

An early 1970 photograph shows the circular red barn in Santa Rosa where the Fountaingrove (one-word rather than two as posted) Ranch is visible from US Hwy 101. Story of this ranch and Kanaye Nagasawa appeared in the 1975 PC Holiday Issue.

## 27 historic sites to Calif. Nikkei named

EL CERRITO, Ca.—Another 27 sites of historical significance to California Japanese were listed Jan. 8 by the Japanese American team of the ethnic minority cultural resources survey here for the State's Office of Historic Preservation. They include:

ALAMEDA COUNTY (CO).—Euclid Hall, Berkeley; CONTRA COSTA CO.—Concord Nippon-go Gakko; FRESNO CO.—Kamikawa Bros., Nihon Byoin, Nihonmachi, Okonogi Sanitarium in Fresno; MERCED CO.—Yamato Colony at Livingston; RIVERSIDE CO.—Harada House, Riverside; SACRAMENTO CO.—Florin Buddhist Church; Walnut Grove Japanese Section;

SAN DIEGO CO.—Oyama Property; San Diego Buddhist Church; SAN FRANCISCO CO.—Salvation Army Bldg., Morning Star School, Kimochi-kai, Buchanan Y, Gospel Society (Chinese Methodist United Church), Nihonmachi; SAN MATEO CO.—Japanese Cemetery, Colma; SANTA CLARA CO.—Japanese Theater, Midwifery, Kuwabara Hospital, M.E. Church, Nihonmachi in San Jose; SONOMA CO.—Round Red Barn (Fountaingrove), Santa Rosa; YUBA CO.—Marysville Nihonmachi.

Three of the sites related discriminatory actions toward Japanese Americans. Euclid Hall was established to provide housing to Japanese American university students in Berkeley who were unable to utilize the usual residential facilities. The Harada and Oyama properties were court cases for violation of alien land laws, both of which ended in favorable judgments for the defendants.

Various communities initiated their own health services. Okonogi Sanitarium was the first Japanese hospital to be established in the state (1902); Nihon Byoin was formed by a corporation to provide additional services in Fresno and the Kuwabara Hospital was established in 1910 by the Kumamoto Kenjinkai in San Jose. Many Japanese midwives functioned prior to the

war and the midwifery in San Jose is one such example.

Economically, the communities could be quite diverse. Kamikawa Bros. was one of the first Fresno area business enterprises early in the century. Yamato Colony was a conscious planned community of farmers, a personal vision of Kyutaro Abiko. A utopian colony which contributed to the wine industry and in which Kanaye Nagasawa played a key role remains in the Round Red Barn in Santa Rosa.

Recreational possibilities for the Issei were few, but they made definite efforts to create their own, such as the Japanese Theater in San Jose where movies and the *shibai* were held. White Point in San Pedro was first a colony of abalone fishermen and then a favorite recreational area because of the hot springs there.

Religious activities are reflected in the Japanese M.E. Church, the first Japanese church in Santa Clara County. Japanese Christian Mission in San Francisco traces its origin to the Gospel Society, now the site of the Chinese United Methodist Church. The Buddhist churches in San Diego and Florin played important roles in their communities.

Educational facilities took on different functions in their respective areas. The Concord Nippon-go Gakko was a Japanese language school and site of social activities for East Contra Costa Japanese for many years. Issei parents helped build Morning Star School in San Francisco where many Nisei attended and which was used by community groups for programs and meetings.

The Salvation Army, Japanese Division, was concerned with the social welfare of the elderly, women and orphaned children prior to 1941 and constructed a building in San

Francisco for that purpose. The Japanese community there also helped finance the Buchanan Y, which served as a social and recreation hall. Kimochi-kai, which seeks to preserve the culture and language of the Issei as well as showing appreciation to them, has been located in the Trade Center since March, 1971.

The Japanese Cemetery at Colma is a memorial to com-

munity pioneers and members as a whole.

Nippon-machi of various towns were included as centers of social, religious, economic, political and artistic activities.

For information and suggestions of additional sites, call:

Isami Arifuku Waugh, Box 799, El Cerrito, Ca 94530; (415) 527-4629.

## Nisei layman appointed head of Benedictine order's college

LACEY, Wa.—For the first time in the 85-year history of St. Martin's College, a layman has been appointed as school president. Dr. John D. Ishii, 59, began a five-year term Jan. 2. He succeeds Fr. John Scott, OSB, who had resigned from the presidency last November.

The Puyallup Valley JACler, serving as interim vice president for academic affairs since June, has been political science professor at St. Martin's since 1973 after a 15-year government career with the State and Defense departments. He was the area specialist on Northeast and Southeast Asian affairs. In 1965 he served as a consultant to the Malaysian cabinet and senior ministry officials relative to national development programs and established a development studies center in Malaysia prior to returning to the U.S. in 1973.

Ishii's appointment was hailed by the Benedictine community. Fr. Hilary Thimmesh, OSB, chairman of the board of trustees, said: "The community is delighted . . . Many of the fathers and brothers have known Dr. Ishii since he was a student at St. Martin's High School. He has an undoubted understanding of the long history of the Benedictine role in education."

After finishing St. Martin's High, Ishii entered St. Martin's College and was graduated in 1942. He received his master's in political science at Georgetown in 1947 and his Ph.D. in international relations at the same institution in 1950.

