

CONVENTION AGENDA MATTERS:

Time to update fundamental policy

(In the April 5 P.C. National President Jerry Enomoto announced an Ad Hoc Committee of District Governors to review JACL policy statements for possible up-dating. PC's legislative columnist, Harold Gordon of Chicago, in treating specifically on the JACL Constitution section on Policy also wishes to submit this column for the committee's consideration.—Ed.)

It is required of every man that he should share the action and passion of his time at a peril of being judged not to have lived. —Oliver Wendell Holmes

On March 24 B.M.K. (Be for the Murder of King), the Chicago Chapter held an Orientation Workshop for newly elected officers and boards of the Chapter and of the JACL. Doc Yatabe, Nobu Honda, Shig Wakamatsu, Kumeo Yoshinari, Hiro Mayeda, and I spoke on the history and aims of JACL.

PERSPECTIVES

GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE

A significantly large group of California citizens gathered in Sacramento recently to consider the subject of "Human Rights in California: New Programs and New Approaches at the Local Level". Billed as the first conference to bring together members and staff of local Human Relations Commissions, the response taxed the limited capacity of the El Mirador Hotel, Sky Room.

The evening prior to the conference, John Anson Ford, a Commissioner on the California Fair Employment Practices Committee at the time of its inception, and the man credited with founding the first Human Relations Commission in California, spoke to kick things off.

Ray Schneyer, Special Assistant to the President, Lockheed Missile and Space Co., gave a very interesting presentation on the "Vocational Improvement Program" of that company. His remarks illustrated the extent to which one private employer has gone to train the so-called, hard-core unemployed. The new approaches and attitudes required on the part of the trainer, in order to reach this group, was clearly described.

Consider a few of the following facts about these trainees — represented the lowest 20% of a given group of hard-core unemployed, 3 out of 4 on welfare, 1 out of 3 with arrest records, average of 40 weeks without a job immediately before training, poor work history, no saleable skill.

Most striking were the results. Only 20 people dropped out of the program, four were fired for poor attendance, 2 for bad performance, and 1 for theft. The remaining 129 were still on the job, a year after the training. More significant was the fact that 1 out of 3 were upgraded on the job, which is the average for all workers. Of major interest to taxpayers is the estimated quarter of a million dollars of welfare payments saved from this group above.

Mr. Schneyer's talk gave some meaning to the contention that the poor are not in that condition by choice, nor are they chronically incapable of working. It shows the importance of stressing imaginative and constructive ways to reach such a group. What were they? Elimination of qualifying tests to enter the program, as well as arrest records. Guarantee of job when training completed. Maximum of 5 in class with 1 instructor/counselor. No traditional classroom atmosphere.

Governor Reagan's address to the group was noteworthy for one thing. He announced the intended appointments of nine "community relations specialists" in California, six in the State Service Center and three at large. This announcement met with disfavor of many, who urged that the funds for such positions be used to beef up a badly undermanned Fair Employment Practice Commission staff. Listening to the Governor's remarks and later thinking about them, I was again struck with the many dimensions and demands of this kind of problem.

Actually, I thought his talk wasn't bad, but to a professional human relations person struggling to do a job with little support and less money, it is probably tough indeed to take a "pep talk" seriously.

PANELS

The conference lived up considerably when, during one of the 3 panels, some dialogue

It was good to relive for a little while the exciting days of the legislative victories of the late '40s and early '50s, and the joint reminiscing by three former National Presidents and two former Midwest District Governors should have duly impressed the gathering. However, two other members of the panel, Ross Harano, Midwest District Youth Commissioner, and Richard Okabe, Chairman, Midwest District Youth Council, soon brought us back to reality by expressing grave reservations as to JACL's future if it follows its present course. The Young Adults and the Juniors, they said, are hard put to build and maintain a vital JACL on past glories. The question was asked, "What of today's goals?"

Nor were they impressed by the stock replies, valid though they may be, that we need JACL as a watchdog organization to present the passage of legislation in Washington detrimental to AJA's or that JACL must play a continuing role. PR-wise, particularly in view of the recent poll taken in California, which revealed that 48 percent of a cross section of Californians still believe that the Evacuation was a good thing.

In short, JACL's young people, like all young people throughout the country, are sharing the prevalent feelings of unrest — yes, even of revolt against the world which they have inherited from their elders.

EXPANDED ROLE IN CIVIL RIGHTS BATTLE

I was assigned the task of discussing JACL's role in the area of civil rights and attempted to do this the day by suggesting an expanded role which JACL can play, particularly at the Chapter level, in this area. I will devote the balance of this column to these suggestions, which I have updated in the light of recent events and the reaction to these events by many other JACLers as expressed in the Pacific Citizen.

While JACL has fought for civil rights legislation affecting persons of Japanese ancestry and (as an active member of the National Legislative Conference) legislation affecting all minority groups, there appears to be a growing feeling within the organization, particularly among the younger members, that it is time that this role be considerably expanded.

REVIVE THE EXCITEMENT OF POST-WAR YEARS

During the post-war years, when JACL and Mike Masaka accomplished legislative miracles, the organization was alive and vital — the meetings were well attended — the things in Washington were followed avidly, and when members were called upon to participate in letter-writing campaigns and to visit their Congressmen, they responded enthusiastically.

Organizational business is now for the most part carried on by Chapter boards. There is little involvement by the total membership, which gather principally for annual elections and socials.

With the growing national crisis at home and the threat to the very stability of the dollar due in large measure to our present foreign policy, the time has come, I feel, for JACLers as good citizens to concern themselves more actively with these pressing problems.

PRESENT PROVISIONS OF CONSTITUTION

So long as JACL had its hands full fighting for the rights of AJA's, the present constitution sufficed, more particularly Article II, POLICY, Sec. 2:

Section 2. This organization shall be non-partisan and non-sectarian and shall not be used for purposes of enforcing candidates for public offices, nor shall it engage in any other political activity whatsoever, except when the welfare or civil rights of persons of Japanese ancestry shall be directly affected.

Of course, the organization must not be used for the purpose of endorsing candidates for public office. Roy Nishikawa's tentative suggestion, which he admits is on the "wild side" (PC April 26), that each Chapter decide which party it wishes to be

long to, would on the face of it immediately eliminate from activity, and probably from membership, those minority members who belong to the opposite party. "Political activity," however, has been interpreted by some conservative members as embracing active participation in the battle for civil rights of other minority groups, e.g., the Negro. The statement of policy in the President's Notebook would indicate otherwise:

We are often asked, "Why does not JACL take a stand upon important issues other than just those which affect Japanese Americans and other groups as racial minorities?" Our basic premise is that when we start taking stands as an organization upon other matters, we begin to set ourselves apart as a group. Upon such issues we believe that our individual members should express themselves as individuals and join actively whatever groups and organizations in their communities best express their own thinking and points of view. (Emphasis supplied.)

Certainly an expanded role by JACL in the obtaining full civil rights and justice under the law for our Negro brothers should not and cannot be categorized as "political activity" in a partisan sense. It comes rather within the wider JACL slogan "For Better Americans in a Greater America."

ARE WE ON SIDE OF THOSE WHO DISTRUST US?

The report of the National Advisory Committee on Civil Disorders (which I strongly recommend that you read) pins the present divisions and disorders on "white racists."

Roger Nikaido points out, however (PC April 26), that this is an oversimplification and that "racial attitudes lie deep in human nature and are not confined to one nation or race."

It is difficult to believe that after the Evacuation and the other ills suffered by AJA's at the hands of the same "white racists" that there are some among us who belong in the same category in their attitude towards the Negro.

If we examine our present collective conscience, however, many of us will admit to a similar "racial attitude." Our National President knows only too well that when he has spoken out on civil rights for the Negro in times past, he has been criticized as being "too racial" and as departing from the purposes of JACL.

JACLers in examining their collective conscience might well heed these ringing words from one of the great documents in our history. The Letter From Jail, by the martyred Martin Luther King (1963):

More and more I feel that the people of ill will have used time much more effectively than have the people of good will. We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the hateful words and actions of the bad people but for the appalling silence of the good people. Human progress never rolls in on wheels of inevitability; it comes through the tireless efforts of men willing to be co-workers with God, and without this hard work, time itself becomes an ally of the forces of social stagnation. We must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always ripe to do right.

Now is the time to make real the promise of democracy and transform our pending national elegy into a creative psalm of brotherhood. Now is the time to lift our national policy from the quicksand of racial injustice to the solid rock of human dignity.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

There is no reason why JACL cannot again become an exciting organization participating at the Chapter level in exciting activities. Having suffered at the hands of racists, we are in a unique position to help bridge the gap and help prevent the polarization of the country into warring racial groups.

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NC-WNDYC SELECTS JUNIOR JACL QUEEN

SAN FRANCISCO — Linda Seki of Contra Costa Jr. JACL, 16, daughter of the Sam Sekis of Richmond, was crowned NC-WNDYC's Miss Jr. JACL April 27. Some 500 witnessed the event at the Village.

Runners-up were Georgette Takeshita of San Francisco and Aeko Yoshikawa of Stockton. Others vying in the bid to represent the district in the Miss National Jr. JACL contest were Denise Amemiya, Sacramento; Robin Eto, San Jose; and Lorraine Kitajima, Al-Co.

DR. KITANO TO ADDRESS NC-WN BANQUET SUNDAY

Sequoia JACL to Host 2nd Quarterly at Redwood City

REDWOOD CITY—Dr. Harry Kitano of UCLA will discuss the problems of the Nisei and Sansei as he views them through his studies of the social mores of the Japanese in America here this Sunday.

He is the banquet speaker climaxing the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council 2nd quarterly session being hosted by Sequoia JACL at Veterans Memorial Bldg., 1455 Madison St.

Kiyo Nishiura, chapter president, said delegates using the Bayshore Highway to reach the meeting place should take the Whipple Ave. turn-off in Redwood City, west to El Camino Real, south to Jefferson, west on Jefferson to the 1400 block, then one block south to Madison.

The registration desk opens at noon. Fees are \$8, official delegates; \$6.50, boosters; \$4, Jr. JACL.

The district oratorical contest will start at 3:30 p.m., with Dr. Harry Kitano, district contest chairman, and George Seto, president. The banquet starts at 6 p.m.

Two Primary Topics

Executive Reorganization and the District civil rights program are the two principal topics on the afternoon business agenda, according to Grant Shimizu, district governor.

In answer to the query, "What is the JACL doing?", the National Planning Commission is proposing certain revisions of the organizational structure to enable it to perform its tasks more efficiently.

Chapters will refer to the commission proposals on Executive Reorganization as Paul Yamamoto, district planning chairman, solicits opinions. District civil rights chairman James Ono of San Jose will lead the discussion on proposals that will show the District's concern for their fellow Americans.

IDC selects Utah student orator

ONTARIO, Ore.—Wayne Horichi was named winner of the Intermountain District Council oratorical contest here April 27.

Horichi is a student at the University of Utah and a member of the Salt Lake City JACL.

Second place winner was Ron Aramaki, a student at Granite High School at Mt. Olympus.

Dr. Kenji Yaguchi, chairman of the district oratorical contest, said Horichi received a \$50 U.S. savings bond and the right to enter the national JACL oratorical contest in San Jose, Calif., in August. Aramaki received a \$25 bond.

Judges were Fred Norman and Ed Haynes, Treasure Valley Community College faculty members, and Joe Saito, a TVCC board member.

The contest was held at the Community Methodist Church in Ontario Saturday afternoon, and the winners were announced during an evening banquet attended by junior and senior JACL members.

5,000 expected at Sacramento picnic

SACRAMENTO—Plans to accommodate a capacity crowd of 5,000 at the Sacramento JACL community picnic May 26 are being drafted by Alan Oshima and Tom Sato, co-chairmen. It is being held at the spacious Elk Grove Park, 12 miles south of here, site of previous picnics.

Every Japanese American organization is participating as co-sponsors. "We're gearing the program to fit all ages to insure everyone a good time," the co-chairmen declared.

Graduates banquet

CALDWELL, Idaho — The Boise Valley JACL will honor its local area graduates June 7 at the Golden Pheasant. Mr. and Mrs. George Koyama are chairmen for the annual event.

