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Referendum 35

Seattle
The "on again"—"off again" atmosphere that pervades the atmosphere from local to state levels in legislation and administration of the equal housing problem is something more than confusing and puzzling to the average citizen.

They say: "What's with all these rules and regulations? Now we got 'em and next day we ain't."
Perhaps the answer lies in the old principle to "keep trying" and the process of evolution (if we can call it that) will turn up something effective.

In connection with the latest master case concerning the renting of housing for an educator recalls the examples of past years, the most controversial from the attention getting standpoint were the trials of University of Washington assistant professors, one of Chinese extraction, and the other Japanese, to obtain housing near their jobs. Eventually these, and other similar cases were solved, but not without the expenditure of a lot of time and printers' ink about town. Until the dawn of a new day it still turns out that the settlement of these hassles must be custom built jobs, rather than a quickly resolved problem determined by the application of the heretofore ineffectiveness of mass legislation.

The latest "case" to focus the attention of the city's reading public is the renting experience of a Negro educator, onetime Seattle teacher who has been East with his family and now returns to take over the principal's chair at Meany Junior High School on Capital Hill, one Dr. Roland N. Patterson.

It was the Meany Junior High which last summer came under severe criticism by the Central Seattle Community Council (formerly Jackson St. C.C.) and similar organizations for effective "segregation" in channelling Negro students into low achievement courses.

The controversy resulted in the transfer of principal Carl Barbo to another junior high and an announcement the school board would seek a Negro educator for the Meany chair.

So Dr. Patterson was recalled to Seattle, after having taught elementary grades here from 1952 to 1955, and who later moved to teach in New York City schools while working for a doctorate at Columbia Teachers' College, after which he took a vice-principalship in a New Jersey junior high.

Dr. Patterson has been on the new job here in Seattle all this week, who is in the position of being a qualified educator, but not quite qualified for the two bedroom apartment the family is seeking to rent. The family is made up of wife Marion, Roland Jr., 9, and Doris, 3 weeks.

Last Saturday the Pattersons arrived 10 minutes early to keep an interview about an apartment, and on arrival were told by the manager that the apartment had already been rented.

In the face of many discouraging setback and frustrations, Seattle's Human Rights Commission is now studying the feasibility of a fair housing ordinance that would apply only to rentals, a measure that would affect directly Seattle hundreds of Issei and Nisei apartment operators.

One of Human Rights director Phil Hayasaka's view is that discrimination is most frequently encountered in rentals. The president of the Apartment Operator's Association, Donald C. Haas asserts that great progress has been made in equalizing the rental situation for servicemen, and that biggest difficulty arises from the extreme rental shortage caused by the boom situation, with accent on Boeing.

The Pattersons, luckily, are staying temporarily with relatives, but the spotlighting of the Patterson case will without a doubt reach a solution through the action of newspaper reading friends, as such cases have been resolved in the past.

In the meantime this is another case which will help focus public attention to an issue, Referendum 35 on next November's ballot, which seeks to cancel out the recently enacted state law providing license penalties against real estate agents who perform repeated acts of discrimination.

Footnotes to History: Joe Grant Masaoka
Japanese Unique, Dramatic

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In a beautifully colored scroll, the California Senate commends the JACL for initiating, UCLA for sponsoring, and the Carnegie Corporation of New York for supporting the Japanese American Research Project.

Prof. Robert A. Wilson, director, this past week announced receipt of the resolution.