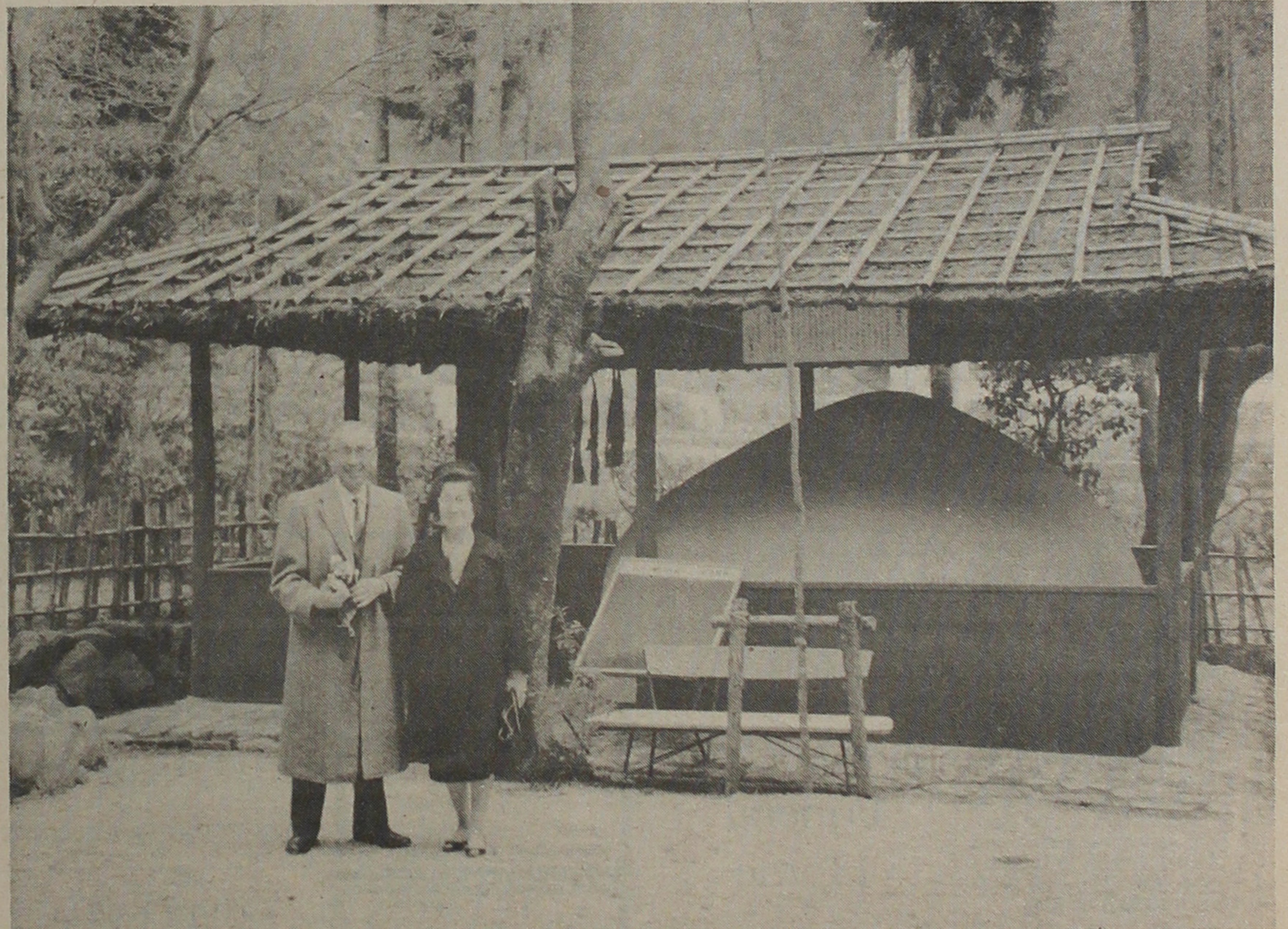
## JACler heads new civil rights unit

SACRAMENTO, Ca. — U.S. Attorney Herman Sillas for the Eastern District of California appointed Yoshinori H. T. Himel, 34, as assistant U.S. attorney in charge of the newly created civil rights unit here Jan. 2. Previously with the Justice Dept. in Washington as a trial attorney in education,

employment and federal enforcement sections, the D.C. JACler received special commendation for his litigation work.

Himel will also monitor complaints of possible or potential civil rights violations of persons of Iranian descent. #

## Where were they when this was taken? . . .



An uncaptioned picture of the late couple, Chiyo and Henry Kuwahara of Los Angeles, who willed JACL the remainder of their estate to establish a \$267,000 scholarship program for college level students, was obviously taken somewhere in Japan. The Issei pair were world-wide travelers.

While this naturally perks interest in the 1980 scholarship [brochures are now available at National JACL Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, Ca. 94115; (415) 921-5225], it can also serve as reminder that JACL is anxious to assist its members who may wish to bequeath their estate as did the Kuwaharas.

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# The Nisei Who Do Not Have 'It' Made

For several years now, the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) has promised to aid and assist the Committee for Atomic Bomb Survivors (CABS). Each year since JACL offered assistance, we have found our legislative drive dwindle in the closing days of Congress. The volume of legislative proposals

has repeatedly pushed the CABS bill further back, because it did not represent any "major" interest.

It is true, those individuals who benefit from passage of legislation are few in number. Current estimates range from 500 to 700. Yet, the needs for assistance are great. Many of the survivors have an extreme difficulty in obtaining any proper form of medical assistance.

We find an example of this, even within our own health insurance program. Individuals who have been subject to radiation exposure due to the atomic explosion in Hiroshima or Nagasaki are not eligible for coverage. Yet, it is clear that a large percentage of the survivors have been exposed to a very high level of radiation which can lead to cancer and leukemia. Perhaps, greater still is the continuing psychological fear of living and not knowing what the long-term effect of radiation can have on one self. So, for a comparatively small group of people, we can see unique, significant and compelling problems before them.

Perhaps, the greatest irony is that the United States government has spent upwards of \$90 million to assist survivors in

Japan. The funds provided the government of Japan were to aid in research and treatment of survivors. Yet, for those survivors who happen to be American citizens, no assistance has been provided. Further, if one wished treatment for radiation due to atomic bombs, one would have to go to Japan.

Some people have inquired as to how it came to be that Nisei were in Japan at the time of the bombings. An official government report prepared for the Atomic Energy Commission by the Oak Ridge National Laboratory addressed the question this way:

"Several factors contributed to the presence of natural-born citizens of the United States in Japan during the war. Many of the American-born Japanese (Nisei) were attending school in Japan when war broke out and were obliged to remain there until after the war. Other Nisei had returned to Japan with their Japanese immigrant (Issei) parents immediately before the war due to anticipated precautionary measures that eventually resulted in the placement of West Coast Japanese Americans in relocation centers in the interior of the United States."

In addition to the Nisei who were in Japan at the time of the bombing, there were non-Nikkei who were also survivors of the bomb. They too, whether a military veteran or not, are not able to get proper medical care.

But there is still hope to obtain some type of remedial assistance for the plight of atomic bomb survivors. Presently there is

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## Knitting Club (Amimono Kai) helps . . .

Last spring, the Amimono Kai staged a benefit luncheon fashion show, raising \$2,530, which was split in half for the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles and the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center. Accepting a \$1,265 check is JACCC treasurer Mitsuhiro Shimizu (front center) from Mrs. Fumi Nishizaki (left), club founder. Other club officers are Dorothy Akiyama (front right), pres.; Misao Akasaka, v.p.; Yoneko Kato, JACCC board member; and Irene Futa, v.p.

## Elderly Asians receiving SSI warned about trips

SAN FRANCISCO—The S.F. Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation's Chinatown-North Beach Office (415-362-5630) is especially interested in hearing from persons drawing SSI benefits who have personal or family reasons which will require them to leave the country in the near future.

(The Asian Law Caucus, Inc., 1322 Webster St., Oakland, Ca., 391-1655, 835-1474; and Nihonmachi Legal Outreach, S.F., 567-6244, are also able to assist.)

The Foundation's immigration law unit recently noted the guidelines issued in May, 1979, by the Immigration and

Naturalization Service on the exclusion of elderly Asian permanent residents receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) were not being used by district directors who feel they are vague and meaningless.

In 1978, the I&NS began taking away "green cards" from elderly Asians returning home to the U.S. if they answered "yes" to receiving SSI.

In order to have the "green card" returned, many Asians had to post bonds of \$3,000 to \$5,000 and terminate their SSI benefits, the Foundation recalled. Massive protests from the community ensued. I&NS re-evaluated its policies and

new guidelines were issued in late May. Inspectors were told to inquire about five factors:

- 1—Length of absence from the U.S. (any absence of less than 30 days to be considered favorable).
- 2—Reason for absence from the U.S. (absence for personal or family emergencies to be considered favorable).
- 3—Knowledge of INS policy excluding SSI recipients (lack of knowledge to be considered favorable).
- 4—Existence of return-trip travel arrangements prior to departure (round-trip arrangements to be considered favorable).
- 5—Inquiry to Social Security prior to departure (statement by Social Security worker that SSI eligibility would not be affected to be considered favorable).

The intent behind the guidelines was that returning SSI recipients who fell within the

guidelines would not have their green cards taken away. However, the guidelines do not require the district directors to admit SSI recipients nor do they order them to stop asking whether SSI is being received.

Elderly Asians who are lawful permanent residents must still be careful before leaving the United States if they are receiving SSI, the Foundation cautioned. The policy of exclusion is still in effect and it appears the guidelines have done nothing to change it. Increased public pressure is the only way that policy will be changed, it was pointed out.

