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STEPS TAKEN TO HAVE OFFENSIVE PLATES RECALLED

JACL Seeks Help from Legislature or Court, If Not from Owner

SAN FRANCISCO — David Ushio, National Executive Director of the Japanese American Citizens League, met recently (June 11) with Robert C. Cozens, Director of the California Department of Motor Vehicles, to discuss the possibility of having personalized license plates carrying the epithet "JAP" recalled.

Also attending the meeting were members of Cozens' staff, Assemblyman Robert E. Badham, and Dennis Nishikawa, who was representing Assemblyman Alex Garcia.

According to Ushio, Cozens said that the DMV could not act on the matter since there was no regulation which allowed them to recall personalized license plates.

"But," Ushio added, "because of the press coverage of the issue, the owner of two of the plates has voluntarily offered to exchange them for plates with different lettering."

Three Courses of Action

The final outcome of the meeting was to suggest three possible courses of action that could be taken. Ushio indicated that all three would be pursued.

1—Assemblyman Badham will introduce legislation that will enable the DMV to recall the license plates in question. He plans to add an emergency clause which will bring the matter up for action during the current Assembly session.

2—A legal suit can be initiated by JACL against the California State DMV to compel them to recall the offensive plates.

JACL can seek to have the holders of the plates voluntarily return them.

NC-WNDC Action

On May 5, the No. Calif.-Western Nevada JACL District Council met in Reno and voted in favor of a suit against the DMV. San Mateo attorney Eugene Moriguchi will handle arrangements for the suit if Cozens maintains his stand. Moriguchi, San Mateo JACL president, recently resigned from the National JACL staff after serving briefly as director of its gerontology project.

California motorists can order special license plates with any combination of six letters, numbers or both. The $25 initial fee and $10 annual fee goes into an environmental protection fund.

Cozens recently said the objectionable epithet appeared on six license plates because they were either the initials or name of the car owner, three were bought by owners of Japanese cars, and one belonged to a Japanese American.

NATURE'S SCULPTURE—Time and the elements carved this waterfall scene. In Japan collecting such rocks is a high art form, known as Suiseki. This specimen is a Meiseki which means it is among the most outstanding. It is one of 152 loaned to the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History for a Meiseki exhibit through Aug. 12 and was arranged through the Los Angeles-Nagoya Sister City Committee. Terri Kato is an executive secretary in the Museum's Life Science Division.

Highlights: Interim Board Actions

SAN FRANCISCO — Main actions of the National JACL Board at its interim session here June 20-24 are as follows:

Appointed Mrs. Gail Nishioka asst. Washington JACL representative effective July 1.

Reaffirmed status of Japanese American Youths (JAY) as integral body within JACL.

Approved concept of JACL Public Relations ad hoc study commission.

Referred to PR ad hoc study commission Eastern District Council's $43,000 proposal for a nat'l JACL PR office.

Commended Headquarters staff for its yeoman work and dedication since their start in early March.

Agreed to continue JACL boycott of Hilton Corp. to indicate organizational support of the Yamada and Okubo families in their damage suit against the Palmer House and its parent Hilton corporation.

Adopted guidelines which JACL at all levels would follow in pursuit of external funding for programs.

Ratified concept of JACL Building in San Francisco as recommended by EXECOM; a majority vote of chapters responding to a poll is required to approve $250,000 building fund goal. (When chapters were previously polled, the amount was $175,000.)

Reorganized the Planning Commission, restricted terms of members to within the biennium, adopted interim plan for guidelines.

Approved JACL assistance for a special study of health care services.

Directed JACL's demographic research proposal with Office of Economic Opportunities comply with JACL guidelines for external guidelines for external funding; affirmed continuance of redesigned gerontology project as pertained to Japanese Americans.

Adopted JACL 1000 Club travel committee guidelines for group travel outside continental U.S.

Authorized seating of JACL members on a nonpartivipatory basis at EXECOM and Nat'l Board meetings; directed EXECOM to establish procedures.

Expressed support of Asian American Demonstration Project's campaign to have their federal funding reinstated in order to continue to assist local area Asian Americans.

Directed new membership brochure be corrected, substitue 'a" for "the only" in reference to description as national Asian American organization.

Recommended constitutional amendment to include national president-elect with president, treasurer and national director in preparing the budget for the ensuing biennium.

Recommended JACL fiscal year begin in October rather January as a present.

Adopted revised personnel policy and procedures manual, dated June 22, 1973.

Referred senior citizen project feasability report in time for 1974 Convention.

Tax deduction of contributions to community activities urged by Fong

WASHINGTON — Senator Hiram L. Fong introduced legislation June 13 to amend the Internal Revenue Code to allow tax deductions on contributions of up to $200 to certain non-profit organizations servicing the community.

Fong's bill would allow deductions for contributions to such activities as the Little League and community baseball teams, other sports organizations, community festivals, parades, and similar programs.

"Especially in these times, when it is necessary to channel the energies of the community, from its youth to its senior citizens, into worthwhile outlets, contributions from individuals, foundations and corporations to support these activities should be encouraged," Fong said in introducing his bill.

Enhances Programs

"Making such contributions deductible for tax purposes as charitable contributions would greatly enhance the giving to support such community activities."

Current law does allow deductions for contributions to qualified non-profit organizations but the funds must be used exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals; or for veterans organizations; governments for use for public purposes; and non-profit cemetery companies or corporations, Fong noted.

To prevent a taxpayer from taking a double deduction for such contributions Fong's bill excepts contributions which may be taken now as trade or business expenses or as charitable contributions.

Limitations

The bill also prevents deductions on contributions made as a condition of receiving services provided by the donee.

"Furthermore," Fong said, "since the amounts needed for most community activities are not too great because of the participation of the people of the community, my bill limits the contribution to each such activity to $200, a most modest sum."

EDEN ISSEI CENTER TO MARK FIRST YEAR

SAN LORENZO, Calif.—Eden Japanese Senior Center here at the Eden Japanese Community Center, 710 Elgin St., will celebrate its first anniversary June 30, 1:30 p.m. with a potluck party.

Members of Issei senior centers in the San Francisco Bay area have been invited as well as Nisei and Sansei organizations including the Eden Township and Fremont JACL chapters and Eastbay churches which co-sponsor the center.

Masako Minami, longtime Eden Township JACLer, is center coordinator.

New $5-million shopping center planned in Gardena

GARDENA, Calif. — A $5-million shopping center will be built on Redondo Beach Blvd., between Normandie and Western, by Patra Development Inc., a subsidiary of the Pacific Transportation Co., Ltd., Tokyo.

Nisei architect Kaz Adachi and general contractor George Inouye of Gardena have been contracted to develop the complex which will include a theater, restaurant, motel and shops. Mitsubishi Bank, which is financing the effort, will also have its branch there.

Completion date is September, 1974.

Watsonville to fete Nikkei community

By FRED NITTA

WATSONVILLE, Calif.—The Pajaro Valley Historical Assn., which has been honoring different local ethnic groups citing their contributions to the community each year, will devote their attention to the Japanese Americans.

Program includes Old Times' luncheon on July 4, which the Watsonville JACL will help host at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple auditorium.

Ernest Ura, Sansei president of the chapter, said the luncheon is dedicated to the Issei pioneers and their descendants who have significant citizens in the valley for the past 80 years.

Tom Nakase and Ura are also in charge of the local Japanese history project for the historical association.

The luncheon program, a $4 barbecue, is open to the public. Reservations are recommended. An exhibit of Japanese cultural objects is also planned in the auditorium.

News Deadline: Saturday

Retirement credit bill passed by California Senate

SACRAMENTO — The California Senate June 15 approved a bill by Sen. Ralph C. Dills (D-Torrance) to provide retirement credit to teachers of Japanese ancestry who were interned during World War II.

The bill will provide four years of service credit under the State Teachers Retirement System for persons of Japanese ancestry who were rounded up throughout the state and interned in camps for the duration of the war.

"At the present time," Dills said, "this bill would apply to only one teacher, Mrs. Inez Nagai of San Mateo County, who was interned in Fresno in 1942. But now that this measure has started moving through the legislative process, I am hopeful that any other teachers who suffered a similar fate under provisions of the Wartime Civil Control Administration, will come forward.

"This is only token reparations for the injustice and suffering we heaped on loyal Japanese Americans during the early months of the war, but it is the very least we can do and represents a step in the right direction."

Calif. bill to curb foreign bank growth

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The Assembly Committee on Finance and Insurance approved a bill to limit further expansion of foreign - connected banks in California, the Jiji Press reported.

Informed sources said that the bill's passage in both houses of the legislature within the month is "practically guaranteed."

The bill will limit the expansion of foreign exchange banks, the incorporation of subsidiary banks already incorporated in California.

Coupled with the Federal Reserve Banks raising of bank reserve requirements on June 4, the bill is expected to have far-reaching effects on the expansion of foreign banks in the state.

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NAT'L JACL I. TERIM BOARD AGENDA

Pan-Asian resolution draws heat

SAN FRANCISCO — On tap at the National JACL Board and Staff interim session (June 21-23) here was an open discussion delving into JACL's resolution on Pan-Asianism, which called upon the National President to appoint at least ten members to a commission to study and recommend ways and means of unifying persons of Asian ancestries.

Several calls were made among the chapters and district councils ensued since the resolution was adopted by the 1972 National Council—but the recommendations have been slow in coming, according to Henry Tanaka. As of early February, only four names had been received, he added.

In his PC column, "Priorities", of Mar. 2, Tanaka explained the lack of overwhelming response was not to be an indication of disinterest as some JACL critics have intimated but for other reasons inherent in any attempt to nationalize a concept.

Other Coalitions

Tanaka found the convention mandate lacked specific reasons for formation of a commission and noted there are already many other worthy and vigorous coalition groups active or in the process of formation.

"I believe the great majority of JACLers support the notion of Asian American togetherness," Tanaka continued. Yet he wondered whether the poor response by chapters meant the issue of such togetherness at this point in time might be appropriately viewed as a local, regional program.

Tanaka was convinced any viable coalition of Asian Americans must focus on mutual concerns and issues. "Whether we address these issues separately or collectively," he added, "is a matter of timing and expediency."

Board Review Urged

Bay Area Community JACL co-chairman Ko Ijichi, in wake of the May 22 meeting at Glide Memorial Church called by the Asian Coalition for Action with several National JACL staff members, urged the National Board to conduct a thorough review of the Pan-Asian resolution — which had been introduced by the chapter at the 1972 convention.

The chapter, in a position paper on the subject dated June 12, repudiated the National JACL interpretation of the resolution and requested the discontinuance of its name to justify Pan-Asian activities or programs that contradict the text of the resolution, which follows:

PAN-ASIAN RESOLUTION

Whereas, the purpose of the Japanese American Citizens League is to ". . . secure justice and equal opportunities for Americans of Japanese ancestry, as well as for all Americans regardless of their race, creed, color, or national origin . . ." (Preamble, National JACL Constitution).

Whereas, historically, the destiny and well-being of persons of Asian Ancestary in the United States have been intimately inter-releated, and all persons of Asian ancestry in the United States share a common heritage of anti-oriental discrimination.

Whereas, the majority of white Americans tend to categorize all persons of Asian ancestary as "orientals", and fail to make any differentiations due to national origins;

Whereas, the time has come for persons of Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean and other Asian ancestries to bury whatever animosity they may have for each other due to the Pacific War of over thirty years ago.

Whereas, the young people of Asian ancestry share a common identity as Asian Americans, rather than separate national-origin identities, and as the new American-born generations develop and inter-marry, Asian American identity will predominate over separate national-origin identities.

Eventual Change in Name

Whereas, the California Section of the National Planning Commission, on April 11, 1970, stated, "In looking at the youth today, we can see that JACL will eventually change its name in the future to identify with the roles it would undertake and the people it would serve . . ." (Report of the joint meeting of the Northern California-Western Nevada, Central California, and Pacific Southwest District Planning Commissions).

Whereas, political power and influence in the United States are derived from the number of people represented, and any one of the Asian national-origin groups is too weak to stand alone, and an unification of persons of Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean and other Asian ancestries, will have sufficient strength to control their own destiny and well-being.

Therefore be it resolved, that the National Council, at the 22nd Biennial National Convention in Washington, D.C., create a Commission on Pan-Asianism, whose purpose will be to study and recommend the ways and means by which all persons of Asian ancestary in the United States can achieve unification. It will be desirable for Members of the Commission to have prior background experience of working voluntarily in the community, not only with Japanese groups but with at least one other Asian community groups. Nominations for this commission shall be submitted by the chapters together with documentation, such as letters of support from Asian community groups.

Up to 20 Members

Be it further resolved, that the members of the Commission on Pan-Asianism be appointed by the National President, and that the number of members be not less than ten, but not more than twenty.

Be it further resolved, that the Commission on Pan-Asianism shall make its findings known to the total JACL membership not later than the Interim National Board meeting of 1973, and that the National Board be authorized to implement whatever recommendations, which they may adopt.

Position Paper

To clarify its stand, the Bay Area Community JACL distributed its position paper to all members of the JACL national board and staff and chapter presidents to resolve the dispute that has arisen between Asian community groups and the National JACL.

(In the fourth paragraph of the chapter position paper below, a change is reported in the chapter resolution made by the NC-WNDC executive board, but a recheck with the 1972 Convention Minutes shows the change was not adopted by the National Council as the above text is identical with the copy appearing on pages 52-53 of the Minutes.—Ed.).

MAY 22 MEETING

At a meeting on May 22, 1973 called by the Asian Coalition for Action, grass roots community-based Asian organizations challenged the National Executive Director, David Ushio, National Vice President Frank Iwama, National JACL staff members Patricia Nakano and Margie Yamamoto and Gerontology Project Director Eugene Moriguchi to answer objections to JACL's claim to be the only national Asian American organization representing all Asians. This has been stated in JACL's gerontology proposals, law proposal, and official JACL public relations brochure. During the discussion, Ushio made reference to the National JACL Pan-Asian Resolution, which was written by our chapter.

The apparent contradition between the Bay Area Community Chapter's support of these community-based Asian groups and its authorship of the Pan-Asian Resolution vanishes when one recalls the chapter's original intent in writing the resolution.

The Pan-Asian Resolution was first introduced to the Northern California-Western Nevada (NC-WN) District Council in May, 1972, because we felt the need for JACL to de-emphasize its concept of "Japanese first, other Asians second." This we considered self-serving and counterproductive toward the assertion of Asian rights. We believed that if JACL developed a closer communication with other Asian organizations, particularly the grass roots community-based organizations, that this narrow concept would change and the office of the Washington lobbyist would broaden its influence to champion other Asian causes as well. However, we did not anticipate and now deplore National JACL's expansionism under a fiat stemming from our Pan-Asian Resolution.

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Groups challenge Nat'l JACL claim

By KATIE CHOY
(East-West)

San Francisco

A group of angry Asians from the Bay Area community met with representatives of the Japanese American Citizens League (May 22) to challenge a JACL claim to represent all Asians. The meeting was held at Glide Memorial Church to discuss JACL's claim and its recent programs and policies. Called by the Asian Coalition for Action, the gathering attracted over 100 persons of Japanese, Chinese, Filipino, Korean, and Samoan descent.

JACL was represented by national JACL executive director David Ushio; Pat Nakano, assistant director for program development; Margie Yamamoto, assistant director for communications and resource development; and Frank Iwama, national JACL vice president of general operations.

Larry Jack Wong, from the Chinese community, acted as moderator.

The heated meeting centered on JACL's claim to be the only national Asian-American organization, JACL's neglecting to ask for community input in its programs for the Asian or Japanese community, and JACL's actions to correct the former complaints.

