

Asian immigration to America focus of major Cal. conference

LOS ANGELES—A major state-wide conference on Asian immigration issues will be held Dec. 12 and 13 at USC's Davidson Conference Center.

Entitled, "Asian Immigration to the United States: Historical and Contemporary Issues," the conference will "explore one of the most consistently important issues of the Asian American experience through the diverse perspectives of history, jurisprudence, policy analysis, psychology and literature," according to UCLA's Don T. Nakanishi, conference coordinator.

Major keynote addresses will be given by Prof. Ron Takaki, U.C. Berkeley, author of the widely-acclaimed book, "Iron Cages;" attorney Ellen Ma Lee, executive director, One-Stop Immigration Center, Los Angeles; journalist Alex Esclamado, publisher, Philip

pine News, San Francisco; and Kyung Won Lee, editor, Korea-town News, Los Angeles.

Twelve specialized panels will deal with such topics as the impact of U.S. immigration and refugee laws on Asian immigration, the psychological adjustment of recent Asian immigrants and refugees to American society, Asian immigrant literature, the demographics of Asian immigration, Asian immigrants and labor, Asian immigrants and bilingual/bicultural education, the nature of the relationship between the INS and the Asian American community, and the impact of Asian immigration on race relations in California and American society.

Conference information is available from Asian American Studies Center, 3232 Campbell Hall, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90024; or call (213) 825-2974.

JACL budget between \$819,000-917,000

(This is the concluding PC account of the 26th biennial National JACL Convention July 28-Aug. 1, switched at the last minute because of the hotel employees' strike from the Jack Tar to the Plaza Airport Inn adjacent to San Francisco International Airport.)

By HARRY HONDA

San Francisco

As JACL budgets rate, the FY 1981-82 package (see page 2) is the biggest. It passed the final day with 54 of the 88 chapters present in favor, 19 against because of the fat dues increase and 14 abstaining.

And at the rate of inflation and mounting cost of staying in business, and JACL's non-profit and tax-exempt, National JACL operations will soon pass the million dollar mark, noted national treasurer George Kodama. "It would have been this biennium, by totaling all the proposals and requests that had been submitted," the Marina JACler added.

And for the amount of time devoted in council by delegates to the proposal, it was inordinately brief by comparison with debates over a less sizeable sum at earlier conventions. The National JACL Board, in preparing the 1980 convention agenda, anticipated heavy discussion and allocated a full day (about five hours) — the opening day on Monday — to the new \$759,300-\$857,380 budget. But half hour into the preliminary presentation by Kodama, the council voted to table it because key financial reports for 1979-80 were not included in the official delegates packet of papers. Hoosier delegate JoAnne Kagiwada had pointed out that the process was in "inappropriate order".

Discussion was resumed for 90 minutes late Thursday afternoon and into the last day (Friday mid-morning when the election ballots were being tallied) for about an hour with delegates focusing on whether or not the Pacific Citizen should stay at 50 issues a year or cut back as proposed in the budget to 26 issues a year and thereby save \$60,000. Wilshire delegate Dr. Roy Nishikawa, and onetime PSWDC governor, national treasurer, national president and PC Board chairman, pictured the 26-issue proposal as "cutting down communications" and was against it. San Diego delegate Vernon Yoshioka, also against, said JACL needs to grow.

Pro-tem chair Floyd Shimomura, v.p.—public affairs, capsulized the debate to keep PC a weekly operation by noting it was cost-effective to stay with 50 issues, stand better to maximize its revenue-producing potential and recognized the PR value with more frequent editions.

There was no attempt to reduce the budget elsewhere to fit the additional amount necessary to sustain a 50-week PC schedule. "This is a barebone budget," Kodama has stressed at the beginning, despite the big price-tag. Board member Judge Mikio Uchiyama saw the question as 26 or 50 issues. Spokane delegate Denny Yasuhara urged, "Let's not haggle and move forward!" On the motion to amend the budget, there were only 7 chapters favoring 26 issues, the remainder opting for 50; three abstained.

That meant adding another \$60,000 to the budget, thus raising national dues from \$16.50 to \$22.25 for FY 1981 (effective Oct. 1, 1980) and \$25.75 for FY 1982. The increase in dues was split since the 1982 budget accommodated a 10% inflation factor over the 1981 figures.

Incidentally, dues have been raised for the 13th time since 1941 when it was 25 cents a year for a JACL card, which many members regarded as a way to show their loyalty to U.S. and a hopeful sign they would be spared wartime detention once war had been declared. Dues went up to \$1 after the 1946 convention. The 1000 Club contributions then (\$25 a year) were over & above the dues to maintain National Headquarters. JACL also mounted a vigorous fund-raising campaign through its Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) to secure evacuation claims, naturalization for the Issei and elimination of anti-alien land laws. JACL convention delegates of the 1946-1952 period wrangled long hours over quotas—so much in JACL dues as well as ADC contributions, by taking into account the economic environment of the chapter area.

National dues went up 50¢ in 1951, another 50¢ to \$2 in 1955. When PC with Membership was instituted in 1961, another \$1 (\$3 total) was added. Then higher dues became more frequent: \$4 from 1965, \$5 from 1967, \$6.50 from 1969, \$8.50 from 1971, \$9 from 1973, \$12 from 1975, and \$16.50 from 1979.

As scheduled, the two sessions on constitutional revision were resolutely chaired by Shimomura on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Uchiyama, committee chair, assured nothing "was being rammed through", that the changes had been widely publicized and aired and if too controversial, they could be determined at another time.

Shimomura added there would be no "general rewriting here" and conducted the Tuesday session as a workshop on the major proposals: (1) reducing the National Board from 24 to 18 members, (2) delineate the powers of the National Council, (3) uniform dues, (4) membership qualifications—citizenship or no.

Jim Murakami, immediate past national president, observed the JACL Constitution is the only guideline a national

president has to run the organization. "The document is getting better," he felt.

Thursday morning, Shimomura had assessed from the "workshop" which issues would continue to take time. In an omnibus resolution were those generally acceptable revisions:

(1) strengthening the National Board, (2) clarifying the role of National Council—each NYC chair will now vote in National

Council, (3) election reform, (4) dropped uniform dues, (5) National Board hire-and-fires the national director. With some controversial portions removed, the omnibus resolution passed 75 to 6 on a roll call vote; 61 was needed to ratify.

A series of roll call votes (see last PC for record) followed on the questioned sections:

(1) Nat'l Board and EXECOM meetings "open" except on personnel or litigative matters. Yes—78, No—3.

(2) Flexibility in membership

dates. Y—73, N—8.

(3) Citizenship requirement liberalized:

Option 1—To allow active membership to all permanent U.S. residents. Y—17, N—62, ab—7;

Option 2—To permanent U.S. residents of Japanese ancestry only. Y—41, N—46N.

(4) The proposed JAYS amendment would be ratified by mail. The youth program, district youth council, youth director, student and youth membership requirements are being incorporated in the National JACL Constitution.