## Tulare County to host CCDC meeting

VISALIA, Ca.—Tulare County JACL will host the winter Central California District Council session on Sunday, Feb. 3, noon, at the Marco Polo Restaurant, Linwood Ave. and Hwy 198, with Gov. Stanley Nagata of Dinuba presiding.

Reservations for the luncheon, \$6.75, are being handled by Tom Shimasaki 733-4884. #

## Oral history project in Fresno underway

FRESNO, Ca.—Japanese who lived prewar in the San Joaquin Valley are being interviewed for a local oral history program administered by the four-county San Joaquin Valley Library System.

Yoshino Hasegawa, project director, is seeking both interviewees and voluntary interviewers. She may be contacted at the:

Fresno County Public Library, 2420 Mariposa St., Fresno 93721; 488-3222.

## Greater Pacific State with Hawaii as base visualized

HONOLULU—By year 2000, or maybe the late '80s, changing attitudes and changing political boundaries may encompass Hawaii as part of a "Greater Pacific State of the U.S.," the Advertiser commented Sept. 16 after noting how the U.S. Trust Territory was being fragmented.

The Northern Marianas have become a U.S. commonwealth.

Guam recently defeated a proposed new constitution that was based on the status quo and Guamanians now want new status negotiations

### Chicago

Because of declining population, Chicago's whites may be a minority group in 1980, a population expert testified before a House subcommittee. Phillip Hauser, former census bureau director and professor emeritus at the Univ. of Chicago, estimated population will be about 46.9% white, 41.2% black and 11.9% Hispanic-American in a city of 2.9 million. In 1970, breakdown was 60% white, 41% black and 7% Hispanic-American.

### Deaths

Dr. Kahn Uyeyama, 71, of Pinole, Ca., died Dec. 30. A prewar San Francisco physician who served in the U.S. army during WW2, he taught internal medicine at UC Medical Center after the war, retiring as clinical professor emeritus in 1972. Surviving are w Helen, s John, Nathaniel, Col Terry, d Constance Goller, Toyo Bidle, br Dr Hajime, sis Kiyo Hermann, Yo Nakayama, 10, gc.

for the longtime U.S. territory (since 1898).

Federated States of Micronesia (Yap Is., Truk Is., Pohnape and Kusaie), Palau Islands, and the Marshall Islands, which are becoming near-independent island states will continue in "free association" with the U.S. They will have the option to go independent and may do so at a later date.

"If the islands themselves are in political transition, what the U.S. does by way of encouragement or discouragement will continue to be influential, and sometimes the deciding factor," the Advertiser pointed out. #

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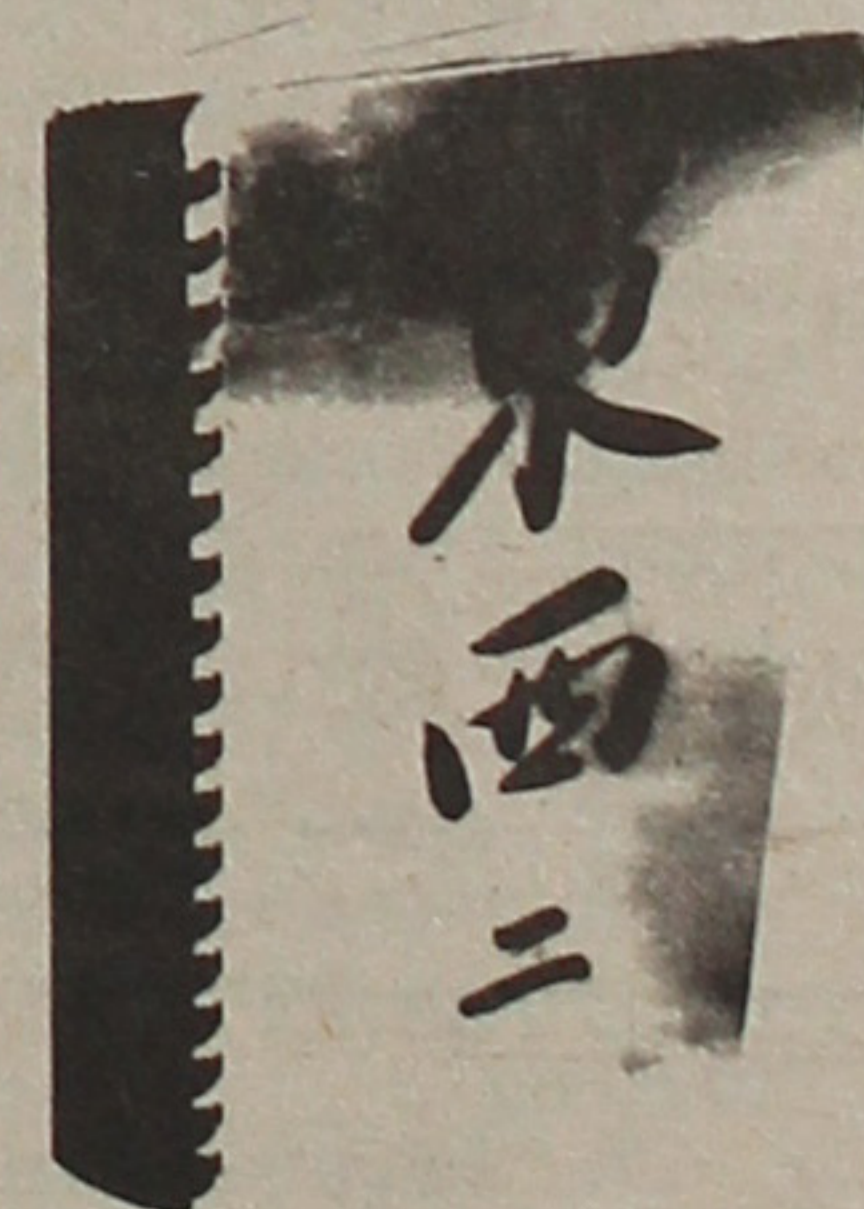
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## Californian heads Hawaii's oldest Christian church group

HONOLULU — The Rev. Teruo Kawata was installed as general secretary-conference minister of the Hawaii Conference of the United Church of Christ at an inspiring and awesome celebration Nov. 11 at the historic Kawaiahao Church.

The denomination with 118 churches in Hawaii is the oldest in the Islands. It was in the sanctuary of the Kawaiahao Church where, in 1843, King Kamehameha gave Hawaii its motto: "The life of the land is preserved in righteousness."

Over 1,000 were present for the ceremonies elevating the

Delano (Calif.)-born Nisei, who studied at the Univ. of Chicago, Ottawa (Kan.) University, and further theological studies at Chicago and at USC. He and his family were removed to a detention camp

during WW2. "I recall how the church got itself organized there in camp and helped bring a sense of order and purpose to us," he said.

Kawata, after ministering to congregations in Los Angeles

in the 1950s and in Hawaii in the 1960s, became associate secretary in the western regional office for the church in 1970. He returned to California in 1977 to be conference minister at San Francisco.

He is married and has three grown children now living on the mainland.

### PC People

#### • Elections

In Placer County, **Kay K. Miyamura** was elected Nov. 6 to the Placer Union High School district board, Area 5 seat. He defeated Evans Morgan, 5,257-2,780. Proclaiming himself a fiscal conservative, Miyamura is a 10-year school board veteran. **Kenneth F. Sakamoto**, with 520 votes, retained his seat to a second term as director of the Loomis Fire Protection District.

Voters in Pueblo, Colo., returned **Dr. Melvin H. Takaki** to the city council with a record high count of 15,396 votes, the Sansei dentist was unopposed for the councilman-at-large seat.