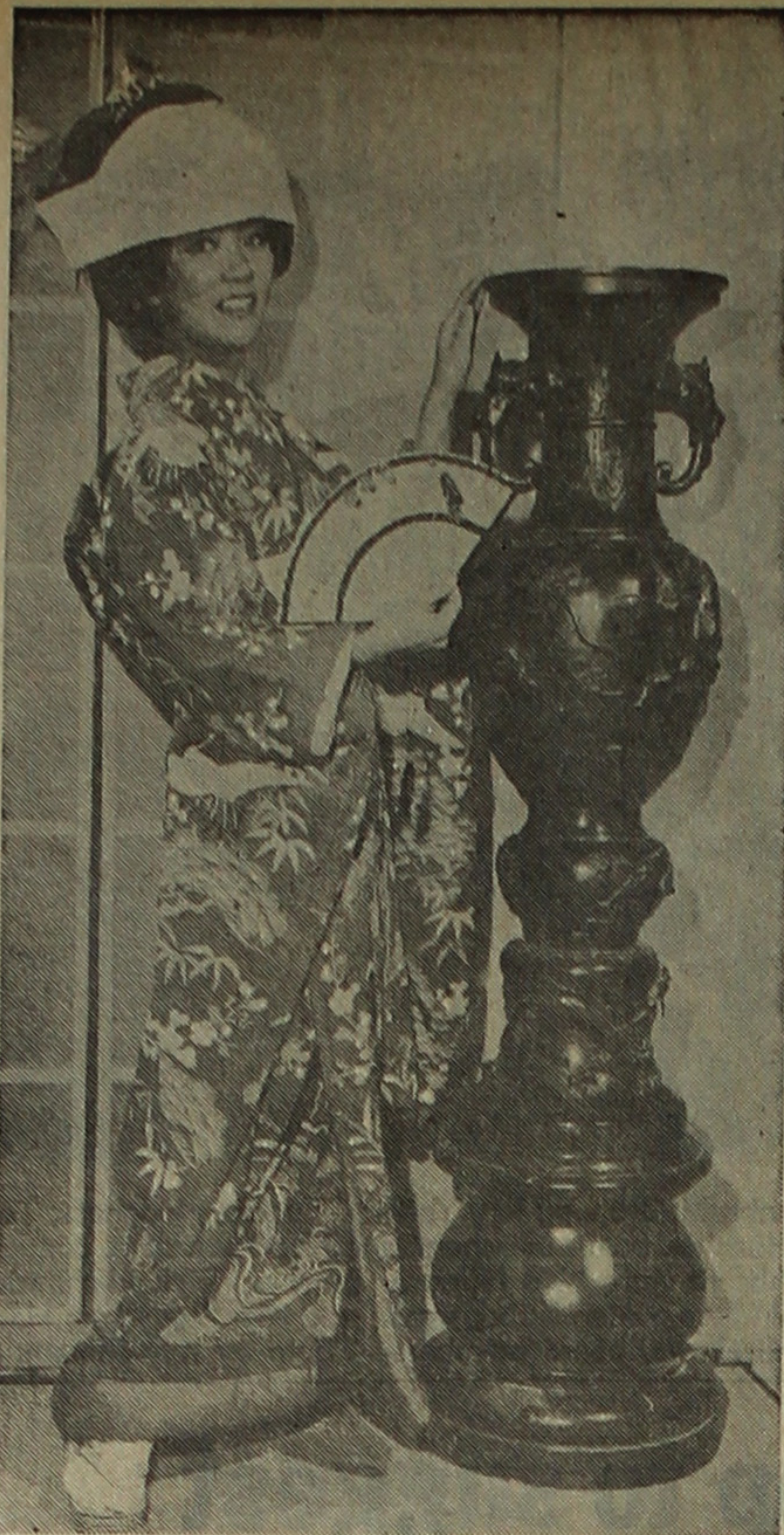
Authored by Senator George Miller, Jr., of Contra Costa County, whose record for two decades has consistently been in support of remedial legislation for Japanese Americans, the full text reads:

"WHEREAS, Americans of Japanese ancestry, the main-land majority of whom reside in California, have lived through unique and dramatic experiences: being first welcomed to these shores; next burdened with oppressive laws restricting them in agriculture and in making a livelihood, and denied the right of becoming naturalized American citizens; then at the outset of World War II being militarily evacuated and cast into concentration camps without charges or trials; many volunteering from these barbed wire stockades for the U.S. armed forces where they compiled one of the most distinguished combat records in our military history; and lastly, effecting a remarkable economic recovery from the losses and tragedies of Evacuation and earning the respect

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MISS HOLIDAY FOLK FAIR — Irene Jonokuchi, 24, reigned as queen of the 1967 Milwaukee Holiday Folk Fair, which attracts over 50,000 visitors in mid-November. She is the daughter of the Eddie Jonokuchis. —Photo Courtesy: Elmer Richardson.

JR. JACLER REPORTS ON HUMAN RELATIONS:

Talking Out Your Prejudices

Two Jr. JACLers of the Pacific Southwest District—Patti Dohzen and Dan Fukushima—attended the 14th annual human relations conference at Camp Hess Kramer, Nov. 3-6, which was sponsored by the Wilshire Blvd. Temple and the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations. A keynote address by Rabbi Joel Goor, two-hour discussion periods interspersed with group singing, and an evaluation session comprised the program for the purpose of developing individual and group identity, values and sensitivity toward the feelings of others. Participants were college students from various Southern California campuses.

By PATTI DOHZEN

Los Angeles
I have happened to stumble upon a truth that is recognized and believed by a small minority of people. It is something instinctive in and characteristic of children; but, is, unfortunately, rarely maintained into adulthood.
My discovery occurred during the weekend conference on human relations. Along with my warm and cool-weather clothing, I also tied my personal fears, prejudices, Oriental conservativeness and controlled impulses into a tight bundle and stuffed it into my suitcase. That I had everything I might need to deal with any weather or emotional problems which could arise, I gathered together my overnight case and sleeping bag and started out for the conference grounds.
Soon after my arrival, we dispersed into assigned discussion groups. The night air was cold as I headed for my group meeting place and I went to get a sweater. Also feeling a need for moral support, I searched for my protective bundle of prepared emotional responses.