HISAO MASUYAMA of Gardena (left) is being congratulated upon his elevation to state commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars by Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, who is also county chairman of military and veterans affairs. A life member of Gardena Nisei VFW Post 1961, Masuyama assumed office June 18 during the state VFW convention at Bakersfield.

Politicos in Japan puzzled by redress bill

When President Carter signed the JACL-sponsored redress bill to establish a commission to study the wartime relocation and internment of Japanese Americans, the people in Japan were puzzled, an article in the Japan Times Aug. 2 indicated.

Several, including a university professor who specializes in American politics, speculated the bill was signed to win votes of Japanese Americans in Hawaii—oblivious to the fact that there was no mass internment or evacuation of Japanese in Hawaii, although a small number considered dangerous were removed to the Mainland.

Prof. Rinjiro Sodei of Hosei University, who teaches U.S. government and politics, said the U.S. government had already compensated Japanese American internees for material damage during the 1950s. Therefore, he did not think the U.S. government really intended to make reparation again for Japanese Americans forcibly relocated during the last world war. Carter's action, he added, at this time might be a gesture at winning Japanese American votes in Hawaii—this being a presidential year.

Kunio Yanagida, author of "Mariko", a story based on facts about a daughter of a Japanese diplomat during the war, also saw the signing as Carter's move to enhance his chances in the Presidential election.

Sr. housing projects move

SAN DIEGO, Ca.—Some 200 contributions and pledges amounting to over \$130,000 have been received by Kiku Gardens Retirement Project (P.O. Box 2548, San Diego, Ca. 92112), it was recently announced by the San Diego JACL.

The Kiku Gardens committee, having filed a request for a \$4 million senior housing grant with the federal government, has increased its local fund drive goal to \$500,000—dictated in part by the option that the committee has on five choice acres of city-owned land near University Towne

Center.

In Berkeley, East Bay Issei Housing, Inc., (1908 Berkeley Way, Berkeley: 848-3560) announced an option for a five-acre lot on Huntwood Ave., Hayward, has been acquired for its 150-unit apartment complex. EBIIH has applied for a HUD-guaranteed loan of \$7 million. A fund-raiser is being planned Sept. 13 featuring chicken teriyaki.

EBIIH seeks to raise \$200,000 for expenses on final design and down payment for the site, it was added by Robert Sakai, EBIIH president.



(A Polaroid Color Photo)

HISTORIC ASSEMBLY—All but one of the 12 living past National JACL presidents met for the first time during the 1980 national convention. Dr. Clifford Uyeda (standing at right), who hosted the supper meeting, relates what transpired in his final column (page 3) as National President. Seated are (from left) Kumeo Yoshinari, Pat Okura and Dr. Terry Hayashi. Standing: Jim Murakami, Frank Chuman, Henry Tanaka, Shigeo Wakamatsu, Shig Sugiyama, Jerry Enomoto, Judge Raymond Uno, Dr. Roy Nishikawa and Uyeda. Hito Okada of Salt Lake was unable to attend because of illness.

Nisei poet to be co-subject of NEH-funded documentary

LOS ANGELES—Nisei poet Mitsuye Yamada, of Irvine, Calif., will be one of two women writers whose poetry and lives will be explored in "Mitsuye and Nellie: Two American Poets", an hour-long documentary recently funded by a \$120,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Yamada, who says she writes poetry "to bring harmony into my life," is currently teaching English, creative writing, and children's literature at Cypress College.

JACL called to economic talks

WASHINGTON—On Thursday, Aug. 21, the Washington Office of the JACL participated in a White House Consultation on the President's Program of Economic Renewal.

The Meeting, chaired by Bertam Carp, Deputy Assistant to the President on Domestic Affairs and Policy, was attended by 18 national social and civil rights representatives, according to Ronald K. Ikejiri, JACL Washington Representative.

Primary areas of discussion included the President's commitment towards improving America's work force productivity, investment in energy production, and long term approach to international competitiveness.

"It is clear in the meeting that the White House was genuinely interested in seeking advice from the national representatives in their views on the programs the President proposes to combat, such as inflation and poor productivity, and their impact on the social programs which organizations, such as the JACL, have traditionally favored, and vigorously supported," said Ikejiri.

The focus of the documentary, explained project director Allie Light, will not only be on Yamada, but also on Chinese American poet Nellie Wong and on the cultures of Asian American women as reflected in the ideas and experiences of the two writers.

Wong, a resident of the San Francisco area, is the author of "Dreams in Harrison Railroad Park" and a member of Unbound Feet, a collective of six Chinese American women writers.

Yamada's painful experiences stemming from wartime Evacuation of her and her family from their home in Seattle to the Minidoka Relocation Center, in fact, provided much of the material for her first book of poetry, "Camp Notes and Other Poems" (1976). Her work has also appeared in various textbooks and anthologies.

Background research for portions of the film dealing with Yamada has already begun, according to director Light, who is conducting a nationwide search for private photographs (not War Relocation Authority pictures), newsreel footage, home movies, and drawings of the Japanese American evacuation and relocation during World War II, with a special interest in scenes of the Minidoka camp.

Also desired are photos of 1900s Japanese picture brides and grooms, plus film of Asian American women at work in industrial and agricultural occupations. Interested contributors should contact the Mitsuye and Nellie Film Project, 1435 West 120th St., Los Angeles, Ca 90047.

Upon its completion next year, "Mitsuye and Nellie: Two American Poets" will be made available to Asian American organizations, colleges, universities, and PBS stations across the nation.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: Clifford Uyeda

Past Presidents

San Francisco

For the first time in the history of the organization, eleven of the twelve living past national JACL presidents dined together and then discussed the future of JACL. It was on the second night of the Golden Anniversary 26th Biennial JACL National Convention, scheduled for San Francisco but moved to Plaza Airport Inn in Millbrae due to a hotel strike.

Among those present, Dr. Terry Hayashi served as the national president back in 1932. Those were the difficult years. The organization was young, the leadership was young, the problems were monumental. Japanese Americans were struggling to get back into being citizens again. There was no time for reflection into the past, the present occupied every ounce of energy. It was pure survival.

Leadership position during times of trial is subject to reproach, even abuse. But that is the nature of leadership. You are there to absorb the criticism, to act as a dart board for the frustrations that must have an outlet. All national presidents have experienced this.

We discussed the present. There was general agreement that a volunteer organization such as JACL must be controlled by volunteers. The hired staff carries out the policies made by volunteers. The strength of the organization is in the leadership that is subject to the will of the national membership every two years.

It was in discussing the future that enthusiasm reached its height. There were twelve of us with a common experience in JACL. What can we do to help the organization?

First of all we need to have a sense of togetherness, a closer communication ties. The immediate past president was designated to serve as the chairperson of the group. He will edit newsletters to keep the group informed about each other and about what is happening within JACL. Everyone agreed that we should not become an advisory group, that JACL does not need another super-board.

