

# Sgt. Yano posthumously wins Congressional Medal of Honor

**HILO**—A soldier's mother and father from Kealahou, Kona, has received a posthumous Medal of Honor for their son who died Jan. 1, 1969, in combat in Vietnam.

The highest military award went to Sgt. 1st Class Rodney J. T. Yano, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Yano. The award was presented last week (April 7) by President Richard M. Nixon at the White House.

Sgt. Yano was serving an extra tour in Vietnam as his younger brother, Glenn, a member of the 29th Infantry Brigade, would not have to serve in the war zone. The brigade was federalized in May, 1968, and many members of the unit were sent to Vietnam.

Glenn, 22, who lives with his parents in Kealahou,

said, "Rodney felt that since he had just completed a year in Vietnam he was more experienced than me. He said his chances were better than mine."

## Helicopter Crew Chief

On New Year's Day, 1969, Sgt. Yano, a helicopter crew chief, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, operating near Bien Hoa, was hit by an accidental grenade explosion. He was covered with burning phosphorus and severely wounded. Flaming fragments caused the ammunition inside the helicopter to explode.

As the pilot struggled to keep the helicopter under control, Sgt. Yano began hurling the flaming ammunition overboard. He suffered additional wounds from exploding ammunition. Sgt. Yano later died of his wounds.

The sergeant's actions saved the helicopter and the men aboard. For his "indomitable courage and profound concern for his comrades, which averted loss of life and additional injury to the rest of the crew," he was awarded the Medal of Honor, according to a citation accompanying the award.

Rodney enlisted in the Army in October, 1961, while still attending Konaewaena High School. He was 18 at the time.

His other awards include a Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal (11th award), Army commendation medal, Purple Heart, good conduct medal, Vietnam service medal and Vietnam campaign medal.

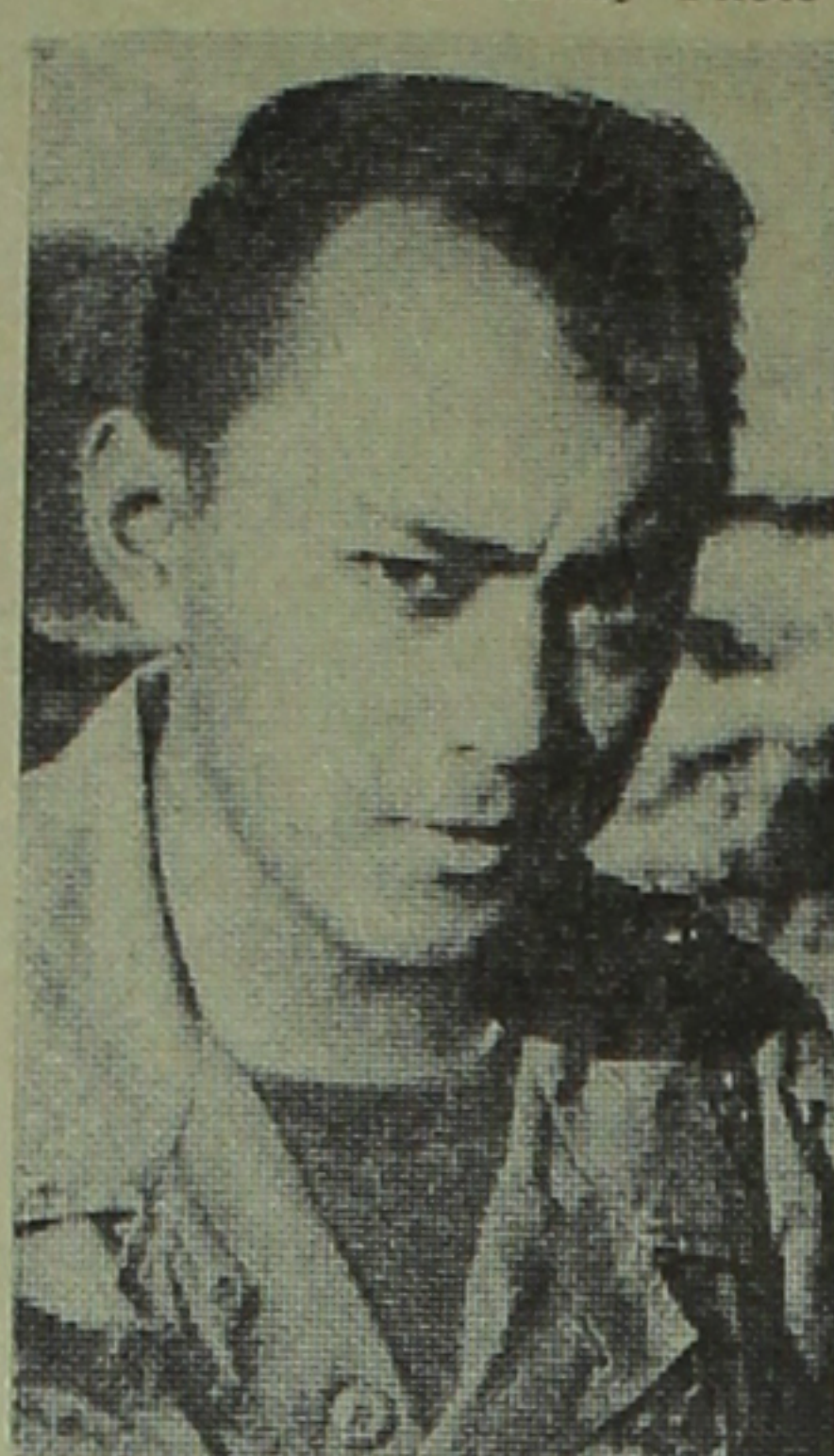
He is the fourth person from Hawaii to receive the award and the second in the Vietnam War. The other recipient of the medal from the Vietnam War was Sgt. Elmelindo Rodriguez Smith, who also died in action.