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Help oppressed adopt JACL slogan seen as key to quell racial riots

BY HARRY HONDA

EL SEGUNDO—JACL's slogan was hoisted to new heights by Congressman Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) in his address, "Riots and Civil Rights", last Saturday when he declared here: "We must not only make ourselves, but help others, to become better Americans in a greater America."

A slogan, which has inspired JACLers these past 25 years to widen the mainstream of American democracy, should re-echo louder in the minds of the impoverished and persecuted minorities "if we are to avoid the scourge of riots and lawlessness," the Pacific Southwest District Council and District Youth Council was told.

"We must help the helpless to break out of cycle of poverty—we must eliminate the root causes of riots and lawlessness," he continued.

Opposing those who see more militant and bigger police forces as a solution, the Hawaiian legislator declared that domestic tranquility will be attained only through informed and democratic law-making, equal and just administration of laws.

Urgent Areas

Some of the laws he felt needed were those which:

- 1—Provide for optimum development of the individual.
- 2—Provide programs for education of the uneducated, skills for the unskilled, training for the untrained.
- 3—Provide jobs for the jobless.
- 4—Provide homes for the homeless.
- 5—Provide food for the hungry.
- 6—Provide clothing for the unclothed.
- 7—Provide dignity to the downtrodden.
- 8—Provide for a massive attack on ignorance, sickness and poverty.

"Such programs unfortunately cost a lot of money," the Congressman noted, and for the taxpayer it means an increase in taxes. "But this is a sacrifice we must be willing to make, if we are to make the American dream a dream, regardless of race, color, or creed."

Even more important in the eyes of the ranking Nisei member of Congress is that "we must change our attitudes and cause others to change their attitudes toward the struggling minorities." He was referring to the attitude so often expressed by Nisei—"we struggled through it all without rioting, so why can't they?" (pointing to the Negroes), which should be substituted for a more understanding attitude—"they are our fellow Americans, their problems are our problems as well, so let us resolve them together and make the necessary sacrifice."

The Congressman also emphasized the point that not all Negroes in the country have been involved in race riots—"only a few thousand out of 20 million."

Matsunaga was introduced by Jerry Enomoto of Sacramento, national JACL president.

Banquet Program

The Progressive Westside JACL, hosts for the three-day pre-convention rally at Hacienda Hotel, also honored two community Issei leaders—Masami Sasaki and Masuo

Civic Unity head

SAN FRANCISCO—Attorney John Riordan, former city-county welfare commissioner, was elected president of the Council for Civic Unity, California's largest and oldest intergroup relations agency. Yori Wada of the Buchanan St. YMCA was named to the CCU board of directors.

"Heritage for the Future"

20th Biennial National JACL Convention

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16 Weeks Remain Until Convention Time

Mitamura. The District Council also cited Progressive Westside JACL for its two Christmas parties for the mentally retarded at state hospitals.

A willowy lass from Venice-Culver, Toni Sakamoto, was crowned Nisei Relays queen and PSWDC's candidate for Miss Jr. JACL. Greg Iwataki Progressive Westside candidate, won the district oratorical contest.

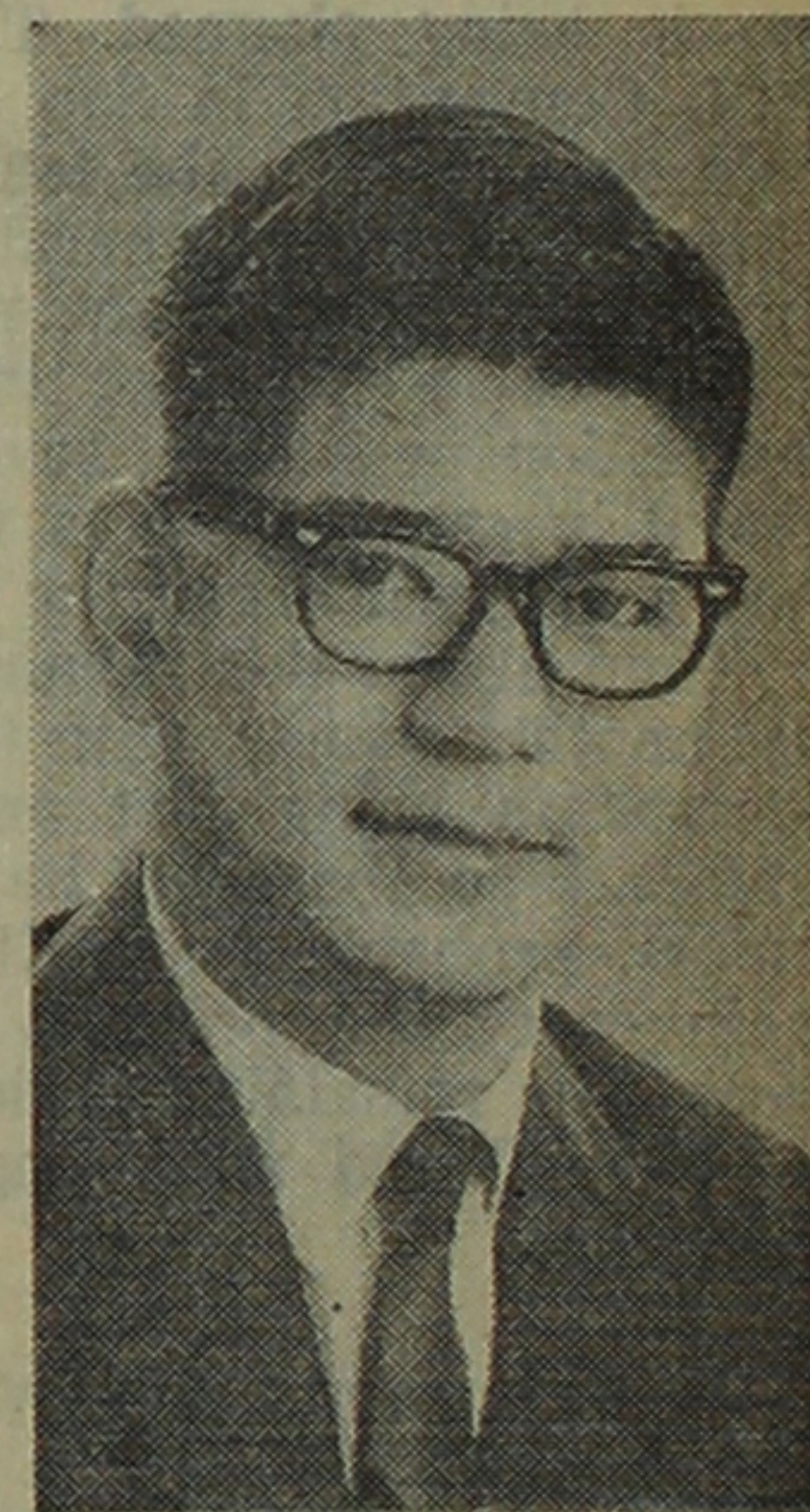
Ed Kakita was dinner emcee. Dr. Franklin Minami, host chapter president, extended greetings. The Rev. Roy Sano of Centenary Methodist Church gave the invocation and benediction. Carolyn Uchiyama, San Jose's convention queen, opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Manhattan Nisei in bid for Republican legislative seal

NEW YORK—The New York County Committee of the Republican Party this week announced endorsement of a young Japanese American, Moonray Kojima, as candidate for the New York Assembly from the 69th District in Manhattan.

In New York the endorsement of a county committee is tantamount to nomination, unless opposition, which is not usually the case, should arise in the primary election, which

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Moonray Kojima

JACL Deadlines

May 15—Entries for PSW JACL Relays, c/o Ben Shimazu, 5181 Dwyer, Huntington Beach, Calif. 92647.

May 15—Project '68 Second Contest, entries to Mas Onishi, 19814 Oakhaven Dr., Saratoga, Calif. 95070.

May 17—National JACL Essay Contest entries, postmarked by midnight May 17, submitted to Mrs. Toby Hirabayashi, 941 N. 3rd St., San Jose, Calif. 95112. Theme: "JACL—Heritage for the Future", open to youth between 16 and 21; 800-1000 words typed double-spaced on letterhead size paper.

June 15—JACL Convention pre-registration: \$30.

June 15—Chapter nomination of JACL undergraduate scholarship candidates sent to So. Calif. JACL Office, 125 Weller St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90012.

June 21—Nominations for national JACL officers submitted to Mrs. Lily Okura, 2604 Garden Rd., Omaha, Neb. 68124.

June 30—Application and supporting papers by chapter nominee of JACL undergraduate scholarship awards submitted to So. Calif. JACL Office, 125 Weller St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90012.

July 1—For items to be placed on National Council final agenda.

July 1—Selection of district champions for National JACL Oratorical Contest; copy of speech and brief biographical sketch submitted to Shirley Matsumura, 329 Lyndale, San Jose, Calif. 95127.

Aug. 1—JACL Convention pre-registration: \$30; after Aug. 1, convention package registration will be \$40. Refunds allowed if requested by Aug. 14.



Washington
Newsletter: by Roger
Nikaido

Youth Unrest

Much has been reported in the news during the past weeks concerning student protests throughout the nation. In the East, bands of college students from Columbia, Howard and Princeton have petitioned school authorities demanding that students have a greater voice in university policies.

However, student unrest has not been confined only to this country. During the past three months, youths have demonstrated for change in 20 countries. They have taken to the campuses and streets in Brazil, Japan, The Netherlands, West Germany, Spain, Italy, Tunisia, Mexico, etc. While most of them have not resulted in any substantial change in the status quo, in Czechoslovakia student protests were a significant factor in pushing out the old Stalinists and shifting the direction of the government toward greater liberty.

Seldom have so many groups of youths organized so militantly or seemed to try harder to change the existing systems in their schools, their countries, or the world at large. Educators and the so-called Youth-Watchers have made the comment that the rise of the younger generation is a genuine phenomenon. While it is conceded that the protesting activists of the younger generation are still a small minority, the number is growing along with the attention and the worldwide publicity.

While there are those who protest in a "non-violent" manner through sit-ins and love-ins, in the United States, a significant part of this younger generation phenomenon is that many youths are moving away from alienation and toward involvement within the existing political structure. With the hippie movement going out of style, many of the youths have shifted from passive protest to specific action aimed at accomplishing practical goals.

An example of this is seen in the 1968 presidential campaign. Some of the youths who were despairing over our political system, and doubted that they could ever accomplish real change by working within it, were given a new sense of hope and power by the crusade for Senator Eugene McCarthy in New Hampshire's presidential primary. Many of the youths volunteered their energies to the McCarthy anti-Vietnam war platform as one way of protesting against the unpopular policies of the Administration.

In a more personal context, it has always been of interest to me to compare the activities of the "news-making" youths of America with those of the Sansei or younger generation of Japanese Americans. At a time when the younger generation of Americans seem to be actively involved, whether constructively or not, in changing some of this country's inequalities of wealth and race, the Sansei appear to be apathetic.

However, this may only be a surface observation. There is a rumor spreading within several local Jr. JACL chapters that an organized campaign to change some of the existing policies of the national organization is being planned. The 20th Biennial National JACL Convention in San Jose, only 16 weeks away, could very well be the target for the campaign.

If the younger generation of JACLers do stage a campaign to reorder the policies of the organization, it will not be the first time. During the 1962 JACL Convention in Seattle, several Jr. JACLers were successful in carrying out a well rehearsed campaign to start a national organ for junior members.

Then again, this organized campaign may well be just another rumor, with the San Jose National JACL Convention being just another site for fun-seeking juniors. If so, there will be only a handful of interested juniors, probably Jr. JACL elected officers, who will again carry the program through on a fragmented basis. The remaining junior delegates will be frolicking around and marveling the wonders of cosmetic chemistry.

In any event, 1968 will be the biggest year for youths since 1848, when a student-led revolution in Europe astonished the established government leaders.

As it was in 1848, and as it is now, the once "silent generation" of youths have developed into a loud, activist group of protesters.