The one supreme benefit of the office of national president is the unbelievable contacts made during the term in office. The horizon is expanded for future endeavors. One of the severest and critical problems facing JACL is finances. Membership dues alone can no longer fund the necessary programs. A new source of income for the organization must be found.

The past presidents group cannot become a general fund raising body. That problem is being explored by the Vice President for Planning and Development under whom function the JACL Foundation Committee and the Ways and Means Committee.

There were discussions on plans to explore non-JACL related business ventures. Its success or failure will not reflect upon JACL. If successful, however, we hope to funnel profits into JACL. It is a big hope with many "ifs".

As past JACL national presidents we shared a common experience. We would like to continue a common experience to generate fund for JACL. Whether or not we reach our goal, the experience of working together, sharing a common dream again, and the comradeship we develop amongst us are exciting aspirations. #

Rep. Mineta reception

LOS ANGELES—Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), co-author of JACL-endorsed bill to review the 1942 detention of U.S. civilians, will be hosted by the Japanese American Democratic Club at a bi-partisan fund-raiser on Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Kaz Inouye home, 11401 Chalon Rd., in Bel-Air. A donation of \$50 was suggested for friends, \$100 for sponsors. Information: call George Kodama 822-5528, Mike Yamaki 475-0813 or Mitsuo Sonoda 472-4361.

New OCA executive

WASHINGTON—Don Cooper, 43, of Alexandria, Va., former legislative assistant to Rep. Olin E. Teague of Texas, was appointed executive director of the Organization of Chinese Americans in early August. Born in Shanghai, he is a graduate of Alfred University and studied law at Univ. of Kentucky. #

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Edison Uno papers donated to UCLA-JARP Collection

LOS ANGELES—The personal papers of the late Edison Uno of San Francisco have been donated to the UCLA University Research Library. The Uno family and their family lawyer, Dale Minami, felt that the choice was made because UCLA has the largest collection of materials on Japanese American history in the country. The papers were obtained through the efforts of the UCLA Asian American Studies Center.

"We are very happy to receive these papers. Edison was truly a historical figure and he participated in most of the Japanese American civil rights and community issues for the past twenty years", commented Professor Lu-

cie C. Hirata, Director of the Asian American Studies Center.

Representing the University Research Library in accepting this valuable gift, Che-Hwei Lin, Asian-American Bibliographer of the UCLA Library, stated that the addition of the Edison Uno papers will significantly strengthen UCLA's Japanese American Research Project Collection which has been recognized as the most significant body of materials extant on the history of Japanese immigrants to the United States and their descendants.

Included among the papers are documents concerning Ethnic Studies curriculum developed for the various institutions where Uno

● Business

Allstate Savings has named **Henry Koga** senior maintenance supervisor for their Burbank service center. A Monterey Park resident, he is a graduate of Los Angeles Technical College with a degree in electrical construction and maintenance. A subsidiary of Sears, Roebuck & Co., Allstate Savings has 91 branches throughout California. Current assets total \$2.8 billion.

● Education

San Francisco State professor of sociology, **Dr. Ted T. Jitodai**, will be resident director of the California State University and Colleges International Programs in Japan for the 1980-81 academic year. He held the same post in 1973-74. Program is based at Waseda University. The Seattle-born Nisei joined the SFSU faculty in 1965.

Shindo produces Evacuation film

SAN DIMAS, Ca.—"Encounter with the Past", a 50-minute documentary produced and narrated by Tak Shindo, associate professor at CSU-Los Angeles, is now available from Eurasia Publications, P.O. Box 825, San Dimas, Ca 91773 either in video (U-matic), \$220, or 16mm film, \$650.

Included is a rare color movie of Nisei life taken during the WW2 evacuation-relocation period, interviews with camp directors, interned Caucasians, Nisei GIs and a review of how Evacuation was achieved, life in the camps and postwar resettlement. #

● Flowers/Gardens

Harriett Barnhart Wimmer and **Joseph Y. Yamada**, landscape architects, were honored by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors and the Public Arts Advisory Council which displayed their architectural works in June at the County Administration Center. The names of Wimmer and Yamada are synonymous with the overall beauty and planning of San Diego's open space, park facilities, and private projects.