**Hawaiian-Portuguese Mother**  
Rodney Yano was born Dec. 15, 1943 in Kealahou, Hawaii, of Japanese-Hawaiian-Portuguese descent.

His father is a commercial fisherman and also grows coffee on three acres near Kealahou Bay. They live in a two-bedroom home surrounded by coffee plants, banana and mango trees, fern and anthurium plants.

"Rodney never told us he was being assigned to Vietnam," Mrs. Yano said. "About

—U.S. Army Photo



Sgt. 1/C Rodney J. T. Yano

three months after he got there, a friend of his from Kona on leave told us where Rodney was. Of course, I worried. But Rodney was always like that—he kept things to himself. He would never write. I would always have to write first."

## Brother in Mind

His father said he knew if Rodney didn't go his other son, Glenn, would have to serve in Vietnam. "It wasn't something I could decide. Rodney made up his own mind," Yano said.

State Rep. Minoru Inaba (D) of Kona was Rodney's vice principal at Konaewaena High School. He remembers the soldier as president of Future Farmers of America chapter at the school.

Two of the Yanos' neighbors also have lost sons in the Vietnam War. "It has been rough. This is a very close community. Everyone has felt the loss," Inaba said.

Yano said the family is honored by the award but "I can't say I'm happy."

"If my son were here I would celebrate."

"But we are honored even so," he said.

—Hawaii Tribune-Herald

## Sen. Fong Attends

WASHINGTON—Sen. Hiram L. Fong stood beside Mr. and

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## Per spec tives

By JERRY ENOMOTO  
National JACL President

The last meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Board appeared to be fruitful. Incorporated this biennium on a pilot basis, since it was due to become an official part of the governing structure in 1970-1972, the Executive Committee proved to be an effective management device. The group met four times during the biennium, and provided a continu-

## Management Device

ity lacking, when National Board meetings were limited to two meetings a biennium.

Essentially, the meetings helped the nationally-elected officers keep their fingers on the pulse of the organization, and enabled them to act as the trouble-shooting arm of the Board. Some of the sessions were used to provide opportunities for various committees and committee chairmen to have some dialogue.

Others were exclusively work sessions, where recommendations made to the Board.

As a management device, available to the National President, I feel that it has been extremely useful. Many of the sessions have been exhausting and I really appreciate the hard work put in by my fellow officers, as well as those who have joined us from time to time, particularly our National Legal Counsel Bill Marutani and our Washington Representative Mike Masaoaka.

The substance of the meeting will be officially reported, so I will not do this prematurely here.

## CAMPUS VISITS

Previously overlooked was a visit to the UC Davis campus last month, where I had a chance to meet with an Asian Studies Class taught by Professor Kenji Murase. I continue to feel that every contact like this is a chance for better communications. More specifically, I see a real opportunity for the projection of the idea that the JACL is trying to meet the needs of today.

Last night I spoke at the first of a series of programs on the Stanford campus, put on by the Asian-American Student Alliance, where a few members of the Sequoia JACL were on hand. Handicapped by short notice and lack of publicity, the turnout was not as large as hoped for, but the group was interested and involved.

Evidently the group has had a hard time reaching its present state of organization, due to the apathy, as well as outright criticism on the part of some elements in the student community.

However, there are some interesting sessions planned, including one on the Asian American Media, which includes representatives from the PC and Girda.

Another session will deal with the student movement and the validity of Asian American organizations, which includes Warren Furutani and George Woo as co-speakers. Although it has had growing pains, AASA, under the chairmanship of Nelson Nagai and Program Chairman Nelson Dong (a student intern in a section of the Dept. of Corrections), shows sign of contributing something positive to the Stanford community.