Although this generation of youths, whether White, Black, or Yellow, may overlook the accomplishments of a society, criticizing only its shortcomings, and often unarmed with solutions or practical answers for the problems they expose, the older generation should not lightly dismiss them for that. Many of the student protests throughout the world have stirred authorities to move in the direction of modernization. In the United States, students have begun to move universities in some desirable steps toward a more involved role in the local community and toward a rethinking of the importance of education.

On the other hand, it should be kept in the minds of the youths that they do not have a monopoly on idealism, since the campaign against poverty and racism in the United States was initiated not by them but by their elders. It would also be worthwhile for the younger generation to recognize the temporary nature of their protest activities, and the severe limits on them.

The younger generation of Americans can interfere with the established order of things, but they cannot change it without the willing help to those within. The younger generation should be encouraged to actively be involved in American politics. It has already been demonstrated in the 1968 presidential campaign and on the campuses throughout the country that more constructive changes can be accomplished by working actively for them within the existing system rather than by Timothy Leary's "tuning in and dropping out" of it.

— CALENDAR OF JACL EVENTS —

May 10 (Friday)
Alameda — Baseball night, (Oakland v. Chicago).
Downtown L.A. — Mothers Day dinner, Man Jen Low, 6:30 p.m.
May 11 (Saturday)
Sacramento — Jr. JACL cake sale, 10th St. Market.
Cincinnati — Citizenship Council dinner-dance, Sheraton-Gibson.
D.C. — Potluck supper, Cedar Lane Unitarian Church, Bethesda.
CCDC — Oratorical contest, Reedley Study & Civic Clubhouse, 7 p.m.
May 14 (Tuesday)
Progressive Westside — Gen Mtg. Tel. Ping, 8 p.m.; "Functions of SNCC".
May 15 (Wednesday)
Seattle — Bd Mtg. JACL Office, 8 p.m.
May 17 (Friday)
Contra Costa — Jr. JACL swim party, Gardfield JES, 8 p.m.
May 17-19
San Francisco — Jr. JACL movie benefit.
May 18 (Saturday)
Sacramento — Nisei Hall clean-up.
May 19 (Sunday)
NC-WND — Sequia hosts: pre-convention rally, oratorical; Dr.

Harry Kitano, banq. spkr.; Veterans Memorial Bldg., 1455 Madison, Redwood City.
PNWDC — White River Valley hosts: pre-convention rally, oratorical. A. N. T. Restaurant, Sumner, Wash., 10 a.m.
Salinas-Yamato Cemetery clean-up.
May 21 (Tuesday)
Pasadena — Bd Mtg. Fran Hirooka's res., 7:30 p.m.
May 23 (Thursday)
Sacramento — Gen Mtg. Nisei Hall.
May 25 (Saturday)
East Los Angeles — Emerald Ball-Dinner, Man Jen Low, 7 p.m.
Oakland — Meet Your Candidates Fair, Roosevelt Jr. High, 12n-4 p.m.
Arizona — Chapter golf tournament.
Portland — Graduates banquet, Benson Hotel.
May 26 (Sunday)
Twin Cities — Sukiyaki benefit, Lake Harriet Lodge.
Sacramento — Community picnic, Elk Grove Park.
Long Beach — Symphony Concert, Endo, cond.; Municipal Auditorium.

NEWS CAPSULES

Book

"The Japanese in America", a textbook for elementary grades authored by an ex-Marine named Leathers, has been published by Lerner Publications, Minneapolis, at \$3.95 (hardcover). It is illustrated with photographs covering a century of activity. Japanese American sculptor Isamu Noguchi has assembled a 258-page book, "A Sculpture's World" (Harper and Row, \$20), with many black & white illustrations and some colored plates, a pictorial autobiography, which New York Times book critic Thomas Lask found to be a "stimulating session" comparing the various works.

Military

WO Herbert R. Hayashida, previously listed as Missing in Action by the Defense Dept., was officially listed as Killed in Action in Vietnam the week of April 30. Wife, Patricia, lives at 1403 C Ave., Lawton, Okla.

Awards

Mojiro Hamakawa, 75, of Sacramento who came to the U.S. 59 years ago from Japan, received commendation from Japan and California as an able farmer and a good citizen. Certificate of recognition from the Secretary of State.

New York —

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is to be held this year on June 18. The committee mentioned that this was the first time that any major political party had ever endorsed a Japanese-American as candidate for any major political office in New York.

Kojima, who is in his early 30's, is a highly successful lawyer, business executive and investor. A two-term New York JACL chapter president, he is director of far eastern patent operations at Western Electric Co., Inc., the 6th largest manufacturing company in the world. His business affiliations include directorships of a successful private mutual fund, Argonaut Fund, Inc., and of a closely held holding company, having interests in different fields.

A recognized leader in international patent law, he is editor of the New York Patent Law Association Bulletin, the most influential patent journal in the world. He has served on numerous patent law and bar association committees.

Most importantly, it was pointed out, his leadership is being offered to the people at a crucial period in American History, when the different racial groups are rapidly polarizing in different directions. His leadership can and will bring about reconciliation, and give encouragement to people of all backgrounds, the committee pointed out. Kojima is young, articulate and generally of the same mold as Mayor John V. Lindsay, whose forceful and new leadership has kept racial peace and brought new hope to New York City.

Although normally the 69th District votes overwhelmingly for the opposing party, the committee expressed confidence that the people, upon exposure to this new type citizen candidate, would break from their previous voting pattern and elect Kojima to office.

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Frank Jordan was handed the Issei at a testimonial dinner at the Wakanoura Mar. 30.
Gary M. Masuda was one of eight Univ. of Washington students receiving a \$2,600 research fellowship from National Institute of General Medical Science.

Martha Nishitani was among nine Seattle women honored by the Matrix Table as "Women of Achievement" for her direction of a concert dance group in the Northwest and as a choreographer, dancer, exponent of modern dance, creator of beauty and an inspiration to dancers. She is the sister of Mrs. Jimmie Sakamoto, widow of the JACL president prewar.

School Front

The California State Scholarship and Loan Commission included 198 Sansei among the 5,600 winning state awards for the 1968-69 term. A maximum of \$1,500 is allowed to cover tuition and fees only. Annual renewals of the award is permitted if academic and financial eligibility under commission regulations are maintained. Over 29,000 students filed.

Dan Yatabe of Gardena High, selected to the All-City football team, has been awarded Harvard scholarship. A 3.5 grade point average student, he is now attending USC as a pre-med student.

In recognition of academic accomplishments, Isaac Namiooka was promoted professor in mathematics and Hiroaki G. Kakiuchi, associate professor in geography by the Univ. of Washington board of regents.

Courtroom

A chemist by profession, Dr. Alice Ota Robertson of Boulder who studied at the Univ. of Texas, was sworn in April 23 before the Colorado Supreme Court as an attorney-at-law. She was among 98 passing the state bar examinations in February.

Architect

Howard N. Horii, associate in the firm of Frank Grad & Sons, architects and engineers in Newark, N.J., was appointed to the New Jersey Society of Architects Newark chapter board of directors. A graduate of Pratt Institute, he has been with Grad since 1958 and instructs architectural graphics at Pratt Evening School.

Raymond Moriyama, top-notch Canadian Nisei architect, is designing the \$20 million Toronto zoo on a 1,250-acre site in Rouge River Valley, replacing the Riverdale Zoo. A climate-controlled, transparent dome for year-round zoo visiting is among unique features being proposed.

Kenzo Tange to design Yerba Buena complex
SAN FRANCISCO — Japan's foremost architect Kenzo Tange was chosen by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency last week to design the 30-acre heart of the Yerba Buena Project, a two-block area south of Market St. between 3rd and 4th.

The complex will include a convention center, sports arena, theaters, shops, office space and transportation terminals.

Politics

Steve Doi and Yone Satoda of San Francisco's Japanese American Republican Club have been appointed co-chairmen of the Nisei National California Committee for Re-election of Sen. Kuchel.

Meeting with Lili' Tokyo editors, Los Angeles City Councilman Billy Mills pointed out it will "be the last chance that we will have to assure minority group representation on the Board of Supervisors". Candidate for the 2nd District, Mills said its population is 52 pct. Negro, 2 pct. Oriental, 2 pct. Jewish and 7 pct. Mexican American. "When the lines are redrawn (in accord with the one man-one vote ruling), the board of supervisors will assure that there will be no minority representation for the next 30 to 40 years."

Music

Selji Ozawa, Toronto Symphony conductor who will succeed Joseph Krips in the 1969-70 season as head of the San Francisco Symphony, announced the appointment of

Kazuyoshi Akiyama, 27, as his Toronto successor. Akiyama is now musical director of the Tokyo Symphony and Osaka Symphony organizations.
The Japanese Philharmonic Society of Southern California re-elected Victor M. Carter (Venice-Culver Life 1000 Clubber) president. Its orchestra has scheduled six concerts for the coming season and may play in San Francisco.

Business

Lolani Sportswear, Ltd., owned by Keli Kawakami of Honolulu, has been a booster of President Johnson's JOBS (Job Opportunities in the Business Sector) project for the past two years, since he went to the Palama Settlement (where hard-core unemployment is the highest) and trained eight jobless persons at his plant. Five are still with the company, which has 100 regular employees.
Taul Watanabe of Los Angeles was elected to the board of directors of Pelican Ice & Storage Co., Seattle, operators of crab canneries and fish cold storage plants in Alaska. Stockholders of the Western

Pioneer Insurance Co. and Western Pioneer Finance Co. at their annual meeting April 20, in Oakland, elected the following directors for the ensuing year:
Western Pioneer Insurance Co.—David Y. Nitake, John Y. Maeno, Frank M. Iwasaki and Kyo Yamato, all of Los Angeles; Tom M. Shirakawa, Fresno; A. Scarella, Orinda; and Ted Hirota, Berkeley.
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Western Pioneer Finance—Shirakawa, chairman of the board; Nitake, pres.; Hirota, v.p.; Maeno, sec. and gen. counsel; Iwasaki, treas.; Shimazaki, asst. sec.; Henry S. Yoshimoto of Richmond, comptroller; and Nitake, Maeno, is no maximum.

Sports

Billie Yoshino, 9-year-old daughter of the Stanley Yoshinos of Monterey Park, swam the 25-m butterfly in record-breaking time of 34.6s. at Riverside. The fourth-grader shows promise, according to Kitaru Mochita of the Yoyogi Swimming Club of Tokyo who observed the meet.

Ralph Nishimi fired a 79 to win the Sacramento Kagero April golf tournament at Dry Creek. The club is also staging its first annual Nisei two-man best-ball tournament July 20-21 at the Sunset Whitney Ranch course near Rocklin. Entry fee of \$25 per man includes green fees and the Saturday night dinner. A \$200 merchandise first prize is guaranteed. Minimum handicaps per pair is 20 and there

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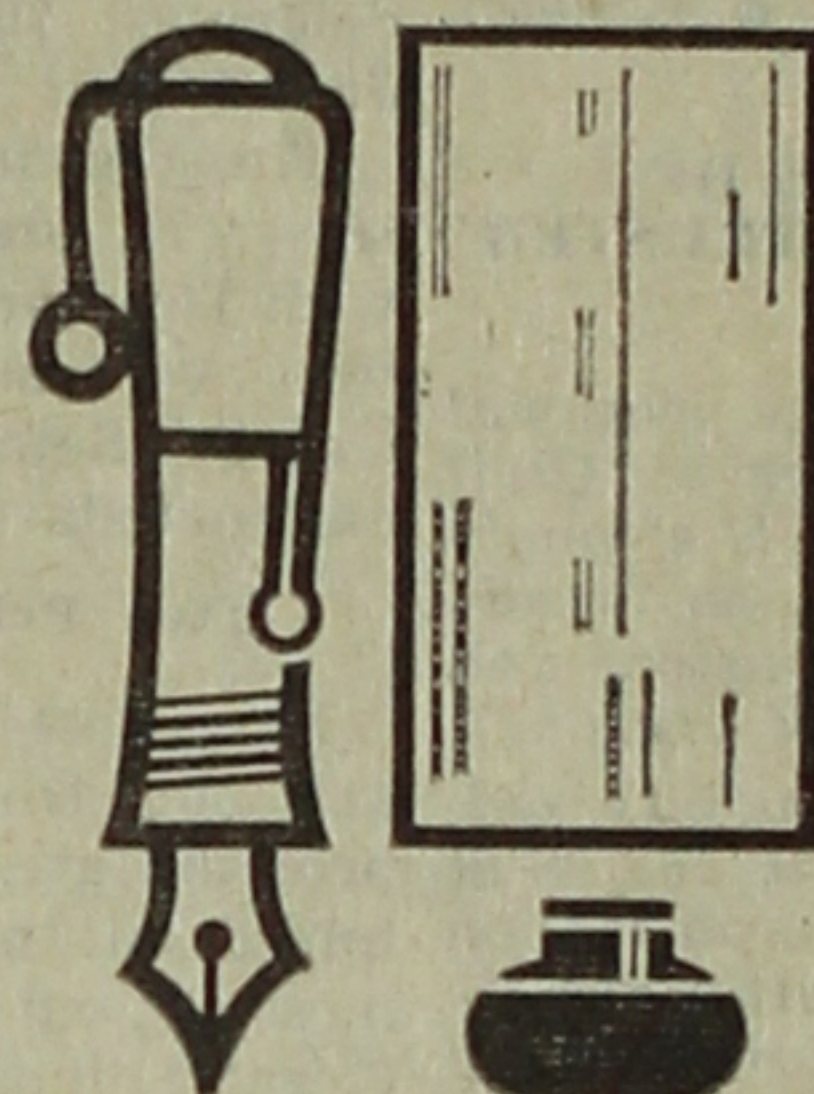
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By Bill Hosokawa

From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.