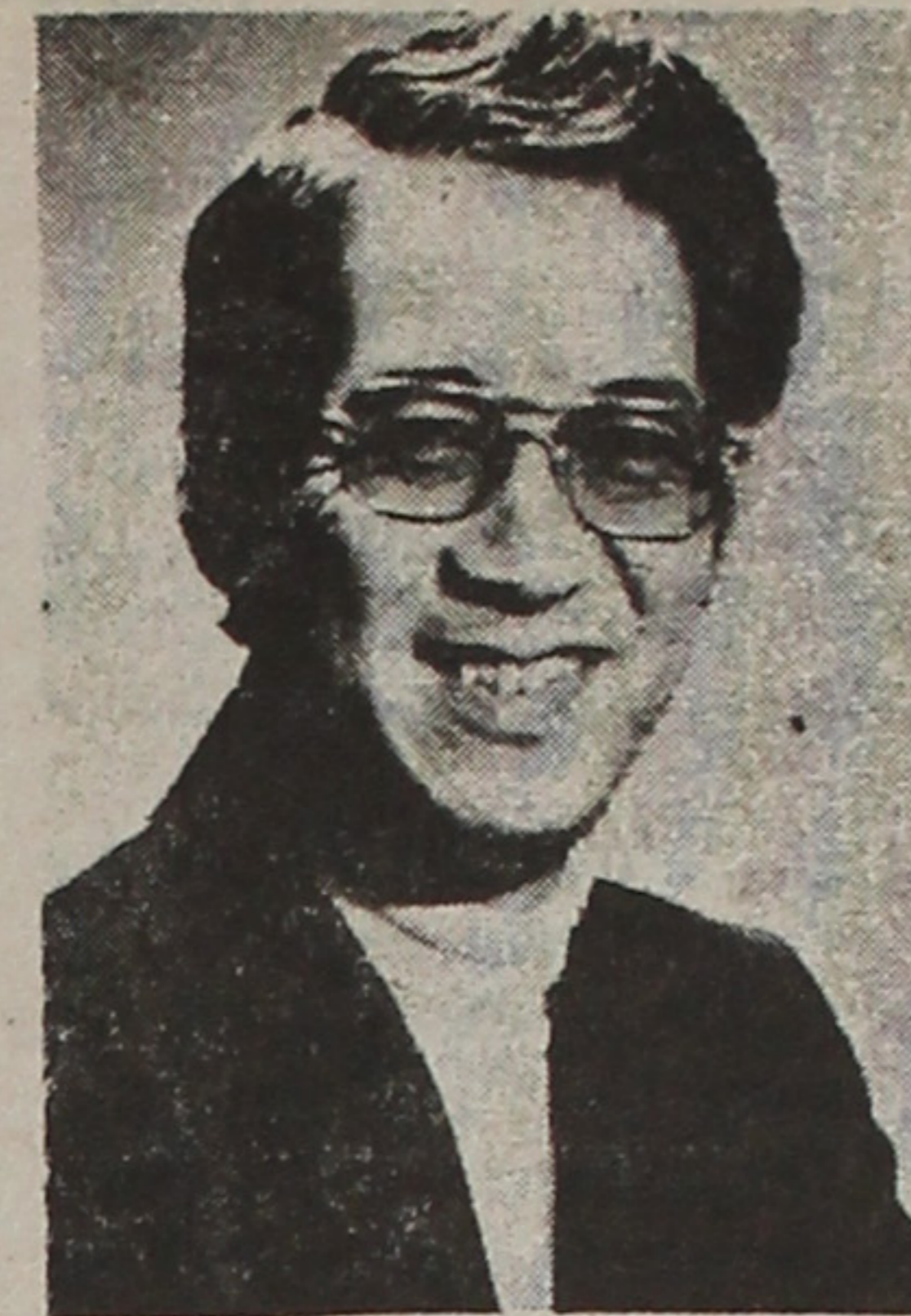
● Government

Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley appointed Asian American city commissioners for terms of one to five years, effective July 1. They are: **Si Un Park**, Board of Zoning Appeals, who succeeds **Young Mok Kim**; **Toshikazu Terasawa**, Board of Building and Safety Commissioners; **Sonia S. Suk**, Human Relations Commission and **Jun Mori**, Board of Harbor Commissioners.

Los Angeles Harbor Commissioner **Jun Mori** was elected commission president for a one-year term. He was vice president last year. A senior partner in the law firm of Mori and Ota, he was appointed last year by President Carter to the 40-member Export Council and also serves on the advisory board to California Office of International Trade.

● Press Row

Mark Watanabe, of Chicago associate editor of Advertising Age, has been named to the new post of managing editor, Features/Section 2. He joined the Section 2 staff at its inception in November, 1978.



Edison Uno

taught, documents relating to the San Francisco Grand Jury and Grand Jury reform, and materials regarding civil rights issues such as the Wendy Yoshimura Defense Fund, Title II Repeal, Redress for Evacuation as well as materials

concerning the Japanese American Citizens League.

Edison Uno was born in Los Angeles. During the war years he was interned in Crystal City, Texas. As a director of the California Historical Society he was instrumental in organizing the photographic collection entitled "Executive Order 9066". He was instrumental in the establishment of an ethnic studies curriculum at the San Francisco State University, taught at San Francisco State University, Lone Mountain College and the California School of Professional Psychology.

Edison Uno's work in the community have been recognized as evidenced by the ACLU's Alexander Meiklejohn Award, San Francisco Bar Association's Liberty Bell Award, and UC-San Francisco Chancellor's Public Service Award.

He died on Christmas eve, 1976, at age 47, of a stroke following open heart surgery two weeks earlier in San Francisco. #

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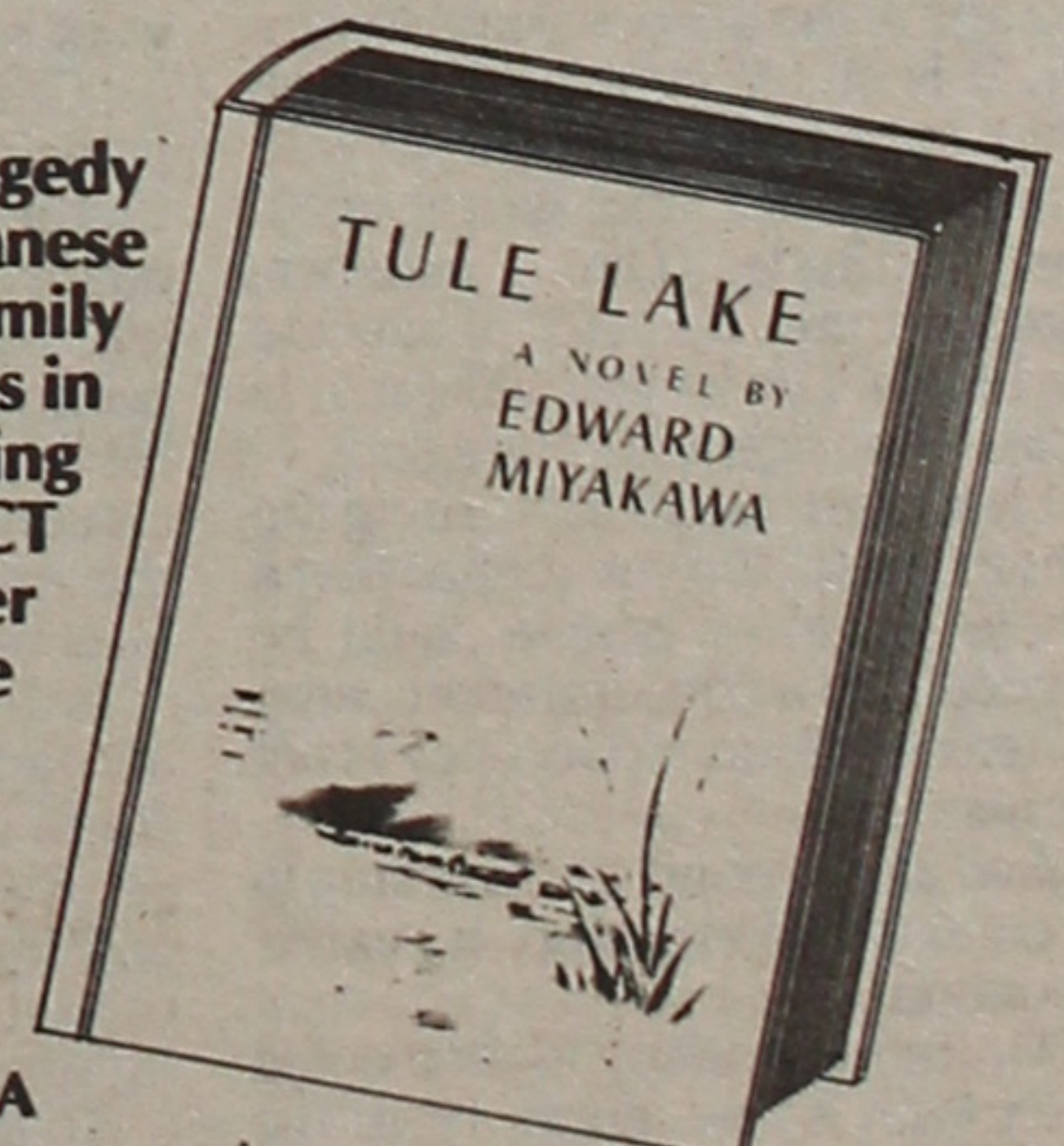
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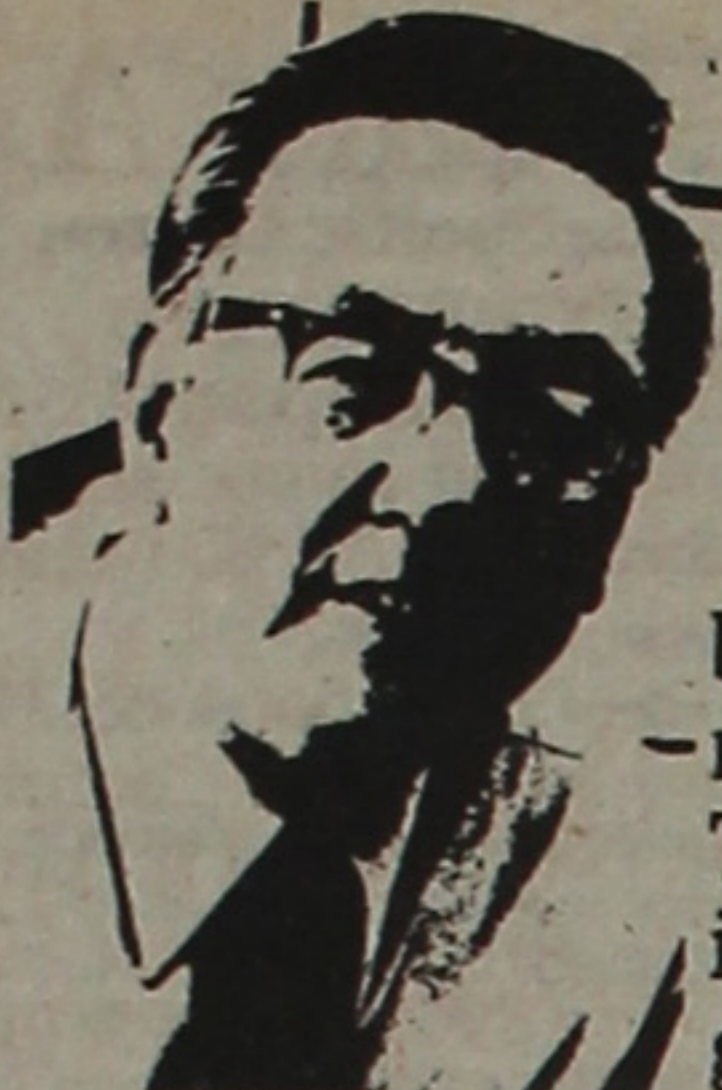
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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa

