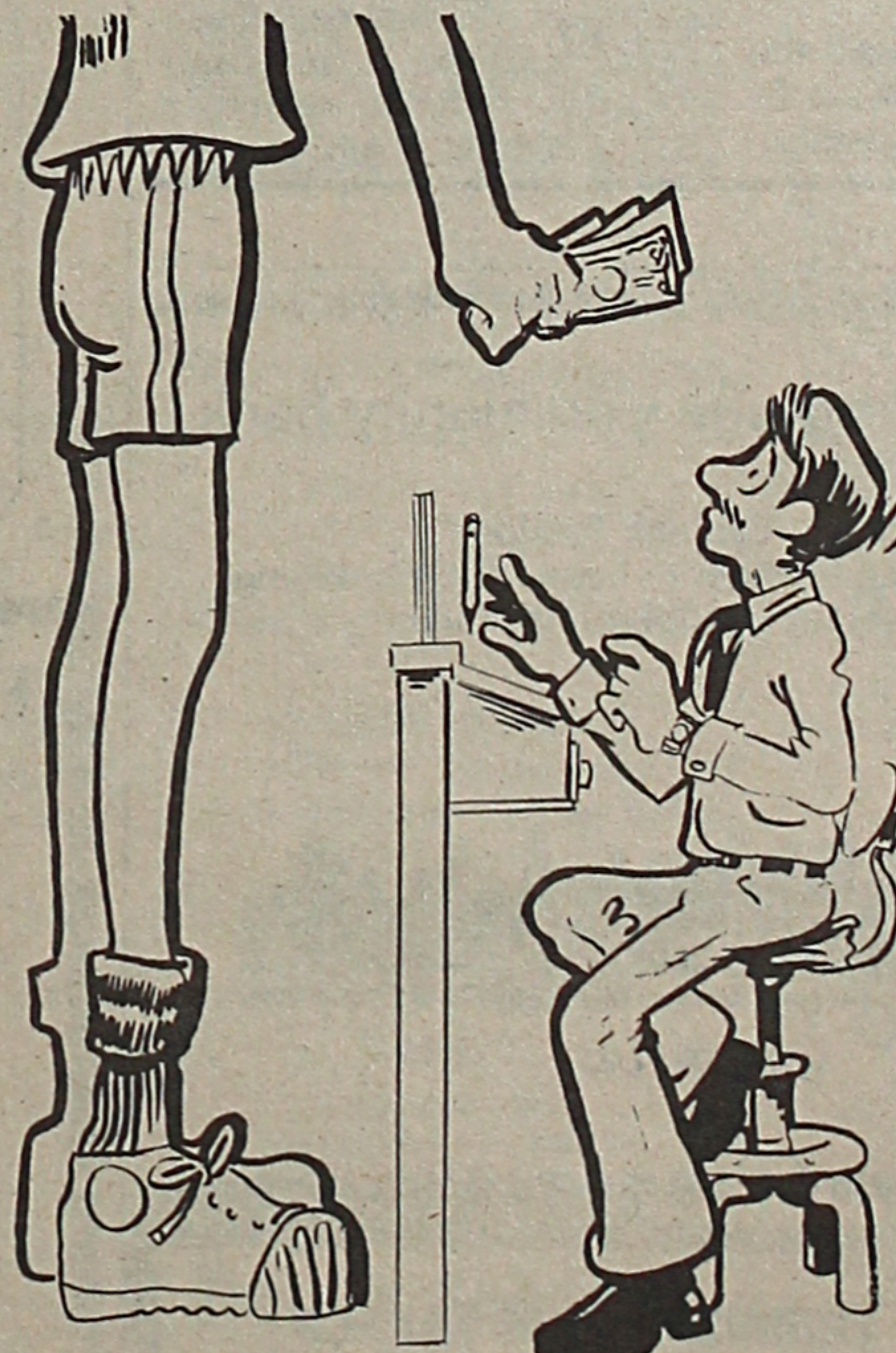
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FROM PACIFIC SOUTHWEST: John J. Saito

L.A. County Jail

took about a dozen rings before a recorded bilingual message put me "On Hold". I was "On Hold" for about 15 minutes before someone responded and asked me for the name and booking number of the inmate. Once I found what facility he was in I had to ask for the visiting hours. I was too late for the morning visit, therefore, I planned my visit in the afternoon.