JETS AND YOUTH—Ine recent morning Shirley Kishiyama, who is a student at Knox College in Galesburg, Ill., caught a plane in Chicago and headed for home in Denver. Before noon she was in my office, anxious to quiz me about the Evacuation and all that, a subject in which she had become quite interested in the course of a school research project. Shirley much too young to have experienced the Evacuation. She had heard of it only vaguely at home, and now that she had been reading about it, there were some pressing questions on her mind.

For one thing, she wanted to know why the Nisei, and in particular the JACL, had accepted the Evacuation decision without protest.

By protest I gathered that she meant the kind of campus protest we see these days against the draft and the war in Vietnam. She had a suspicion that the JACL, in counseling cooperation with the government, had sold the people down the river and therefore deserved the scorn and condemnation of history.

I tried as best I could to picture the temper of the times when a nation had been caught up in hysteria, and to resist a government order undoubtedly would have resulted in widespread bloodshed. I told her of the efforts that had been made in various localities and through the national JACL to calm the hysteria, to reply to the intemperate charges of the politicians, and to fight emotion with reason in a desperate attempt to block the evacuation order. I told her that it was only after the Japanese Americans had been defeated, and the Army had been instructed by President Roosevelt to carry out the evacuation, that the JACL counseled cooperation as a gesture of loyalty even though we protested the action as unnecessary, unfair and probably unconstitutional. And then, having demonstrated that loyalty by being evacuated peacefully, and having volunteered for military service, the Nisei through the JACL set out to challenge the legality of the evacuation order through courts of law.

ACTION NOW—Shirley, who is a very bright and attractive young lady, expressed dissatisfaction with the Nisei community for its lack of concern with the current civil rights struggle. She felt the Nisei believe they have it made, that they are now part of the establishment, and that they don't identify with the minorities struggling for their rights. I agreed that this was true with many of them.

But I also told her that the Nisei through the JACL had filed a brief in the landmark Supreme Court case desegregating schools; that the JACL had been represented in Martin Luther King's first march on Washington; that the JACL had testified in the hearings that resulted ultimately in the correction of racial inequities in the immigration law; that Bill Marutani of Philadelphia, representing the JACL, had appeared as a friend of the court to argue against laws prohibiting interracial marriages in the Loving Case heard before the Supreme Court less than a year ago.

Much of this was new to her, and I tried to make the point that one doesn't have to march through the streets or block entry to a university building to demonstrate dissatisfaction. We chatted for quite a while, and when she left Shirley said she would try to be fair in her evaluation even though she wasn't entirely convinced about the thing I'd told her. Well, fairness is all that one can ask for.

So she went on her way, and I hurried out to the airport to catch a plane for Chicago, the very port that Shirley had left that morning. And as the plane raced through the air at a speed that covered the distance in an hour and 45 minutes, I wondered about the generation gap that makes it so difficult for young people to understand their elders, and for those of us who are middle-aged and older to fathom the thinking that goes on in the minds of the young. How will we bridge that gap? How will we learn to communicate with each other in this age of instantaneous worldwide communication?

NIPPONMACHI PROPERTY OWNERS IN SEATTLE IN WAIT & SEE MOOD

Fifth & Yesler Site Considered as Prime Spot for \$40 Million Domed Stadium Favored by Mayor

By ELMER OGAWA

Seattle
Issei and Nisei property owners of the old Nipponmachi area are sitting tight while a team of expert consultants is making a one month tour of nearly all the stadium endowed cities of the U.S. for study purposes.

Reason is that the former ghetto area is under prime consideration for the building of a \$40,000,000 multipurpose domed stadium since passage of the recent bond issue.

Up to seven or more sites have been proposed, and of these, two at the present moment seem to be in the running for a final decision. They are the previously mentioned proposed sites in our Yesler, Washington and Main Street area and another location about 8 miles south of the city near the race track.

Mayor Dorn Braman strongly favors "our" downtown site, now that another proposed location adjacent to the Civic Center is unlikely to be approved because of traffic congestion that exists.

Some of the travelling committee of experts have already rejected the "Fifth and Yesler" site because, they say, it will "uproot" the Japanese community, thereby describing a happening of more than 25 years ago. Some of the skeletons of the former community have been bulldozed, as described in this column a year ago.

What Remains

What remains is still in the hands of a few Japanese families, like H. T. Kubota, Hirano (N. P. Hotel), and Moriguchi, owners of the new supermarket, and surrounding buildings which we believe includes the premises of the local Japanese daily, and the owners of properties we cannot name just now under pressure of making a deadline, but they are owners of the Alki Hotel, Olympus Hotel, Higo Variety Store and the office building attached, as well as the Panama Hotel.

What do the Japanese property owners think about the threatened "uprooting" of the has-been community? Most pretend apathy about the whole thing but deplore the "trouble" involved. One local JACL authority on such matters opines that lease holders head the list of the people who do not want to move. Another JACL real estate says that there is an attitude of indifference prevailing—the indifference balanced on that question of "how much"—and from where we sit, it makes sense—how much

capital gains to be derived from minor grade property held for so many years. There is the feeling that property settlements will be held pretty tight.

For example, when the voters approved a \$40,000,000 bond issue, they thought the sum would be a complete price. But reports from the committee estimate up to \$30,000,000 additional for the land. The Mayor says the whole picture is grossly a big blow-up, as far as the additional estimate costs are concerned.

Speculation

The air seems to be heavily tainted with the smokescreen of speculators especially as it applies to the heavy lobbying of the South End site promoters. In our own little community, guess what? The Astor Hotel building housing the old Nippon Kan Hall has been sold out, and so has the New Richmond Hotel (now called Downtown Apts.) to an investor who has also acquired the Frye Hotel property, once owned by JACLers Jim Matsuo and Bill Mimbu. The 300-room Frye will be available for next door occupancy to the stadium, however, the rest will be bulldozed.

A big question arises out of the possible fate of Seattle's only Japanese daily, the North American Post. It is in that quarter block reported to be Moriguchi territory, though the paper is angled by another big real estate operator, H. T. Kubota, at a reported \$1,000 a month loss.

What will happen to our vernacular daily? It with similar papers along the Coast enjoyed a shot in the arm with the influx of war brides following the MacArthur occupation. The outlook is indeed without promise. With the Issei, as we scan the obit columns, this is indeed the twilight of a generation.

Sansel charged with school vandalism

GARDENA — Three 14-year-old boys were arrested in connection with two cases of vandalism at Peary Jr. High School, one last December and the other April 13.

Brian Matayoshi, 1911 W. 160th St., and Leslie F. Ito, 15913 LaSalle, told Gardena authorities they broke into the school last Dec. 3 and started a fire in the boys' vice-principal's office.

Matayoshi and James Kimoto, 14828 Orchard Ave., were accused of breaking in to the school April 13, ransacking about eight classrooms.

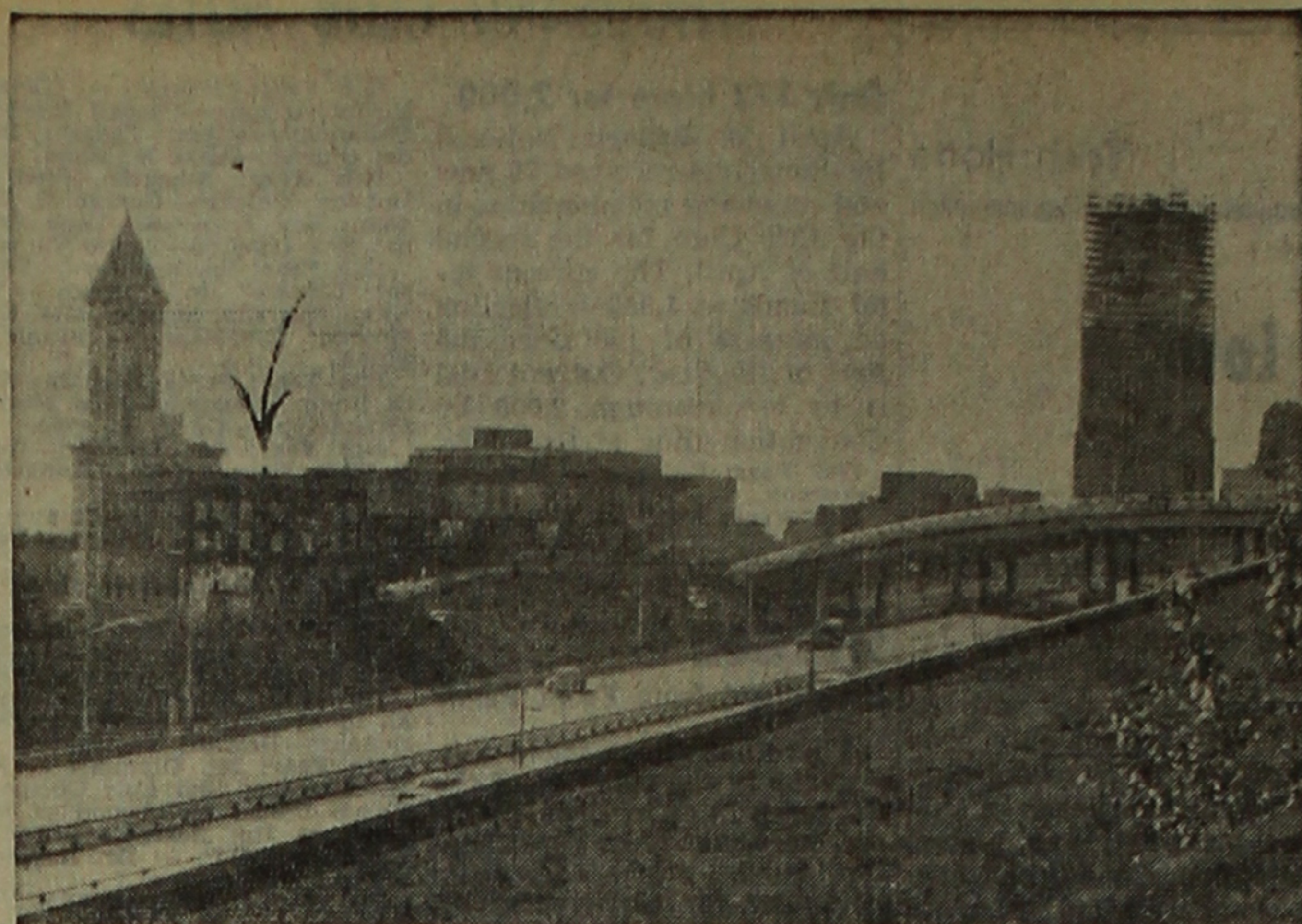
The youth were released to the custody of their parents and suspended from Peary pending further action.