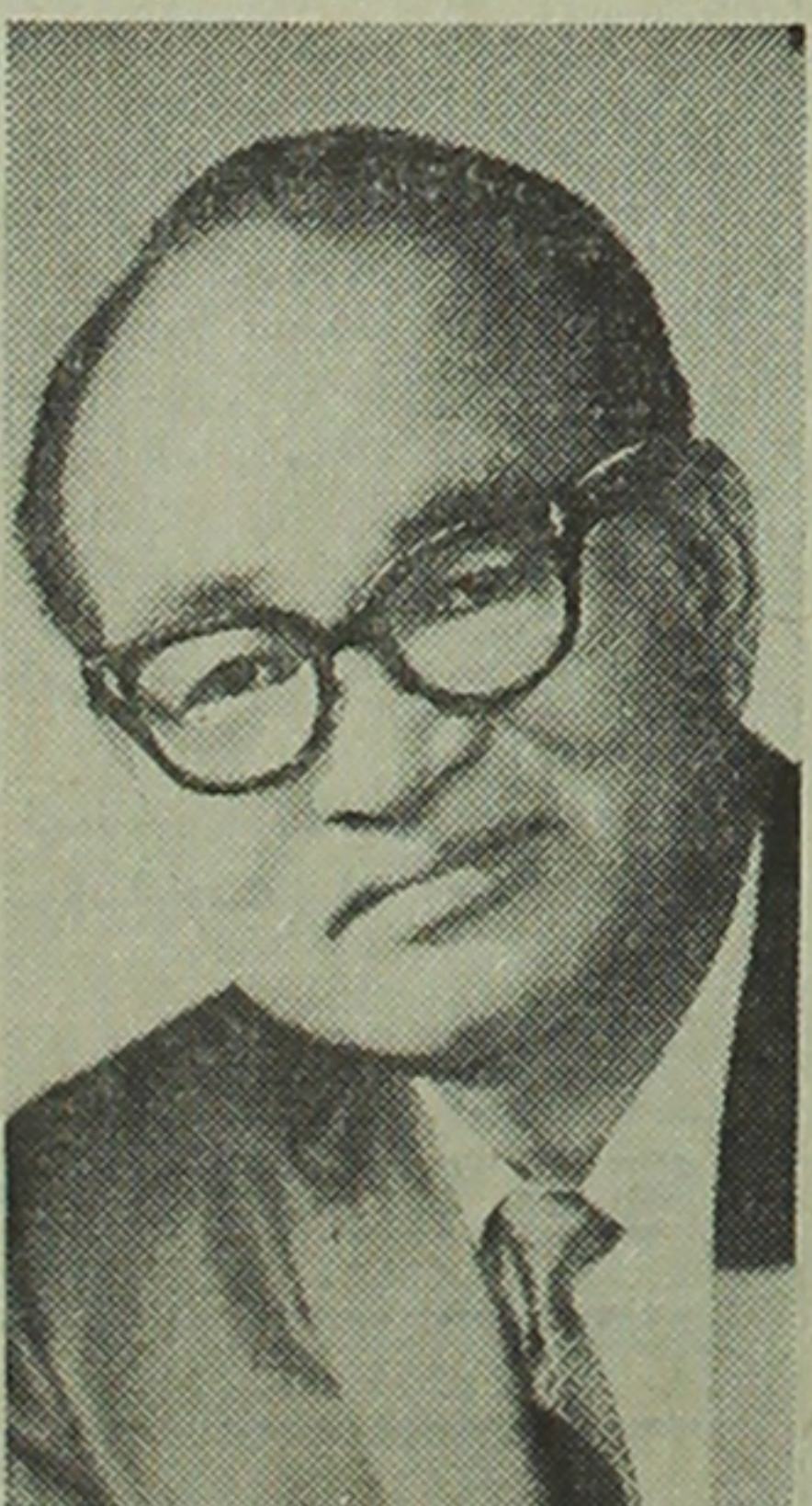
## PLANNING

We hope that the coming session of the California JACL Planning Commission. Chairmen this weekend will help formulate the organization's future direction. Out of this, and similar discussions around the country, will come some specific recommendations from the National Planning Commission.

The subject of the future thrust of JACL is felt to be a first priority matter. Accordingly, it will be the lead item for delegate consideration at the National Council meetings at the Chicago Convention.

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## CHAPTERS HAVE WEEK MORE TO COMPETE FOR INAGAKI AWARDS



George J. Inagaki

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**SAN JOSE**—JACL chapters have until April 25 to submit material to compete in the George J. Inagaki Chapter Citizenship Award program, it was reminded by Dr. Tom Taketa, chairman, National Program and Activities Committee.

All that is required is a set of the minutes for 1968 and 1969 and description of citizenship-type activities, using the format recommended in the rules distributed to the chapters in February (see Feb. 27 PC).