The First Session

Securely clad, I greeted the other members for the first of five sessions. I studied their faces and made a mental evaluation of each one.
Mary was an enviously attractive, self-assured white girl with beautiful, long blond hair. I immediately labeled her as a spoiled upper middle-class socialite who was ignorant of and unconcerned for all races other than her own. I visualized her among her all-Caucasian friends discussing boy friends, clothes and the latest scandals.
There was Roy, a stocky, dark-skinned Mexican with a repulsive pimple-scarred face. He had a slightly irritating "bean" (Mexican) accent when he spoke. I could just imagine him among his Mexican friends, speaking rapid Spanish and laughing boisterously at some off-color joke. I did not want to associate with him or "his kind."

Kay was another blond-haired Caucasian who was extremely friendly to everyone in the group. I eyed her carefully with reserved suspicion. I couldn't understand why she would be so friendly to strangers, particularly to peo-

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HUMAN RIGHTS: Y. Philip Hayasaka

A realtor looks at housing issue

(From the Seattle JACL Newsletter)
(At the hearings before the Senate subcommittee on Housing and Urban Affairs of the Committee on Banking and Currency, relating to civil rights and housing, Aug. 21, 22, 23, 1967, Elliott N. Couden, Seattle realtor since 1941, presented testimony that deserves a larger audience. Portions of his testimony follow.—PH.)

External reasons why segregated housing is perpetuated would include, at least, the following:

1—The corporate attitudes of the majority society that tends to fear a commingled diversity of any significance, especially where skin color is involved.

2—The policies and practices of those engaged in real estate, particularly those devoted to the building, financing, managing, selling and renting of residential properties.

Of all these in the second category, the one most significant and influential is the selling and renting group, in my experience.

Realtor's Code

In the state of Washington an addenda to the realtor code of practices, relating to minority housing, was adopted by all boards in the state a

couple of years ago. It has been subsequently determined that there has been no implementation of the code, which tended to divest the discriminating act from the realtor and place the burden upon the property owner.

It is a mystery to some of the public why real estate people will pass up the chance to earn legitimate commissions in selling or renting to qualified customers, regardless of race, color, religion or national origin. This is a valid concern, but it is a greater mystery me why state governments which require real estate people to be licensed in order to engage in the business—and this includes most, if not all, of our states—would allow licensees to discriminate when the state represents all citizens who, in effect, have granted the rights exercised under the license . . .

Why real estate people—and from this point I shall refer to them as realtors, because most of my associates in the business bear that name—act "as they do" in the matter of minority housing would provide material for a fair-sized volume, but it is relevant to look at a few reasons: Most brokers who belonged to real estate boards were once subject to an ethical code that, in effect, prohibited selling to minorities in hitherto all-white neighborhoods. Though this aspect of the code is ended, the "melody lingers on" for many.

Second, appraisal manuals and similar texts pursued by real estate people were quite emphatic on the dire results to be expected when minorities were brought into white neighborhoods. Some even went so far as to codify various groups in order of "acceptance," which bears out the "caste system" charge earlier referred to. These books stressed especially the dislocation of property values when such sales were consummated. This axiom is still regarded as "gospel truth"—despite scientific studies to the contrary—by most realtors, and real estate boards do little, if anything, to dispel this myth held by its membership.

In conclusion, I would like to make two observations relative to fair housing laws. One is that these actually tend to stabilize property values. The reason is that when minority buyers appear, some people in the immediate vicinity are often impelled in-

Denver co-ed may be first Sansei to study in Japan for Buddhist priesthood

BERKELEY—The only coed in weekly lecture classes at the Institute of Buddhist Studies here, is Eileen Fujino of Denver.

At the moment she may well be the only Bussei girl around whose inclination is to become a Buddhist priestess.

Miss Fujino, who recalls her first inclination toward this calling when she was an eighth grader in elementary school, leads a busy academic life out here. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fujino of Denver.

A junior transfer from Univ. of Oregon where she majored in Asian studies, she now majors in English at California State College in Hayward.

Attends Lecture
One night weekly, she attends lectures at the Institute.

Its interim director is the Rev. Hogen Fujimoto, head of youth department, Buddhist Churches of America in San Francisco. His predecessor was the Rev. Kanmo Imamura, who last September became the first Nisei Bishop of Hawaii Hongwanji mission.

The Denver Bussei's present plans is to complete her undergraduate studies at Cal State, then enroll full time at the Institute.

Its two-year curriculum is generally designed for graduate students. Thereafter she may enroll at Ryukoku Buddhist University in Kyoto to complete her seminary education.

The coed, a member of Tri-State Buddhist Church, feels strongly that Bukkyo Kais of America certainly need English-speaking priests, but more, priests who understand Bussei.

Beyond academic preparations, the coed feels the priestly qualities of patience and compassion are most in need in ministering to the spiritual needs of young members.

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