Alameda JACL bowling night hailed success

ALAMEDA—Main prize winners in Alameda JACL's successful bowling night at Mel's Bowl April 27 were announced by chairman Shig Imazumi as follows:
Men's Singles—George Matsura 665, Shig Sugiyama 657, Yuk Yawata 624, Rolly Kadonaga 606;
Women's Singles—Helen Yawata 638, Terry Kuge 590, Betty Akagi 585;
Doubles—Mits Ikeda-Shig Sugiyama 1257, Helen Momono-Shig Imazumi 1218.
Trophy Donors: Growers Produce (George Ushima), Nisei Plastics (Shig Futagaki), Alameda Sporting Goods (Hi Akagi).

Nikkeijin traveler's pin

SAN FRANCISCO — A Nikkeijin Traveler's pin has been initiated by Japan Air Lines to assist Japanese travelers from the U.S., Canada and South America. It is a small silver lapel pin with delicate cherry blossom design. A colorful sticker pasted on the front cover of JAL tickets is also being utilized.



SEATTLE SKYLINE—Nipponkan Hall (arrow), where JACL held its first national convention in 1930, may be razed for a new stadium. Tower at left spots the Great Northern Railway depot, much of downtown Seattle lies behind Nipponkan. At right is the new 50-story Seattle First National Bank Bldg. The freeway overpass is Yesler Way, where cable cars used to run.
—Elmer Ogawa Photo.

Li'l Tokio businesses surveyed—nomi pace with 23, physicians next at 15

LOS ANGELES — Little Tokyo is home ground for 224 business, professional and service establishments as of August, 1967, it was announced by the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California as a result of a recent head count.

Establishments that are not members of the Little Tokyo Businessmen's Association, accounting for not more than three per cent of the total, are not included in the survey.

Of the 224, services accounted by far for the largest share. Among services offered in Little Tokyo are those of 15 medical doctors, 12 insurance agents, 11 barber shops, nine dentists, eight security brokers, six attorneys, six auto parks, five accountants, five beauty shops, five travel agencies, four banks and savings and loan association, four garages, four publications, three realtors and 42 miscellaneous services.

The miscellaneous category includes auto leasing, bookkeeping, carpentry, cleaner, construction, dental laboratory, electrician, employment agencies, interior decorator, movie theater, optometrists, office leasing, printing, photo studios, photographers, recreation hall, shoe repair, signs, TV repair and international trade.

Firms engaged in retailing sales include 10 art goods and gift shops, seven jewelry stores, four drug stores, four groceries, three kimono shops, three camera and photo supplies stores, three sweet shops and 16 miscellaneous stores.

Among the miscellaneous

are those selling apparel, appliances and furniture, department stores, florists, hardware, records, sewing machine, sporting goods, shoes and toys.

Those in the service of prepared food number 39 in all, with 23 establishments serving sake and light food, 10 Japanese restaurants, three Chinese restaurants and three hamburger establishments, according to the survey.

San Mateo Issei victimized by muggers

SAN MATEO — A partially blind, elderly Issei, Mrs. Yae-no Tonomo, of 157 N. Delaware, complained to police April 26 she was jumped upon by a band of young purse snatchers as she was about to enter her home about 8:30 p.m. She said her purse contained \$17.

In another similar incident, Mrs. Yoshiko Okizuki of 334 N. Claremont St., was overwhelmed by a youth earlier the same day when accosted on Santa Inez Ave. and the railroad tracks. The snatchers escaped with \$10.

Issei-Nisei families here also reported several burglaries of their homes in recent weeks.

Teahouse dedicated

SAN MATEO — The new teahouse built by Kunio Kisanuki of Berkeley was dedicated April 21 at the Japanese Garden in Central Park.

Discotheque hop attracts 200 Clers

By DOROTHY KAWACHI

SAN FRANCISCO—It was a crowded dance floor at the Rickshaw Bistro as JACLers rubbed shoulders with the regular Saturday night crowd April 27. The area set aside for San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary group was filled to capacity with almost 200 people.

Sports fans were in for a surprise. Wilt Chamberlain, the basketball great, was one of the guest judges of the dance contests and sportscaster Tom Harmon drew for the door prizes. Dance contest winners were Tamio Yanagawa and Christina Vasquez, the Latin dance; Pat Duncan and Lynn Duplisen, discotheque.

Nancy Matsunaga and Darlene Yamashita were dance co-chairmen. Proceeds of the dance are to be used for Laguna Honda Home patients.

Progressive Westside to hear SNCC speaker

LOS ANGELES — The functions of the Students Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) will be explained by local representatives at the Progressive Westside JACL meeting May 14 at Tai Ping, according to Ken Izumi, meeting chairman.

A question & answer period follows.

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Six Seattle prep students graduate with straight A's

SEATTLE — Six Samsel students are graduating with 4.0 (straight A) averages from local public schools, but what made history is the all-Oriental array of the top ten at Cleveland High, comprised of seven Japanese, two Chinese and one Filipino American.

The Seattle Public Schools annually honor the top ten scholars from their 12 high schools at a city-wide banquet.

The straight A students are:
CLEVELAND — Ellen R. Imai, daughter of the Hideo Imai; Robert K. Mito, son of the Hiroshi Mito; Keith Muramoto, son of the Takeo Muramoto.

FRANKLIN — Grace C. Hagiwara, daughter of the Pat Hagiwara; Andrew K. Kumasaka, son of the George Kumasaka.

RAINIER BEACH — Bruce Sako, son of the Steve Sakos.

Other top ten Samsel include:
CLEVELAND — Irene Fujitomi, Glen K. Kiyonaga, Corinne Kono, Nancy Nishimura; RAINIER BEACH — Dwight Nakatsu, Wayne S. Watanabe, and Frank S. Yanagimachi.

Samsel students today are concentrated in the Southeast high schools at Cleveland, Franklin and Rainier Beach. Their numbers at Garfield are dwindling. Frewar Garfield High was a Nisei stronghold with Broadway and Franklin following. Broadway today is a community college.

The Seattle Times (the afternoon daily) featured the top ten Cleveland scholars with a huge 5-column front page picture and story.

Cherry Blossom queen

SAN FRANCISCO — Terry Iwasaki, who reigned as Cherry Blossom Festival queen at the first Nihonmachi Festival in March, will visit Japan in July accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Frank Iwasaki.

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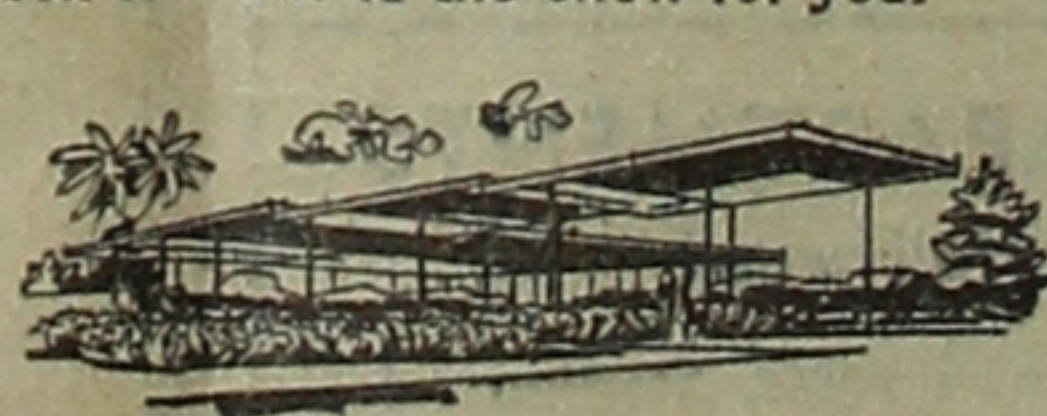
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Love

Being neither a God nor a machine but only mortal man, it sometimes appears that "love" is an overworked word. It's difficult to be enamored of some nut that burns down your building and business because he felt as though he was a mountain climber and it just happened to be there. Not being able to turn my cheek when I feel wronged, perhaps I am a beast, but reacting like firemen to every blaze that's set in our lives is pretty tiresome. Although he may not stop every forest fire, Smokey the Bear does a very good job of continuous education.

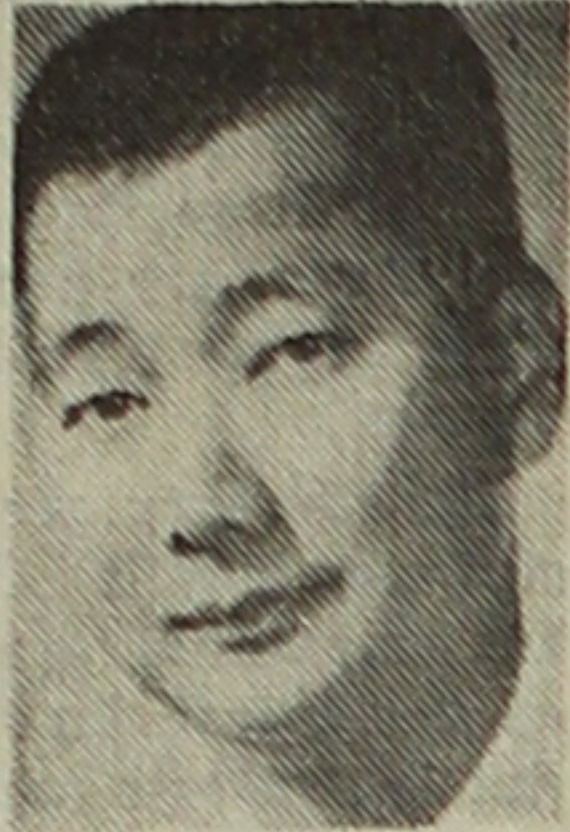
Still we like to be loved and it's a good feeling. Recently, the JACL has been sending copies of its brochure to members of Congress. One reply from Rep. Thomas M. Rees, 26th District (Los Angeles), California, seems somehow to wrap up our lives very well:

"The experience of the Japanese-American citizen is something I lived with in World War II, not only protesting as a high school student when Americans of Japanese ancestry were placed in detention camps, but also as a combat infantryman in Europe well aware of the outstanding exploits of the Purple Heart Battalion. It has been an honor for me to have worked closely with the Japanese American Citizens League for many years."

One doesn't have to love everyone, but one does need understanding, compassion for the other fellow's problems, and give a hand, just as others did for you.

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'Real' Leaders

"There is no single leader or spokesman for the Japanese American Community. Instead we have a structured group-type leadership where decisions are made collectively. This is the reason why non-Japanese not understanding our set up accuse us of not having 'real' leaders."

The above statement has been repeated so often that the Nisei have come to accept it as unquestionable fact. But times may have changed. Wouldn't it be a heck of a nightmare to find out there actually is no leadership. Immediate awareness and action is imperative.

It may be a good idea to look at your Nisei community for the next few months and —just for laughs—study the actions of those you believe to be within the leadership structure. Hopefully you will find men who will not be traitors to their stated ideals or panic at the first juncture. In short, these will be men with conviction who will be led to their decision not because it was the safest or the most popular, but because it was right.

Or will you be disappointed to find men who are without convictions and therefore without commitment to lead anyone anywhere. Men who have enjoyed authority without the burden of responsibility. Men who act boldly with-

in the Nisei community and timidly toward the total community.

Whatever your findings are is a crucial need for your involvement — to prod the leadership if it's there, or look for men to fill the leadership vacuum if you find your community leaderless. Immediate awareness and action is imperative.

The world is in an uproar of change. America's racial crisis has produced a social tremor which many fear will erupt into a revolution as never experienced before. All responsible Americans have joined hands to involve themselves directly in this great struggle to prevent this final terrible eruption.

Since World War II, the Nisei community has often gotten by with inactions and indecision. Today, however, even inaction is labeled a sort of action in itself. If the eruption occurs no group will be allowed the luxury of being "neutral."

There is a time for listening, a time for talking, and a time for action. We have thus far excelled in only two.