#### • Government

Fremont JACL president **Ted Inouye**, working with the U.S. Geological Survey, was appointed by Interior Secretary Cecilia Andrus to the Micronesia Advisory Committee for Names. He is also member of the Fremont Recreation Commission.

New York Gov. Hugh Carey appointed **Ruby Yoshino Schaar** to the State Advisory Council on Ethnic Affairs for a term ending Aug. 20, 1980. She is also currently New York JACL president.

Tulare County JACLer **Hitoshi Shinoda** is the new postmaster of Yettam, Ca., which had been minus a postmaster for two years and which has been fighting the past five years to stay open. A postal worker since 1961, and offi-

cer in charge the past year at Yettam, he received his appointment under the Postmaster Selection Program. He resides in Orosi with his wife Marie and two children, Leslie and Jeffrey.

HEW Secretary Patricia Harris named **Richard E. Ando, MD**, of Honolulu to serve on the National Advisory Council on Child Health and Human Development. A graduate from the Univ. of Michigan Medical school and a pediatrician, he has served nine years as chairman of the Hawaii state board of education and has a total of 16 years on school advisory council and the state board.

#### • Radio-TV

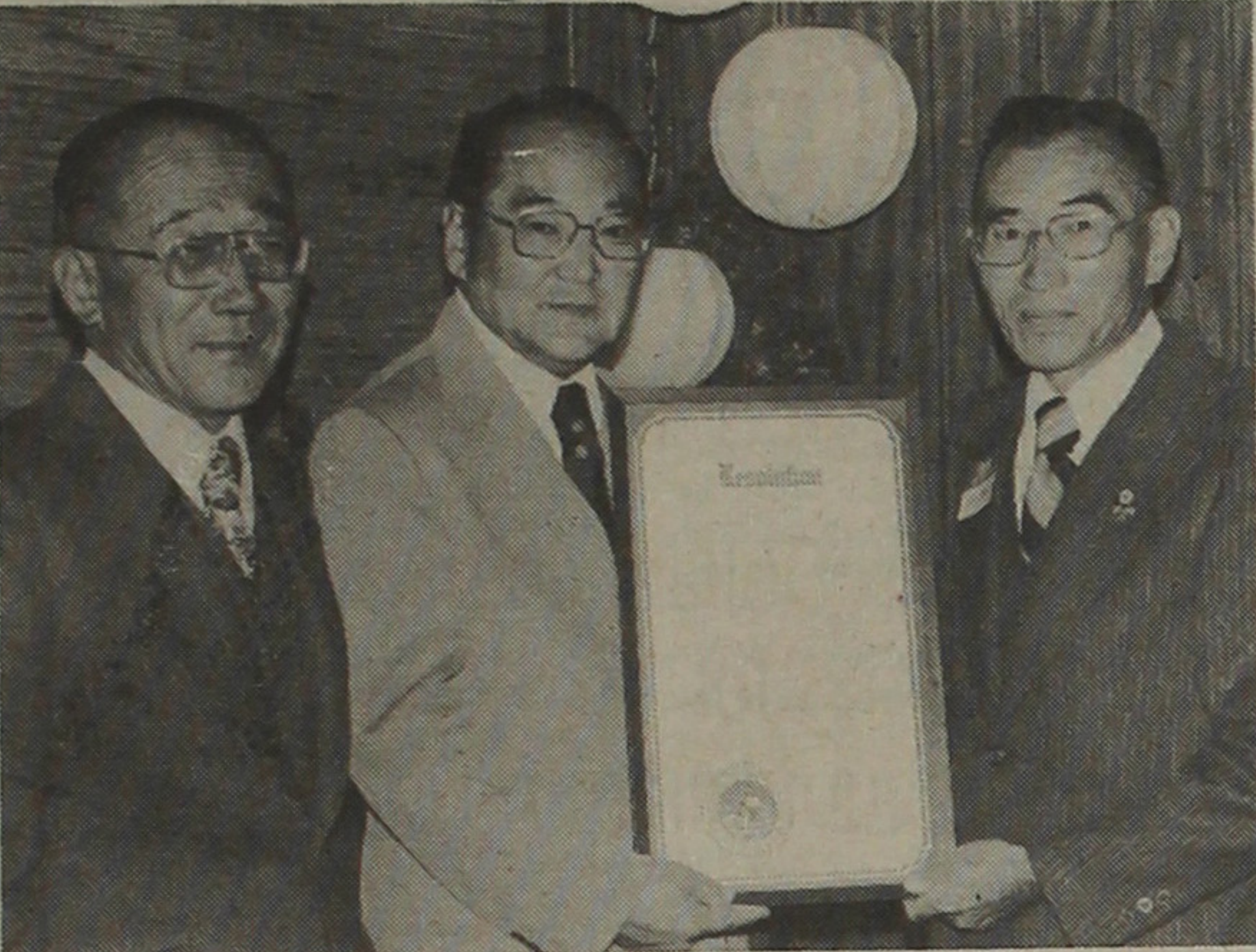
A budding Chicago Sansei disc jockey four years ago, **Gene Honda**, 25, has been named news director of FM station K-104 in Champaign, Ill. His father, Ben, is the consulting architect for Heiwa Terrace, the senior citizen housing project in Chicago.

### JACCC phase I construction ending

LOS ANGELES — Phase I of the construction plan for the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center building has been completed and is almost ready for occupancy. Initial occupant this past week was the JACCC office, 244 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles, Ca. 90012, (213) 628-2725.



CARSON JACL officers for 1980 are (from left): front—Joe Sakamoto, Helen Kamimoto, Fumi Takahashi, Miriam Nishida (pres.), Ruthie Sakamoto, Marian Nagano, Taka Watanabe, Kaz Nishida; back—Bob Chuck, Ken Harada, Paul Schneider, Chuck Braguni, and Tom Kawamoto (past pres.)



GARDENA JACLERS—Assemblyman Paul Bannai (center) presents resolution to Gardena Valley JACL's 1979 president Mas Odoi (right) during the 1980 installation dinner Dec. 1 while incoming president John Fujikawa was installed. Guest speaker was John Saito, PSW JACL regional director.

#### • Los Angeles

Japan America Society presents its New Year program Jan. 20, 2 p.m., at the JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro, featuring an illustrated lecture by Prof. Koichi Kawana on Ukiyoe prints and dances by Fujima Kansuma.

UCLA's Oriental Library, comprised of some 174,000 books (100,000 Chinese; 70,000 Japanese; 4,000 Korean) is regarded as the largest East Asian collection in Southern California. Situated on the second floor of the University Research Library (where the JACL-JARP Special Collection is kept), director Ik-Sam Kim (825-4836) said the facilities are open to the community. Dr. Kim was named head of the UCLA Oriental Library in January, 1979.

Japanese United Information Community Exchange (JUICE), consisting of local public and private agencies and community volunteers, is starting its fourth year. Paul Oda (629-3876), coordinator, is based at the Japanese Union Church. It meets every second Monday from 1 p.m.