Material should be forwarded to the District Governor with a copy to Dr. Taketa, of 3295 Linden Oaks Dr., San Jose, Calif. 95117.

"Chapters are urged to participate in this most worthy program established in honor of George Inagaki for his many years of outstanding, devoted service to JACL," Dr. Taketa said.

"It will be well worth the effort of the chapters and district councils to participate, for substantial cash awards are being offered: \$500 to the chapter winning the national finals, \$100 each to the two runners-up, and \$100 to the district council submitting the winning chapter."

District councils have until May 15 to nominate chapters for national judging.

## Liquor sale bill

**SALINAS**—The Salinas Valley JACL board urged rejection of Assembly Bill 657, which would permit sale of hard liquor and wine adjacent to major colleges and universities. Board also urged members to write their assemblymen.

# State colleges may trim Asian studies

**SAN JOSE**—Trend of thinking in the Office of California State College Chancellor Glenn Dumke to emphasize the Black and Mexican in ethnic studies in the future with possible curtailment of Asian American studies has alerted the Japanese American Citizens

League this week to urge state college trustees and chancellor to give equal consideration for Asian American studies.

National JACL Headquarters in San Francisco this past week provided JACL chapters with a list of trustees so that

community support for Asian studies can be pushed.

Chapters are being urged to write trustees within their chapter area as well as to their state senators and assemblymen.

The San Jose JACL chapter president James Ono has been in close touch with several instructors at San Jose State College on Asian American studies.

## No Degree Programs

At the present time, no degree programs in Asian American studies are offered by any of the California state colleges, although individual courses exist at most, according to Chancellor Dumke. San Francisco State is projecting an Asian American studies degree program in 1971-72, he added, no other is currently making such a projection.

## The list of trustees:

### APPOINTED

San Francisco—Louis H. Helbrock, 44 Montgomery; George D. Hart, 111 Sutter St.; James F. Thacker, 310 Sansome St. (all 94104).

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## WEST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE DEDICATED

**LOS ANGELES**—Completing its first full year of instruction this spring, West Los Angeles College was formally dedicated April 14 with a program of speakers and a tour for community representatives on its Baldwin Hills campus.

Representing JACL was Akira Ohno, West Los Angeles member and a past PSWDC district governor.

**Poston High '45 class sets July 18 reunion**

**LOS ANGELES**—Poston High's 1945 graduating class will hold its 25th anniversary reunion July 18 at Man Jen Low—scene of the group's first reunion ten years ago, according to Richard Shindo, class president. There were 150 students in the class.

## 26-VOLUME 'BRITANNICA' IN NIHONGO UNDERWAY

**CHICAGO**—Encyclopaedia Britannica has gone into a joint-venture company with the Tokyo Broadcasting System and Toppan Printing Company to publish a major new Japanese-language encyclopedia which, when completed in 1974, will have 26 volumes containing the equivalent of 17-million English words.

Known as "Britannica's International Encyclopaedia," the project has engaged the attention of a study group for more than a year and has now gone into full-scale editorial operation in new offices in Tokyo, with a team of 200 scholars—Americans, Japanese and natives of other Asian countries—involved.

The project will be EB's fourth major foreign-language encyclopedia, the others being in Spanish, Portuguese and French.

## ORANGE COUNTY JACL CONTRIBUTES

### Justin Ogata Booster Fund Growing

**SANTA ANA**—The Orange County JACL approved a \$500 contribution to the Justin Ogata Booster Fund, established by friends of the Sansei athlete who has been hospitalized since Dec. 5 for paralysis due to a freak accident while a member of the Costa Mesa High School wrestling team.

The booster club recently reported the fund reached \$3,500, acknowledging that several Nisei clubs in the county were among those contributing to the fund to help for medical care.

Medical care is reported at \$4,000 a month at Orthopedic Hospital where the 16-year-old lad, paralyzed from neck down, is undergoing rehabilitation.



**CHERRY BLOSSOM QUEEN**—Kathy Horio, Univ. of Hawaii nursing major and dancer with a Tahitian revue, is the 1970 Cherry Blossom queen. She is the daughter of former San Francisco Bay Area residents, Dr. S. Richard and May Horio. She is expected to participate in the annual Nisei Week Festival come August in Los Angeles.

—Honolulu Star Bulletin Photo by John Tichen.

## CHING APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF L.A. ARBORETA, BOTANIC GARDENS

**LOS ANGELES**—By a unanimous vote, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors April 6 and nominated the number two man for the post.

The supervisors, led by Frank Bonelli with strong support by Ernest Debs and Kenneth Hahn, overrode the board's recommendation and named Ching.

Hahn had announced his support on April 3 after reviewing Ching's qualifications and conferring with his executive committee appointee on the Arboretum and Botanical Gardens board of governors, Kay Iizuka of Gardena who recommended Ching's appointment.