Gerontology Project

One particular project criticized was the gerontology program intended for all Asian-American elderly.

The program was criticized for its emphasis on "Asian-American," for its claim to be supported by various Asian agencies which were not contacted, and for its funds of $65,000 to be used on videotapes and to be divided among all Asian communities in the country.

Throughout the meeting Ushio apologized for not contacting agencies dealing with the elderly and for JACL claiming to be Asian-American.

However, many of the audience thought Ushio was being insincere and responded angrily.

"What are you going to do now?" George Woo asked Ushio, emphasizing that the important thing is what JACL was going to do to correct this mistakes.

A person from the Filipino community shouted, "The total sum of the proposal is over $1 mililon. Where's my share? I want my share! I want my half mililon dollars!"

Ushio said that he would withdraw all the brochures claiming JACL to be Asian-American. He said he agreed with Woo that something had to be done.

Membership Brochure

Later, however, Woo pressed Ushio by asking whether "every single one of the brochures was going to be withdrawn."

Ushio then said, "I'll have to be frank. Due to budgetary constraints we are not going to destroy the brochures. The brochures cost us two cents

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Object to small groups stem JACL direction

By BEN TAKESHITA
(Contra Costa JACL)

A funny thing happened to me on the way home from a UAEE meeting. I went to another meeting at the Glide Memorial Church in San Francisco. The meeting, I learned later, was called by the Asian Coalition for Action and attracted over 100 Asian Americans to confront National JACL Director, David Ushio, and his staff in regards to the JACL ..65,000 Gerontology Project. Jerry Irei and I had attended the meeting to see what kind of a meeting it would be, and, find out we did!

Jerry and I ended up being only two out of the over 100 in attendance who spoke out against some of the resolutions and demands made by the group in attendance.

Basically, many of the Asian Americans present objected to JACL's claim of being the only "national Asian American organization." The National Director agreed that JACL was not and offered to cross out that part of the undistributed JACL brochures that have that statement. The group wanted JACL to recall all of the brochures already distributed and to destroy them. This demand, I found impractical, costly and non-productive.

There were also many members from the Kimochi, East Bay Japanese for Action, and other similar organizations who worked hard to develop Issei Senior Centers in this area, who were angry at JACL, and rightfully so, because JACL had used their names, and not even consulted them when it wrote up the JACL Gerontology Project. David Ushio apologized for this too.

So once public apologies were made, one would hope that the group would move to more positive things. But the audience was not ready for that.

They moved that National JACL refrain from using "Asian American" in describing itself or in developing pro-

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(Ben Takeshita is editor of the Contra Costa JACL Newsletter.)

Nat'l JACL votes to continue project to aid aged, funding guidelines set

SAN FRANCISCO—The National Board of the Japanese American Citizens League at its interim session here June 21-23 voted to continue with its federally-funded gerontology project, despite sharp criticism spawned by community groups.

The decision was not unanimous, however, among its 22 voting members. The board is comprised of seven nationally elected officers, eight district governors and seven district youth council delegates.

With cutback of grants to gerontology students at the graduate school level, JACL in April announced revision of its project objectives to explore the problems of aging through a series of video tapes by documenting the plight of Issei aged and at the same time seek to overturn the stereotype that Japanese families take care of their own.

Opening Session

The JACL Board, presided by Henry T. Tanaka of Cleveland, national president, devoted much of the opening session to a review and adoption of guidelines proposed for JACL programs that affect the community outside JACL, especially when external funding is involved.

The guidelines, drawn by the JACL Senior Citizen Project committee which met at Burlingame June 15-16, cautioned National JACL proposals stay clear of direct service programs while urging the local chapters should through community involvement programs.

Cooperation and input from organizations that would be affected by a particular community-wide program should be sought along with establishment of procedures relative to development and implementation.

Other Guideline Points

The guidelines also call for a steering committee comprised of representative organizations within scope of the project and clarification of JACL staff and board functions where major policy decisions with the project are concerned.

JACL must improve communication and cooperation with community organizations and its own membership, educate governmental agencies and funding sources that unique differences and problems exist within Asian Americans.

The guidelines further remind JACL is not in a position to represent Asian Americans as such—though the organization is Asian American in response to the coalition's contention to the contrary.

The coalition challenged the JACL claim (see above), demanding JACL should never describe itself as "Asian American" without approval of various Asian groups affected and withdraw or destroy its literature describing itself as "Asian American".

Open Meeting Held

The National Board also met another coalition demand for time on the agenda. Nearly 100 members from the Japanese, Chinese, Filipino and Korean communities here gathered June 21 at the Miyako Hotel where the board convened in an unprecedented open session.

Longtime San Francisco Chinatown community worker, Mrs. Alice Barkley, addressed the Board, "We're looking for your responses in specific terms to demonstrate your good faith and a cooperative spirit in working with various segments of the community."

Tanaka responded the JACL Board voted to continue the gerontology project, now revised from an Asian to a Japanese American focus. (It was learned that nearly $14,000 of the $65,000 has already been expended.)

Tanaka also said JACL was withdrawing all funding proposals carrying an Asian American thrust.

Community Control

Mrs. Barkley said the issue of community input for JACL community-wide programs also involved "community control", adding that an advisory group to JACL projects was inadequate. Dr. Harry Hatasaka, NC-WNDC governor, assured it was never JACL's intent to usurp local community control.

Raymond Uno of Salt Lake City, national legal counsel and past national president, added National has not been involved in local community control but must help those who do have local communitrol. Lillian Kimura, national planning commission chairperson, said, "We want help from National to help in local funding". She is also head of the Chicago Japanese American Service Committee, which has about a half million dollar operating budget.

Frank Iwama of Sacramento, national vice president for general operations, declared it was the intent of the guidelines to insure JACL going back to the local level for input and it being a two-way street, urged chapters and local groups to approach National for help.

He said the guidelines were not for gerontology only but all future programs. "Gerontology just brought the issue to light," he explained.

Local Autonomy

Shig Sugiyama of Washington, D.C., national president-elect, who was asked by Mrs. Barkley, whether David Ushio as national executive director had autonomy to write up any funding proposal, said he had with respect to National JACL Council mandates and Board direction.

He agreed with the coalition stand that permission of all groups was required whenever their names are included in a proposal, including JACL permission when its name appears in other funding proposals.

In another resolution to the Board, the Sacramento JACLL would accept gerontology funds under the pretext of representing all Asians in America, called it a "poor exercise of judgment" to purport National JACL represents the Asian community.

Noting it had excellent relationships with its area community groups delivering direct services to the Asian elderly, Sacramento JACL declared it would like to maintain that tie and urged the National JACL gerontology program include local community involvement and administration.

The chapter resolution was the result of a special June 14 meeting called with Ushio.

Midwesterners visit Rohwer camp Memorial Day

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Over the Memorial Day weekend, 25 Asian Americans trekked to Rohwer and Jerome, Ark., where Japanese American evacuees were detained during World War II, the St. Louis JACL reported.

The pilgrimage was initiated by the Asian American Studies Group in Chicago and persons from throughout the Midwest traveled to McGehee, Ark., to be guests of the American Legion Post there.

The post has repaired and maintained the small cemetery built by evacuees at Rohwer.

The fields were too muddy at Jerome to investigate outlines of some of the barracks and camp streets. All that remains of Jerome (the first WRA camp to be closed in 1945) is the tall break smokestack and remnants of an old shack.

Memorial services were observed at Rohwer's monument to Nisei GIs. Twenty-four graves remain in the cemetery.

'NISEI' PAPERBACK AVAILABLE AT P.C.

A limited quantity of Bill Hosokawa's "Nisei: the Quiet Americans" in paperback is now available from the Pacific Citizen at $3.95 each. There is a 35 cents additional shipping charge for each copy ordered by mail. JACL chapters wishing five copies or more may order them at the special bulk rate of 20% off, plus shipping charges as above.

The Pacific Citizen also has the library hardcover edition in Jpaanese (¥3,600) at $13.50 and in English at $9 per copy.

Ethnic Heritage Studies Act passed last year but sits without funding

ST. PAUL, Minn.—The American Council for Nationalities Service, at its national convention May 25, called on President Nixon to implement the Ethnic Heritage Studies Act and to secure funds for this measure passed by Congress last year.

Thousands of ethnic organizations across the nation associated with the local ACNS affiliates, have been prominent in the efforts to gain Congressional approval for the Ethnic Heritage Studies Act.

For over 50 years ACNS and its 30 affiliated organizations have sponsored and developed interculture programs, ethnic studies plus providing social services for the foreign-born and their families. The goal of ACNS is to draw upon the diverse cultural resources of its membership to develop the understanding and appreciation of the United States as a culturally pluralistic society.

Ivan Veit, newly-elected president of ACNS, Executive Vice President of the New York Times Co., stated the $20 million funding would greatly contribute to preserving the contributions made to our American way of life by the over 40 million immigrants and their families.

The International Institute of Minnesota, an affiliate of the ACNS, sponsored the three day ACNS national convention. Wells C. Klein is the newly appointed Executive Director of ACNS.

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ASIAN LAW CAUCUS

The Asian Law Caucus, Inc., of Oakland has refused a National JACL offer of $2,500 to support its legal assistance program and its June 14 position paper explains why. While it may appear JACL is saving that amount, it is not an enriching stance when you consider all that was involved.

Originally, the Asian Law Caucus proposed a $30,000 project. It was presented by the Bay Area Community JACL and approved by the Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council at its pre-convention meeting in May, 1972. However, this proposal was submitted as part of a $60,000 legal committee package submitted by then National JACL legal counsel Bob Takasugi. No action was taken during the important budget session of the 1972 National Convention for lack of an advocate on the floor.

The original $30,000 proposal was then introduced during the final session when convention resolutions were being discussed—the strategy then being for a JACL-funded legal aid unit to draw support from the Endowment Fund, general funds or other sources. By this time, of course, the 1973-74 budget had been adopted at $359,687 with a $31,937 deficit—that is, general membership dues were not increased sufficiently to meet the budget minus the estimated $25,000 interest from the Endowment Fund.

Pushing a resolution with a price figure after the budget has been adopted is a futile show where general JACL funds are concerned and advocates now on the scene were aware of that.

Ex-JACL legal counsel Bill Marutani of Philadelphia, commentinf on the resolution said, "It is high time for JACL to provide legal service . . . and start using the Endowment Fund to meet the needs of our people rather than having it sit idle". He further suggested that if there were any reservations about the figure, the amount could be amended to read "up to $30,000".

Edison Uno, Bay Area Community JACL, suggested the Endowment Fund loan the amount with expectations from contributions from grateful recipients of the evacuee reparations bill, which the Convention had earlier recommended be adopted by the Congress. (To date, no such bill has been introduced though JACL is considering one.) He also urged JACLers include the Endowment Fund in their wills.

Washington, D.C. delegate Mike Masaoka considered $30,000 insufficient to care for the legal problems among Asian Americans and called the first priority for legal aid be given to those of Japanese ancestry and then to other members of the Asian communities. He was also bothered by reopening discussion on utilization of the Endowment Fund for special projects at this late stage of the convention.

At the 1970 convention in Chicago, use of the Endowment Fund for special projects had been approved, provided three-fourths of the chapters ratified in writing. Guidelines were developed and by the time the Endowment Fund committee met in early 1971, the plan lacked ratification by one written chapter vote. Yet the committee determined by changing the portfolio (which requires no approval by the chapters), the Endowment Fund could yield an annual interest of $25,000 and at the 1972 convention, that sum was incorporated into general budget as income. Previously, it had been yielding around $9,000 a year.

So, in view of budget difficulties and the Endowment Fund policy, Masaoka suggested $5,000 as a start for a so-called JACL legal unit for the Asian community. The convention minutes are moot on the point where this money would go and the specification in the resolution under discussion does not name the Asian Law Caucus in particular. Frank Iwama of Sacramento JACL and deputy attorney general with the State of California said legal aid was expensive and felt $5,000 would serve no purpose. Wilshire JACL delegate Toshiko Yoshida commented it would take a federal grant.

With the resolution amended to read "up to $5,000", the 1972 convention passed it and it became theNational JACL Board's concern to search for funds.

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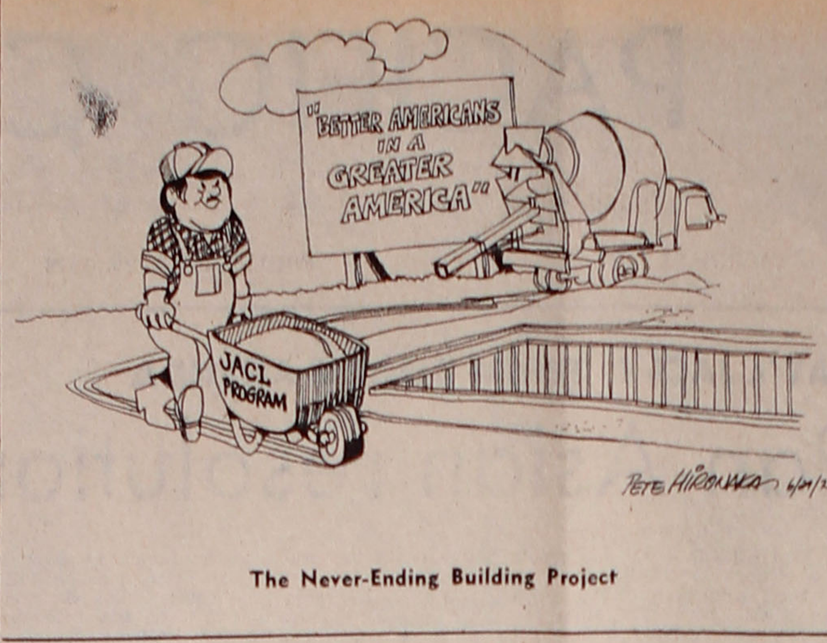
Locked out from general funds and the Endowment Fund, only remaining avenue was "other sources" and the JACL Executive Committee began inquiries with outside sources (PC: Feb. 2, 1973) on behalf of the National JACL Board, which meets annually. It was meeting this past weekend and in view of the Asian Law Caucus refusal, the question has seemingly become academic.

Nevertheless, the good work of the Asian Law Caucus, organized in early 1971, was not forgotten by Raymond Uno, current National JACL legal counsel, who at the last EXECOM meeting in Portland (Mar. 9-11) regretted no one had come to speak for their proposal at the 1972 convention.

Barry Matsumoto, Washington representative, also reported the Asian Law Caucus had indicated they were agreeable to contract services to JACL in whatever amounts that JACL could determine and forego the grant idea. Raymond Uno recommended $2,500 be granted to Asian Law Caucus and contract services for over and above the $2,500. On the discussion where the intial $2,500 might come, the trustees of the JACL Reserve Fund did approve such a disbursement. In the final recommendation, the EXECOM urged allocation of $2,500 on a contract basis with two purposes in mind: (1) stipulate what's being done and (2) to pursue "impact" cases with JACL understanding.

On a separate project, Raymond Uno has lined up a list of Asian American attorneys to assist in legal aid and to develop a referral service—similar to what the NAACP has. He has a $5,000 allocation from the current budget. Heretofore, the office of legal counsel had no budget allocation.

It is conceivable now that the office of legal counsel can expect a greater budget at the 1974 National Convention in Portland to beef up its current program.



The Never-Ending Building Project

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Manzanar plaque

Editor:

The Japanese American community has been shot at again — this time by a couple of BB's — La Belle Baker, and Ray Briem of KABC talk radio.

Since this is really a 'review' of a radio show (Wednesday, June 13: 12 midnight to 5 a.m.) we should give it a rating. It was definitely not a 4-star, but a 2-asterisk performance — and considering the contents and cast, there's no question where the syllabic emphasis on the word 'asterisks' should be placed.