Accent on Youth

Alan Kumamoto



Condition of My S. J.

Recent songs expounding about what condition, my condition, is in and knowing the way the San Jose may be appropriate in that the upcoming National Convention in San Jose, points the way for JACL, its National Youth program and Jr. JACL to assess, reassess, innovate and implement ideas, wishes, plans, etc., until the next convention two years hence.

Excitement has now started to flood in San Jose as youth and adult convention committees jointly and separately prepare for their August task. Sheer concentration on details and more details, getting out the paper work, waiting for replies, all seem to be the fixation of Sharon Uyeda and company, in charge of youth happenings.

Districts, Chapters, and individuals are mustering together to see if car pools, the inevitable bus or the jet age, will provide their means of delivery or arrival. S. J.'s committees have already begun their barrage of material to entice while further "commissions" are hastily being prepared.

Issues in '68 just don't seem to have the impact that '66s forecast for the conventioneer. To date youth sees the usual hassle of debating some details; directions as to which details have not really materialized. Yet there are hints that major areas such as restructuring the National

Youth Council and important constitutional changes may be inevitable. Jr. JACL is still suffering from growing pains and two years at a time are spent trying out a system which the youths themselves find out—the pluses and the minuses. The true philosophical test has centered around the group which is JACL sponsored but youth managed. Minimal guidance depending on the times and situations generally are the rule for the adults, although the establishment usually can be heard hollering in the background. And for whatever it is worth the generations clash. However, things seem to work themselves out and survival remains the order of the day.

The sifter through which most youth will consistently pass through the JACL system may remain with the youth services, or whatever JACL can provide purely as a service to youths with no strings attached except the benefit of getting feedback from those who pass through the mesh.

We know the way to S. J. and S. J. will be the place to find out what condition the JACL is in. See you there?

Only 112 More for 2,000

April 30 Report: National Headquarters received 70 new and renewing memberships in the 1000 Club for the second half of April. The current total stands at 1,888—reflecting an increase of 100 since the first of the year. Current goal is to breakthrough 2,000 by Convention time at San Jose.

18th Year: Chicago — Hiroo S. Sakurada.
16th Year: MDC — William T. Ishida.

Gordon--

(Continued from Front Page)

There have been many suggestions in the columns of the PC recently as to what JACLers, particularly at the Chapter level, might do, e.g.: volunteer for participation in the Head Start Program; tutor backward ghetto students; raise funds for scholarships for needy ghetto students; a meeting with knowledgeable Negro leaders at the Chapter level can uncover many other areas in which we can be of help.

For every conservative member we might lose because he looks with disfavor on JACL's involvement in the civil rights fight, we will gain a far greater number of young people who would like to be young people.

CHICAGO'S HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

How many Chapters in the country have a Human Relations Committee?

Chicago is blessed with a very active one, chaired by Kay Yamashita and Mari Aki. Chicago JACL is a member of the citywide Joint Action Board, composed of representatives of all minority groups in the city, and the Chapter is called upon from time to time to participate in recommended programs.

The fame of this Human Relations Committee has been spreading, and requests have been received from other Midwest Chapters for details regarding its activities.

Chapter meetings can be converted into forums for the discussion of all the pressing problems facing America today. While the organization as such need not take partisan positions, it can perform a real service in informing its members by means of qualified speakers and discussions groups, so that they as individuals can more intelligently perform their function as citizens.

Does it best serve the United States' interests to spend \$85 billion per year for "defense" and "bases all over the world, when the country is in danger of being torn apart and the very stability of the dollar is threatened? Can Communism best be fought by guns or butter?

Should we give a higher priority to saving the United States than to "saving South Vietnam?"

The United States Riot Report can be reviewed and thoroughly discussed as a first step towards revising our own "racial attitudes."

AMEND THE CONSTITUTION

I would suggest that the ambiguity regarding JACL's position in the field of civil rights be removed by amending Sec. 2 of Article II of the Constitution, containing our policy statement, to read somewhat as follows:

While this organization shall be non-partisan and non-sectarian and shall not be used for the purpose of endorsing candidates for public office, it should strive to secure and uphold full civil rights and equal justice under the law for all Americans.

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PSW summer project chosen: youth to help Head Start development

LOS ANGELES — Twelve members of the Pacific Southwest District Youth Council devoted a part of their Easter holidays in an Operation Head Start project as a prelude to what the district youth intend as a service project this summer.

The one-day pilot project carried on during the Easter school break involved repairing windows and brightening the appearance of the living rooms of four families, who were chosen by teachers, social worker or mental health consultant.

While Operation Head Start is a federal program designed to help the underprivileged pre-school children in poverty

SAKURA DEBUTANTE BALL TOMORROW EVE

LOS ANGELES — Japan America Society of Southern California will commemorate the Meiji Centennial at the fourth annual Sakura Debutante Ball at the Century Plaza Hotel May 11.

Mrs. Jun Mori will present 13 debutantes at the black-tie affair. Mrs. Robert Watanabe is chairman of the debutante ball. The debutantes are:

Sandra Abe, daughter of the Dr. Joe Abe; Ann Baba, daughter of the Dr. Robert Babas; Catherine Fukui, daughter of the Soichi Fukui; Teri Ishimoto, daughter of the George Ishimoto; Judy Ann Maruyama, daughter of the Shiro Maruyama; Barbara Miyashiro, daughter of the Sam Miyashiro; Linda Mori, daughter of the Ted Mori; Janice Morita, daughter of the Masaji Morita; Joan Nishikawa, daughter of the Tamotsu Nishikawa; Stephanie Nishimoto, daughter of the Hisao Nishimoto; Linda Osaki, daughter of the Kenzo Osaki; Janice Tsurutani, daughter of the James Tsurutani; Joan Uchida, daughter of the Elmer Uchida.

Wills and Estates

CLEVELAND — Wallace T. Ito, attorney for Cleveland Trust Bank, addressed a Cleveland JACL community meeting on wills, family estates and inheritance tax at the Downtown YWCA April 27.

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REMEMBER JOHN D. PROVVO?

He's Building Nichiren Reireal

HONOLULU — Shaka Provvo Nichijo will soon retire to a mountain temple in Japan but at the present time is working toward construction of a retreat center for the Hommon-butsuji, a Nichiren sect here.

The 50-year-old Caucasian priest, who is trim and shaven-headed, is the one-time San Francisco bank clerk accused of treason for allegedly collaborating with the Japanese while a prisoner of war at Corregidor during World War II, Army Sgt. John D. Provvo.

Provvo was convicted in 1953 by the U.S. District Court in New York and sentenced to life imprisonment, but the U.S. Supreme Court set aside the conviction in 1954 on grounds his constitutional rights were violated when he was held in prison without charges for more than five years.

Sukiyaki dinner

MINNEAPOLIS — The Twin Cities JACL will hold its annual fund-raising sukiyaki dinner on Sunday, May 26 at Lake Harriet Lodge, scene of the last dinner.

NYC car rally

SAN FRANCISCO — The NCDNYC car rally this Saturday will start at the Safeway parking lot at Adeline and Russell Sts., Berkeley, at 6 p.m.

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EAST WIND: William Marutani

Balloon Shot Down

Philadelphia
Just as I had completed the
prior installment on the Viet-
nam commentary and was
about to finish this present
installment with personal
comments of the "make-
giral" - but - troubled - hawk,
President Johnson issued his
dramatic announcement that
he would not seek the nomi-
nation coupled with another
call for peace talks backed up
by an announcement of cur-
tailment of the bombing.

Subsequent events indicate
that the cut-back of bombing
is to area only, not as to in-
tensity or volume.

So, my balloon has been
shot down, so to speak, just
as I was about to send it up.

Perhaps it's just as well. Any-
way, I see where candidate
Nixon has proposed a mora-
torium on Vietnam discus-
sions, although I don't recall
that Mr. Nixon ever did state
his position openly, or did I
miss it? However, since this
writer is not under the im-
pulsion of being a candidate
for the Presidency (of any-
thing) I assume that Mr.
Nixon's suggestion does not
apply to me.

So I shall send up, such
as it is, a patched-up balloon.
On a short tether.

STANDARD OF

"BAD" WARS

It has been costing us about
30 billion dollars a year, or

about \$80 million a day to
carry on the Vietnam war.
And so some would argue
that we should get out of
Vietnam because it is costing
us too much.

Now I don't know whether
these same people would say
it would be all right to con-
tinue the fighting there if it
cost us, say, only \$8 thousand
a day, a drop in the bucket,
comparatively speaking.

Then there are others who
deplore the war as being brutal.
We drop more bombs than we
did per month in all of Eu-
rope and Africa during World
War II; more per year than we
dropped during the entire
Pacific War.

Then would the Vietnam
war be acceptable if we drop-
ped fewer bombs, killed fewer
women and children? Was
the bombing of Europe "more
humane"? Hiroshima? People
label the Vietnam war as a
"dirty" war. Show me a nice
one.

GET OUT AND WIN

A war, by its very nature
involving killing and destruc-
tion, is to be deplored. There-
fore, a war ought not be just-
ified or less deplored because
of the number of people be-
ing killed, how they are be-
ing killed, or how economical-
ly the killing is being per-
formed.

Rather, I would favor get-
ting out of Vietnam because
it is the wrong war, at the
wrong time, in the wrong
place, for the wrong reasons.
And our country ought to be,
and is, big enough to admit it.

Now as to that "make-giral"
complex: by getting out we
would not be losing face; on
the contrary, we should and
will regain stature. If a big
and powerful man (the United
States) lets a little, skinny
fellow (North Vietnam) get
up and get away, such is not
losing face; it is obvious that
the United States could knock
out North Vietnam in a min-
ute.

Senator Aiken of Vermont
has a simple answer: He sug-
gests that we simply an-
nounce that we've won and
come home.



Backing HHH

San. Daniel K. Inouye and
Rep. Spark M. Matsunaga an-
nounced Apr. 26 that they
were backing V.P. Hubert H.
Humphrey in the Presidential
sweepstakes. Inouye and Ma-
tsunaga will serve as co-chair-
men of the Humphrey Com-
mittee in Hawaii. Rep. Patsy
T. Mink has announced her
support of Sen. Robert F. Ken-
nedy. Sen. Hiram L. Fong, the
only Republican member of
the Hawaii delegation, has
been in the camp of Richard
M. Nixon, the frontrunner for
the GOP nomination.

Charles M. Campbell, a Far-
rington High School teacher,
won the county chairmanship
of the Oahu County Demo-
cratic Committee Apr. 20. He
won over Mrs. Marion Heen
Shim by a 126 to 122 vote.

Dr. Ralph Miwa, a professor
at the Univ. of Hawaii, is the
retiring county chairman.

California's Gov. Ronald
Reagan will be the guest
speaker at the 1968 Republi-
can Victory dinner here May
11 at the Royal Hawaiian Ho-
tel. Reagan will be in Hawaii
for the Western Governors'
Conference.

A group of island physicians
have endorsed Sen. Eugene
McCarthy as their choice in
the Presidential campaign and
have sent out a letter urging
their colleagues to do the
same. The letter was signed
by Drs. Cora and Francis Au,
Dr. Duke Cho Choy, Dr. Fred
Gilbert, Jr., Dr. Joseph Oren,
Dr. Ralph V. Platon, Dr. John
Watson and Dr. Henry Yoko-
yama.

Iccapades star

Joanne Mitsuko Funakoshi,
daughter of the Willie Funa-
koshis, is taking part in the
spectacular ice show May 2-12
at the Honolulu International
Center. The Funakoshis are
active members of the JACL
in Los Angeles. Irene Hui-
ang Lindley, Roosevelt High
School senior, has won a
\$5,000 Homemaker of Tomorrow
scholarship. She is the
daughter of the Samuel Lind-
leys of 2115 Armstrong St.

Oliver M. Lee, assistant pro-
fessor of political science at
the Univ. of Hawaii, will not
be a member of the faculty
after August, according to a
newspaper report. Lee, a con-
troversial member of the fac-
ulty, has a terminal contract
with the university that ex-
pires in Aug. It will not be
renewed, the report said.