Ching, who has an M. S. from Michigan State, joined the arboretum staff in 1956 and worked himself up through the ranks.

**Two Exams Given**  
Two civil service exams were given for the post. Ching placed first in both of them. The second exam was given when the board of governors' choice, Dr. John Beard of Australia, met strong resistance from the supervisors who were reluctant to award the job to a man who had no American citizenship.

The top three candidates in

**Northern Cal to expand Sister City programs**

**SAN FRANCISCO**—Efforts to coordinate U.S.-Japan Sister City programs in Northern California will be stepped up after its first coordinating meeting planned for May 23 at Suehiro Restaurant, according to Mrs. William Stiles of Richmond.

A steering committee meeting was held recently at the Japanese consulate general with Haruo Ishimaru of Cupertino as acting chairman. At least 10 cities in the San Francisco Bay area have affiliations with cities in Japan.

## DEADLINES

(Like the "Calendar", this space is reserved for JACL-Jr. JACL programs only.)

April 15—Chapter nominations for 1970 JACL scholarships for high school graduates; Ron Wakabayashi, So. Calif. JACL Office, 125 Weller St., Los Angeles 90012.

April 30—Nat'l Essay contest; Mary Sabusawa, 3837 N. Alta Vista Terrace, Chicago 60612.

May 1—Nisei of Biennium nominations; Tom Shimasaki, PO Box 876, Lindsay, Calif.

May 14—Nat'l JACL officers nominations; Min Togasaki, 14045 Winthrop, Detroit 48227.

May 15—District nominations for Inagaki Chapter Citizenship Awards; Nat'l JACL Hq., 1634 Post St., San Francisco 94115.

May 15—Mike Masaoaka testimonial letters (unfiled); Dr. T. T. Yatabe, 17 N State St., Suite 1122, Chicago 60602.

May 31—District finalists for Nat'l JACL oratorical contest; Karen Suzuki, 3100 W. Carmen, Chicago 60625.

June 1—Amendments to be proposed for JACL Constitution; Nat'l JACL Hq., 1634 Post St., San Francisco 94115.

June 14—JACLer of Biennium nominations; Tom Shimasaki, PO Box 876, Lindsay, Calif.

The insurance is about exhausted, the booster club said in hopes of raising \$50,000.

He is the son of the Hitomi Ogatas of 2105 Roanoke Ln., Costa Mesa. He has little movement in his left arm, slightly less in the right arm. With assistance of a mechanical page-turner, he can read a book.

Min Inokuchi is booster fund chairman. Karen Kaizuka and Sara Sadakane, assistants to raise revenue for tanks, are surveying other the fund.

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## Carswell Rejection

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"You know, this makes you feel that democracy can still work" was the way one black lobbyist for the National Leadership Conference on Civil Rights expressed his feelings on April 8, when the Senate rejected the nomination of Judge G. Harold Carswell of Florida to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Another lobbyist, a Jew, put it this way: "This shows that there's integrity and conscience left in the Senate".

Knowing the tremendous odds against successfully defeating two consecutive nominations for a vacancy on the nation's highest tribunal, and knowing the terrific pressures that were brought to bear on many of the key lawmakers by the Administration, the Carswell rejection may well be one of the greatest of many civil rights achievements of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, of which the JACL is a proud, active, and charter member.

When Judge Clement F. Haynsworth of South Carolina was defeated 55 to 45 last Nov. 21 for the seat from which Associate Justice Abe Fortas resigned, the expectation was that whomever the President would next nominate would be cinch for the vacancy. Even when the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights first raised questions as to nominee Carswell's attitudes on racism, few—if any—capital observers thought that the exercise would be more than pro forma.

But, as evidence began to pile up that the nominee was not only a racist but also lacked the judicial temperament and competence generally attributed to justices of the Supreme Court, the chances improved that a real challenge could be made to the nomination.

The pro-Carswell leaders, Nebraska's Roman Hruska and Florida's Edward Gurney, both Republicans, confident when the nomination was first sent to the Senate for what was expected to be routine "advice and consent", apparently panicked in the last days, while the anti-Carswell leaders, Democrat Birch Bayh of Indiana and Republican Edward W. Brooke of Massachusetts, steadily pounded home on the "racism and excellence" themes.

Senator Hruska apparently made some reference to the need that mediocrity be served too on the Court of Last Resort, which tagged nominee Carswell with being of mediocre ability. Then President Nixon sent a letter to Ohio Republican freshman William Saxbe that suggested that the Chief Executive considered nominations to the Supreme Court to be a personal prerogative and a personal matter not subject to clearance and consultation with the Senate.