Unfortunately we tuned in the late-night talk show just 30 minutes before the "guest star", the Mouth-a Mitchell of Gardena, signed off. At that time Madam Baker had been on for an hour and a half, but apparently she wasn't holding her own any too well. Oh, she was still doing business at the same old stand — spewing forth her bogus self-righteous semanticisms, but at the moment she was shouting (literally) at a caller who had the temerity to confront her with logic and the facts. This was terribly ungallant of him, and not too long after that the lady begged off and beat a whining and hasty retreat.

Nevertheless during the first half hour we caught, and for the rest of the night, it was obvious that she had the complete backing of the biased Mr. Briem. Usually he's pretty objective, but he does have a few built-in prejudices — don't we all? However this evidenced on other occasions, night his anti-Japanese bias, was definitely showing, and his entire manner adamantine to an extreme. It's hard to say where Mr. B's Japanese antipathy stems from. Perhaps as a uniformed GI during the Korean conflict he encountered some isolated instances of rudeness of resentment during his R & R leave in Tokyo. Maybe he disliked the food, or worse yet didn't get to first base with some charming chick. Whatever the reason this latent prejudicial bent is still there and every now and then it shows thru.

Hic point, and he held to it all night, was that since the "government" - designated the camps "relocation centers" and / or "internment camps" *that* was what they should be called — therefore the term "concentration camp" was strictly verboten! Any caller who said otherwise was either promptly put down — maneuvered and cross questioned in the manner of some legalistic shyster or cut off the air completely. The latter treatment was reserved for those who were making particular points contrary to the Baker-Briem premise.

Incidentally, a so - called "Asian expert", with whom Briem usually agrees, also comes on every week and pontificates at great length concerning the Far East. Recently he too delivered himself of the opinion that the camps were *not* "concentration camps" in any sense of the word!! Where Briem was merely adamant — this poor sap was both arrogant and insulting. In his infinite wisdom he added this little gem in re the internees: "They had no rights," he stated flatly, "because none of them were citizens, but were under the alien sedition laws at that time." How he explained away 79,642 American-born Nisei (according to the 1940 census) we don't rightly know —but you can't argue with omniscience—or can you? Oh, yes, he also knows for a fact that Japan is already secretly rearming for WW3.

Meantime back at the ranch — the low, not the high light of the program came when the savant of semantics was exiting the airways, Briem said, he agreed with her 100% and hoped she would keep writing on the subject. And La Baker in touching tragedienne tones replied, she was no longer permitted by her paper to write on that subject. Whereupon the defender of free, but one-sided speech invited her back on his program "every week" if she'd care to come. To paraphrase the late Dorothy Parker's line; "At this point tonstant listener frowd up!"

For the next three hours we tried vainly to dial into the program but, alas, there was just no way. Many points needed to be aired, but the program degenerated into a sorry parade of bigots, ego feeders, drunks, addled old ladies, assorted liars, sanctimonious hypocrites, and out-and-out racists whose arguments were as fallacious as their characters. There were a few sincere logicians who came on, including a college senior whose thesis was the Japanese Internment, but all these were turned back from that wall marked "Semantics", nor could they penetrate the "ishi atama" of the communicaster.

All during the sound and fury of this semantic mess — be it the written or the broadcast word — a portion of one Shakesperian line keeps coming to mind. "A rose by any other name would smell . . ." And 'smell' this does to high heaven! But semantics or no, we want to ask Madam Baker, Briem and his listeners, the "Asian Expert" and every concerned citizen these questions:

(1) What do you call a barbed-wire enclosure, with live people confined therein, and with soldiers on towers mounting machine guns? If that's not a "concentration camp" it'll sure do until one comes along.

(2) If after getting one of the rawest deals in United States history — if after suffering acute financial, physical, and mental abuse, aren't the Japanese Americans entitled to one lousy word on a commemorative plaque? Especially when you consider they got it without recourse to bombing, burning, rioting, confiscation of public property, or murder? Would you semanticists concede them that much?

(3) We want to ask the firm of Baker & Briem why they don't read Hosokawa's "Nisei", Fisher's "Exile Of A Race" Godzin's "Americans Betrayed" and many other volumes that tell it like it was?

(4) And how about the fact that there was not one instance of sabotage or treason on the part of any Issei or Nisei, in Hawaii or the mainland all during the "Roosevelt war"? (This latter definition is being verified and exposed more each day — not only in Miss Fisher's "Exile Of A Race" first 3 chapters, but in other works as well).

Baker, Briem & Co. admit there were "some" instances of abuse and violation of rights under the Constitution — but they staunchly maintain it wasn't "racism" that placed more than 100,000 people behind barricades. Oh, no? Tell that to Senator Inouye, who came back with an empty sleeve where his right arm used to be, and was denied a haircut in a San Francisco barber shop. Tell it to the members of the 442nd some of the most decorated GIs in that war, who came home on leave to visit wives and mothers behind barbed-wire. Tell it to those interned Nisei who were tricked or coerced into answering Question 28 of the War Relocation edict. We could go on and on, but in the manner of Kats Kunitsugu in her letter to Madam B, —we won't confuse them further with the facts.

Being a "Hakujin" and an admitted Japanophile — we have seen our Japanese friends suffer raw racism, double dealing, and rank injustices through the years, and take it with a grace and dignity unmatched by any other race. They are truly the Quiet Americans, and really need no defense from anyone, but we've taken up the cudgels for them nonetheless. We have struck pretty much to the issues here, but there's always that hue and cry about indulging in personalities.

Personally we are sick of the excess politesse that precludes our calling a fink a fink! As to the two 'dramatis personnae" in this ridiculous farce we have this to say: Since the Ray Briem show has proven to be a prejudicial exercise in futility we have stopped listening to it, and suggest that others do the same — or as a great comedian once said, "Don't miss it if you can"! In the case of Mme. Baker, by now her perceptivity is highly suspect — for here indeed is an intellect that could easily interpret the Watergate Affair as a love tryst on the Panama Canal. Like Jane Fonda she's been on too long and been given credence and recognition far beyond her worth. A lot of good people have been upset and many old wounds torn open and it's high time we call a halt and for a state of coventry to take over — in short the silent treatment. We respectfully submit that no more time nor valuable news print be wasted on the likes of these.

"Sorry to have been so long worded here, but one final message to the outraged "onna". "Oi, Madam Baker! The play is over. All the lines, the pros and the cons, the 'plaque-titudes' if you will — have all been spoken. All the actors have left the stage, and your audience has walked out on you. It's time to draw the curtain. It was a rotten little play and you as the leading lady laid a large egg, all that remains now is your final "exeunt" from the scene. Try and make it a graceful one, as we bid thee a fond GET LOST!"

JOHNNY HEATER
San Diego

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Watergate Trial

Editor:

Judge John Sirica, who triggered the current Watergate hearings, has become a household word.

To some Nisei, particularly those who were confined in the Heart Mountain Relocation Center in Wyoming, his name was not held in such high esteem some 29 years ago.

John Sirica in July, 1944, was counsel for the special house committee investigating the Federal Communications Commission.

Sirica at that time accused John Kitasako, an editor in the foreign broadcast intelligence service of the FCC, of "inflammatory literature intended to stir up racial hatred among Negroes." The base of Sirica's charge were two columns which Kitasako wrote in the Heart Mountain Sentinel, the center newspaper, on June 10 and 17, 1944. Kitasako was city editor on The Heart Mountain Sentinel prior to his relocation to Washington, D.C.

In addition to this charge, Sirica claimed that Kitasako allowed his roommate Fred Nitta, employed by the "hush-hush" Office of Strategic Services, to read the transcripts of some foreign broadcasts made by the FCC.

The Sentinel defended Kitasako in its editorial of July 29, 1944, which stated:

"We do not know the facts surrounding Kitasako's having FCC restricted files in his room. But knowing his integrity, his conscious devotion to duty, his honesty and loyalty to this nation, we would say flatly that he had a good and sufficient reason.

"As for inciting race hatred through his column in reciting facts that are well known regarding Jim Crowism in Washington, our nation's capital, and the even worse condition in the Deep South, the statement is a travesty. The Sentinel challenges any congressman to come forward who can compare his interest and sympathy for not only the downtrodden Negro but any underdog with the Christian principles of John Kitasako.

"Another matter that might well be pointed out is that Kitasako, Nitta and hundreds of other Nisei now working for the federal government—after exhaustive investigations of their character and background — are playing an important part in defeating the enemy, Japan. And, they are only the civilian employes. More than 10,000 Nisei fighting men are now receiving praise from the highest officials for fighting and giving their lives in Italy.

"We have no fear if the investigation is honest and impartial that John Kitasako and Fred Nitta will come through with clean records."

Kitasako was never prosecuted on these charges and now lives in Seattle. Haruo Imura, a prominent Alameda JACLer, was editor of the Sentinel at the time of the Sirica-Kitasako controversy.

ED TOKESHI
San Gabriel Valley JACL

Ed Tokeshi, San Gabriel Valley JACL president, served on the Heart Mountain (Wyo.) Sentinel staff.

'TWO WORLDS OF JIM YOSHIDA' AVAILABLE

True story of a Nisei strandee, "The Two Worlds of Jim Yoshida", by Jim Yoshida and Bill Hosokawa (Morrow; $6.95) supplies a missing chapter in the annals of Nisei history. Present rebirth of interest in the fate of Japanese Americans during WW2 gives this book appeal to the young adult reader.

Readers may purchase a copy from the Pacific Citizen at the special cash and carry rate of $6.60 each or $6.95 postpaid.

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Pan-Asianism—

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When the Chapter committee wrote and then introduced the resolution, we explicitly designed the appointment of the Commission members to exclude traditionally conservative JACL-type appointees; we had in mind only grass roots, action-oriented persons involved in community programs with the elderly, media, new immigrants, etc. However, this section of the resolution was amended by the District Council Executive Board to read: "It will be desirable for members of the Commission to have prior background experience . . ." from the original: "Members of the Commission will have prior background experience . . .". At the time of its adoption, this change was not challenged, because we had no idea that National JACL would use this change to pervert the whole resolution for its own use.

Germaine phrases of [illegible] lution state that JACL may "change its name in the future to identify with the roles" it might undertake "and the people it would serve," and that collectively, Asian people could wield more "political power and influence in the United States" so, JACL should "create a Commission on Pan-Asianism . . . to study and recommend ways and means . . ." for Asians to "achieve unification." At the time of its final adoption at the JACL National Convention in Washington, D.C. in June, 1972, our chapter delegate, Edison Uno, reiterated that we were only asking for a study of this Resolution.

Since its inception, the Pan-Asian Resolution has been preemptorily manipulated by all members of the JACL staff, including the ex-Washington lobbyist, Mike Masaoka, as well as Ushio, as a basis to organize and perform tasks that defeat a true Pan-Asian concept.

White House Briefing

On October 27, 1972, the Pacific Citizen reported a "White House Briefs Asian Leaders of Asian American Communities" conference about "benefits for the Asian Communities". This was by invitation of the White House Assistant, Mo Marumoto, for fifty Asian leaders. This peculiar kind of Pan-Asianism brought distinguished Asian donors to the Committee to Elect the President and representatives of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Six Companies, Koumintang, Benevolent Association, Mrs. Anna Chenault (Flying Tigers), as well as most of the JACL officers and staff, including our Washington Lobbyist, to be briefed about benefits for the Asian communities. The Minority Small Business Enterprise and Cost of Living Index Council officials conducted the briefing, and lesser HEW officials attended the cocktail hour.

Although Ushio had denied any JACL organizational ties with this Asian Leaders Conference, we learned from the report that: (1) Our National President-Elect, Shig Sugiyama, was designated at that time to organize another national Asian leaders conference in the future, and that (2) JACL shared the cost of the 10-course dinner with the Chinese Benevolent Association. Thus this denial is not completely correct.

We submit that while White House briefings may be dandy for Asian **business** leaders, such briefings are not for the benefit of the Asian communities. Under the guise of Asianism, a meeting by JACL national officers and staff with conservative Asian political leaders, who were generous donors to the California Japanese Finance Committee to Re-Elect the President, occurring just before the presidential election and coupled with JACL helping with the tab, seems highly irregular for a non-partisan organization. We fear that these same "Asian leaders" will comprise the Cabinet Committee for Asian American Affairs proposed in four separate House bills, and this will be the "future" meeting of Asian leaders to be arranged by Shig Sugiyama, previously referred to. This Cabinet Committee is expected to identify problems of Asian Americans, develop solutions and "correct injustices" (PC, 6/8/73) facing Asian Americans. A Cabinet Committee for Asian American Affairs, made up of these "Asian leaders" and given this task, would provide little relief for the needs of Asian communities.

Three months later, the Pacific Citizen announced in two separate articles (1/26/73) that JACL received $65,534 from HEW for gerontology, and Asian Small Business Enterprise had opened an office in Los Angeles and had

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Challenge—

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each."

"You say yo umade a mistake but you're still going to send out hundreds of brochures?" Woo asked.

Someone from the audience asked, "Who do you represent?"

Ushio said, "Twenty-seven thousand members in the organization."

The same person from the audience asked, "Are you going to put that in the brochures?"

"What would happen if an Asian-American sued you for misrepresentation?" asked another member of the audience.

"How are you going to correct your mistake?" asked Woo.

"Thousands have to be withdrawn. It has to be a board decision . . . Will it be acceptable to you if by hand we scratched out the line?" (claiming to be the only national Asian American organization, asked Ushio.

"It satisfies me. It shows you're learning," said Woo.

Proposal Changes

Ushio later said the gerontology program will be changed from an Asian American proposal to a Japanese proposal carrying the name "Asian American" (three legal proposals sent to the government and two churches and one outreach program sent to the Catholic Church) had been or would be withdrawn.

However, opposition arose at the mention of changing the gerontology program to a Japanese American proposal since the Japanese groups and agencies had not been consulted on the program.

The meeting ended with several resolutions that passed (PC, June 22).

Host families sought

RICHMOND, Calif.—Families are being asked to put up 30 visiting students from Japan from July 24-Aug. 23, according to MacDonald Stearns (905 Library St., El Cerrito —524-8594). The 16-23 year old students are being sponsored by "Interstudy", nonprofit group which arranges low cost study tours for Asian and European students to visit the U.S.

Legislative Calendar

Sufficient information is provided under Synopsis to ascertain the intent of congressional bills of particular interest to Japanese Americans. Persons wishing to inquire or express an opinion on any of the bills should refer to them by specific number. Sample address form:

Senator—
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Congressman—
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Federal legislation

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S 121 by Sen. Daniel Inouye (Hawaii) on Jan. 4, 1973

SYNOPSIS

Under the provisions of a pre-...atute (5 USC ...) (passed on July 15, 1952 and subsequently amended Sept. 14, 1960)) Japanese Americans in the postal field service and classified civil service were given special credit for the service for time spent in internment if and only if they satisfied the following two criteria:

1—They were serving on July 15, 1952, in the postal field service or in the classified civil service in positions subject to the General Schedule, and

2—At some time during the period December 7, 1941 to September 3, 1945, by reason of U.S. policy or program or by reason of entry into the armed forces, they had been separated from the service, lost opportunity for or had been denied probational appointment from a civil service registry or been denied reinstatement to a position as described.

Senator Inouye's bill would extend the special credit for internment time under 5 USC 1076 to all civilian employees of the U.S. (previous limitation had required employee to be in postal field service and classified civil service). However, it should be noted that the other two requirements of 5 USC 1076 remain unchanged —i.e.—(1) entry into federal employment by July 15, 1952 and (2) separation from federal employment during the period of Dec. 7, 1941 to September 3, 1945.