The Central Jail is only about a mile away from the Regional JACL Office but, in another sense, a million miles away.

The jail is a massive concrete structure with little, if any, landscaping, the under-

ground parking is filled with graffiti.

I was told that the Los Angeles County Jail has the largest inmate population of any detention center in the nation.

As a former deputy probation officer I was able to visit in the attorney's room and save waiting-in-line time, but as a regular visitor I had to wait in line for close to an hour before I got into the visitors' section. Once inside there were more lines. Visitors had to take their visitor's slips and get in lines A to L or M to Z. I got into one of the lines but I saw another open line for ministers, social workers, and

community organizations.

I thought there would be no harm in trying, therefore I pulled my JACL calling card and got right in.

The inmate and I communicated by telephone through a glass divider.

I realize that people in confinement, whether in a hospital or jail, always welcome outside visits. I must have been a welcome sight for the inmate, although I had never seen him before. He kept on repeating his story, but I had a lot of work to do back at the office and tried to excuse myself as politely as I could. He told me of the physical abuse he had undergone from one of the deputy sheriffs and the racial slurs that were used against him. The inmate was willing to serve his time but was seeking protection from any further physical and verbal abuse from the guards. He said he made attempts to contact the sergeant in charge and the chaplain, but said his requests were short circuited by the guards.

When I returned to the office, I called Sgt. Shiro Tomita of the Los Angeles Police Department Asian Task Force for assistance. Shiro has always come through for me in the past and he did not fail me this time either. With some difficulty he was able to get in contact with a sergeant at the facility and received a promise from that sergeant that he would investigate the matter.

I also realize that it is fantasy to believe that the above type of situations is that easily resolved. I may have to have a follow-up strategy. #

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- NOV. 16 (Friday) Milwaukee—Holiday Folk Fair (3da), MECCA
- *Oakland—Asn Manpower Sv open house, 477-15th St, 4-6pm
- NOV. 17 (Saturday) Washington, D.C.—Mtg, Nisei Aging & Retirement Plng
- Portland—50th Anny dinner-dance
- CCDC—Dist convention, Fresno Sheraton Inn (2da), Rep. Robert Matsui, Sun banq spkr
- *Monterey—NCSGA golf tourn (2da), Pebble Beach, Spy Glass courses
- NOV. 18 (Sunday) Dayton/Cincinnati—Joint inst dnr, Emperor's Wok, 1:30pm; Dr Gustav Eckstein, spkr
- NC-WNDC—Spcl mtg: Constitutional Rev comm, Mas Satow Bldg., San Francisco, 10am
- Nov. 23 (Friday) M-EDYC/Detroit—Fall workshop (3da), Southfield Sheraton
- NOV. 23 (Friday) IDC-Idaho Falls—Dist conv (2da), West Bank Motel, Idaho Falls
- Diablo Valley—Holiday bazaar, Pleasant Hills Comm Rec Ctr
- Fund-raisers So. Calif. JACL Nisei Relays Committee is sponsoring bingo night Nov. 17, 6:30-11:30 p.m., at the Gardena Valley JCI, 16215 S. Gramercy Pl., to raise funds for the 1980 all-state championship.

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MDC endorses 'Operation '80s'

CHICAGO — The Midwest District Council, at its Oct. 13-14 meeting here, endorsed National JACL's "Operation '80s" to meet the need for "active involvement in the areas of education and human and civil rights."

J.D. Hokoyama, associate national director, in the meantime, has been visiting the Midwest chapters during the Oct. 30-Nov. 8 period to explain the project.

MDC Gov. Kaz Mayeda of Detroit called the meeting to order at the Midwest Office on Saturday morning. Min Yasui of Denver spoke on redress, relating that the present form (study commission) was chosen because Nikkei congressional members felt it would have the most success for passage, that its end objective is to persuade Congress that events of 1942-45 were wrong and shouldn't have happened and should not happen again.

Yasui also emphasized the redress committee needs financial support to successful-

ly educate and persuade Congress. Headquarters is soliciting \$1 per capita from the chapters. At least \$2,000,000 will be needed through other sources over a five-year period.