All of this resulted in the defeat of a motion to recommit the nomination to the Judiciary Committee, which had issued a statement by a majority of its members to the effect that they would simply vote again to return the nomination to the calendar for Senate consideration. This recommittal motion was defeated 52 to 44 on April 6.

When this recommittal strategy was first advanced, it was thought that some who would not vote directly against a presidential nomination might take this alternative as a means to avoid a direct confrontation with the White House. But, the Administration placed great stress on a direct vote on the nomination. And so, it won the battle, only to lose subsequently the war.

Three Senators who voted against recommitment on grounds that it was not the proper way to dispose of a presidential nomination, but who announced at that time to vote against confirmation, were Republicans Hiram Fong of Hawaii and Robert Packwood of Oregon and Democrat Thomas Dodd of Connecticut.

On the morning of the critical vote, it was thought that three Republicans held the key to confirmation or rejection—freshman Marlow Cook of Kentucky who spearheaded the Administration drive to seat Judge Haynsworth, and New England veterans Margaret Chase Smith of Maine and Winston Prouty of Vermont.

Thus, when these three Senators voted in the negative when their respective names were called, the packed galleries, which Capitol Hill observers thought were the largest in ten years, first gasped, and then cheered, for it was now certain that Carswell would be defeated.

Altogether, 17 Democrats and 28 Republicans voted for confirmation, while 38 Democrats and 13 Republicans voted against the nomination. The only Democrat to vote for Carswell outside of the southern and border states was Nevada's Alan Bible.

Michigan's Robert Griffin, the Assistant Minority Whip who was one of the principal architects of the Haynsworth defeat, and Pennsylvania's Hugh Scott, the Minority Leader, both backed the President this time, while Montana's Mike Mansfield and Massachusetts's Edward Kennedy, the Democratic Majority Leader and Whip, respectively, voted against confirmation.

It is known that it took personal courage on the part of many Senators to vote against the White House on this issue, especially those who are up for re-election this November.

Among those who must be singled out for their courage are Tennessee's Albert Gore, Texas' Ralph Yarborough, Utah's Frank Moss, Nevada's Howard Cannon, and New Mexico's Joseph Montoya, all of whom are up for re-election this year and all of whom were subject to great political pressures.

Hawaii's Hiram Fong, also up for re-election this November, deserves special mention. Known to be personally friendly with President Nixon, he voted for the confirmation of Judge Haynsworth last year. As a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, he voted to favorably report the Carswell nomination to the Senate for its consideration. He voted for the motion to recommit. And we were aware of the tremendous effort of the Administration to have him vote for confirmation, and failing that to "pair" with fellow Republican Karl Mundt of South Dakota who is ill in the hospital. "Pairs" are used to denote opposing positions when one Senator is absent and the other is present. A "pair" in this case would have meant one less vote, and it could have been crucial if one of those voting against the nomination had voted otherwise.

In any event, just before the voting began, Senator Fong told us that he simply could not vote for a racist like Carswell. He then escorted us to a seat in the overcrowded gallery, and when his name was called, he announced his "no" in a loud and clear voice.

We knew that the President would not be happy with that vote. But, all Americans of goodwill are, and especially those of Asian American ancestry who would have been most embarrassed with an affirmative vote for an unrepentant racist.

Hawaii's Democratic Senator Daniel Inouye, of course, voted against Carswell.

NEWS  
CAPSULES

## Government

Steven J. Doi, active in San Francisco JACL and Republican County central committee, was named as one of the 10 executive committee members selected for the local citizens advisory group for the State Dept.'s educational and cultural exchange program organized last month, according to Mrs. Bernice Behrens, director of the State Dept. San Francisco reception center. The advisory committee was formed to secure wider community participation in the program, which has welcomed over 2,000 foreign visitors in San Francisco last year.

## Courtroom

William M. Marutani, national JACL legal counsel, is the author of "A Japanese Courtroom Scene", published in the February 1970 issue of the Philadelphia Bar Assn. publication, "The Shingle". Last summer, he spent several weeks on a law study program in Tokyo.

Suzi Wong, Michael Fong, and three others accused of holding a UCLA official hostage in his office for four hours have been convicted on misdemeanor counts of false imprisonment and acquitted on charges of conspiracy by Superior Court Judge Laurence J. Rittenband of Santa Monica. He returned the non-jury trial verdict on April 6 on the basis of preliminary hearing transcripts. April 30 is the date for a probation report and sentencing.

The San Francisco federal grand jury refused to indict 13 of the 26 mail carriers of Station A, at Steiner and Geary, for reportedly destroying 5,800 pieces of third-class mail last February. Among the 13 was Kiroshi Tatehara, a 20-year veteran in the postal service, who had resigned. The 13 had been charged on a commissioner's complaint, which was later dismissed.