STATUS

Referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

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II—Minorities

HR 3424 by Rep. Charles Gubser (Calif.) on Jan. 31, 1973; **HR 5555** by Rep. Jerome Waldie (Calif.)

SYNOPSIS

This bill would provide federal civil service retirement credit to federal employees who were Japanese American WW2 internees (including U.S. citizens and aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence). To be eligible for credit an individual must have been evacuated or excluded from a military area or must have voluntarily departed from such an area in anticipation of an exclusion order and must have been detained or interned in a camp. The retirement credit provided by the bill is computed on the basis of the time spent in camp.

A similar bill has been introduced in the Senate by Senator Inouye (See S 1236).

STATUS

Referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

S 1236 by Sen. Daniel Inouye (Hawaii) on Mar. 14.

SYNOPSIS

Same as **HR 3424** (See above.)

STATUS

Referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

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III—Social Security

HR 3429 by Rep. Charles Gubser (Calif.) on Jan. 31, 1973.

SYNOPSIS

This is a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide wage credits under the old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program for Japanese Americans who were detained or interned during World War II and performed compensated service during their detention or internment. To be eligible an internee must have been detained or interned in a camp and have performed some service in connection with the operation or administration of the camps for which he received compensation from U.S. Under the terms of the bill, an eligible internee is credited with having been paid the wages actually earned plus an additional $160 for each month that the internee performed the above mentioned services.

An eligible internee can be either a U.S. citizen or a lawfully admitted permanent U.S. resident.

STATUS

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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IV

HR 5171 by Rep. Edward Roybal (Calif.) on Mar. 5, 1973.

SYNOPSIS

Last year, the 92nd Congress passed as part of the Social Security Amendments of 1972 a provision authorizing non-contributory social security wage credits for certain individuals who were interned during WW2 (42 USC 431). The bill was introduced by Senator Inouye.

The Social Security Administration (SSA) has interpreted the statute as providing benefits only to U.S. citizens who were interned during WW2. Congressman Roybal's bill is intended to make clear that the benefits provided by 42 USC 431 are to be extended to aliens of Japanese ancestry as well as U.S. citizens.

JACL has reviewed the language of the 1972 law and believes that the provisions defining eligibility are already broad enough to include almost all Japanese who were interned in camps (citizens and aliens). We have written to the General Counsels Office of SSA requesting a reinterpretation of the statute. Both Senators Inouye and Jackson (Wash.) have also written to SSA requesting a reinterpretation.

A bill which is intended to accomplish the same purpose as Congressman Roybal's has been introduced in the Senate by Senator Fong (See S 1208).

STATUS

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

S 1208 by Sen. Hiram Fong (Hawaii) on Mar. 5, 1973.

SYNOPSIS

Same as HR 5171 (See above).

STATUS

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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V

HR 5183 by Rep. Jerome Waldie (Calif.) on Mar. 5, 1973.

SYNOPSIS

This bill would extend the Social Security wage credit benefits of 42 USC 431 (See explanation of 42 USC 431 in discussion of HR 5171) to Japanese Americans who voluntarily left their residence in order to avoid the evacuation and detention.

To be eligible, a Japanese American must:

1—Have been on Dec. 7, 1941, a resident of an area in the U.S. from which Japanese Americans were evacuated during WW2, and

2—Have voluntarily departed from such an area in anticipation of the evacuation.

STATUS

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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VI—Cabinet Committee for Asian American Affairs

HR 261 by Rep. Glenn Anderson (Calif.) on Jan. 3, 1973; **HR 4186** by Rep. Anderson on Feb. 8; **HR 2270** by Rep. George Danielson (Calif.) on Jan. 18; **HR 3169** by Rep. Edward Roybal (Calif.) on Jan. 29.

(All of the above bills are individual bills introduced by each of the above mentioned Congressmen separately.)

SYNOPSIS

Bill to establish the Cabinet Committee for Asian American Affairs.

"Only Federal action can begin to investigate, isolate, and rectify the many inequities and problems relating to the Asian American population.

"This proposal would establish a high-level committee with the specific task of identifying the problems of Asian Americans, developing solutions to those problems, and correcting the injustices that presently confront the Americans of Asian ancestry." (Congressional Record, Feb. 22, 1973).

STATUS

All four bills were referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

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VII—'Hibakusha' Assistance

HR 2984 by Rep. Edward Roybal (Calif.) on Jan. 24, 1973.

SYNOPSIS

A bill to provide reimbursement to certain individuals (any citizen of the United States or any individual who has been admitted to the United States for permanent residence) for medical relief for physical injury suffered by them that is directly attributable to the explosions of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan in August, 1945 and the radioactive fallout from those explosions.

STATUS

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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VIII—(Japanese American Friendship Act)

HR 1487 by Rep. George Danielson (Calif.) on Jan. 9, 1973; **HR 2160** by Rep. Edward Roybal (Calif.) on Jan. 15; **HR 3086** by Rep. Ronald Dellums (Calif.) on Jan. 29; **HR 4369** by Rep. Marvin Esch (Mich.) on Feb. 20.

(All of the above bills were introduced separately.)

SYNOPSIS

Each of the bills would provide for the use of certain funds to promote scholarly, cultural, and artistic activities between Japan and the United States.

As written in HR 4369: "It is therefore the purpose of this act to provide for the use of an amount equal to a part of the sums to be paid by Japan to the United States in connection with the reversion of Okinawa to Japanese administration to aid education and culture at the highest level in order to enhance reciprocal people to people understanding and to support the close friendship and mutuality of interests between the U.S. and Japan."

(Similar but not identical statements of purpose are contained in each of the other bills.)

STATUS

All bills referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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NEEDED ACTION

Letters to Senate-House Joint Alcohol and Drug Committee: Sen. Bill Stevenson (Portland), chmn., Rep. Steve Kaufoury (Portland).

Oregon

The Oregon state legislature meets for about 5-6 months in the odd-numbered years.

SB 475—Liquor License

SYNOPSIS

Authorizes cancellation or suspension of liquor license when licensee refuses services and facilities on account of race, color, sex, creed or national origin or engages in certain unlawful discriminatory employment practices.

STATUS

Returned May 1 by 15-13 Senate vote to Alcohol and Drugs Committee.

HB 2078—Use of Facilities

SYNOPSIS

Prohibits 'public body" from using facilities of discriminatory organizations.

STATUS

Passed Apr 24 by 33-18 House vote; referred to Senate state and federal affairs committee.

NEEDED ACTION

Letters to Senate State and Federal Affairs Committee: Sen. Debs Potts (Grants Pass), chmn.; Sen. Howard (Portland), Sen. Mahoney (Portland), Sen. Jernstedt (Hood River).

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25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, July 3, 1948

President Truman signs bill eleminating race bias from U.S. deportation procedures . . . Attorney General Tom Clark considers case against Tokyo Rose . . . Hawaii war dead honored as body of Nisei GI (Cpl. Noriyuki Masumoto) returned . . . Canadian Nisei win rights in British Columbia . . . Japanese American attorneys enter Hawaii public service . . . San Francisco JACL declares slum clearance project does not protect race minorities . . . Alien registration, contraband claims bills (H.R. 5310) fail of passage . . . Masaoka may practice before immigration appeals board . . . Government witnesses testify on acts of brutality charged to prison camp interpreter Kawakita.

Bill Hosokawa

From the Frying Pan

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Denver, Colo.

SANSEI PSYCHOLOGY—Excuse me, I was listening to some Sansei talking the other day and what I heard provoked more than a little interest and concern. The occasion was Denver's Japanese American community dinner for high school and college graduates sponsored jointly by virtually all the organizations in towns. It probably is the major community-wide function, made possible by a lot of selfless hard work and the kind of cooperation that has largely gone out of style.

The gist of the conversation was that these Sansei, who in most cases were exceptionally good students, were looking forward to college with considerable anxiety. They seemed to be painfully aware of their racial minority status. They wondered how they would be treated by their fellow students. They were worried about whether they would be accepted. Some anticipated racial slights and slurs. What it boiled down to, as I understand the situation, was that these Sansei were terribly and frighteningly up-tight about race.

One of those in the group was a college student who had been accepted for advanced studies. He, too, admitted that he had been filled with anxieties when he left high school, and he reported with wonder in his voice that he had been well-accepted in college. It was as though he had half-expected to be kicked in the teeth and called a dirty Jap, and he was surprised when no one had done it.

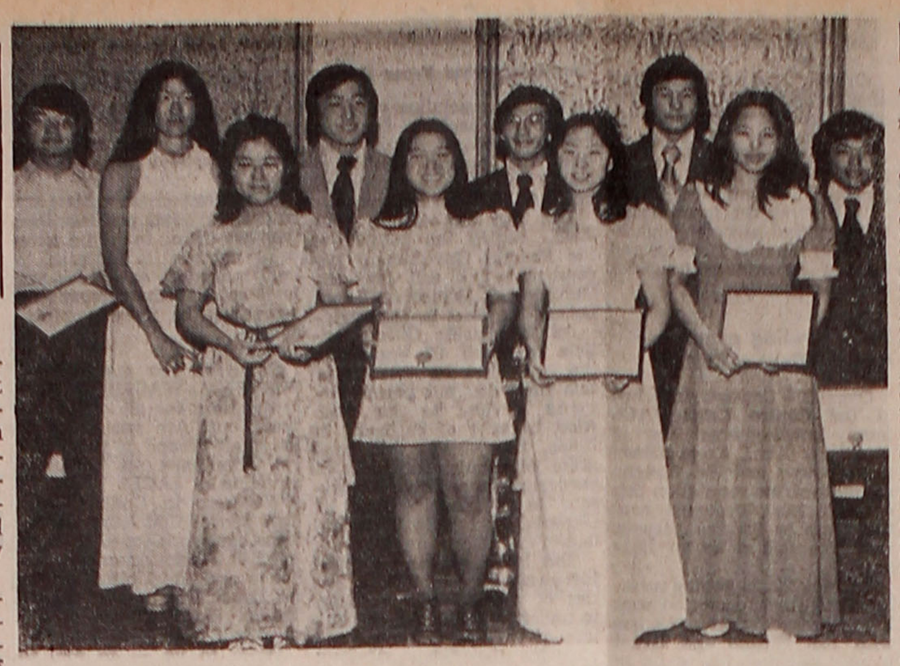
Later, thinking about what had been voiced, I wondered to myself whether these youngsters were "typical," whether other Sansei in other parts of the country are experiencing similar anxieties. I hope not. Because if they are, they are concerning themselves largely with ghosts that don't exist, at least not from this viewpoint.

Let me speak like an old codger, which I have come to be. It was exactly 40 years ago this year that I was graduated from high school. There was a goodly number of other Nisei in Seattle, my home town, who got their high school diplomas that year. I don't pretend to speak for all of them, but the ones I knew were optimistic, perhaps even cocky, about their personal prospects as they surveyed a sorry, depression-burdened world. A good many of that bunch went on to college, some of us because there were no jobs and it was easier just continuing with our educations.

We knew as surely as the sun would rise that we would face discrimination when it came to job-hunting time. The doors of opportunity would be slammed in our faces. But we also knew that there was equality of opportunity to learn in the classrooms, and we applied ourselves without anxiety or fear. Perhaps we were what the Japanese would call "baka-shojiki"—naive, unsophisticated, foolish. Perhaps we were kidding ourselves. But we said to hell with it and went forward unafraid.

The Sansei today faces an altogether different world. Many—although certainly not all—discriminatory barriers have fallen. The various minorities have banded together to make known their grievances, laws to guarantee equality of opportunity have been implemented, and a wide cross-section of the American public has been sensitized to the need for overcoming racial discrimination. Under the circumstances it is difficult to understand the apprehension expressed by the young people I overheard.

One doesn't always gain courage by listening to a pep talk, but I hope it will encourage the shy, troubled, anxious members of the Sansei generation when I say the difficult road has been trod by their elders. Many were bruised and scarred, but most of them came through in good shape. And they helped make the road infinitely less painful for the Sansei.



DENVER GRADUATES—Over 300 attended the Denver Community graduates dinner-dance at the Regency Rodeway and 24 scholarships ranging from $100 to $300 were presented by the eight participating organizations. The 1973 honorees are (from left): Sam Kawakami, Nisei War Memorial; Moni Arita, Cathay Post-Rupert Arai Memorial; Karen Hora, Cathay Post Award; Sam Mayeda, JACL-Harry Sakata Memorial; Peggy Kondo, Nisei War Memorial (supplemental); Todd Shimoda, Community Committee award; Aileen Okimoto, Mile-Hi JACL award; Alan Kinoshita, Fuji-En award; Donna Inouye, JACL Larry Tajiri Memorial; Robert Kato, Nisei War Memorial award.
—Tom Masamori Photo

Asian Law Caucus refuses JACL offer of $2,500 service contract

A position paper, dated June 14, was published by the Asian Law Caucus, 3408 Park Blvd., Oakland, Calif., detailing its reasons for turning down a $2,500 offer from National JACL for a service contract. Additional background, as gleaned from Convention minutes and our files, is covered in our column for this issue.—Editor.

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Oakland, Calif.

The Asian Law Caucus, Inc. is an organization composed of attorneys, law students and paralegal workers dedicated to providing legal services to the Asian-American communities in the Bay Area. As an alternative to the traditional law firm, we accept fees from those able to pay to subsidize the cases of those who can neither afford nor find legal assistance elsewhere.

We began accepting cases in January of 1971. Since we realized that funding was necessary for survival, we began exploring various methods and sources of funding, and since the Japanese American Citizens League claimed to be an advocate of Japanese Americans and more recently, Asian American interests, they seemed a logical and obvious source. On May 7, 1972, a proposal for the creation of a "JACL Legal Unit" with the Law Caucus as the pilot program was presented by the Bay Area Chapter before the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council (NC-WNDC) which adopted and forwarded a resolution based on the proposal with a funding limit of $30,000 to the National Convention in Washington, D.C.

$5,000 Authorized

At the convention, a resolution was passed which appropriated $5,000 to a "JACL Legal Unit", which was, in effect, an affirmation by JACL of the concept of free and low cost legal services which our group had initiated. The resolution which was passed was virtually word-for-word the resolution which the Bay Area Chapter had submitted on our behalf at the NC-WNDC.

Thereafter, we made inquiries to various JACL officials as to the dispensation of the grant, but received several conflicting responses. Several JACL officials told us that no money existed within JACL to follow through with the appropriation. In the meantime, Raymond Uno, then JACL Legal Counsel began advocating the creation of a JACL legal arm in words and in concept similar to the proposal which we had submitted months earlier.

Frustrated by the conflicting responses we received and by JACL's attempt to build its own legal arm on the proposal we had composed, we approached the NC-WNDC with the original proposal for ratification. The NC-WNDC unanimously approved a resolution appropriating $2,500 to the Asian Law Caucus, Inc. and another $2,500 contingent upon approval of a progress report. The National JACL's Executive Committee's approval was still required and on March 10, 1973, the Board agreed to allocate the $2,500 to our organization on the conditions that Mr. David Ushio, National JACL Executive Director, work out a contract with us to provide services to JACL and that a public statement issue disassociating this grant from the National Conventions' appropriation.