4 youth chapters gather

By JOAN TAKATA (Twin Cities JAYS)

Fifty-five JAYS attended the Midwest-Eastern District Youth Council conference July 19-22 here in the Twin Cities. The four-day convention began with liquid theater, the blindfolded players trying to identify things with their senses and culminating with a trust walk. Everyone tried to get acquainted during the mixer that finished with a wild, wild Midwest Carnival.

Business meetings were held during the a.m. Delegates came from Cleveland, Detroit, Milwaukee, Twin Cities and one visitor from Atlanta. Youth director Bruce Shimizu from Nation-

A separate budget of \$780 for the MDC redress committee was approved. Ross Harano of Chicago will chair the MDC fund-raising committee. George Sakaguchi of St.

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al presented his ideas on re-viving the JAYS, involving the JACL Youth Commission being reactivated and a more active JACL role for the youth.

A program coordinating committee to help youth chapters and boost membership has been established. JAY chapters in Detroit and Cincinnati are a possibility. Future workshops are planned for Detroit in the fall and at Cleveland in the

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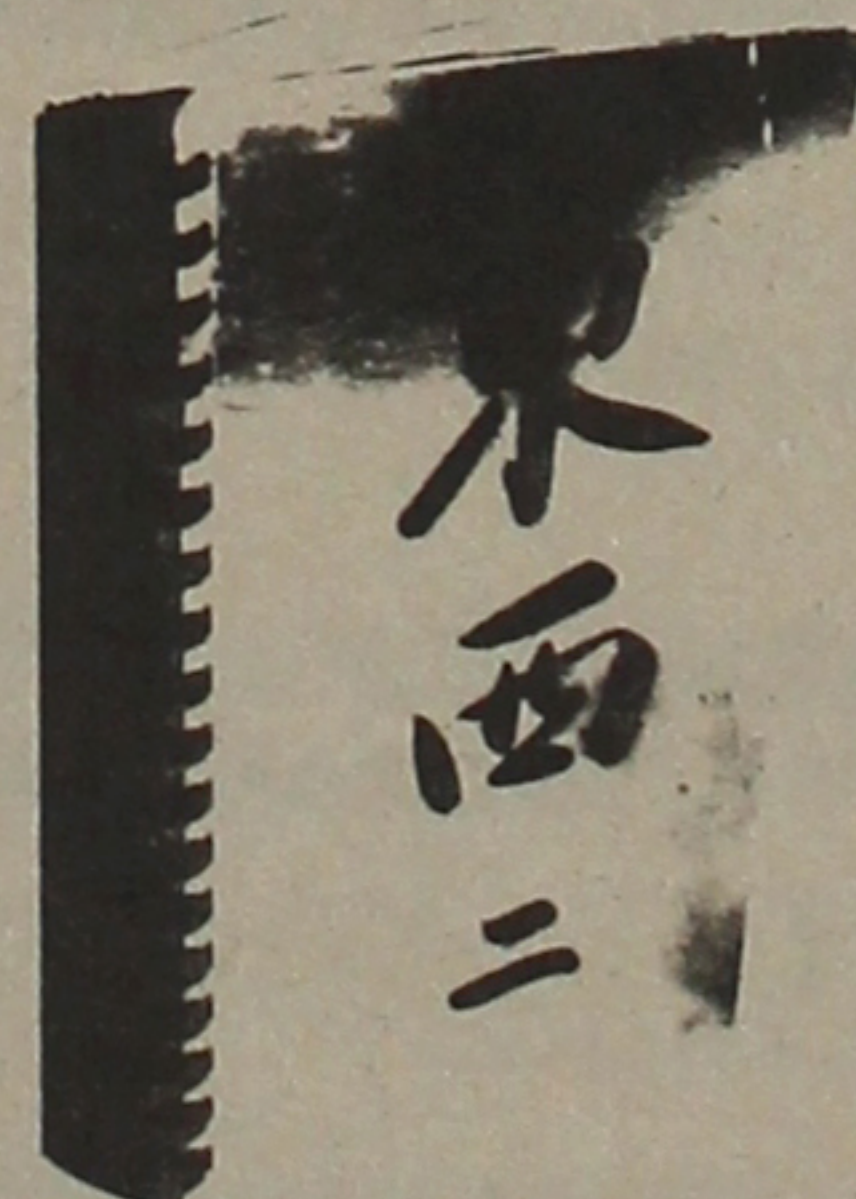
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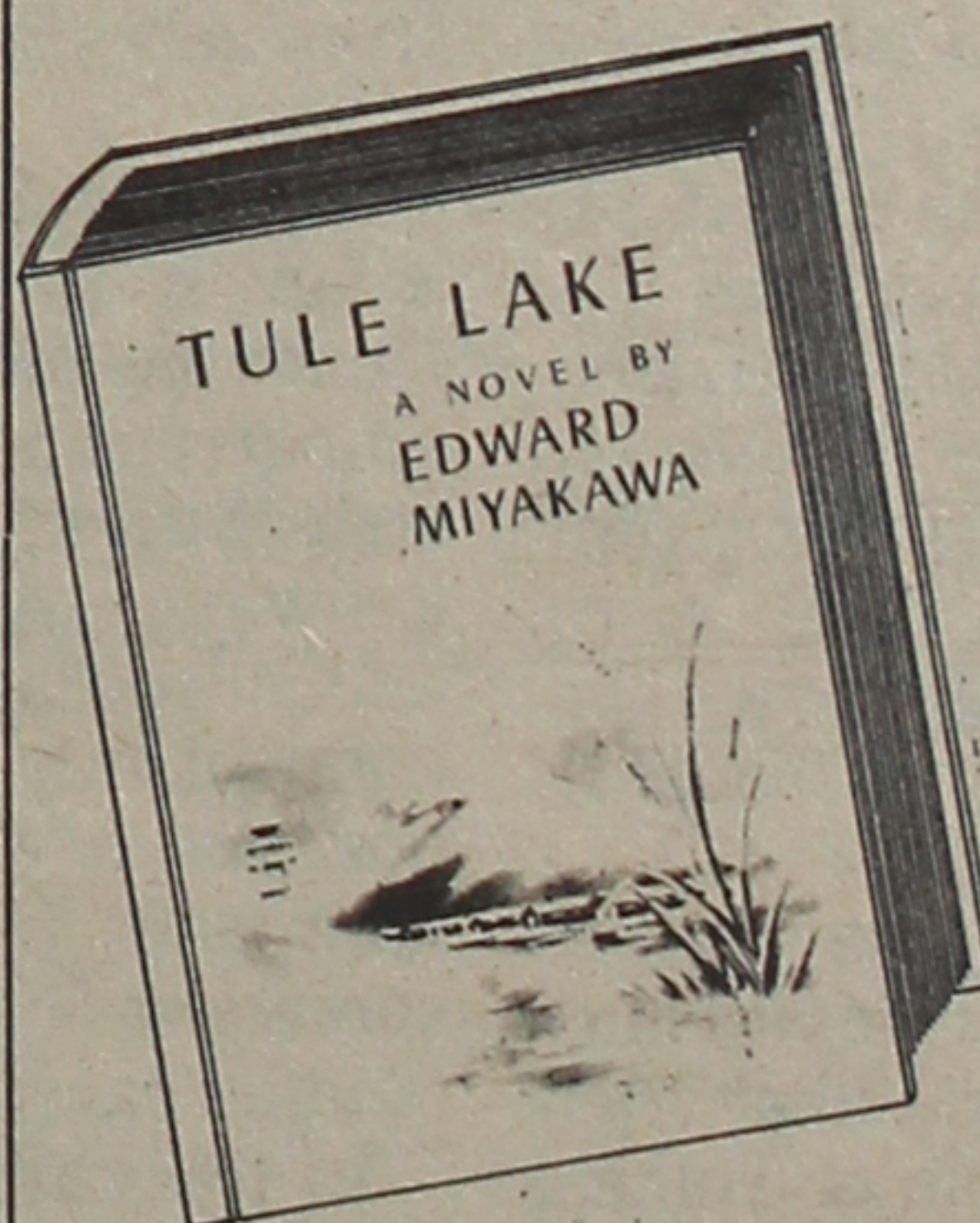
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Louis is district redress chair.

MDC's recommendations to the constitutional convention were made Sunday, calling for:

1—JACL membership opened "to all persons who subscribe to the purpose of JACL and agree to abide by its Constitution and by-laws." (Passed 7-1 with one abstaining.)