JACL membership: 'Class' or 'Mass'?

San Francisco

Whatever the intention may have been, JACL's decision to increase its national dues by what the *Nichi Bei Times* described as a "whopping \$5.75" is likely to turn it into an elitist organization.

The current national dues are \$16.50 per year. The \$5.75 increase for next year, a 34.4 percent boost, raises national dues to \$22.25. And in 1982, dues will be jacked up another \$3.50 to \$25.75. To this sum must be added local chapter's dues and other assessments. So it would appear that John Q. Member will be paying somewhere in the neighborhood of \$25 to \$30 a year to belong to JACL. That's a pretty fancy neighborhood even in these inflated times.

JACL's expanding program, financed almost totally by dues, makes these increases necessary. But this may be a difficult sales pitch for chapter membership chairmen to deliver convincingly. A few years ago it wasn't parti-

cularly difficult to corner someone only vaguely interested in JACL and persuade him to part with \$10 for a membership card. Getting three times that sum from him may be another matter.

The inevitable result, then, is a dwindling membership—which has begun to fall off already as interest in JACL lags—made up of the faithful, dedicated core. Of course it can be argued that this may not be an altogether undesirable trend.

JACL has wavered between "class" and "mass" from the very beginning, although these are not good terms and are being used here for the lack of anything better. In its earliest years JACL was made up of earnest, serious-minded members of the Nisei community who liked to debate the future of Japanese Americans and dreamed of the day when their vote would have an appreciable effect on local elections. It worried but didn't discourage them that the majority of the Nisei preferred to keep busy with other interests, that only a handful showed up

can take on positions of responsibility or leadership of the likes of Mas Satow, Mike Masaoka, or George Inagaki. Where are they? Where are the Sansei, Yonsei, or Gosei who will take on the leadership positions within the organization and the general community?

I see JACL's future potential in its ability to develop leaders, not only for the Japanese American community, but for the American community at large.

No longer can JACL afford to believe that it can remain non-political and still be effective. An honest reckoning will conclude that politics determines how we live, where we live and even if we live. The political process determined how the trilogy of the Japanese American Supreme Court Decisions were decided; and the political process will determine whether or not a just redress is available to Japanese American who experienced that time.

The politics of prejudice and discrimination existed in the past. They exist today and will exist tomorrow.

The JACL has the potential to educate, train and develop leaders. It has failed miserably in the past.

It is evident that the future of JACL is in the hands of the 25 to 50-year-old Sansei.

Tomorrow, it will be the Yonsei and then the Gosei.

At this moment, the Nisei have the unique opportunity of laying foundation for the future Japanese American leaders who can carry on the pioneering tradition of the Issei. It's up to you. #

Seattle Times backs \$1647 law

SEATTLE—The U.S. Japanese internment study merits support, the *Seattle Times* editorial Aug. 8, urged because "it is a chapter in the nation's past that has never been faced fully and squarely—especially by the federal government. Official actions have been belated and piecemeal."

Establishment of another commission may not be popular, the editorial noted, and question of financial compensation is difficult—an issue over which Japanese Americans themselves are divided—but the idea of a formal, official government response to wartime internment, even after all these years, is something that all Americans should support. #

Nobody can compel me to be happy in his own way. Paternalism is the greatest despotism.

—IMMANUEL KANT

WASHINGTON WRAP-UP: Ron Ikejiri



An Honest 'Reck'

pointment and setbacks, Japanese Americans have prospered and benefited immensely.

What now? Some Nisei express views that the services of an organization like JACL are no longer needed or required and that its usefulness is limited.

I agree, perhaps from the Nisei perspective that is true.

However, from the Sansei viewpoint I see JACL as an organization which has yet to reach its full potential.

From the base of over 50 years of experience in working to overcome prejudice and discrimination, the Nisei have established a legislative and community program record of unparalleled success.

The JACL remains today the largest and oldest national, educational human civil rights organization representing the concerns and aspirations of Japanese Americans throughout the United States.

Yet, after 50 years JACL does not have individuals who

endured his unholy wrath while he accepted the haven and hospitality of their house in his terrible late years. She speaks of her father's final recognition of her Nisei husband as a man, as an equal, with the wonder of one who has witnessed some tortured and triumphant ascent. And the smile on her face is radiant, whenever the story is told.

She was only a girl, newly turned 18, when she married her heart's desire. In a poignant reference to the forfeited life, she once wrote, "Only 17 years of my life was spent as part of the white society... 30 years have been spent being proud that we are Japanese. Although my face is white, I have always said that I am Japanese, too."