## Politics

Dr. Kenichi Nishimoto, administrator with the Indian Health Service as chief of the management affairs office, was elected Mar. 24 to the Tacoma Park (Md.) city council to become the first Nisei councilman in the area. The Stockton-born Army veteran has a doctorate in public administration from American University, served as relocation officer with the War Relocation Authority, and is married to the former Florence Aiko Sato. They have five children, the eldest now a paratrooper officer at Ft.

## Yamaguma in stride

LOS ANGELES—Takito Yamaguma was back at his desk this week after major surgery which required a 1½-month rest. He and Katsuma Mukae-da are co-chairmen of the Masaoka Family round-the-world trip committee.

## Public Reception

HILO—There was a public reception Thursday (April 9) for Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Yano of Kealakekua, upon their return from Washington where they accepted the Medal of Honor for their deceased son Rodney J. T. Yano.

The reception at the airport included greetings from Mayor Shunichi Kimura and other County and military officials. Kimura paid tribute to the Kealakekua soldier: "I know that I represent all Big Islanders as I express our grateful pride for the heroism of the late Rodney J. T. Yano on the occasion of his being selected for the Congressional Medal of Honor, our Nation's highest award," Kimura said.

Kimura said the Big Islanders will "forever remember" Yano's sacrifice of his life to save the lives of his comrades.

"Just as we joined his family in mourning at their bereavement," he said, "we now participate in the proud realization that Sgt. Yano has earned a place of the rolls of our country's greatest heroes."

ASPIRATIONS OF FILIPINOS CITED

HONOLULU—Richardo Labaz, president of the Filipino Chamber of Commerce, declared the Filipinos are one of the largest ethnic groups in Hawaii, yet they are one of the weakest and the least represented in community government.

He wants to see Filipinos assume a fair representation in the war rooms and councils of public affairs.

Most Filipinos aspire first and foremost for education, want to be worthy members of society and an opportunity to compete where they have the ability, to learn where they are deficient. They also know they shall be strong as they are united, Labaz said.

George Yamasaki Jr., San Francisco attorney in charge of National-Braemar, Inc., operations in the Japanese Cultural and Trade Center, succeeded Yone Satoda as president of the San Francisco Japanese American Republican Club, which next meets April 28, 8 p.m., at Steve Doi's home, 1521 Larkin, to meet June primary candidates. Yamasaki is currently local JACL chapter vice-president.

## Entertainment

Song stylist Jean Sewell has returned to General Lee's Man Jen Low in downtown Los Angeles Chinatown, entertaining nightly at the cocktail lounge. She has appeared with the San Francisco and Los Angeles Light Opera Companies as well as in Japan.

The "Hip Nip" Pat Morita, 38, concluded his stint as a stand-up comic at the San Francisco Playboy Club April 11. He also had 10 weeks entertaining in the armed forces. He has now been in the entertainment field for eight years after working as securities analyst, real estate salesman and computer operations supervisor.

## Organizations

Active Contra Costa JACL-er Ben Takeshita was elected president of the California Chapter of the International Assn. of Personnel in Employment Security.

Dr. Don Kaneoka, an East Los Angeles dentist, was elected president of the Japanese American Optimists, succeeding Cy Yuzuchi whose term expires Sept. 1.

George Okamoto succeeds Kaz Kataoka as president of the San Francisco Nikkei Lions.

## Sports

Wayne Akiyama of Westminster High (Orange County) was clocked in a winning time, 23.9s, mile run in a recent dual meet with Santa Ana—the fastest mile registered by a prep student in the county this year. Ken Sakamoto, son of the James Sakamoto of Pasadena, broke the class B 1200 low record, which has stood since 1944, with a 13.2 at the Pasadena Games held at Muir High. He also won the 100 in 10.3s.

San Francisco eye surgeon, Dr. Samuel Kimura, head of the UC Medical Center eye clinic, examined Willie McCovey's eye, which began to all before the S.F. Giants departed on their spring season tour of Japan. Upon the club's return, McCovey was re-examined.

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pation representing various view points.

It is difficult to objectively measure the success of any given course; however it is my personal view that this first attempt to present very relevant material was well received. The quality of the term projects reflected a depth of knowledge and a new dimension as to the questions of ethnic identity and awareness.

## Wider Audience Needed

Japanese American studies, in my estimation, are not just fashionable and esoteric to a small minority of students.

(April 1) article, "It Wasn't a Joke" and told what happened in San Francisco on April 1, 1942—the day San Francisco Japanese living generally west of Serra Blvd. and north of California St. were told their day to be evacuated was due. He reminded that Earl Warren, then attorney general running for governor, "played to the hilt his role as guardian against Japanese peril", that Walter Lippmann urged, endorsed and applauded the forced relocation of Japanese Americans while J. Edgar Hoover of the FBI and naval intelligence spoke out against evacuation.