Service Contract

After having discussed the terms of the $2,500 allocation with Mr. Ushio and discovering that he would have us undertake legal research and other work for JACL, and having in mind our past relationship to the leadership of JACL, we are compelled to refuse their offer of a contract for services and the $2,500 based on the following grounds:

1—JACL's leadership has failed to support the mandate of its members who approved the idea of a legal unit as proposed by the Bay Area Chapter at the National Convention. JACL has further ignored the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council recommendation that $2,500 be immediately allocated to the Asian Law Caucus, Inc. without **conditions, contracts or other reservations.**

2—JACL's Executive Board proposed a contract with us for the $2,500. We believe our proposal was endorsed because of the services we were rendering; we do not feel that JACL's Executive Board should now change an unconditional endorsement into a contract whereby we would be required to provide services to JACL, specifically, for their own credit.

Breach of Trust

3—In view of our struggle to obtain funds allocated to us, and in view of JACL's legal proposals, we feel that a serious breach of trust has occurred which cannot be mended simply by a grant of money.

4—JACL's leadership has extracted ideas from our original proposal and has attempted to pawn those ideas off as JACL initiated. Further, they have submitted their own proposals for the establishment of a legal unit to funding sources in direct competition with our proposal in an attempt to capitalize on the idea of community service.

5—We believe that JACL should support the efforts of existing Asian-American community groups rather than attempt to create their own service organizations in a vacuum.

Only through a sincere change in direction by JACL's leadership can we consider a workable relationship. We respect the fact that many individuals within JACL have given us their support and strength, but until we can witness a change in direction, methods and sincerity among members of the National JACL Leadership, we cannot move toward a formal relationship.

'72 CONVENTION BUDGET ITEM

JACL Legal Unit . . . $60,000

Since no representative of the JACL Ad Hoc Legal Committee was present during the 1972 Convention when the National Council sat as a committee-of-the-whole on Budget, National Treasurer Al Hatate summarized the $60,000 budget request as presented prior to chapters and delegates. The recommendations of the ad hoc legal committee were submitted by Bob Takasugi, then National JACL legal counsel.

Recommendation by JACL Ad Hoc Legal Committee

Discerning overlap in direction, scope, purposes and functions of the National JACL Legal Counsel's request for funds and the "Proposal for the Establishment of a JACL Legal Unit," the Ad Hoc Legal Committee recommends that the two proposals be consolidated and synthesized into one proposal, as follows:

First, the Ad Hoc Legal Committee proposes the establishment of a National JACL Legal Committee, directed by the JACL National Legal Counsel. This Committee would be composed of lawyers, law-students, legal workers and other ex-officio members appointed by the Executive Committee of JACL. Each District and Legal Counsel will be a member and quarterly meetings will be scheduled. Written by-laws will be submitted to the Executive Committee.

The duties of such a legal committee include:

1—The examination of legal problems of national scope involving Asian Americans.

2—The coordination of various District and National legal actions.

3—Advising the National Executive Committee on legal affairs.

4—Litigation on specific cases with approval of the Executive Committee.

5—The development of a coordinated legal plan with the advice and consent of the JACL membership.

6—Allocation of funds for specific projects and actions with the advice of the National Executive Committee.

Secondly, the Ad Hoc Legal Committee recommends the establishment of a JACL Legal Unit under the supervision of the Legal Committee. Such a unit will not be limited in its legal efforts by geographic boundaries; it will collaborate with the JACL National Legal Committee on projects of nationwide import to Asian-Americans and serve as a model for the creation of legal units in other areas. The objectives, rationale, duties and structure have been outlined in the "Proposal to Establish a JACL Legal Unit."

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The Ad Hoc Legal Committee perceives the need for a unified national approach to legal problems involving Asian-Americans and Asian-American communities. Historically, Asian-Americans have been forced to react to legal problems on an individual basis. There has not been the type of directed, coordinated effort which could systematically handle issues of Civil Rights, discrimination in employment and housing, degrading media treatment of Asians, and legal education.

In the case of Kenzo Takada, manufacturer of the "JAP" label, for example, attorneys in New York, Oakland and Los Angeles have not yet been able to orchestrate their attempts to prevent further publication of demeaning label. A National Legal Committee with the assistance of other legal units could not only apply coordinated legal pressure to such problems, but also suggest responsible strategy for JACL's actions.

With assistance from the Legal Unit, the National Legal Committee could undertake those cases involving Asian-Americans and also lend direction to the heretofore fragmented approach to those legal problems.

The Legal Unit will be a primary resource in planning and effecting suits on behalf of Asian-Americans. As pointed out in the previously referred to "Proposal," most attorneys have neither the time nor resources to accept class and civil rights suits. The Legal Unit, however, would have the resources and desire to take such cases in conjunction with JACL National Legal Committee.

The Legal Unit would also undertake with the National Legal Committee a program of legal education on issues of concern to all Asian-Americans.

Finally, the creation of a viable legal unit may lead the way for prospective legal units in other areas who would learn from this Legal Unit's successes and failures.

The Budget is set out below. While initial funding (seed money) will facilitate the creation of the envisioned Legal Unit, the Legal Unit will make every effort to become self-sustaining in two years.

TOTAL REQUEST ($60,000)	
1 Co-ordinator	9,000
2 Secretary/Clerical at $5,000	10,000
10 Work/Study position at $500	5,000
Interpreter case work	2,500
Rent, Utilities & Phone	7,000
Office Equip. & Supplies	9,500
Xerox	1,000
Printing	1,000
Postage	500
Litigation Costs	10,000
Court filing fees, subpoena costs, process servers, Litigation bonds, Jury fees, Depositions, Interrogatories, Bail Bonds.	
Travel Expenses	4,500
Quarterly meetings & Trial Travel, Housing accommodations, Transportation.	

Submitted: Robert Takasugi

Pan-Asianism—

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received a grant of $100,000.

Mistaken Identity

Examining again the sections of the Resolution, to "study and recommend ways and means by which all persons of Asian ancestry can achieve unification for political power and influence," and possibly "change its name to identify with the role of the people it will serve," we submit that with the present state of affairs, the name change would appropriately be: The Benevolent and Protective Order of the JACL (Elks).

JACL leadership has long suffered from a mistaken identity, of being a White Oriental riding on the coattails of Yellow Power. The real needs of all Asian people, not merely those of a small, self-interest motivated group, are overshadowed by promises of external funding for JACL. Whether consciously or unconsciously, National JACL has embarked upon a campaign of paternalism and expansionism over all Asian organizations and people in its pursuit of recognition and status.

In view of the unilateral use of the Pan-Asian Resolution by the National JACL, we criticize JACL's misinterpretation of the Resolution we authored. We sincerely believe that if JACL really wishes to become an effective organization working cooperatively with all other Asian organizations, it will undergo honest self-criticism to analyze its failure today to elicit the participation and cooperation of the many Asian grass roots community organizations.

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JACL Role

The Bay Area Community JACL also included a letter from UC Berkeley lecturer L. Ling-chi Wang to National Executive Director David Ushio, suggesting JACL "as a national organization can play a vital advocacy role for not only the Japanese Americans, but also Asians as a whole."

Wang said JACL could assist many Asian groups seeking funds to provide needed services to their respective communities and speak out effectively against policies and practices that violate the civil rights of Asian Americans.

On the matter of JACL's claim as the "only national Asian American organization", Wang said there were at least 50 national Chinese organizations in the U.S., so that JACL's claim is "hardly valid."

"It is certainly premature for any organization to make a national claim when there is a total absence of any established mechanism to involve various segments of the Asian community," he continued. The climate is appropriate now for Asians to get together "to share our common experience and resolve our past conflicts."

As a person involved for many years in conflicts and projects in the Chinese community, Wang was optimistic of Asian American solidarity and cooperation. "The common historical experience of Asians in America points to the need for Asians to get together and to form a united front," he said.

Nisei Relays

Cathy Horimoto, runner-up in the 1973 Miss Nisei Relays contest, was sponsored by the Venice-Culver JACL. Her name was inadvertently omitted in the local press report on the track meet.

'72 CONVENTION RESOLUTION

JACL Legal Unit for Asian Community

Following is the text of the resolution, "JACL Legal Unit for Asian Community", offered by the National Resolutions Committee, chaired by Bill Doi of Twin Cities, and seconded by Mike Masaoka for purposes of discussion at the final session of the 1972 National JACL Convention in Washington, D.C., as amended.

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Whereas, there are increasing numbers of Asian Americans seeking specialized legal assistance; and

Whereas, legal assistance should be a right, not a privilege, especially for those who could not otherwise afford or obtain legal counsel; and

Whereas, there exist among the Asian American community people in need of legal assistance who are ignored because cultural constraints and language barriers prevent the exposure of problems to competent legal personnel; and

Whereas, there are increasing numbers of Asian youths encountering novel legal problems in the areas of drugs, draft and criminal law; and

Whereas, there exists within the Asian community an immigrant populace composed of military brides, the new "Issei", and their children whose legal needs in the areas of welfare rights, immigration, and family law have heretofore been unrecognized and neglected; and

Whereas, there are Asians maintaining unpopular beliefs, who are precluded from obtaining adequate legal counsel in civil rights, draft and military, and other political cases; and

Whereas, the Kerner Commission stated that a major problem of the American society is white racism; and

Whereas, racism has affected Asian in subtle ways, an organized active program to combat the menace of institutional racism is essential to safeguard the fruits of democracy for ourselves and our children; and

Whereas, a legal education program for the Asian community is indispensable for preventing senseless encounters with law enforcement officials, and for informing members of the community of the full measure of their rights under law; and

Whereas, Asian law students who desire to utilize their expertise in the community for meaningful social change should be assisted in their endeavors by practicing attorneys through legal training seminars; and

Whereas, there are certain cases before the Japanese American Citizens League currently which could be handled by an organized legal unit; and

Whereas, the existing legal institutions and services are inadequate to meet the particular needs of the Asian community:

Therefore, be it resolved, that a JACL affiliated legal unit be established to serve the growing needs of the Asian community.

Be it further resolved, that the legal program thus constructed will serve as a pilot program for legal programs in other areas.

Be it further resolved, that the JACL unequivocably support the efforts of this legal unit to make equal justice for all a reality.

Be it further resolved, that ($30,000) up to $5,000 be appropriated by the National JACL for a period of one year from the Endowment Fund or from general funds, or from any other special sources to provide this essential service to the Asian community and to members of the JACL organization.

S.I. Hayakawa rips state court ruling on demonstrators

SAN FRANCISCO — Dr. S.I. Hayakawa, the outgoing president of the California State University, San Francisco, last week (June 19) blasted the State Supreme Court for a decision overturning the convictions of two people for the 1969 riots on the campus.

Hayakawa accused the courts of "being just like radical professors who uphold the rights of demonstrators to carry bullhorns and disrupt classes."

The court, in an unsigned opinion June 18, held that the right to assemble cannot be restrained unless there is a good reason to think the gathering threatens to erupt in violence. The decision was based on a dozen demonstrators arrested for unlawful assembly and disturbing the peace.

At Mayor's Confab

"I don't know where the court got its information," Hayakawa told the U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting, "but there was danger of violence."

At the time of the disturbances, Hayakawa said, he wondered if some professors knew why there was a university.

"Now," he said, "I wonder if the supreme court knows what a university is for."

Hayakawa also said the campus unrest across the country was generally overplayed by the news media in the 1960s.

Black militants like Stokely Carmichael and Eldridge Cleaver, he said, got more television coverage in "three months than Roy Wilkins (the NAACP director) could expect to get in a lifetime."

Cherry trees presented

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Twenty Japanese cherry trees were presented June 26 to the City of Sacramento by the Sumitomo Bank in commemorating its 20 years as a statewide institution at newly designated picnic area east of Riverside Blvd.

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Suiseki—come upon nature's wonder unfolding in miniature among rocks

LOS ANGELES — The minute waterfall seems to cascade down a tiny grotto in a miniature mountain. The explicit scene was carved to perfection in a rock, not by man but by nature.

Time and the elements were the sculptors of the 152 rocks brought from Nagoya, for a three-month Meiseki exhibit here. It opened May 16 at the Natural Museum, in Exposition Park.

Blooming chrysanthemums, a distant mountain range, and a houseboat are also depicted among the rocks assembled by the people of Nagoya and their Central Rock Association, Chubu Aiseki Kai.

Suiseki

Known commonly in Japan as Suiseki, the art of appreciating a natural stone which illustrates nature in miniature is centuries old. Some consider it a cousin to Bonsai, the art of growing miniature trees. Only the most outsanding rocks are referred to as Meiseki.

This is the largest Meiseki collection ever to be shown in Los Angeles, and a delegation of 30 prominent Nagoya citizens also came to assist in preparing the exhibit. It was arranged by the Los Angeles-Nagoya Sister City Committee, with transport provided by Toyota Motor Co.

"The philosophy behind this art is to show nature in microcosm," said Mrs. Toy Sato, an authority on Suiseki and an honorary board member of the Museum's membership organization.

A good specimen is like a rare painting or beautiful symphony. A truly outstanding stone may also have the quality known as "wabi and sabi".

"Wabi" occurs when the person who is meditating about the scene gradually "floats" into the realm of the miniature and hears the roar of the water and feels the cool sprays.

Japanese Art Form

In Japan this art form flourishes. People in all walks of life are enthusiasts. There are no limits to the types of rocks that can be collected.

Three factors are considered in judging the merit of a rock: It must resemble some object without stretching the imagination! it must be hard and solid; and rich, deep, subtly-blended colors are the most desirable.

In dedicating the exhibit, Shuzo Sumi, the chairman of the Central Rock Association in Nagoya, said:

"Meiseki, as is often mentioned and universally accepted, invites peace and happiness to enter into the hearts of people. I sincerely hope that through this exhibition, Los Angeles and Nagoya will be united more firmly, and contribute handsomely to the Nagoya-United States friendship."

"Sister Cities' is an international program in which American communities are affiliated with cities in more than 60 nations.

Its objective is to allow people to discover that they share common interests, including the universal desire for peace.

The exhibit, in the Changing Gallery on the main floor, will continue through Aug. 12. The Natural History Museum is open daily, except Monday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and parking and admission are free.

Gardena High students on first Japan exchange

GARDENA, Calif. — Ten students and their Japanese language instructor, Marvin Follett, of Gardena High School are on a five-week exchange program approved by the City Board of Education, according to Superintendent Dr. William J. Johnston.

Gardena High was the only Southern California public school recommended for the program by the Calif. Dept. of Education. The group departed June 14, attending classes for two weeks at Yoshida High School in Shizuoka, living with families there and conclude with a three-week tour of Japan, living in youth hostels along the way.

Next spring, Yoshida High School students will visit Gardena under a similar family-host arrangement. Gardena students each raised $750 toward the five-week trip.

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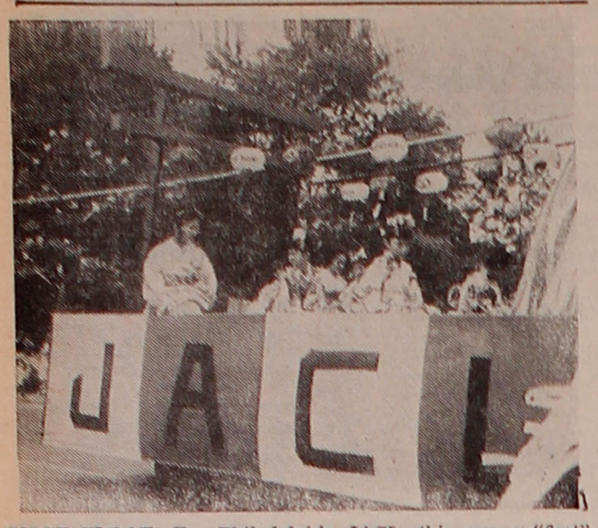
Health care

DALLAS, Tex. — A health study team from the Japanese government was here studying the techniques used at the unique Aerobics Center, which aims at reducing coronary risk fatcors in the businessman's life. The center was founded by Dr. Kenneth H. Cooper, who has published three books on the subject by Bantam Books.