Brig. Gen. Francis S. Take-
moto will retire in the near
future and will be unable to
accompany his 29th National
Guard Brigade when it goes on
active duty at Schofield Bar-
racks May 13. He will remain
as principal of Manoa Element-
ary School. Col. Edward M.
Yoshimasu has been named
acting commander of the Ha-
waii Army National Guard.

A second protest was lodged
Apr. 23 by Sen. Hiram L.
Fong over the Army's recent
heavy call-up of Hawaii Na-
tional Guardsmen and reserv-
ists. In a letter to Lt. Gen.
C.W.G. Rich, chief of reserve
components, Fong said he
thinks Hawaii is "still entitled
to a reconsideration of its
share of troops to be mobilized."
Fong said the 4,070 Is-
landers represent 17 per cent
of the national total of 24,500
reserve troops to be pressed
into active service in May.

Earl M. Kairas, son of the
Walter K. Kairas of 1733 Pa-
loalo Ave., has been promoted
to first lieutenant in the Air
Force. Kairas is an electronic

Aloha from Hawaii

by Richard Gima

data processing officer at Rob-
bins AFB in Georgia.

M. Sgt. Morris E. Cash, 40,
husband of Mrs. Kazuko Cash
of 1415 Kinau St., died Apr.
23 of wounds received in a
mortal attack in Vietnam, the
army has reported. The death
was Hawaii's 136th of the
Vietnam War.

County Engineer Masao
Sone of Maui told Chairman
Elmer F. Cravalho that the
recent storm damages will cost
the county about \$500,000.
Sone said that removing land-
slides and replacing bridges
will cost about \$278,740 while
repairs to the road from Ki-
pahulu to Hana will raise the
final figure close to \$500,000.

President Johnson has nomi-
nated Ernest A. Cravalho to
be postmaster at Paia, Maui,
to replace A. F. Cravalho, who
has retired. Mrs. Gladys
Gerlich of 729 Ulumai St.,
Kahala, has announced her
 candidacy for the U.S. House
of Representatives as a Re-
publican. She is the mother of
four children.

United Okinawa Assn.

Tommy S. Toma is the new
president of the United Okinawa
Assn. of Hawaii. He succeeded Yu-
ichi Ige. Other officers elected at
the annual meeting Apr. 21 at the
Nuuanu YMCA are Conrad K.
Akamine, 1st v.p.; Tom Higa, 2nd
v.p.; James Zukeran, 3rd v.p.; Ma-
sato Kamisato, executive sec.;
Sueo Uyehara, Eng. sec.; Ronald
Gushiken, ass't Eng. sec.; James
Taba, Japanese sec.; Tomu Ara-
kawa, ass't Japanese sec.; Richard
Zukemura, treas.; Veichi Shinsa-
to, ass't treas.; and five auditors,
Robert Ajimine, Harold Isa, Ken-
ichi Iha, Clarence Tamashiro and
Fred Yogi.

Three persons were named
the top Federal employees of
the year at a luncheon at the
Hilali Hotel Apr. 24. They
were chosen from a field of
25,000 civil service employees
in the Hawaii-Pacific area.
They were Mrs. Mary E. R.

Chung, budget analyst at
Hickam AFB; Raymond G.
Busniewski, supervisory me-
teorological technician with
the U.S. Weather Bureau; and
Max Templeman, director of
education for U.S. Army Ha-
waii at Schofield Barracks. . .
Joseph A. Medeiros of the Ku-
la Community Credit Union
on Maui is the new president
of the Hawaii Credit Union
League.

Briefly . . .

A \$2 million likeness of a
900-year old Japanese temple
will be dedicated here in June.
The temple is an almost exact
model of the Byodo-in Temple
at Uji, Japan, outside Kyoto.

The Most Rev. John J.
Seanlan, as newly installed
Catholic bishop, will come in-
to a domain that consists of
64 parishes, 42 missions, a
well developed Catholic school
system and a seminary.

The Robinson family's isolated
little island of Niihau involves
46,049.24 acres with a total value
of \$1,139,713, according to the ap-
praisal of the estate of the late
Aylmer F. Robinson. The apprais-
al report, for which F.B. Carter
III and Edward A. Boles have
been allowed an appraisal fee to-
taling \$30,000, put the net value
of the Aylmer Robinson estate at
\$1,433,221.

The new Sheraton-Kaui, a ho-
tel designed to keep Hawaii Ha-
waiian on Kauai's southern coast
at Poipu Beach, was officially
opened Apr. 26. Kauai County
Chairman Antonio Vidinha and
visiting Gov. Spiro T. Agnew of
Maryland helped hotel executives
open the two-story brown-green
buildings of the resort—designed
to blend into the background. The
hotel is Sheraton's second Neigh-
bor Island hotel. The first is the
Sheraton-Maui, which was opened
in 1963.

The Honolulu AJA Senior
Softball League all-stars, led
by Masao Koike, left Apr. 27
for an eight-game tour of Ja-
pan. . . Chas. Miyashiro, the
Roosevelt H.S. coach, is the
new football coach at Kaimu-
ki H.S. in Sept.

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 HARRY K. HONDA, Editor

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Ye Editor's Desk

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Signs that the League of Women Voters is active locally have been manifested with receipt in our mail of leaflets containing useful voter information. Perhaps it is a prelude to an even greater cause to which this organization has been committed starting next January to raise \$11 million to mark the League's 50th anniversary in 1970.

It is their first all-out national fund drive. Heretofore, the organization has relied on dues and contributions from its 146,000 members plus financial aid from some corporations. . . . The \$11 million may be symbolic, as well, since it breaks down to having the estimated 110 million Americans of voting age each contribute only a dime.

The League of Women Voters has programs which JACL chapters might consider since the organizations are similar in structure—comprised of volunteers at three levels: local, state and national. The LWV is devoted to learning about government on all levels, seeking solutions to problems confronting government and working together to get the solutions accepted. The LWV operates on the principle that "government is people's business."

The local leagues take up specific problems, rather than a myriad of problems. Some will focus on education and schools, another on planning and zoning, or local government, charter revision, finances, taxes, health, hospitals, juvenile subjects, urban growth, pollution, libraries, housing, etc.

Social events are few on their local calendar—and the occasional reception for candidates or the newly-elected are considered socials.

The members learn to face officials without quailing in performing their role as guardians of public interest. Their meetings are conducted in an efficient, parliamentary manner. They are constantly digging up information and making use of the data to promote civic awareness and participation in government. It means research at libraries, interviews with officials, questionnaires and surveys. The results are digested in committee sessions and eventually a majority opinion emerges. This process is liable to take at least two years, often more if the problem is complex. Yet this exhaustive study is their first requisite for the League to support (or oppose, if necessary) legislative work facing local, state or national officials.

Personal political advancement is discouraged. LWV members standing for election in government or even having close relatives doing so are expected to resign any office they hold. The League of Women Voters is nonpartisan, taking stand on issues, never on parties or people.

As a truly democratic organization, the league holds national conventions biennially.

In our research on Executive Reorganization for JACL, the principles of management, leadership and organization which were effective in government and industry were tested during a 10-year period with voluntary organizations. Under study was the League of Women Voters.

In the more effective locals, motives to be active in League affairs were generated by leaders and members. It was found member activity was substantially lower when pressure came from the president or the board; much higher when pressure came from discussion or committee leaders.

Therefore, the pressure to participate is greater when it comes from within the members in the unit or in a face-to-face discussion.

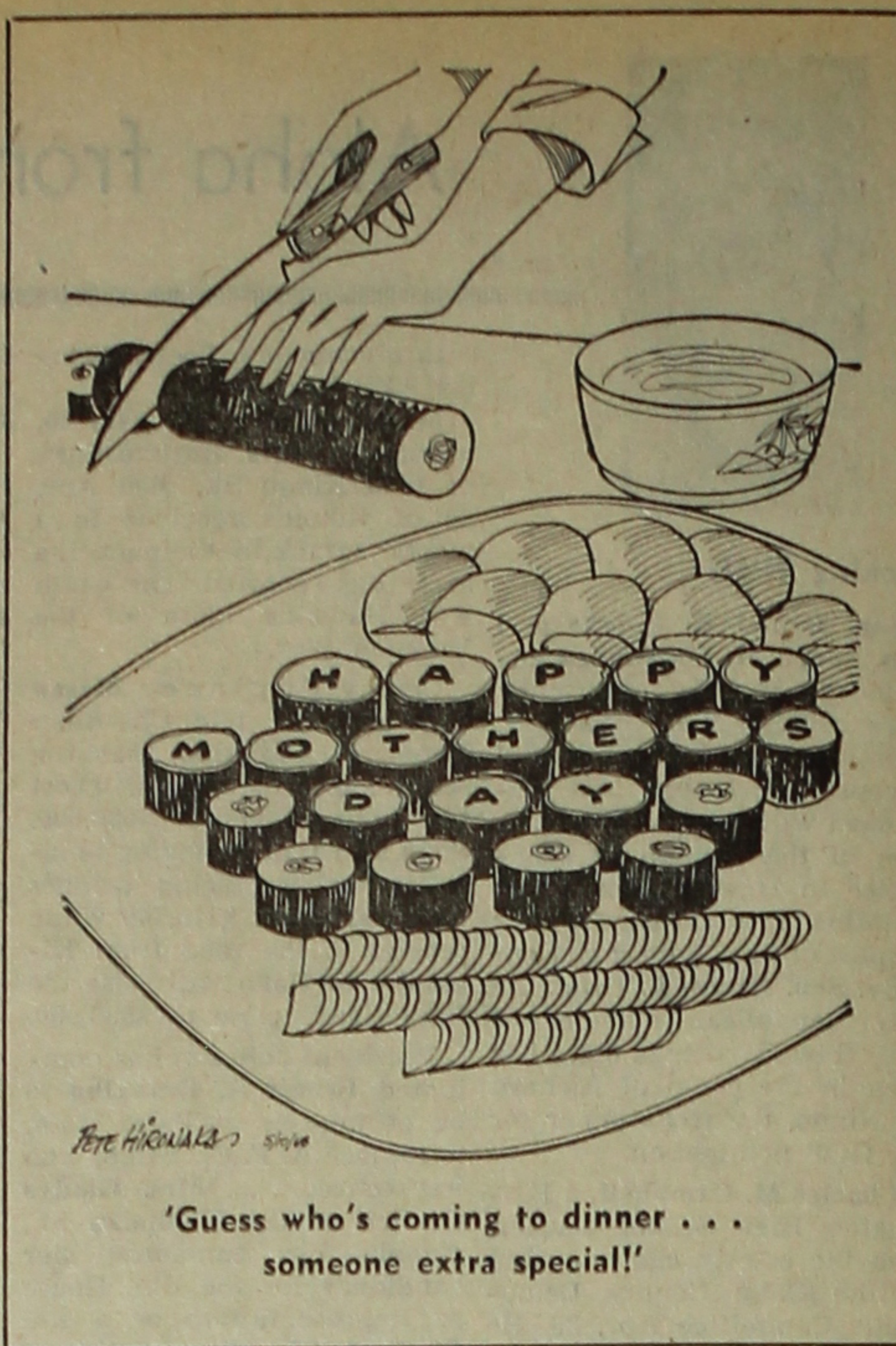
Same type of behavior was found within the board when board members reacted positively to pressure from other board members but negatively to the president. The more active board members, therefore, means more activity than one where the president exerts a high degree of pressure.

Research also noted pressure must come from acceptable sources—personal commitment, values and goals, or those goals established by the group.

In the more effective locals, it was found important to keep members well-informed, display genuine interest in their ideas and enable them to exert influence. It was also noted that increase in size and increase in effectiveness went hand-in-hand up to a certain point. That tendency disappeared after membership passed 400. While presidents and boards of locals with 400 and more were much more active, they were not able to sustain the face-to-face contact with membership that occurs in the smaller locals.

Presidents of the effective local paid more attention to sustaining a high level of communication with in their local (more committee-type functions and getting members to serve on more than one committee), high level of interaction (sharing of information, developing favorable attitudes toward each other, organization and objectives), positive value for high performance and encouraging local objectives which are often difficult but which all feel are urgent, worthwhile and important.