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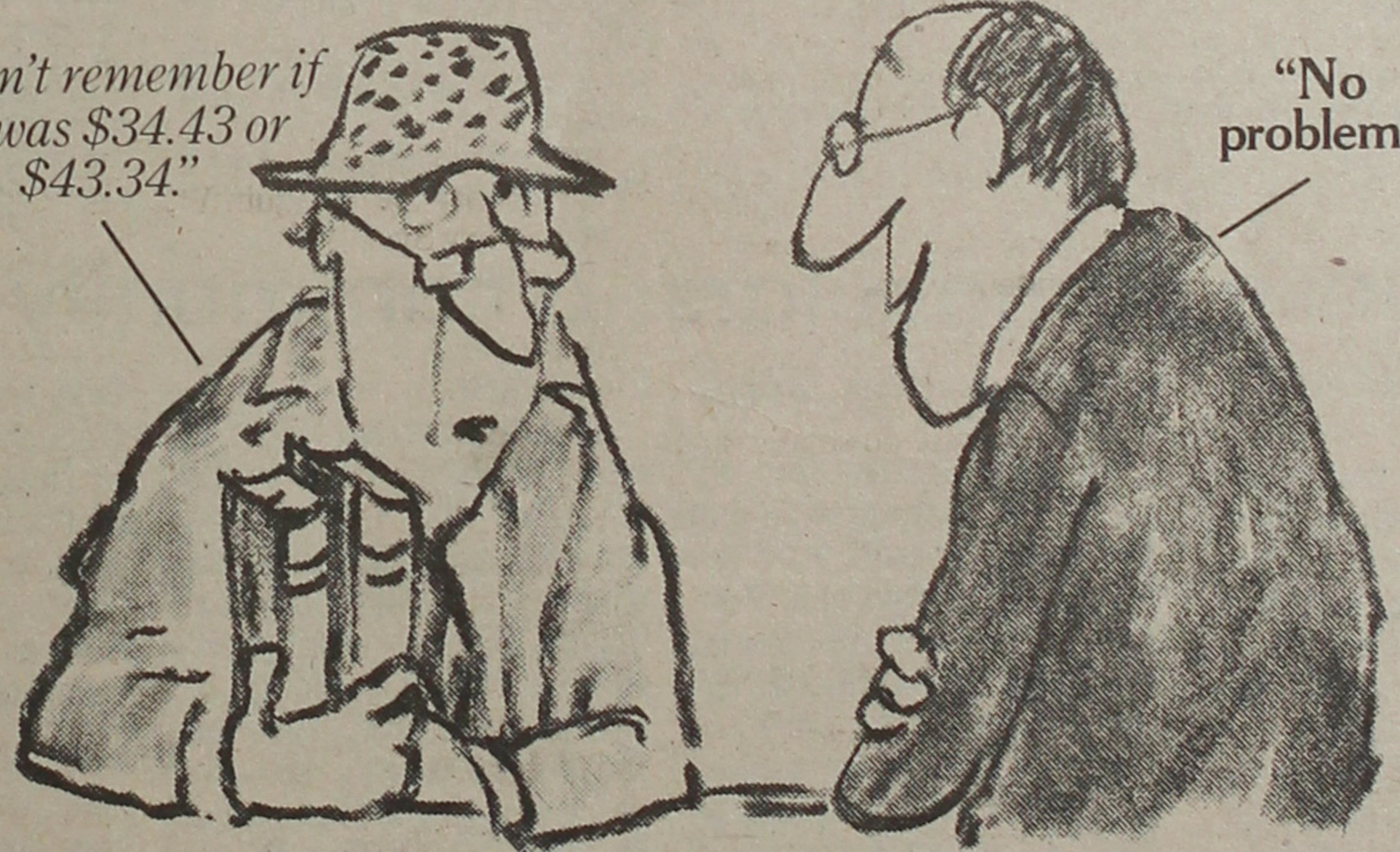
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## JACL in TYO and Hawaii

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Home, after one month on the road. An afternoon within a refugee camp in Hong Kong, a Chinese commune 40 miles from the Vietnam border, Shaoshan—the birthplace of Mao Tsetung, the Great Wall north of a frozen Beijing (Peking)—it was a fascinating trip.

During the few days in Tokyo on the way home, there were opportunities to meet with several Nisei and Sansei. There is increasing interests among Japanese Americans living in Japan to be in touch with their fellow ethnic American citizens. The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) is the logical tie. There are nearly a thousand Japanese Americans residing in Tokyo. Barry Saito, a longtime Nisei resident of Tokyo and familiar to PC readers, is the key to organizing a JACL chapter in Tokyo.

Hawaii is not represented in JACL. It is our major shortcoming. Hawaii is no longer just a cluster of beautiful islands isolated somewhere in the mid-Pacific. It is a significant part of the greater United States.

JACL's goal is to secure justice not only for Americans of Japanese ancestry but for all Americans, especially Asians and other minorities whose voices need to be heard more. We also need to vigorously support the Hawaiian Native Claims Settlement Act.

Earl Nishimura and Jack Wakayama of Honolulu are among those spearheading for the establishment of JACL Chapters in Hawaii. A meeting with over thirty prominent Japanese American community leaders—ranging from a Nisei born in 1892, former state legislator Steere Noda, to Anne Takemoto, a Yonsei in local politics—was a warm experience.

The eventual establishment of Hawaii as a separate District with a seat on the JACL National Board will give us the inputs and the perspectives we need. No longer will 40% of the Japanese Americans remain unrepresented in JACL.

YE EDITOR'S DESK: Harry Honda

## Santa Gertrudes

Better known as Selanoco (Southeast Los Angeles North Orange County) JACL, 15 years ago when the chapter was being formed and in search of name, we had suggested "Santa Gertrudes"—as the rancho occupying the specific area was called. JACL chapters with a geopolitical or historic touch to their name seem to have more clout. All this came to mind while a guest of the chapter at their installation dinner and the first one they had when we were privileged to introduce Jeffrey Matsui as the new JACL regional director.

Besides hearing some nice comments on the Holiday Issue, pointed queries came from people who detected omissions in the Chapter Presidents list in the New Year special. We apologize and will rectify. Explanations won't suffice, I'm afraid. Plus space doesn't permit today.