Yet, years later, she remembers his mother wore black to greet her. "We arrived in the morning at the farm. His father was in the field working, but stopped to welcome me. He seemed so happy, repeating, 'Nice, nice.' His sisters hurried to prepare us a feast. It seemed like hours passed before his mother came from her bedroom. I wondered what she was doing. When she finally appeared, I noticed she wore her best clothes, all black, funereal. I sensed her sadness. Her loss of racial pride. She had expected her son to bring home an ideal wife, a Japanese wife."

This is Jean's wedding anniversary. I found in my files, an essay she wrote in 1974 about mixed marriages. She made this statement, "I have encountered discrimination by Japanese Americans as well as by society in general. In fact, I believe that Japanese Americans are one of the first to discriminate—even among their own."

Tonight, in a rare telephone visit, I asked if she had any regrets. "No regrets," she answered. "I never wanted to marry anyone else." I told her about the wedding reception we just attended, the white clothes of the bride and bridegroom. What color did Jean wear? She wore a suit of softest green. Did she long for a gown of virgin white? "No," she laughed, "I only wanted him"

The last time I saw Jean, which is quite awhile ago, I thought she must have been a beautiful bride, a certain quality of face and grace momentarily caught in a mirror's reflection. She would have been gorgeous in white, but it was the wrong time, to the right man. #

In the past, we have seen JACL as a catalyst in bringing forth to the American public conscience the Japanese American community concerns and national legislative issues. Through the will of the Issei to prevail, and the courage of the Nisei to overcome disap-

FROM HAPPY VALLEY: by Sachi Seko

1980 Reflections on Intermarriage

Salt Lake City

White is the traditional color for first time brides, symbolic of innocence and moral purity. On this particular August evening, both bride and bridegroom were formally dressed in immaculate white. Her gown and his tuxedo dazzled against approaching shadows of an August evening. They looked so shining clean. Little notice was given to the fact she was white and he was yellow, time having brought an acceptance of intermarriage.

It was not always this way. This is the story of another marriage, a true story. Jean was also an August bride, but in the wrong time. She had no gown of chastity white, no family or friends in attendance, no gala celebration. After the brief ceremony, she notified her parents by letter. It was not the ordinary behavior of a girl raised among the town's first families. Nor was it the kind of marriage expected of a girl whose father was an ardent, pistol-packing American Legionnaire. His idea of patriotism was helping conduct a sit-in at one of the town's Japanese restaurants. "Dad and his buddies were in full uniform and each had a gun in his holster."

Jean's marriage to a Nisei during the war was considered the ultimate treason against reason, family and country. A respectable marriage meant purity of race. Reconciliation with her mother came when the parent was dying, could no longer speak. Jean said, "My mother told me how glad she was I came. She told me by the way her hands squeezed mine." On another day, we were talking about Jean's 13 grandchildren. She said then of her mother, "I wish she hadn't resented my children. She loved all her other grandchildren, but not mine. I always had them dressed so nicely, always kept my babies clean. But she didn't want to hold them. And they were just babies."

Her father's forgiveness came during a last visit, after she had taken him back to the open country that was his home. He, who had hoarded his hate these long, long years, said to the Nisei husband, in his first and final direct statement to him, "You're the best son-in-law I ever had. And I thank you for taking good care of my daughter."

Jean remembers thinking they would never again see him alive. Her premonition was realized. She marvels at his belated appreciation, never mentioning the silence with which she

at meetings and many of them came only because their parents insisted they do.

A reading of the record reveals further that delegates to every JACL convention anguished over their inability to build up their membership. Membership drives were given top priority but resulted in indifferent success, largely because JACL's program was not something that appealed to the masses.

In the postwar years not even JACL's astounding success in persuading Congress to change naturalization and immigration laws, in overcoming anti-alien land ownership legislation, in repealing Title II of the Internal Security Act, resulted in any great membership increase.

What brought in members were services—a national bowling tournament open only to JACL members, health insurance available only to members, credit unions, inexpensive group tours to Japan and elsewhere for members. Those who wanted to take advantage of these services had to become members. So they did. What attracted them was nuts and bolts services unavailable or difficult to find elsewhere, and not necessarily the organization's broad goals.

We have no idea what the national organization will now provide in return for the 34.4 percent dues increase other than to restore Pacific Citizen's 50-week schedule. In truth, for many members Pacific Citizen is the only link with JACL and, despite the publication's obvious shortcomings, reducing this service is obviously shortsighted.

In the long run, JACL obviously will have to find income from other than dues if it is to maintain its ambitious public service program. The alternative, requiring ever higher dues, can lead only to a progressively smaller membership as those of limited dedication resist the increased demand on their checkbooks. #

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani



The Poor Man's Guide (To Gourmet Dining)

Philadelphia

AT THE OUTSET let it be admitted that this writer is not one of those gustatory sophisticates who can point to exquisite dining establishments, discern fine wines, use a finger bowl with finesse and so on. I don't know, and frankly don't much care, whether one uses red wine or white wine with fish. Insofar as I am concerned, that's just someone's seeking to palm off some shibboleth. In fact, my tastes are so pedestrian that just so long as the *gohan* is cooked properly, I can't tell the difference between *shun-mai* with "elbow" *mai*. (But I can, however, tell when *sushi* could use some improvement. So it's not a complete wash-out.)

THIS IS NOT to say, however, that I've not stumbled onto some eatery that even to my plebian tastes hasn't scored high. For example, back in Seattle I remember as a lad the Gyokko-ken where they had ribs ("pakkai") that were out of this world. So much "out" that a few years ago when I passed through Seattle, I looked for the old Gyokko-ken, not expecting to find it. Which I did not.

A FEW YEARS ago I had some Chinese salad with fried *sai-fun*, Chinese parsley, chicken strands. That was in Oakland. For this mortal, food for the gods. There's also a place near San Mateo, called "Ming's," as I recall, that served up string beans, Chinese-style, that made that common garden vegetable also go into orbit.