FIRST FLOAT—For Philadelphia JACL, this was a "first" in assembling a float for the first Cherry Blossom parade in Cherry Hoill, N.J., on June 3. Decorated with Mt. Fuji in front, lanterns, cherry trees and a torii, those on the float performed the Hanagasa Dance at two performance sites along the route. Pictured are (from left): front—Fukue Kauffman, Marlene Simmons, Sharon Masters, Naomi Higuchi; back—Patrick Masters, Machiko Simmons and Leslie Higuchi. —Photo by George Higuchi

CHAPTER PULSE

June Events

Graduates honored at West Valley beach outing

West Valley JACL members spent the day at Seacliff Beach State Park June 10 and honored graduating seniors at the same time. Tom Kamimori was in charge of the outing, which included prizes for the races for all groups and fishing.

Meanwhile, the chapter is preparing to host its first NC-WNDC quarterly session the first Sunday in August. George Uchida will be host chairman.

Puyallup Valley fetes Dr. and Mrs. Paul Ellis

Organizers of the Japanese Community Church in Salem, Ore., in 1935, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Ellis—now members of the **Puyallup Valley JACL**—were honored by the chapter at the annual graduates dinner June 9 at the Poodle Dog restaurant in Fife.

The Ellises, who were conferred their doctorate degrees in 1939 from Columbia University, were instrumental in organizing the JACL chapter in New York during WW2. Their home there was a stopping point for many Nisei evacuees and GIs.

A chapter certificate of appreciation and a gift contribution from former Salem residents from around the country, along with letters of appreciation from Henry Tanaka, national JACL president, and past Washington Representative Mike Masaoka. Other testimonial letters were presented the Ellises in a folder.

Joe Kasai was banquet chairman. Robert Mizukami was toastmaster. Guest speaker was Dr. Norimoto Iino, visiting professor from Tokyo at the Univ. of Puget Sound.

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July Events

St. Louis JACL set for 4th of July picnic

Hoping the weather will be sunny on July 4, the **St. Louis JACL** will have its annual picnic at Eden Seminary grounds in Webster Groves. There will be the usual games, softball, volleyball and the tennis courts are available. The fun starts at noon.

Riverside prepares for annual picnic

The annual **Riverside JACL** picnic will be held at the same place as last year (Sylvan Park, Redlands) on Sunday, July 15, from 11 a.m. But Richard Ichihashi, chairman, said there was difficulty in arranging the potluck and advised families to make their respective arrangements. In addition to the games and prizes, the chapter will provide free soda pop and snow cones.

The graduates luau potluck held June 2 at Jessie Halverson's was scored as the best yet, with credits going to T. Yamaguchi and M. Inaba, co-chairladies. The entertainment of Hawaiian and Tahitian dancers, arranged for by Doris Higa, was well appreciated.

Contra Costa to sell flowers at July 4 fete

Contra Costa JACL will set up a booth to sell flowers to raise funds for the AFS Student Exchange program July 4 behind Holiday Inn in Richmond off Cutting Blvd. Volunteers should call Grace Goto (233-2586) to lend assistance.

Plans are tentative for the chapter contingent of ondo dancers for the one-mile July 4 parade, scheduled to start at 10 a.m. along Garrard Blvd. from MacDonald to Canal Blvd.

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May Events

Close to 200 gather for Mother's Day fete

A family-type celebration in honor of the Issei on Mother's Day attracted nearly 200 to the **Cleveland JACL** buffet dinner at the local YWCA. Thirty-three Issei were present.

After Brigadier Ichida gave invocation, chapter president Mary Sadataki extended greetings. Yoshiko Baker emceed a memorable program which featured the Sho Jo Ji Dancers, Hawaiian dances by June Tanaka, a classical dance by Mr. Uyeki, who was among the honored Issei; a violin-piano duet by the Miura sister, Janice and Laura; Mrs. Linda Omura, Sho Jo Ji instructor, in a humorous dance; and Japanese dances by Beverly Hashiguchi and Miyako Dancer.

Some old Japanese favorites were part of the sing-along led by Henry Tanaka, national JACL president. Rev. Miura of the Cleveland Buddhist Church gave the benediction. Issei Day chairman Tak Kunimoto lauded the cooperation of his committee members, the Jr. JACLers for their bakery goods and assistance, and contributions from members.

Dave Ushio addresses West Valley JACLers

Speaking on current happenings in JACL, National Executive Director Dave Ushio spoke to the **West Valley JACL** at its May 10 meeting at Grace Methodist Church, Saratoga. He stressed the necessity of the national organization to make its presence felt on critical issues of discrimination, housing and legislation.

Ushio also felt that JACL should have a role in improving U.S.-Japan relations.

When discussing future directions, he felt that perhaps the answer might come from the grass roots membership. He then requested that members express some of their concern sand feelings for discussion. Dave also stated he was not adverse to pursuing things that were regarded as too sensitive in the past, if the consensus of the membership felt them necessary.

The response was good and there was free flowing dialogue which lasted for an hour.

Some of the members were pursuance of Japanese culture concerned about the perpetual and felt it was time to develop their own unique blended culture.

Others were concerned about aggressive Japanese business practices such as indiscriminatory hiring in American subsidiaries, aggressive real estate investments in Hawaii and Guam.

In general, the membership felt they had become acquainted with the new Director and learned of his philosophies and background.

Golf, bowling events draw at Contra Costa

Over 100 bowlers frolicked at the **Contra Costa JACL** family bowling night May 12 at Albany Bowl. Co-chairmen Nob Inouye and Ed Nakano maintained the reputation this program has developed over the years to involve parents, teenagers and a lot of little ones.

On May 20, 20 golfing members and guests cavorted over the Alameda South Course with Bill Hirano and Grant Inouye shooting 72s to tie in the Aye Flight while Hiro Ando's net 72 won the Bee Flight. Wat Yamamoto of El Cerrito took hole-in-one honors. Walt Asato chaired the tournament.

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April Events

Contra Costa Issei night a 'Sister City' Success

For the first time, **Contra Costa JACL** and the Richmond Shimada Sister City Friendship Commission cosponsored a unique program as part of the chapter's annual Issei appreciation night April 28 at J. F. Kennedy High School. Nearly 300 persons attended, including 30 invited Issei guests.

Greetings were extended by Tom Shimizu, chapter president, and Hisazo Honda for the Issei. The program included presentation of the chapter scholarships to Don Shimamoto, Ann Hotta, Joan Ehara and Phyllis Uehisa.

Main program was a slide presentation by Yvonne King, student ambassador two years ago, of her visit to Shimada. Yas Aoki, 1971 adult ambassador to Shimada, chaired the program and added his slides to the presentation. Various Friendship Commission officials were also introduced, including Byron Lambie, president.

Ben Takeshita emceed the evening. Assisting were: Meriko Maida, Emi Nakagawa, reception; Ann Imada, Isa Asato potluck dinner; Eimi Kuramoto, pub.; Jack Imada, sound system; Kunio Shibata, Japanese taped music; Emi Nakagawa, John Hiramoto, Issei invitations; Joe Oishi, Adachi Florists, flowers.

Legal paraprofessional degree being offered

LOS ANGELES — A legal paraprofessional studies program leading to a B.A. degree will be inaugurated in the fall trimester at Pepperdine University. The course is in response to the need in the profession for skilled, legal assistants to most functions of the law office, according to Jane Macdonald, legal studies counselor.

Further information may be secured from the Admissions office, Pepperdine Univ., 8035 S. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles 90044 (753-1411).

CALENDAR

June 30 (Saturday)
Sequoia—Jr. JACL sushi sale.
July 1 (Sunday)
Seabrook—JACL picnic, Marvin State Park, 10 a.m.
July 4 (Wednesday)
St. Louis—Picnic, Eden Seminary.
Watsonville—Old Times barbecue, Buddhist Church, noon.
Contra Costa—4th of July Parade and flower booth, Holiday Inn, Richmond.
July 7 (Saturday)
West Los Angeles—Asian Festival, WLA Mall.
July 8 (Sunday)
Reno—JACL picnic, Bowers Mansion.
July 9 (Monday)
West Los Angeles—Bd Mtg, Felicia Mahood Ctr.
July 13 (Friday)
West Valley—Sr Citizen baseball night, Candlestick Park, 8 p.m. (Giants vs. Pirates).
July 14 (Saturday)
PNWDC—Salmon Fish charter, Westport, Wash., 7 a.m.-4 p.m.
July 15 (Sunday)
PNWDC—Qtrly session, Puyallup Valley JACL hosts, Canterbury West Motel, Westport, Wash., 10 a.m.
Riverside—Picnic.
Bay Area Community—Mtg, Eastbay.
Contra Costa—Picnic, Little Hills Ranch.
July 16 (Monday)
Contra Costa—Baseball night, Oakland Coliseum, 8 p.m. (Oakland vs. Baltimore).
July 17 (Tuesday)
West Valley—Bd Btg.
July 21—22
West Los Angeles—Crenshaw Square carnival.
July 22 (Sunday)
Reno—Picnic.
Cleveland—Picnic, Stone Hill Park.
July 28—29
West Los Angeles—Obon Festival, Buddhist Church
July 29 (Sunday)
West Valley—Hakone Garden Society Obon.

Contra Costa—

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jects. This resolution was later brought back on the floor and reversed after some realized the possible infringements of self-determination on JACL by this resolution.

But they did vote to have JACL return the $65,000 to the Federal Government because they all felt that the Gerontology Project will not benefit the Issei in anyway.

As the Pacific Citizen article of April 27 explained, the guidelines for the use of this fund dos not permit direct services to the Issei. Also, because of cutbacks in funds, the scholarship program originally intended to encourage more Asian Americans to go into the field of Gerontology had to be modified.

The latest announced project was to establish a series of video tapes to "help to understand the current failure of social services to provide for the Asian elderly." By use of the video tape to show how our elderlys live, it was hoped that agencies dealing with the problems and services of the aged will get a better understanding of the plight and need for services of our Asian elderlys, and hopefully provide the needed funds.

However, because of the objections expressed by the Asian American "community", David Ushio announced at this meeting that he plans to recommend that the JACL Gerontology Project be limited to Japanese elderly only, and that he will withdraw all funding proposals dealing with Asian Americans, and would not generate anymore proposals on this basis.

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Now, this is where I get MAD! When JACL is finally beginning to expand its horizons from programs aimed primarily at Japanese Americans to the broader ASIAN AMERICAN community, a small group of vocal Asian Americans, who also purport to represent their communities, tells JACL to, in effect, not do things for the Asian Americans — to return the $65,000 to the Federal Government.

The most disappointing part of the meeting was that I saw with my own eyes, those same people who have worked so hard to develop the Issei Centers in this area, to vote to return that money, because, as one of them said, "The project doesn't benefit the Issei at all."

What they failed to realize is that there are Issei in other parts of California, in other parts of these United States, who do not have organizations and members like Kimochi or EBJA to help them out. Wouldn't the video tapes showing their plight help those Issei get some funds to relieve some of their needs?

Why must organizations try to destroy other organizations who are trying to do the same thing namely, in this case, to help make life easier for our Issei so that their remaining years can be more comfortable?

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Come on you members — WASSHOI—WASSHOI! Now is the time for all of you to speak out! Are you going to let small groups of vocal Asian Americans set back the direction of JACL?

We here in Contra Costa have proved that Asian Americans can work together, such as with Asian American Alliance and the United Asians for Equal Employment organization. Your silence means approval!

Write to us — to me, to the National Director, to the Pacific Citizen editor Harry Honda, to express your views! WASSHOI - WASSHOI! SPEAK OUT!!!

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After writing this article, I hafe since learned that EBJA and Kimochi made sincere efforts to contact and talk to David Ushio to give input to the Gerontology Project, but were unsuccessful in meeting with him.

It's true, January, February and March must have been busy months for our new Director, but he or someone should have made an attempt to meet with these groups. I plan to look into this matter further — JACL must have community support and input!

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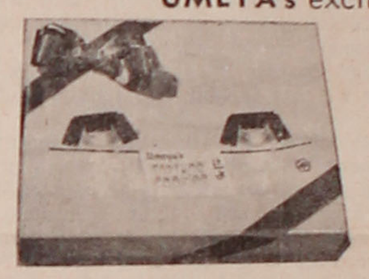
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全米日系市民協會

Aloha from Hawaii

by Richard Gima

Hawaii Today

Honolulu

Thousands of dollars a year are being extorted from **Oahu bars and restaurants**, a local newspaper survey has shown. "The annual take from the shakedown almost certainly amounts to more than $600,000 a year and may well run into the millions," reports the Honolulu Advertiser. It's estimated conservatively that between 60 and 70 bars are on the underworld's collection list, each paying between $200 and $400 a week in return for protection against harassment and physical attacks. At a minimum of $200 a week, 60 bars would be paying $624,000 a year.

Hawaiian Electric Co. on May 30 filed an application to boost its electricity rates by an average of 11 per cent next year. The increase, if approved, would raise the average residential bill by about $2.21 a month to $21.81, HECO said. At present the average residential customer consumes 700 kilowatt hours a month, at a price of $19.60.

The **Tax Foundation of Hawaii**, a private organization, reports that nearly $4 of every $10 in wages paid to Hawaii workers goes to an employee of the federal, state or county government. And nearly one in four civilian workers in the state has government for his employer. Government, says, the Foundation, outstrips the military, tourism and agriculture as the biggest spender in the state economy. Among the 50 states, only Alaska spends more per capita on state and local agencies than does Hawaii. Among the states, only New York collects more in state and local taxes than does Hawaii. Hawaii's total is $614 for each resident, compared with the U.S. average of $460. When compared with total personal income, however, Hawaii slips to 12th place among the states in per capita tax load.

Political Scene

State Sens. **D. G. Anderson** and **Fred Rohlfing** appear to be the best Republican prospects for governor of Hawaii in 1974, according to Sen. Hiram Fong. Fong took himself out of the running for the '74 governor's race June 1 when he announced he would not run. Fong said he has little hope that ex-Gov. William Quinn would consider the race.

Thomas Gill, former lt. governor of Hawaii, announced May 30 that he's willing to run again next year in another attempt to become governor of Hawaii. He lost a bid for the top office in 1970. He committed himself in a brief speech to about 750 backers at a cocktail party in his honor.

Senate Pres. **David McClung** resigned as chairman of the state Democratic Party June 1 in order to seek nomination as his party's candidate for the office of governor of Hawaii. Minoru Hirabara, party vice chairman, said McClung's successor will be elected June 25 by mail ballot cast by the Democratic State Central Committee's members.

City Hall

Mayor Francis Ching of Kauai has sent names of prospective members of county commissions to the county council for approval. They are Tsutomu Kojiri and Isamu Wakumoto, Civil Service Commission; Chohei Watanabe and Mrs. Bella Ilalaole, County Pension Board for Police and Firemen; and Masato Kawamura and John Carvalho, County Pension Board.

Business Ticker

Taiyo Fudosan Kogyo Co., a Yokohama land development company, is the prospective purchaser of $6 million of property along the Big Island's Kona Coast in the Keauhou-Kailua area. The company is buying scattered parcels, most of them small. The largest parcel appears to total 32 acres.

Tourism

Hawaii Volcano National Park drew more than 100,000 visitors in May for the fifth consecutive time this year. Arthur Hewitt, the chief ranger, said the figure indicates that the park is on its way to a new record number of visitations. With more than a half million for the first five months of 1973, officials anticipate the park will attract more than one million visitors this year.