# Japanese vernaculars: a community binder

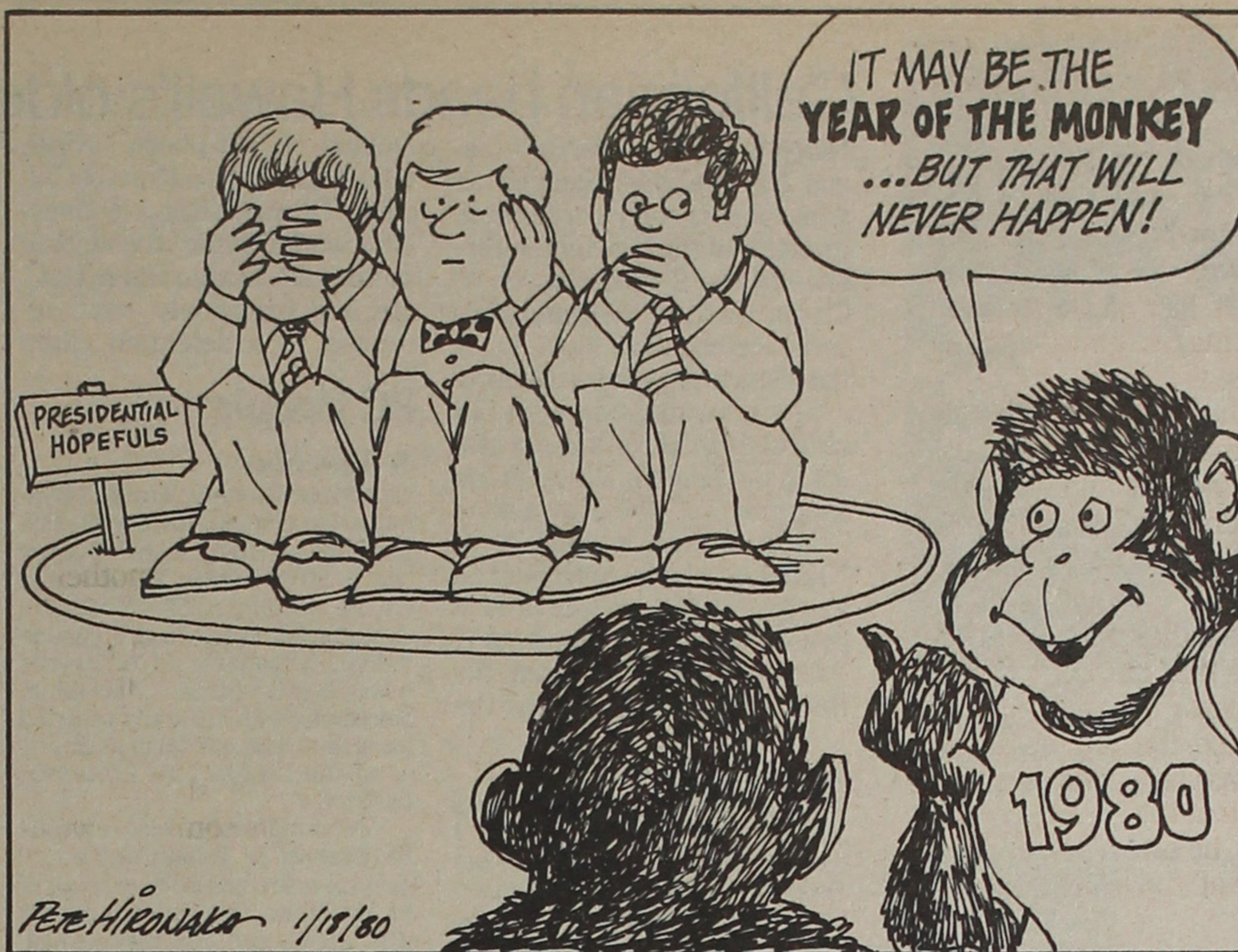
By LESTER E. SUZUKI  
Berkeley:

I believe in the ethnic vernacular papers. There are so many Nisei and Sansei who do not subscribe to the Japanese vernaculars, so I propose several reasons why they should.

1. The vernacular newspapers are a binding, cohesive force of the total Japanese and Japanese American community. In Northern California they are the Nichi Bei Times and the Hokubei Mainichi. In Los Angeles they are Rafu Shimpo and Kashu Mainichi and other papers. There are papers in Seattle, Salt Lake City, Denver, Chicago and New York. People may live in scattered communities but yet they feel a sense of unity through the newspapers. In this age of multi-culture pluralism, we need a binding force such as the vernacular papers to remind

us of our ethnic importance.

2. The vernacular papers give more news about the many activities of the Nisei and Sansei and Yonsei, and the Issei, of course. And then during the Christmas or New Year editions, there are so many names of people and friends, as well as advertisements of companies, which in themselves are news of people. The Japanese headlines give enough news of the world and of Japan for the average Issei to keep abreast of the times. The English sections give a wide range of news of churches, clubs, organizations, athletic events of all kinds, with names of winners, participants, etc., so that it is a reservoir of news of all cities and towns. Due to the Evacuation, many friends live in many different cities and towns and it is good to read



## 1930 Convention Picture

Editor:  
Akira Horikoshi of San Francisco is No. 10, second row, in the 1930 Convention photo (HI front cover). He stands directly behind Saburo Kido—God bless his soul. I understand Akira passed away a few years ago as have a number of others in the picture. We shall miss them at the 50th anniversary meeting.

SALLY SLOCUM  
Fresno, Ca.

Editor:  
The Holiday Issue front page caught my eye because "I was there" back in 1930.

After graduating from the Univ. of Washington in 1927, I went to the Univ. of Illinois at Urbana for graduate studies in mechanical engineering. I was on leave from a mechanical engineering research project at home in Tacoma when friends told me about the JACL Convention in Seattle. I was prompted to go along with the small but close-knit Tacoma contingent of George Teraoka (now of Chicago), the late John Hayatsu and Hito Okada. I cannot recall whether Hito was at the meeting.

I do recall making some comments on the theme of "Go east, Nisei youth, go east", as I had done with other college friends to open up occupational and professional paths that had been closed (to us) in the Pacific Northwest at the time.

Just to name a few Seattle-area Nisei of that period who went east include:

George Yamaoka, now a New York attorney; George Nagama-

tsu, now a New York surgeon; George Nakashima, now, a wood artist and furniture designer in Pennsylvania; the late Koshimi Yamagiwa, Univ. of Michigan professor of Japanese literature; the late Dr. Ruby Hirose, pharmaceutical chemist with Eli Lilly, Indianapolis; Oliver Noji, now in California, but a Boston architect; Joe Mino, now in Japan, electrical engineer at Allis-Chalmers, Milwaukee.

Others of the same period went to Japan and bridged the gap between two cultures: Among them were Welly T. Shibata in journalism and Tadao Kimura in literature. They were also among the most brilliant students in that era.

Getting back to the Convention—one incident that remains in memory is the flag-waving, bellicose pep-talk by Tokutaro Slocum, who strode up and down the platform to shout that if "war came tomorrow between Japan and the United States, he would be fighting for the Stars and Stripes". This was in 1930 at a time when there was no hint of impending crisis. I recall that the incident when reported in the local Japanese newspapers was received unfavorably by the Issei group.

I attended the convention for about two days and returned to Urbana to continue an isolated research career that was to last for the next 50 years. Little did I realize then that the Seattle meeting was landmark! Nobody in the Tacoma contingent gave me much of the background to the early struggles of JACL...

about them.

Just to keep up with the such events is worth the price of the subscription, which is only \$20.00 for six months, or \$40.00 a year. That's for a whole year. People think nothing of spending \$20.00 for the price of a dinner, so why say the paper is expensive. It sure isn't. [The PC is available to non-JACL members at \$10 a year.]

3. The Issei always look at the death notices and for good reasons. These notices are the best means of finding out about the death of their friends and relatives. Also Nisei are getting to the age when the death notices begin to be largely Nisei. So many Nisei have said, "I didn't know he or she died. I wish I had known that." Well, they should subscribe to the vernacular papers, one of them at least, and scan the death notices. You may

find one of your good friends on the list. And one of these days you may be on the list and others would want to know of your passing away. So for the death notices alone it is worth the subscription.

4. Vernacular papers keep us abreast of the issues that pertain to the Nisei, Issei, Sansei, and Japanese population as a whole. It has been so in the past for scores of years and it is true today. In the years of anti-Japanese movements, the vernaculars were a very important part of the Japanese society. Today it is still an important part of our society.

5. The newspapers are not making too much money. I am sure the staff people are not overpaid. Whatever their number of subscribers, they can surely stand a whole lot more subscribers.

Of those early years at UW in the 1920s, there were more students from Japan than there were Nisei. We got along beautifully. I even recall helping two or three of the engineering students from Japan in overcoming their difficulties in the English classes. It was when Hito Okada's class ('29 or '30) began that Nisei outnumbered the Issei on campus to change the tone of the Japanese Students Club and clubhouse. As president of the house during my junior year, I made a special point of moving toward American ways. Tom Masuda (now of Chicago), Welly and Hito helped out so that we had the entire dinner table group singing American songs and UW college songs.