That last paragraph might be a key to the JACL Recognition Committee which must come up with standards to select a winning chapter for the just announced George Inagaki Citizenship Award.



Director's Report

BY MASAO W. SATOW

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

JACL's Endowment Fund was originally decided upon at the 1936 National Convention in Seattle. We cannot recall the goal at that time, but do remember National Treasurer Sim Tozasaki buttonholing delegates for pledges on the outing boat ride, and the rousing cheer on announcement that Dr. Russel Wehara of Oakland had pledged \$1,000 to get things rolling.

While there was no other special push prewar, by wartime some \$5,000 had been collected, \$3,000 of which was borrowed by a desperate National Headquarters to carry on its work during the war years.

Postwar, with the return of the borrowed sum plus the unfreezing of the other portion in a Japanese bank (80% plus accrued interest), approximately \$6,000 became the basis for the present Endowment Trust. This was set up in 1952 to capitalize on the goodwill engendered through JACL's postwar national legislative program with a stated goal of a million dollars. At the time, the concept of a "war chest" for an emergency situation was very real, and the possibility overshadowed the fundamental concept of the Endowment Fund.

Interest on one million dollars would yield a substantial annual sum for the National organization to operate, cutting down the quota askings from Chapter to release funds for their local activities and would present complaints by Chapters that all their money is going to National.

Whether the organization wishes to revise the Endowment by earmarking Endowment Fund monies either the principal or annual interest for other projects, or settle now for one half of the projected goal this next biennium to put the original purpose into operation, is a decision to be made at San Jose.

PROJECT WASHINGTON

We report the completion of "Project Washington" suggested by our Washington Representative of sending the JACL PR brochure to key government people, all Senators and Congressmen. We are receiving many heartwarming letters back acknowledging receipt of these. Our thanks to Mary Isoye, Chie Okazaki, Chiz Satow and Sue Shimosaka for assisting in getting out the individual covering letters.

We are pleased to see a number of Chapters have ordered additional copies of the PR brochure for use in external P.R., which was our primary purpose for making this up.

INTERMOUNTAIN DISTRICT MEETING

Intermountain District Governor Ron Yokota and delegates really meant business when they assembled at Ontario, Oregon, April 27-28. The couple hour business session was preceded by an adult-youth workshop chaired by National Youth Commissioner Kay Nakagiri. Delegates were inspired by the four contestants in the Oratorical, chaired by busy Dr. Ken Yasuechi. After the dinner program they passed up the social to resume business until midnight and finally got back for the tail-end of the social.

The extended business session kinda messed up hosting Snake River Chapter's schedule, but President Barton Sasaki took this in stride, aware that the business session was the primary purpose of the meeting.

SAKAMATSU HIURA MEMORIAL AWARD

We follow up Jerry Enomoto's acknowledgement of the Hiura Family contribution of the first prize \$300 Government Bond for the National Oratorical Contest by thanking the individual members of this staunch JACL family: Dr. George, Palo Alto; Dr. William & Charles, Chicago; Dr. Tom, San Jose; Frank, Watsonville; Drs. Pearce and Wilfred, Mmes. Isamu Nagase and Martin Nagase, San Francisco. This Oratorical Award in memory of their father is to be given biennially. George and Bill are 1000 Club Life Members and other members of this family total 31 years of 1000 Club membership.

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Our National Membership Bulletin just sent to the Chapters shows we have hit the 20,000 mark. Achieving all-time Chapter highs are San Jose—for the 13th consecutive year; Contra Costa—10th year; Salinas Valley and Hollywood—5th year; 4th successive year—Gresham-Troutdale, Mid Columbia and Sequoia; 3rd year—West Los Angeles; 2nd year—Dayton, and Venice-Culver; and Cincinnati, Cortez, Eden Township, Progressive Westside, Spokane and White River Valley. Fifteen other Chapters have exceeded their last year's totals.

Letters from Our Readers

Avid PC reader

Editor:
 Being a medical student here in Philly, I often long for pictures of cute Sansei girls, news of what's happening around the JACL and other information. Please keep sending the PCs, including the back issues which I have missed.

W.M.
 Philadelphia, Pa.

Title Correction

Editor:
 The spelling (in my letter appearing in the May 3 PC) should be Wah Ching (instead of Hwa Ching) and it means "Young Chinese". Sorry for my misspelling.

RON NAKAYAMA
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BY THE BOARD

Changing times demands greater use of District Council in JACL today

By Henry Tanaka, Midwest District Governor

To be a useful part of JACL, District Councils must be more than a channel for flow of information between local chapters and the National Office. They must continue to serve the purpose for which they were created; namely, to facilitate concerted action by members chapters in support of appropriate key national and state legislative issues.

But the changing scene and times have demanded even greater use of district councils. Today, local chapters are seeking concrete help in promoting youth programs, the national organization is in the midst of a major overhaul of its structure, and the issue of human and civil rights are constant reminders to us, individually and collectively, of our indifference and our desire to be more active participants in the struggle for human dignity.

Delegates and boosters from eight chapters in the Midwest Area will convene at the Ponchartrain Hotel in Detroit, Mich., May 31 to June 2, to discuss and take firm action on three primary areas:

1—Chapter Youth programs and the Jr. JACL Adviser, led by Ross Harano, MDC youth commissioner. What is a Jr. JACL adviser? What is expected of a Jr. JACL adviser? How can the adviser be more effective? What is his relationship with the JACL?

2—Chapter programs and human-civil rights, led by Dr. James Taguchi, MDC 1st Vice Governor. What is the place of human rights activities in local chapter programs? Why and how did the Chicago chapter get involved in human rights activities? What is the MDC role in human rights activities?

3—Need for structural reorganization of JACL, led by Hiro Mayeda, Chairman, MDC committee on National Planning. What reorganization plans are required to provide for more efficient and effective programs? What affect would these changes have on the Midwest District Council and its member chapters? What specific recommendations should our district make to National?

Borrowing from the National JACL Convention theme, "JACL, Heritage for the Future", the MDC meeting will feature a unique workshop program sponsored by the District Youth Council on Saturday afternoon. Adults, young adults and youth will meet together to discuss JACL; past, present and future. Keynoting the workshops will be Masao Satow, National JACL Director, who will speak on "JACL Today".

Ross Harano, insurance man and active leader of the Chicago JACL chapter, will be the banquet speaker. Harano is among the few persons who have gone through the experience of being a member of the Jr. JACL, the Young Adult Group, and now an active member of the JACL.

The district oratorical contest will be featured at the luncheon on Saturday. According to chairman Min Tozasaki, contestants from each member chapter are expected to compete. The winner will receive a full expense paid trip to San Jose in August to participate in the national contest.

Special attractions of the meeting will be the appearance of Joe G. Masaoka, administrator, and Dr. Gene N. Levine, principal investigator, of the Japanese History Project; and Dr. Tom Taketa, chairman 20th Biennial National JACL Convention to be held in San Jose, Aug. 21-24.

Miss Elaine Akagi and William Adair, MDC-MDYC meeting co-chairmen announced that some 100 persons are expected to attend the two day meeting in Detroit.

The next Midwest District Council meeting will be held jointly with the Eastern District Council in Cincinnati, on July 4 weekend, 1969. Co-chairmen for the Joint Convention are Ray Jenkins and Robert Sand.

By knowing well in advance the number of conventioners (delegates and boosters) who are planning to participate in various events, the convention committees will be able to plan appropriately for the size of the crowd, thus making it much more pleasant and definitely less hectic for both the visitors and local committees.

Hence, we have asked the chapter presidents to send us the following information:

1)—Number of delegates and boosters planning to participate in any or all of the six Official Events—Opening Mixer, Recognition Luncheon, Outing, Testimonial Luncheon, Sayonara Banquet and Sayonara Ball;

2)—Number of families wishing baby-sitting service (there will be a nominal service charge);

3)—Number of 1000 Clubbers planning to participate in the Whing Ding (all indications are that a humdinger of a program is in the making);

4)—Number of people who would like a tour of San Francisco. Whether or not this tour is offered will depend upon the number of boosters desiring such a tour, which is being planned for Friday, Aug. 23, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The sights being considered are the Zoo, the fabulous Aquarium, the new Japanese Cultural Trade Center, and the world renowned Chinatown, with lunch at the famous Fisherman's Wharf. The tour (including transportation and luncheon) will cost approximately \$5.

Those of you who are planning or at least thinking of coming to the convention, please let your respective chapter president know of your intentions NOW, so he can forward the information to us on or before May 10. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. We sincerely hope to be able to welcome many of you in person, so please do honor us with your presence.

Japanese Americans have been 'had' by white majority, especially racists

By Dr. David Miura, Nat'l 2nd Vice-President

We've been used by the White majority, and particularly by the racist as an example of a minority that has made it on its own, through diligence and perseverance.

Not only have we been used, but we have, by and large bought this story and repeated it many times in our writings and our discussions. Although our leaders have been trying to point out the basic difference between the Japanese and Negro situation, a large number of Nisei won't buy it.

This technique being employed, not only by the bigot but by many with good intentions, is not new. Basically it is the pitting of one minority against the other creating suspicion and even down right hatred.

If I were a Negro who looks at the positive side of things I would realize that the Japanese have been a stronger supporter of the Negro's cause in Civil Rights than practically any other minority. The Japanese have not seen eye to eye with us in methods, but have in their own way steadfastly supported us in our fight for equality. They don't make much of an impression because they are such a small minority. Certainly some of them discriminate against me, but more importantly the majority don't. I shall not, therefore, vent my anger at the group.

The chances are greater that if I were Negro, I would look at the negative side of things. I would remember the rude manners of Japanese salesmen and waitresses. I would remember reading about the Japanese who made it on their own. I would remember Japanese saying "Let them earn their place in society", and I would hate. The more I think about it the more I would hate.

Something must be done to bridge this chasm between us. Although we may not see eye to eye on many things, we are dedicated to the same cause.

First we must rid ourselves of the aura of the perfect minority. It's nice to have people say nice things about you, but we didn't really make it on our own. The very fact that the Nisei, the first generation Japanese born in the U.S. were allowed to go through college in such great numbers is proof of that. Japanese were accepted at universities and graduate schools while America was actually at war with Japan. Negroes during the same period were not accepted in many of those schools.

We need to make businessmen and individuals realize that our own demands for equal treatment carries with it the moral obligation to treat others equally. Anything short of this would be hypocrisy.

GREEN POWER

Lastly we must show real compassion for the plight of the Negro. They carry the burden of indignity and poverty. Although we are too small a group to affect any dramatic change, any positive show of our concern would be greatly appreciated. As a first step in this direction we could give wholeheartedly to the Green Power Foundation, 1150 South San Pedro Street, Los Angeles, Calif. 90015. Every business house, and every home should proudly display the Watts Wallpaper Plaque.

Some may not have seen the Television coverage, or the big spread in the papers, or the recent radio coverage asking for help. This is a group trying to give the real hard core unemployed a new lease in life. They're trying to give them an opportunity with dignity.

Right now they need our help to survive the next two months. Don't put it off. Send \$10 or more to the above address and a plaque with your name inscribed will be gratefully sent to you. This is the least we could do to help them help themselves.

My presentation was keyed to the idea that JACL was looking for ways to be helpful, and that we wanted local Human Relations Commissions to help us be concerned and active. Incidentally there are 32 such Commissions in California, and we have 24 JACL chapters either in or near each of these 32 cities.

NOT A ZERO!

I am happy to say that several Nisei were in attendance at this Conference. James Murakami, former NCWNDC Governor, was present as a member of the Santa Rosa Human Relations Committee. Dr. John Kashiwabara, with whom I had dinner, is a member of the Long Beach Human Relations Committee. Mrs. Y. Shibuya, a member of the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission, was kind enough to seek me out and introduce herself. Yosh Hotta, our Assistant Director accompanied me to the Conference, and Sacramento Chapter President Tom Fujimoto attended part-time as an interested citizen.

I also noted several other Nisei names in the Human Relations Commission Directory which at least tells us that our group is represented to some degree in the one phase of the attempt to better human relations.

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