Names in the News

City Councilman **George Akahane** quit his job with Hawaiian Electric Co., so that he could spend all of his working time with the city council. His resignation from his $16,000-a-year job means his family will be living less comfortably than before, Akahane said. As councilman, he earns $14,500.

Jocelyn Kaya, a Univ. of Hawaii student and daughter of the Hisao Kayas of Hilo, won the Lillian Gilbreth scholarship for 1973. Only one of these $500 scholarships is awarded annually by the Society of Women Engineers to a woman student enrolled in an accredited school of engineering. She was picked over women students from 85 of the leading engineering schools in the U.S.

Mrs. Melvia Kawashima has been elected president of the League of Women Voters of Hawaii. **Rinji Maeyama**, former Hawaii Hochi reporter, has been elected the new president of the United Japanese Society of Hawaii. He succeeds Kiyoshi Yonemura. Other newly elected officers are Hiroshi Mitsuda, v.p.; Sanji Kitayama, sec.; and Kazumi Miyawaki, aud.

Annette Y. Miyagi has been named executive secretary of the Hawaii State Committee for the Humanities. Miss Miyagi, former executive sec. of the city charter commission, replaced Jean Fujinaga June 1 . . . Three Sansei soon will be ordained to the Buddhist ministry. They are **Gerald Sakamoto, Robert Oshita** and **Kanya Okamoto**. Sakamoto is a Univ. of Hawaii graduate, and Oshita and Okamoto are graduates of the Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley, Calif. . . . **Francis Lum** has been named state conservationist, replacing Fred Haughton, who will retire in June after seven years of service.

Bunji Shimomura, who has taught citizenship two nights weekly since 1962, has been honored by the Aloha Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. He became a naturalized citizen in 1955 . . . **George Kodama**, 32, has been elected 1973-74 president of the Kalihi Jaycees.

Education

Randolph Lee, Jr., president of the Halekulani Hotel, and **Andrew Lum**, assistant to the president of Sheraton Hotels-Hawaii, are the new chairman and vice chairman, respectively, of the St. Louis High School board of governors. They have been members of the board since 1967.

Some 400 of the 1,200 probationary teachers in the State Dept. of Education will **lose their jobs** this summer, the DOE has announced. Shiro Amioka, superintendent of education, said the DOE has too many employees and not enough positions for them.

Kenneth K. Kurokawa, principal of Kalihi-kai Elementary School, is retiring at the end of this school year without taking any sick leave during his 42 years as an educator. The school's PTA honored him at a dinner June 5. He is a native of Papaikou on the Big Island.

About 11,000 seniors are expected to be graduated from Hawaii public schools this year. Kailua High School will graduate a record 850 seniors. Kalani with 820 seniors is the second largest in the state.

Congressional Score

Legislation to boost Hawaii's **pineapple industry** by increasing the import duties on foreign canned pineapple and pineapple juice was introduced May 10 by Rep. Spark Matsunaga. Enactment of this bill, Matsunaga said, would enable Hawaiian pineapple to compete on an equal basis with foreign products and would help to save Hawaii's declining pineapple trade.

The U.S. Dept. of Labor has cancelled a scheduled reduction in force which would have cost 34 employees of the Hawaii State Employment Service their jobs, according to **Congressman Matsunaga**. The employees were informed in March that their jobs would be abolished because of a reduction in funds for fiscal year 1974, Matsunaga said, adding that he got in touch with Dept. of Labor officials as soon as he found out about the reduction in force notices.

BOOK REVIEW: Allan Beekman

Gloomy Analysis of Post-WW2

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THE NUREMBERG FALLACY: Wars and War Crimes Since WW II; by Eugene Davidson. New York: Macmillan, 331 pp., $9.95.

With the easing of the Suez Canal crisis of 1956, Alfred Seidl inquired of Winston Churchill if plans were afoot to try Prime Minister Anthony Eden for crimes against peace.

Churchill had been prime minister of Great Britain during WW II, which ended with German leaders being tried, at Nuremberg, for war crimes. At the trial, Seidl had defended Rudolf Hess; once number three in the Nazi hierarchy, Hess had been found guilty of planning to wage, and having participated in waging, aggressive war.

The crime imputed to Eden had originated in the nationalization of the Suez Canal Company by Pres. Gamel Abdel Nasser of Egypt. In retaliation for the abrogation of freedom of passage in the canal, British and French troops had attacked Port Said. Thus, under the Nuremberg laws, the head of the British government, Eden, became equally guilty with Hess.

The question of Seidl, of course, was ironic; he was too sophisticated to believe charges would be brought against Eden. The Nuremberg trial demonstrated that such actions were taken only by victors against vanquished, as shown by its attitude toward the Soviet Union and Italy.

1939 Decision

In 1939, the League of Nations had declared the Russian invasion of Finland an act of aggression and expelled the Soviet Union from membership; the Soviet then teamed with Germany to dismember Poland. Italy had entered WW II on the side of Germany.

Changing circumstances, and self-interest, had forced both the Soviet and Italy out of the German alliance and into the Allied camp. A Soviet representative had sat on the Nuremberg tribunal; no witness was permitted to point out the Soviet complicity in the campaign against Poland. Near the end of WW II, the Allies had accorded Italy the status of cobelligerent, so no Italian was tried for invading France in 1940 or Greece in 1941.

Even before the hypocrisy of the Nuremberg trial had become manifest, mankind had become disillusioned of the hope that the United Nations might maintain peace through the condemnation of aggressive warfare. Disillusionment had come with the balance of world power becoming polarized between the United States and the Soviet Union—two superpowers.

Leaders of superpowers, like those of small nations, would always be guided by pragmatic considerations in the conduct of foreign affairs. In every dispute, each power would ascribe aggression to its adversary, defending its own action on the ground of self-defense.

So fearsome have become modern weapons that for the United Nations to condemn one superpower and aid the other might be to precipitate the holocaust that would exterminate all human life.

The superpowers commit aggression. The United States invaded Guatemala in 1954 and the Dominican Republic in 1956. The Soviet Union has invaded Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

Missiles in Cuba

Each abets minor wars furthering its interests, but each deals gingerly with the other. Only in an extreme case, as when the Soviet introduced nuclear weapons to Cuba, is the leadership of one willing to risk confrontation with the other.

The Nuremberg doctrines have not only failed to keep the peace, they have failed to diminish the atrocities incidental to war. On the contrary, modern man seems to condone what has ancestors appeared to have condemned.

Pillage, rape and murder by Americans in Vietnam was commonplace. When Lt. William L. Calley was found guilty of the My Lai massacre Americans rallied to his defense; a ballad exalting him sold 200,000 copies in a fortnight.

The author establishes his case on six of the scores of wars fought since Nuremberg: the Arab wars, Algeria's war of independence, Israel's wars, the wars in Indochina, and those of Russian in Europe. He ends on a note of hope:

If we mend our own fences, extirpate corruption and atrocities, behave with prudence and restraint in foreign affairs, but with firmness where necessary, "we may survive for a long time to come."

The Spartan Beat — Mas Manbo

'Feathered Gangsters'

TOKYO—Japan's Bird Week, observed in the month of May, wound up on a sour note for the birds with the news that two crows had been attacking people close to the heart of Tokyo.

The culprits, it seems, were a pair of crows with a chick living in a nest high in a pine tree in Meguro Ward. They would swoop down on people without warning and give them a pecking.

The English-language Mainichi Daily News came up with an editorial on the matter saying that the "feathered gangsters" must go.

The paper admitted that crows do perform a service by consuming garbage and eating harmful insects. "Some people consider them cute," the Mainichi said.

It noted, however, that crows do all sorts of mischief, including the ruining of corn or squash crops. They are also known to steal golf balls at golf courses and to carry away soap or Buddhist altar candles from homes, it said.

In the case of the two Tokyo crows, the paper said more than 10 children and old folks had been assaulted and "There is nothing to do but eliminate them."

Actually, it was reported that children had been stoning the birds' nest so one couldn't blame them for retaliating.

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At our home, which is in the Todoroki area in Setagaya Ward near the Tama River, any kind of bird is welcome. This includes the crow, which we think is cute.

There are reported to be close to 500 species of wild birds in Japan, and more than a dozen have visited our place to feed on insects, worms or bits of bread. A pair of crows used to come around once in a while, and they were not vicious at all but on the bashful side.

Besides the karasu or crow and the ubiquitious suzume or sparrow, the list of birds we have seen at home includes the yamabato (turtle-dove), onaga (blue magpie), tsugumi (dusky ouzel), mukudori (grey starling), hiyodori (brown-eared bulbul), Shijukara (Manchurian great tit), uguisu (Japanese nightingale), jobitaki (redstart) and mozu (shrike).

The regular visitors at present are the suzume of course, yamabato, tsugumi, mukudori, hiyodori and onaga.

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Of all the birds we see, the onaga is without doubt the most handsome. It's a bird with a dark head, blue wings and a tail that looks eight or nine inches long.

The yamabato is quite large and rather slow moving and it makes a big whooping sound that can be heard for quite a distance.

The uguisu, of course, is known for its singing. It can be heard but seems to stay out of sight usually.

Bird watching at home is not as monotonous as one would think.

Last autumn, a funny looking little bird turned up with the sparrows to feed on bread crumbs. It was reddish brown and had a fuzzy white head.

The moment I spotted it I thought: "Hey, that's Woodstock!"

There is a bird expert living in our area of Tokyo, a fellow whose articles about birds appear in the newspapers. We gave him a call and he came over the next day to look at the stranger.

The expert said the unusual bird was a hekicho, whose habitat is Malaysia. Apparently it had been a caged bird that had escaped.

The bird was around for a few days more and then was gone—back to its cage, we hope.

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Actually, Woodstock would have been the proper name for the bumbling suzume that fell down the chimney last winter. Covered with soot, it flew out of the stove just when I was about to light it.

Before that, more than 10 years ago, an uguisu got off its flight route and shot into our house. We kept it in for a time and then let it loose.

Just a month or two ago, a kiji or pheasant was a visitor, which was most unusual. A phone call to the bird expert elicited the information that the Todoroki Fudo shrine not far away was releasing a few kipi every year. The one that came to our place was one of those.

More and more rural wooded areas are being turned into home sites in our part of Tokyo. There used to be a glorious cherry blossom lane stretching from Denen Chofu to Kaminoge. Now it is the big street leading to the Daisan Highway and Tomei Highway usually full of cars. The changing scene is certainly tough on the birds.

George Yoshinaga

Ringside Seat

Boxing Manager . . .

Los Angeles

It would appear, from all newspaper accounts, that Don Fraser of the Forum Boxing Club will join the ranks of the boxing giants as far as promoters are concerned.

He has two block-buster type shows slated which could gross one mililon dollars!

In matters of racial acumen, however, Mr. Fraser's knowledge is worth about two cents.

Recently, this writer acting in capacity of manager for a boxer, negotiated a match on Mr. Fraser's big card at the Forum which features Bobby Chacon and Rueben Olivares.

I had not expected that Mr. Fraser would be too happy but I was not quite ready for his retort, which went something like this.

"Now I know how December 7th took place," he quipped. (Referring to Pearl Harbor, I assume.)

"I don't dig that kind of humor," I told him firmly. Then I explained that I was wearing a uniform during World War II.

"Yeah," he shot back, "what side were you fighting for?"

I got my pay from Uncle Sam. But, as long as there are people like Mr. Fraser still looking down their noses at Japanese Americans, maybe the battle we thought we had won still is not over.

I guess when a fellow is on the threshold of grossing a million bucks in a business venture he can afford to get a little cocky.

Still, it's a blow to my ego as a boxing man. I've done business in all parts of the world but it's the first time I've had anyone make a direct racial slur.

And, right here in my own backyard.

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S.F. Giants

As a dyed-in-the-wool San Francisco Giants' fan, I would have to say that things do not look very good at all for the Bay City lads.

The team which shows up on the field isn't that bad.

The front office leaves much to be desired.

Badly in need of pitching, they traded off Sam McDowell simply because they couldn't afford to pay him his high pay just to serve as a relief pitcher. It seems that that is where the Giants are hurting . . . in the bullpen.

This is another case of cutting off one's nose to spite the face.

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Baseball in Japan . . .

Jimmy Lefebvre has hit five homeruns in the past couple of days to total 14 for the season but the Lotte Orions have slipped into second place behind the Nankai Hawks in the Pacific League.

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TOKYO — Cabinet ministers of Japan and the United States will meet in Tokyo July 16-17 for the ninth session of the joint Japan-U.S. Committee on Trade and Economic Affairs.

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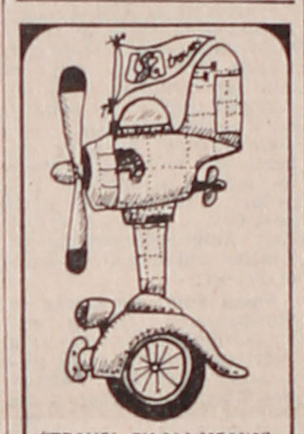

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(Friends of Joe Oyama may write to him at Apt. 1, 277 Southern Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45219.—Ed.)

Washington, D.C.

On our relocation trip from New York City to Cincinnati, we visited the home of Warren and Betty Tsuneishi for a few days in the quiet suburbs of Bethesda, Maryland. Warren is chief of the Orientalia Division of the Library of Congress.

Driving into Washington on our way to Bethesda was certainly a different experience from driving into Manhattan with its massive granite towers. Here spring was in the offing with willow trees, magnolias and dogwood in bloom. The clean lush suburbs were a refreshing change from Manhattan (notwithstanding the Watergate complex which we passed.

The Tsuneishi Home

Arriving at the Tsuneishi home early afternoon, we caught Betty digging in their garden and Warren shovelling compost. The Tsuneishis live in a handsome corner brick house painted over white, surrounded by tall trees, shrubbery, and a wide rambling garden. The garden doesn't have a manicured look because of the strategically placed Japanese trees, flowers and plants — all which blend with the terrain.

Betty's parents had arrived from Hawaii. Her father is a retired building contractor, 83-years-old. He looked at his son-in-law, Warren, and said in a mixture of Hawaiian and Japanese, "He's not thin at all, because he 'kau kaus' (eats) a lot!" They had brought omiyage (gifts from Hawaii, among other things— famous chocloate covered Macademia nuts, and Betty's mother explained, "Korewa Hawaii no meibutsu."

I was impressed with Betty's pottery. She has a spinning wheel in the glass enclosed screened backporch, where her innumerable creations crowd the floor, table and even hang from the ceiling as fancy plant holders.

Her ceramic pieces are of a high professional order with considerable character and subtle deep Japanese type coloring. Her larger decorative pieces adorn the house inside, which almost gives it a museum appearance.

Orientalia Division

The visit to the Orientalia Division of the Library of Congress was most impressive. More impressive than visiting the National Art Gallery or the Museum of Natural History, because I have often seen their counterparts in New York. This was my first visit to the Library of Congress.

A receptionist announces your arrival. Warren sits alone behind a wide elegant desk in an airy, pleasant high-ceiling room. You feel as though you are being ushered into the presence of the Chief, and you are because the sign on the entrance to his office, reads, *"Chief."*

Introduced to Key Kobayashi, Wash. D.C. JACL president who works on Warren's staff, I was taken on a private tour of the archives. Key took me down several flights to another floor, switched on the lights and I was staggered to see the deep rows of bound Japanese books on the metal shelves — as far as the eyes could see.

There were books written by the Issei just prior to World War 2. Key opened a book written by Ed Mitoma's father, which had photographs of the young Japanese Crown Prince and Princess visiting Washington D.C., and other historic photos of Issei and their little Nisei children.

I also noted a copy of Bill Hosokawa's "Nisei—The Quiet Americans", standing conspicuously, among the other English written publications, and a book of poetry by the Fresno Sansei poet, Lawson Inada.