I want to stop reminiscing to identify one of the unidentified delegates:

The late John Hayatsu of Tacoma stands as No. 9, back row.  
SEICHI 'BUD' KONZO  
Professor-Emeritus, Mech. Engr.  
Univ. of Illinois.

## People Who Count

Editor:  
Thanks for the superb placement of our ads. Please note the following people in the "People Who Count" section in acknowledgement of their assistance in soliciting Holiday Issue ads for the San Francisco JACL: Hisashi Takiguchi, Grace Tsuchiya, Donna Kawamoto, Mary Kyono.  
WILLIAM KYONO  
San Francisco JACL  
HI Coordinator

## 'Okichi'

Editor:  
Regarding the Okichi series (PC, Oct 26, Nov 2, 9), Kenkyusha's 1954 Japanese English dictionary translates Tojin Okichi ungrammatically but intelligibly as "Okichi of the foreigner's" though scoring the word obsolete. Glenn Shaw renders the title of Yamamoto Yuzo play, "Tojin Okichi" into English as "Chink Okichi".

Probably Okichi was a far less pitiable creature than popular opinion depicts her. Western visitors to the Japan of the period state that the common people were universally friendly towards them when no officials were at hand to observe their behavior.

ALLAN BEEKMAN  
Honolulu

## 35 Years Ago

JAN. 13, 1945  
Jan. 2—Report Negro Baptist group leasing former Nishi Hongwanji, Los Angeles, will eviction from the temple.  
Jan. 3—Unoccupied Nisei homes in Placer County destroyed by night fires; no report made to authorities.  
Jan. 9—Hollywood American Legion Post 591 votes in first WW2 Nisei vet (Harley M. Oka, 28).  
Jan. 10—Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play host San Francisco conference on Nisei resettlement on west coast; scores of private (JACL included) and public agencies present; Gov. Earl Warren commends aim of conference "to protect constitutional rights".

## COMMENTS & LETTERS

### Christmas Cheer

Editor:  
Now that the mad rush of last-minute check-writing and Christmas Cheer mailing have been completed, we heave a sigh of relief. One never realizes how warm and compassionate JACLers are until he gets himself involved in a project such as this that requires one to dip into his pocketbook to bring a project to a successful close. It pleases me to say that they came through with flying colors.

It makes me proud to be a JACLer in the PSWDC. And to all the generous donors to Christmas Cheer: you have every reason to be proud, too. Especially when you just give without really knowing if your particular contribution has served the purpose for which it was intended. Believe me, friends, your contribution was and is well appreciated. Besides the many phone calls received at the Regional Office, a stack of "thank you" letters are there for your inspection.

One recipient who called is a woman with a dependent son, hard-put because she could not provide a little something extra for her son with Christmas nearing. Then, a Christmas Cheer check arrives in the mail; it was God-sent (really, JACL-sent). She was saved...

Such are the feelings of recipients, so please, JACLers, keep your generous hearts open.

I must say that the Pan Asian JACLers came through in great style: Chris Naito, who got this off to a flying start, and Kathy Chono, who organized the check-writing meeting.

And it would not have been completed in time had it not been for the efforts of Dale Akutagawa of the PC staff who helped in getting the mail out.

TAK ENDO  
1979 Christmas Cheer Chair  
Pan Asian JACL

### Holiday Issue

Editor:  
I was so impressed with the 1979 Holiday Issue that I would like to have additional copies, if they are available, sent to my daughter studying at Waseda University and to my former college roommate who wrote his doctoral thesis on the educational system in the "relocation camps". Here is our check to defray expenses...

J. HARLEY GALUSHA  
Tulsa, Okla.

Ed. Note: About 100 copies are available for "counter sale" at 50¢ cash & carry here at the PC office, \$1.25 U.S. postpaid, \$4 printed matter Japan air postpaid.

Editor:  
Your Holiday Issue was overwhelming. You sure must have worked like slaves to put it together. Well done.

I was most impressed by Noriko Sawada Bridges. I had always thought that there was an element of reverse snobbery in our resentment of being stereotyped. She explored phenomenon with keen clinical mind to come up with her masterpiece...

JIN KONOMI  
El Cerrito, Ca.

Ed. Note: Our contributing columnist adds that he is planning to explore the concept of "ethnic identity" and see if a term such as "ethnic suicide" has any logical validity; and later the "Samurai" mystique.

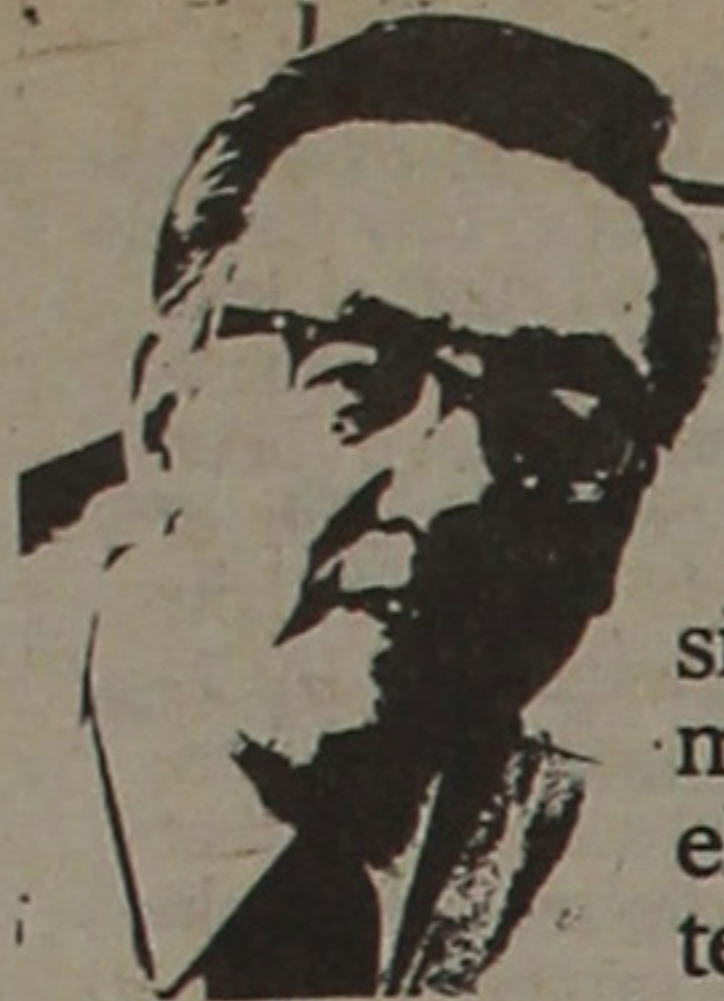
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FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

## A Pair of Christmas Shoes

This story may not be quite as amusing on paper as it was in real life, but let me give it a try. It has to do with an elderly gentleman, his two grown daughters, and Christmas.

Each year the daughters ask the old man what he would like in the way of a Christmas present. The old man feels he has everything he needs, and besides, Christmas presents are for the young. So invariably he says that what he would like most is a little peace and quiet.

This, of course, doesn't satisfy the ladies. So they press the issue until eventually he admits that he needs things like a can of shaving cream, some razor blades, a tube of hair cream, a toothbrush to replace the one with the bristles getting a bit ragged, and maybe a few sticks of beef jerky to chomp on while staring at the blank sheet of paper in his typewriter for, you see, he is a writer. And if they could supply him with some of these necessities, that would be just fine.