2—National Board be re-structured: In addition to the national officers elected by the Council, the Board shall consist of not less than 15 members (the number to be fixed by succeeding conventions) as follows: one representative from each district council, two at-large members; that ex-officio members with vote are the PC Board Chair and the National Youth Coordinating Council chair;

MDYC

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spring.

Workshops have an important part in a convention. Vivian Nelson led one on interpersonal communications, learning to communicate without falling into roles and being assertive. John Tateishi, national redress chair, showed "The Pride and Shame" film on the Evacuation experience and spoke on "Why Redress?" Bruce Shimizu and Barb Hirota dealt with membership and fund-raisers. Gloria Kumagai, Wes Iijima and David Matsumoto covered affirmative action with an overview of Asian American history.

Third-night activity was a volleyball tournament. Final night was a disco affair at L'hotel de France in Bloomington, where music got everyone onto the floor. #

Reunion
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that National JACL legal counsel, appointed by the President, be a member without vote; and that one half of the Board be elected for four years at each biennial assembly or until successors are elected as provided. (Passed 7-0, 2 abstentions).

3—The budget for the biennium be prepared by the Board and the Board alone have the power to authorize an increase in expenditure in excess of the budget. (Passed 9-0.)

A MDC youth commission was appointed, comprised of: Lillian Kimura, Ross Harano (Chi); Linda VanDooijewert (Twi); Wade Kojima (MDYC Chr); Bill Yoshino, MDC reg'l dir.

Gov. Mayeda announced future MDC meetings are scheduled for:

Spring—Hoosier; pre-convention (if necessary)—Detroit; fall—Dayton; and 1981 EDC-MDC Convention—St. Louis (tentative).

JAYS Election/Workshop

Detroit JAYS will host the Midwest-Eastern DYC Fall Workshop Nov. 23-25 at the Southfield Sheraton. One of the main topics will be membership, which has been in decline locally because many drop out after graduating from high school.

The JAYS 1980 cabinet officers are:

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CRA position

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UCLA dinner

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Recreation on a grand scale is limited to travel overseas or yachting and boating in the open sea. But even here, the boat must be docked in a marina, where fees escalate due to scarcity of available land.

Spectator sports like baseball and other team sports enjoy wide popularity, but other recreational activities take a different form than those in the United States. Statistics recently revealed that there are 237,000 cabarets, discotheques and night clubs, 36,000 mahjong parlors and 10,300 pachinko establishments.

This breaks down into one night entertainment spot for every 400 people; yet, when we realize that a large portion of the money spent in these places is covered by the tax-deductible expenses of the hundreds of thousand companies, it is readily believable.

Whereas a mahjong club or a pachinko parlor could hardly survive in California, even when legalized, they exist in profusion in Japan as profitable recreation businesses. Both businesses are supported by the pocket money of the average Japanese salary and wage earner.

Mahjong is played in the evening by four men in places having from six to ten tables. Women are seldom seen playing the game. The

men order food and drinks as they play for four or five hours. They are charged about \$5 per person for the table and spend about \$3 to \$6 for refreshments. If no side bets are made, the cost per person is about \$10 each, well within the reach of his weekly spending allowance. But the illegal side-betting is practiced on a wide scale. One acquaintance of mine has been consistently losing from \$7,000 to \$15,000 per year; however, he earns about \$35,000 and has his own house.

The Japanese pinball machine, the pachinko, takes less space than the horizontal American type, by a five-to-one ratio. The average pachinko parlor has from 50 to 150 machines, while larger ones may have as many as five hundred.

Open from 10 in the morning to 10 at night, pachinko is big business. The 10,300 parlors have 1,900,000 machines, each holding 3,000 balls. The player pays ¥100 for every 25 balls, which are propelled by either hand levers or automatic knobs. On any given day, six billion balls are being spun around the machines in the frantic chase for the lucky pockets that dispense 10 to 15 balls. A

good machine will pay out quite well, and the winner can convert the balls into prizes of various types.

But the pachinko parlors last year ranked sixth in retail sales, being below the department stores, supermarkets, auto dealers, service station and auto tire shops. In the service industry category, it ranked third below restaurants and bars, and travel, with total sales of ap-

proximately \$5 billion. Of the 10,300 pachinko parlors (down from 45,000 smaller places in 1955), the average annual gross profit was reported as about \$200,000 before wages; however, this figure is probably closer to net, since an estimated 30 million players spend an average of about

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