There was also a section of Kenjinkai almanacs, every Kenjinkai in the United States represented, prewar Japanese directories, which Warren said, "are of historical interest and basic for any material research."

Any Takers?

There was also a section of prewar colored and illustrated Japanese children's magazines written in katakana, which Key said, "The library would like to give away to some institution for study material."

I also noticed a huge canvas bin brim full of current Japanese telephone directories. Warren explained, "They are important — listing doctors, for instance, in historical research."

Warren continued, "We have books that date back to the seventh century — poems written by a Princess,—sixth century before the Gutenberg Bible." This was a coincident for we had come from seeing the Gutenberg Bible.

"Some of the books are starting to crumble," he said, "microfilms are being taken of them and they may have to Xerox some books page by page. Older books stand up better — modern ones don't stand up so well."

The Orientalia division has the largest collection of bound Japanese books outside of Japan. In Warren's office there is a large map of Asia adorning the wall. The collection includes Israel.

Medical Publications

There are also rows of current Japanese medical publications which similar organizations in this country could, upon request, seek information or use for research purposes.

The Orientalia staff has built up one of the most complete index files, which includes Japanese commerce and industry, business,—even translations on the subject from Chinese into Japanese.

I cannot in all honesty do justice here to the Orientalia division on a short one hour's visit.

Key Kobayashi, who took me on the tour of the archives, majored in political science. The two other top bilingual experts on the staff are the Revs. Andrew Kuroda and Honda, the former is a Christian minister and the latter a Buddhist priest. Rev. Honda, is a specialist in music and books on Buddhism.

NEWS CAPSULES

Awards

The Univ. of Illinois Mothers Assn., celebrating its golden anniversary, honored **Mrs. Anna T. Nagata** of LaGrange as its mother of the year at the Illini Union June 11. She had been nominated by her daughter, Jane, a U of I freshman. Mother of another daughter, Joyce, who's a sophomore at the University, an dtwo sons, she is active in church work, PTA, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts.

Education

Diane Jofuku has graduated No. 2 from her class of 430 graduates at Watsonville High. She delivered the salutatorian address, "In Praise of Excellence." The daughter of the Kaz Jofukus plans to major in science at UC Davis on three scholarship: $2,200 state scholarship, renewable for four years; $1,500 George Grant Radcliff award; and $150 Watsonville JACL scholarship.

Nancy Takayo Ishibashi of Gardena has been named to the board of directors of Commerce Associates, support group for the School of Business Administration at the Univ. of So. Calif. The organization's newly elected president is Eber Jaques of Newport Beach.

Among the outstanding graduates honored at the Swarthmore College commencement were **Robert K. Oye**, second son of active Philadelphia JACLers George and Kazue Oye, who will continue his studies at Stanford Medical School in the fall, and **Willa Kay Michener**, daughter of author James Michener. Both were elected to the Phi Beta Kappa. In the same class was **Reiko Ushiba**, daughter of Japanese Ambassador and Mrs. Nobuhiko Ushiba.

Marilyn Ohama of Sanger won the $200 Mary C. Baker memorial scholarship reserved for students at CSU-Fresno. Instituted in 1968 by many Fresno State Nisei alumni and friends, the scholarship is awarded annually based on financial need and scholastic merit to those majoring in education, social work or the humanities with a preference to students of Japanese ancestary. Past awardees have been Gail A. Takayama of Del Rey, Nellie Furubayashi of Reedley and Inez S. Kawano of Fowler.

Susan Sato was among 40 Stockton-area teenagers touring Europe this summer as a People-to-People student ambassador program . . . **Christine Hikawa**, daughter of the Richard Hikawas of Chicago, was named the outstanding senior woman graduating from DePaul University's College of Liberal Arts for Women

Paul Minoru Tokunaga was honored as recipient of highest graduating honor bestowed by the California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo during commencement exercise June 9, when he was named the winner of the Chester G. Young award. Tokunaga was recently selected to the Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges. His parents, Katsumi and Grayce Tokunaga, reside at 360 Monica Lane, Campbell.

Business

Kikkoman Food, Inc., a U.S. subsidiary of the Kikkoman Shoyu KK, headquartered in Chiba, Japan, on June 16, dedicated its plant site in Walworth, Mich. The plant has a capacity to produce 2½-million gallons of shoyu per year. The plant was established in Michigan because of its easy access to soy bans, wheat and salt, the three main ingredients of shoyu sauce.

Another Japanese bank, **Hokkaido Takushoku Bank, Ltd.**, will soon open a Los Angeles representative office in the Wilshire One Bldg. Masamori Goto, manager, and Tsuneo Baba, asst. mgr., will man the office from July. Based in Sapporo with branches throughout Japan, the firm also has offices in New York, London and Hong Kong.

Art Y. Mitsutome will be manager-vice president of the soon-to-be-opened Hayward branch of the Sumitomo Bank of California. Located in the Southland Shopping Center (to open July 3), Mitsutome joined the firm in 1958 at the Sacramento office, becoming its assistant manager in 1964. He was then transferred to Oakland as asst. mgr. in 1966 and named asst. v.p. in 1969.

Churches

The Asian Caucus of the United Methodist Church, now in its third year, will be directed by the **Rev. Jonah J. Chang, 41**, of the Buena Vista United Methodist Church, Alameda. He succeeds the **Rev. George Nishikawa**, who has been appointed superintendent of the Los Angeles District. Mr. Chang hails from Formosa, graduating from Tainan Theological College and San Francisco Theological Seminary. He founded the Formosan Christian Church at Los Angeles in 1970.

Dr. Masatoshi Nagatomi, professor of Harvard university, was the main lecturer at the fith summer session of the Institute of Buddhist Studies, Berkeley, from June 25 to July 22. He received his B.A. from Kyoto University in 1951 and his M.A. and Ph.D., from Harvard University, has taught Buddhism at Harvard since 1959. He is an internationally known authority on Buddhist logic.

Agriculture

George Yuge of Turlock was elected president of the Cortez Growers Assn. He is also vice president of the Calif. Freestone Peach Assn. this year and one of three new directors with the Calif. Canning Peach Assn.

Organizations

Attorney Mark Kiguchi, one of the founders of the Wilshire Community Police Council, Inc., has been installed as president of the volunteer group, succeeding Harry Gilliland. Kiguchi served as charter secretary-treasurer of the crime-fighting organization which is now in its third year of operation. A non-profit group, more than 1,200 serve to assist the police in minimizing crime and delinquency.

Press Row

Sansei writer **Nancy Yoshihara, 22**, is serving as intern-reporter this summer at the Washington (D.C.) Post, one of 17 selected from a nationwide search. Daughter of the Akira Yoshiharas of Los Angeles, she graduated in English from UCLA in 1971 and has a master's degree in journalism also from UCLA. She won the 1973 Dumont Award (best story of the year by a UCLA journalism student) for her piece in the Los Angeles Times Sunday financial section front page on Little Tokyo redevelopment. She also has studied the koto for a number of years.

Fine Arts

Among top winners at the 15th annual San Jose Valley Fair shopping center art fair were **Sally Inouye** for her watercolor, "Stormy Front, Alviso", and **Tomiko Okamura** for her mixed media "Sunset Desert."

Architect

Kaz Takeda of Los Angeles, who has been in the architectural design department of Daniel, Mann, Johnson and Mendenhall for more than a year, has recently received his license as an architect.

Sister Cities

City of Torrance has rekindled the flame of the late President Eisenhow's "People-to-People" concept by launching a sister-city program with **Kashiwa**, Ibaraki-ken, a city of 140,000 located 20 miles north of Tokyo. Torrance will officially celebrate what Mayor Ken Miller termed "a beginning of a lasting relationship" with the Japanese city by holding a cultural festival June 23. Noting that Kashiwa and Torrance have many similarities in terms of population, industrial and financial bases, Miller said he has no doubt about the success of the new program. Proceeds from the festival will help pay for a Torrance city delegation's visit to Kashiwa this fall.

Music

Voice student **Sanae Okamoto** of Tokyo, who has been earning school expenses moonlighting at the Bar Shinjuku in San Francisco's Japan Center, will give a recital June 29 at the S.F. Conservatory of Music. While singing Japanese pop songs at the nitery, the coloratura soprano will present classic numbers by Mozart, Schubert and Yamada for her formal public appearance.

Theater

KTLA's **Sumi Haru**, "The Gallery" associate producer and hostess, stars in the East-West Players' premiere production of "Coda" by Alberto Isaac. **Mako** directs the play which concerns the identity crisis of Asian-Americans. The production will run weekends June 29 through July 15. Ms. Haru is active with the ethnic minorities committees of both Screen Actors Guild and Actors Equity Association which are striving for more truthful depictions of ethnic minorities in the creative mediums.

Military

George Makishima has been installed commander of the Nisei Post 8985, VFW, in Sacramento for the 1973-74 term.

Deaths

Tsunoda, Mrs. Mutsuyo, 54, of Denver died June 6. Wife of the Rev. Shodo Tsunoda, she was on the Buddhist Churches of America headquarter staff prewar and at the Tri-State Buddhist Church staff since 1944. Besides her church work, she promoted Japanese cultural activities in Colorado. Others surviving are d Shieko Kakuda of Mitchell, Neb., b Karl H. (San Jose), sis Yoshi Arita (Los Angeles).

Local Scene

Los Angeles

The Chinese, Japanese, Filipino, Korean, Samoan and Thai communities of Los Angeles will gather for a day of cultural exchange of music, dances, painting, drama, food and athletics July 14 at Echo Park. The Day of the Lotus, designed to encourage understanding, appreciation and respect for the customs and traditions of these Oriental groups is sponsored by the Council of Oriental Organizations (COO) with cooperation of the Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department. The festival which will be held from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. is scheduled for the second year to time with the lotus blossoms at the north end of Echo Park Lake.

The inaugural parade for Mayor Tom Bradley which will follow the official Inauguration Ceremony on the City Hall steps on Sunday, July 1, will include two units from the Japanese American community. Hanayagi Rokuka will organize the ondo unit and Bando Katsufuye will head the Minyo musical group. Those interested in participating are invited to the ondo practice Tuesday and Thursday nights at a Little Tokyo parking lot located at 303 Azusa St.

The annual Asian Festival will be held July 7, from noon to 9 p.m. at the West Los Angeles Civic Center Bandshell, 1650 Purdue Ave., in West Los Angeles. It is the sixth in the "Sounds of Summer" series sponsored by the Department of Recreation and Parks and the West Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with Asian organizations of West Los Angeles.

Chicago

Buddhist Temple of Chicago will stage its 29th annual Fourth of July Festival, June 30-July 1, at the temple grounds, 1151 W. Leland Ave. Highlights include cultural exhibits and demonstrations, games and food concessions. A fine collection of Japanese swords and tsuba is also planned.

San Francisco

A special three-man show of original prints by Japanese artists Haku Maki, Hiroyuki Tajima and Sadao Watanabe are being shown at T. Z. Shiota gallery through July 14 in San Francisco. Approximately 200 prints are on display at 3131 Fillmore St. Monday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

San Jose

The annual San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin's summer festival, Obon Bazaar, will take place July 14 and 15.

Sacramento

A demonstration of nigiri sushi, soba and somen was given by Tetsuo Kashiyama, chef of Suehiro restaurant in San Francisco at the Sacramento Betsuin June 26 as part of the church cultural program.

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Our efforts to squeeze in as much of the Asian American community news will be acknowledged in "Local Scene." We ask that items be received early enough to be timely if time is a factor.—Ed.

Predominantly black student body learning Japanese history from Sansei

LOS ANGELES — Carole Takemoto, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Satoru Takemoto of Morton Grove, Ill., is teaching Japanese history as it pertains to the United States to the predominantly black students of Manual Arts High School in Los Angeles.

Miss Takemoto, a senior biology student, is working in connection with USC's Joint Educational Project, which recruits students at various levels of study and teach at neighboring high schools once a week.

Through use of visual aids, skits and various exercises, Miss Takemoto tries to relate how prejudice is perpetuated and to teach the students the similarity of the prejudice encountered by all ethnic groups.

Miss Takemoto designs the lessons utilizing all resources possible. She is starting a library of the information she gathered hoping it will be used and expanded upon by other JEP members.

Miss Takemoto's class sessions are taught in an informal manner allowing freedom for discussion and creating an atmosphere that enables her to relate to the student on a personal level.

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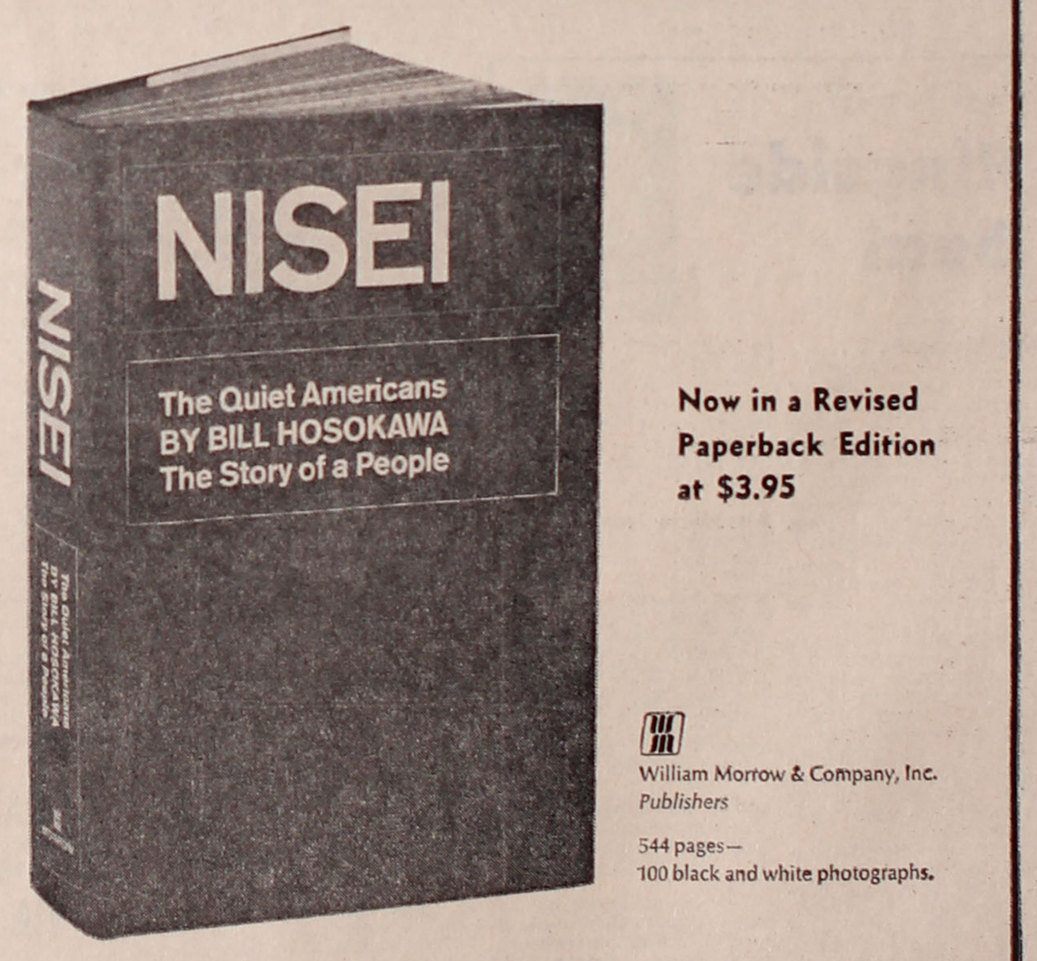

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