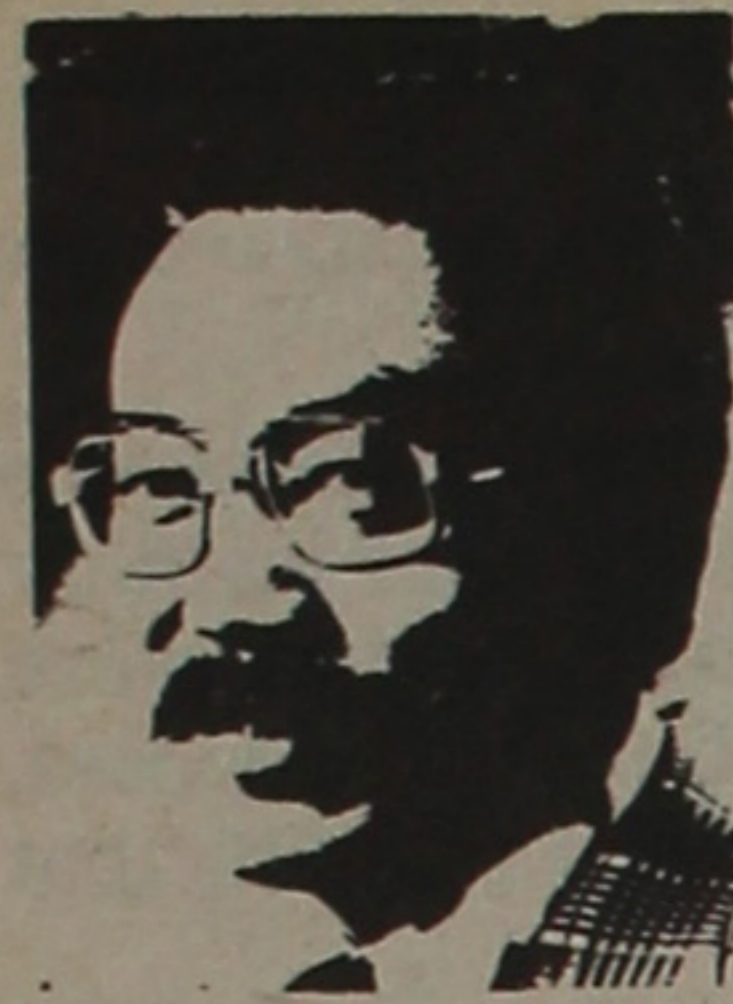
FOR THOSE OF you who get to Tokyo, there's a little noodle shop near the Takarazuka Theatre, - just around the corner, - that has *nabe-yaki* noodles unmatched anywhere. Of the times I've been in Tokyo, I make it a special point to seek out that little shop. And slurp it up. The only way to eat noodles, I'm told.

IN ANOTHER PART of Tokyo, in the Roppongi section of town, behind the American Embassy, there's a *manju* shop that has delicacies that are unbeatable. Almost every night I'd visit that shop, which undoubtedly helped to add to my girth. But what a way to add! Also while you're in those parts, in the Minato-ku zone, there's an eatery serving nothing but eel dishes. Just watch where the local denizens go at lunchtime: you can't miss it.

HERE IN THIS town, there's a Chinese restaurant called the "Hoe Sai Gai" (the characters in *nihongo* would read "ko-se-kai") which carries fried-noodles-Cantonese that can compete with anything they have in New York or San Francisco's Chinatowns. Wife Vicki has almost become addicted to it so that it's an unstated understanding that whenever I go by there I pick up a take-out order. Some ingredients: chicken, ham, *cha-shu*, beef, squid, shrimp, lobster, scallops. The word I get from the local residents in the community is to get there before 9:00 p.m. because that's when the top chef goes off duty. I don't know how true that is. But I don't take chances.

SOME YEARS BACK while in New Orleans, I failed to make the rounds of the reputedly many fine restaurants said to be situated in the French Quarters. Oh, maybe Brennan's but mostly it was hominy grits, turnip greens, and once fish jawbones. Had to shift my *chazuke-n-koko* tastebuds, but it wasn't bad. Once I got used to it.

Just "food for thought." #



FROM PACIFIC SOUTHWEST: John Saito

Pent-up Feeling

Yesterday, this office received a half dozen phone calls relative to the redress program. The calls varied from a young Sansei saying she was interested in volunteering her available time for the redress program, which call I referred to Ron Wakabayashi (district redress chairperson) to a 59-year-old Nisei who was asking about the redress bill.

The Nisei, whom I shall refer to as Tom, talked to me, a complete stranger, for almost one hour. Tom, in a soft spoken voice, painfully described how bitter he was about the Evacuation and he disassociated himself from the Japanese American community. He kept his feelings about the Evacuation pent up within himself for over 38 years. Tom said, that he and his wife of 35 years, never once before discussed their feelings about the Evacuation and that only recently did he find out that she shared the same kinds of bitter and hurt feelings that he had.

Tom felt that there might be quite a few Nisei out there somewhere who felt the same way as he did.

Another call came from a 47-year-old Nisei who wanted to know if there were any groups which were sharing through discussions, their camp and post-camp experiences with each other. Even as a pre-teenager he had some bitter memories of the camp years he needed to vent. My response to him was—get your feelings together and get ready to testify when the redress commission hearings take place in Los Angeles.

It appears to me that without the proper release through the years, that the Nisei have developed a case of verbal constipation and all those compacted feelings are up to the neck and into the head area creating some mental health problems.

Maybe the commission will act as a catharsis.

Calendar * Non-JACL Event

- AUGUST 29 (Friday)
Selanoco—Orange Int'l Street Food Fair (3da), Orange.
- AUGUST 31 (Sunday)
Gardena Valley—Paper/aluminum can drive, JCI.
- SEPT. 1 (Labor Day—Monday)
Diablo Valley—Flea mkt, So Main Cop.
- SEPT. 2 (Tuesday)
Gardena Valley—Bd mtg.
*San Francisco—42nd Co 'K' reunion (5da).
- SEPT. 4 (Thursday)
*Los Angeles—42nd post-Texas reunion dnr-dance, Hacienda Hotel, El Segundo, 7pm.
- SEPT. 5 (Friday)
Cleveland—Bd mtg.
- SEPT. 6 (Saturday)
EDC/Philadelphia—EDC Awareness Weekend, Krisheim Ctr, Philadelphia.
*Los Angeles—JA forum for White House Conf on Aging, JACCC, 8:30am-1pm, Leon Harper, Betty Kozasa, splrs.
*San Francisco—JCPA potluck dnr, Buddhist Church gym, 6pm.
- SEPT. 8 (Monday)
Alameda—Bd mtg, Buena Vista United Meth Ch, 7:30pm.
- SEPT. 9 (Cal Adm Day—Tuesday)
Gardena Valley—Gen mtg, JCI, 7:30pm.
- SEPT. 10 (Wednesday)
Stockton—Bd mtg, Cal First Bank, 8pm.
- SEPT. 12 (Friday)
Philadelphia—Bd mtg, Jack Ozawa's res.
- Fresno—Sr Cit (Nisei) Apprec night, Villager, Fig Garden Ctr.

Requests made of PSW trust fund

SAN DIEGO, Ca.—Several requests for funding from the PSWDC JACL Trust Fund were heard during the Aug. 17 district meeting here at the Hanalei Hotel. Those being recommended for approval include:

\$735—Visual Communications, Inc., toward rental of Ahmanson Theater to show "Hito Hata" Oct. 26.
\$500—To assist in next publication of Echoes from Gold Mountain, CSU Long Beach Asian Americans Studies.

The awards are subject to final approval by the fund trustees.

Without a quorum present, council actions became subject to a mail poll, it was announced by Gov. Wiley Higuchi.

Acting national director J.D. Hokoyama summarized Headquarters activity, while youth commissioner Mike Okura and Joel Hayashida reported on the national youth conference held at CSU-Sacramento a week prior to the National Convention. Hayashida is president of the Orange County Asian Youths, co-sponsored by the Selanoco and Orange County JACL chapters.