This year, the young ladies decided to confer with the old gentleman's wife. What would the old man like to have for Christmas, and if he wouldn't "like" anything, what did he really need? The old man's wife thought a moment, then suggested that his shoes had been half-soled a half dozen or so times, were beginning to look a little shopworn, and he could really use a new pair of shoes.

That sounded just fine to the young ladies, accepting the fact that the old man was incurably practical. So they asked the old man's wife to take him to a shoe store and have him pick out a pair of shoes. But he wouldn't get to keep the shoes at the moment. They would have to be delivered to the young ladies. And since shoes are no longer cheap, each of them would take one shoe, gift-wrap it and present it to the old man, dividing the cost between them so as to keep within their budgets.

Of course the old man couldn't help but know what was under way. He laughed and asked which of the girls was underwriting the left shoe, and which the right shoe.

Well, the Christmas gifts were delivered in due time,

and the family got together on Christmas eve for a bit of preliminary gift-opening. Not all the gifts, but one each, with the rest to be opened Christmas morning.

The old man opened one box, neatly Christmas-wrapped, and found one black shoe, the one for the right foot, just like the one he had purchased. He laughed, and everyone chuckled. Since he had received only half of his present, they said they would overlook the custom of opening just one package and urged him to open another one.

So he carefully unwrapped a second box, and sure enough it contained another shoe. The left one. But it was brown, whereas the first one was black.

"Good gosh," or something like that, the old man exclaimed. "That punk-kid salesman at the shoe store must have screwed things up. I tried on some brown shoes before deciding to get the black ones, so it's easy to understand what happened."

Everyone laughed. It was a great joke — the old man

wearing one brown shoe and one black shoe. The old man's wife frowned and clucked her tongue and said she would take the shoes back to the store the day after Christmas and get the brown one exchanged for a black one. She wondered who got the other mismatched pair and someone else suggested they'd just put the shoes aside waiting for the unfortunate customer to come back. And everyone laughed some more.

Came Christmas Day, and the whole extended family sat down to dinner. Just before dessert, when the old man returned to his chair he found another wrapped box in front of him.

"My goodness," he exclaimed, or something to that effect. "I have another present." He opened the box and found two more shoes — a brown one and a black one, identical to the mismatched pair he had found the previous night.

And everyone laughed uproariously because the old man suddenly realized he had been presented with not one but two pairs of shoes.

But he really had the last laugh. He hadn't wanted the girls to be spending all that money, you see, and since he had paid for the original pair, they would be paying only the second pair. #

FROM HAPPY VALLEY: Sachi Seko

## A Rare Prize: 100,000-Mile Car

Salt Lake City

In the beginning, it seemed a harmless goal. My husband decided that he wanted to see his car register 100,000 miles, an unprecedented achievement. He is somewhere between 3,000 and 4,000 miles of his goal. I cannot give the exact figure since I have been too nervous to look. Riding with him has become a harrowing experience, particularly as each additional thousand miles has been notched. He makes a lot of noise about it. But I suppose it is much safer than what a friend of ours used to do. He had a drink each time the odometer registered an additional thousand miles.

It has been a costly experiment and somewhat unpatriotic. The car has been averaging 10 miles a gallon in this period of energy shortage and necessary conservation. Periodically, it has suffered various ailments related to age. Instead of allowing it to die a natural and easy death, my husband insists that a strong heart beats beneath the rusted, crumbling carcass. It is very similar to the attitude he has about me.

So with increasing frequency the car has been taken to the Uptown Service Station for rejuvenation of sorts. The station staff has been extremely tolerant about my husband's determination to reach 100,000 miles. They are stoic, even ignoring my little remarks about strange men and stranger goals. Men have an annoying habit of hanging together. And the station staff is only required to perform repairs. They do not have to ride in the car.

Our son, who has occasion to ride with his father, has other feelings. He values his life over mere camaraderie and in an act of male disloyalty has refused to ride in the car except in situations of dire necessity. Every day he has been engaging his father in conversation deftly contrived to lead to a discussion of cars. I do not participate in the male dialogue. Mainly because I am not considered their equal in vehicular knowledge. Their prejudice is partially based on my method of driving, which revolves around the sensible aversion to making left-turns.

My son had predicted that his father would surely succumb before the end of the year by purchasing another car and relinquishing his goal of 100,000 miles. It did not happen. Although I still consider it a silly desire to fulfill. I have to respect the audacity it required. The teasing taunts of friends, the risk to limb and life, the expense of repairs and gas. All reasonable arguments unheeded in the relentless pursuit of a goal, no matter how foolish, suggests the sense of adventure that resides, should preside, in the human spirit.

At the beginning of this new decade, which has been welcomed less joyously than others, it may be appropriate to remember that there are still journeys and adventures within the capture of all mankind. That the attainable dream, the celebration that remains eternally new, requires no calendar. #

## NOBUYUKI

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a bill introduced in the House of Representatives (HR 1924). The bill has been forwarded to the Judiciary subcommittee on administrative law and governmental relations, chaired by Rep. George Danielson (D-Ca). He has hinted at hearings on the ABS matter sometime in March. This would be an excellent time for those of you who want to help the atomic bomb survivors to write to your Congressman and ask him to pass on a few good words of encouragement to Congressman Danielson to move forward on this bill, HR 1924. #

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# Japan firms in U.S. employ 81,300 residents

NEW YORK—Spurred by the interest shown in its 1978 study of the economic impact on New York of the proliferation of Japanese businesses, the Japan Society commissioned a

companion survey to be called "The Economic Impact of the Japanese Business Community in the United States. This second study, the first of its kind, has been completed

by the Conservation of Human Resources Project of Columbia University under the direction of Professor Eli Ginsberg, and the findings were published in the late November by the Japan Society.

1. The growing economic interdependence of the United States and Japan, as evidenced by the \$36 billion of trade between the two nations, has led to the emergence of a large Japanese business community in the United States. By 1978, at least 1,177 business entities had been established in the United States by Japanese interests and approximately 10,500 Japanese businessmen had been assigned to manage these firms. The Japanese investments related to these U.S. operations exceed \$3.4 billion.

2. Japanese firms in the U.S. provide jobs directly for an estimated 81,300 local residents, and for each Japanese businessman in the U.S., approximately eight jobs are created directly for American workers.

3. Expenditures by Japanese firms in the U.S. create an estimated additional 261,600 jobs for American workers.

4. Japanese firms import ap-

proximately \$12 billion worth of consumer goods for sale in the U.S., including about \$6 billion worth of automobiles. The retail distribution of this quantity of goods requires the employment of an estimated 113,500 Americans in auto dealerships and other retail sales operations throughout the country.

5. Japanese firms require an estimated 140 million square feet of commercial space in the United States, including over 36 million square feet of office space, the equivalent of four office complexes the size of the World Trade Center.

6. The Japanese business community consists of trading companies, marketing and distribution firms, manufacturing plants (notably consumer electronic firms), banks, commercial service firms (such as airlines, steamships and hotels), and a variety of other activities, including retail sales and real estate development.

7. Growing trade relationships between Japan and the United States have stimulated travel by Japanese to this country. Japanese are now the largest source of overseas visitors to the United States, with 886,431 Japanese arriving in 1978. These visitors spend an estimated \$540 million in the U.S. creating at least 24,800 jobs in local

hotels, restaurants and tourist shops.

8. Japanese trading companies have provided valuable service to U.S. manufacturers by helping them to export to foreign markets besides Japan. About \$3.9 billion in

American goods, or 3 percent of all U.S. exports, were exported to countries other than Japan by Japanese trading companies. The American employment related to these exports is about 143,000 jobs. — N.Y. Nichibei

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