The PSWDC is also preparing to host the 1981 Tri-District Conference with possibly a concurrent youth tri-district meeting.

NC-WNDC to add 'Pacific' to accommodate new area

SAN MATEO, Ca.—What was the Northern California JACL District Council JACL name in prewar was reactivated in 1946 as the Northern California-Western Nevada District. Since the 1980 national convention, just concluded, with the Hawaii and Japan chapters added to the district, the name has been expanded to Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District Council.

Formal approval on the name is expected during the third quarterly session being hosted by San Mateo JACL on Sunday, Sept. 14, 10 a.m., at the Bayview Federal Savings & Loan community room, 20th and El Camino, with Gov. Ben Takeshita presiding.

Norm Ishimoto, civil service investigator with new Federal Office of Special Counsel, San Francisco, will address a special district committee meeting on employment discrimination at 9 a.m. with Dr. Tom Taketa in charge. #

White River Valley to mark 50th year

AUBURN, Wa.—The White River Chapter of the JACL will hold its 50th Anniversary Reunion Dinner on Sunday, Sept. 21, at the Turtle Too Restaurant, 333 15th N.E. Auburn, Washington.

The dinner will follow the meeting of the Pacific Northwest District Council which will meet from 9 a.m. There will be a no-host social hour from 3:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 4:30. Reservations can be made by Sept. 10 with: Frank Natsuhara, 622 W. Main St., Auburn, Wa. 98002.

Newly-elected National JACL President Dr. James Tsujimura of Portland, Oregon will be the main speaker.

An informal PNWDC get-together will be held on Saturday evening Sept. 20, 7:30 p.m. at the White River Buddhist Church.

Chapter Pulse

● Gardena Valley

The Gardena Valley JACL for the first time will be hosting a wine tasting event on Sunday, Sept. 14, 1 to 4 p.m. at the Penthouse Room of the Hyatt House Hotel, 6225 W. Century Blvd., to raise funds for the many chapter projects including scholarship programs, youth activities, preparations for the 1982 JACL National Convention to be hosted by this chapter.

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Mile-Hi: 4-William Jiro Shoji.
Oakland: 24-Fred S Nomura.
Philadelphia: 21-Allen H Okamoto.
Portland: 13-Nobi Azumano.
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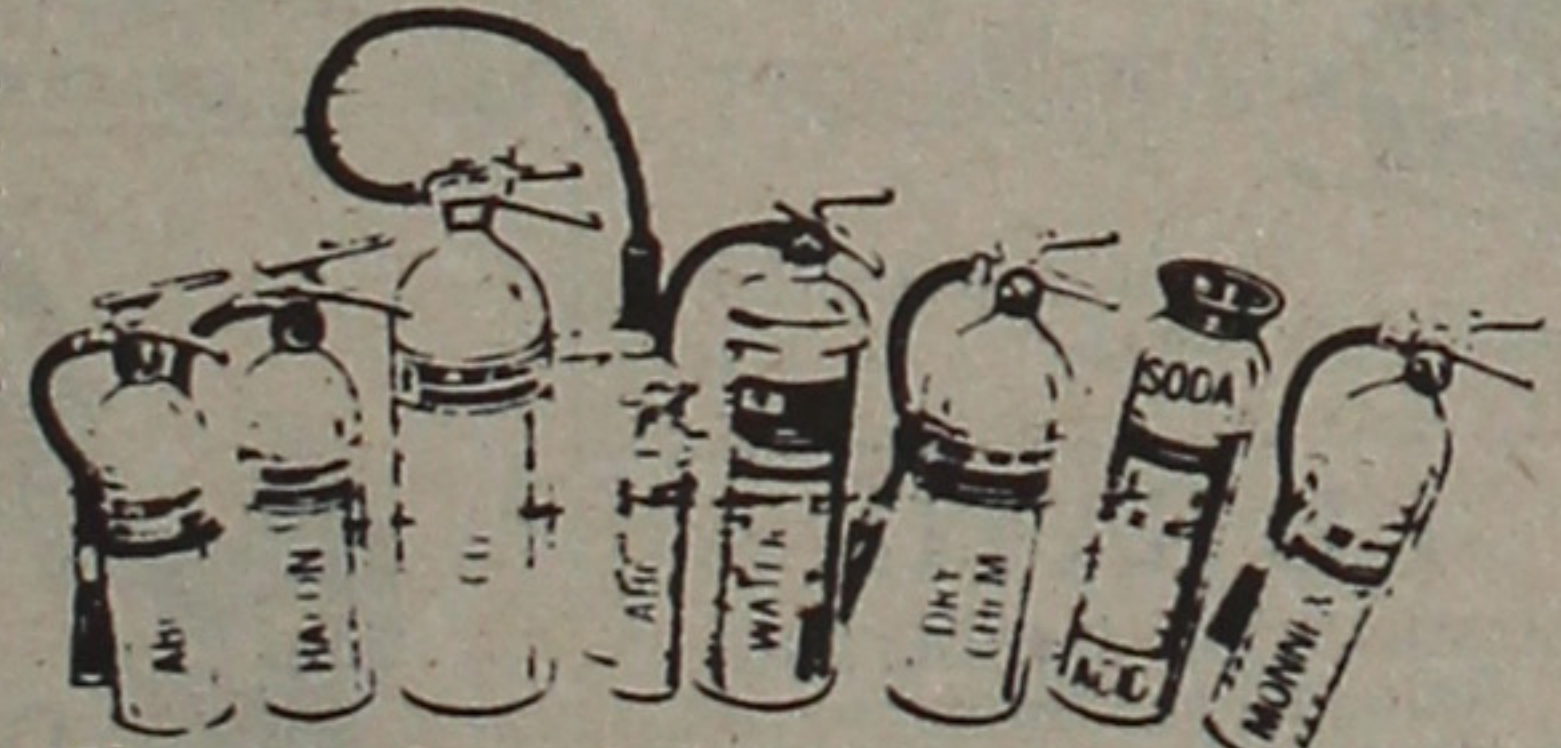
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BOYS 13-14 200IM: a-Bruce Oda, Frs, 2:18.62; b-Tabo Egawa, Sac, 2:35.12. 100 breast: a-B Oda, Frs, 1:09.44; b-Bruce Umene, Ala, 1:17.61. 100 free: a-Doug Kobayashi, un, 55.44; b-Brian Sugimoto, un, 1:02.34. 200 breast: a-B Oda, Frs, 2:35.17; b-B Umene, Ala, 2:50.43. 100 back: a-D Kobayashi, SF, 1:06.55; b-T Egawa, Sac, 1:19.94. 100 fly: a-Jose Lopez, Tri, 1:04.27. 50 free: a-D Kobayashi, SF, 24.67; b-B Sugimoto, Sac, 27.75.

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442 post-reunion dinner-dance set

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MIS-NC dinner

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