"Today Hoover and naval intelligence are anathema to civil rights. Warren and Lippmann are heroes. We now have a law allowing us to do to some other group what we did illegally in 1942. And the only ones seriously calling for its repeal are the Japanese Americans."

## School Front

Richard Iri of Los Angeles received a \$250 Col. Irving Salomon scholarship for political science majors at Univ. of San Diego this spring, an award reserved for students who have contributed to the campus community.

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## From the Frying Pan

Portland, Ore.

**MENTIONING PORTLAND**—The rest of us had Chinese food, for which Portland has been famous, but Dr. Mits Nakashima demonstrated his independence by ordering a hamburger for his 1 a.m. snack.

"Why don't you write about Portland?" he demanded. "You write about a lot of places but you never mention Portland."

"Well, what do you say about Portland? It's a pretty town on the Willamette River just above its confluence with the mighty Columbia. This time of year the trees and shrubs are green and lovely, even as Denver is under a blanket of snow. Portland has been growing, but somehow it has managed to refrain from a not unpleasant aura of small townishness about it, thanks in part to the many pine-studded hills that stick up like islands here and there throughout the city.

A good many Issei found Portland to their liking and made it their home. Numbers of them sleep the eternal sleep in a segregated section of the Rose City cemetery. When I first saw it soon after the end of World War II, the Japanese portion of the cemetery was dusty and weed-grown, a dismal place showing the results of years of neglect.

Today, the grass is green and thick. And there are many more tombstones laid out in orderly rows. The newer stones are larger and more pretentious, reflecting the new affluence. Some bear the name of both husband and wife, but only the birth date of one of them. The date of death will be carved into the stone when it occurs. A resting place beside the partner of a lifetime has been prepared and awaits the arrival of some elderly Issei.

The first time I saw the cemetery I resented the segregation of the Japanese into a special section, a resentment emphasized by the starkness of the area compared to the cared-for appearance of the rest. But this time there seemed to be a kind of comfort and hominess in old friends being buried close to those with whom they had lived and worked and struggled and with whom they had shared small triumphs. A misty rain floated down to emphasize the greenness and freshness of spring, and I felt no resentment.

The sons and daughters of the pioneers who sleep at Rose City Cemetery live in all parts of Portland now. There never was much of a Japanese town in Portland, and the area through which it was spread has been taken over largely by Chinese restaurants and the derelicts of skidrow. Many of the Nisei are doing very well in the professions and as businessmen. We met some of them at the 15th annual banquet of the Japan Society of Oregon, a going concern thanks to trade interests in Japan and the enthusiasm of its executive secretary, Frank M. Womack, whose primary occupation is extolling the virtues of Portland as manager of its Chamber of Commerce. Unfortunately the visit was all too brief, leaving time only for brief howdies with old friends like Mits and Iku Nakata and George and Ise Azumano and Kats and Mary Nakadate, and meeting new friends like Jim and Merrienne Tsujimura.

Our Mike and his family drove up from Eugene, where he is teaching at the University of Oregon, to spend a few hours with "Grandpa". We saw some

## SAN FRANCISCO JACL'S STAND

# Quality, integrated education

SAN FRANCISCO — JACL's total commitment to quality, integrated education was voiced by Fred Abe, San Francisco JACL president, before the San Francisco Board of Education, which convened on Mar. 31 to hear from the public about the qualifications for a new superintendent to school district with a multi-ethnic constituency" similar to that of San Francisco's, Abe declared.

## NASOPHARYNGEAL CANCER, RARE IN CAUCASIAN, FOUND IN ORIENTALS

LOS ANGELES—Dr. H. James Hara, well known ear, nose and throat specialist, returned Mar. 22 from a tour of the South Pacific at which time he visited Melbourne.

In Australia, he presented a paper based on 100 cases of nasopharyngeal cancer which he and his associates had observed at USC-County General Medical Center and at the White Memorial Hospital during the past 23 years.

Dr. Hara explained that this type of cancer is very rare among the Caucasian. However, certain Orientals, particularly the Chinese, both American-born and immigrants, have shown "exceedingly high susceptibility."

"But for some unknown reason, the Japanese, though of the same ethnic group, are much less afflicted with cancer in this part of the body," Dr. Hara, a naturalized U.S. citizen, told his Melbourne medical men.

### Younger People Hit

The ENT specialist, an East Los Angeles JACL 1000 member, then explained there are several peculiarities of this disease. Cancer, he said, is usually considered to be a disease developing past the middle age. "But not cancer of the nasopharynx. It develops at a much younger age.

"A Japanese boy who died of nasopharyngeal cancer was only 18. A Negro girl in this group was only 15 when she first came to the hospital,"

sights and fed the ducks at a park and visited some friends, and then it was time to hurry over to the airport for the flight home, the ailing air controllers willing. They were, and the homeward trip was uneventful except for the chattering of an excessively friendly balloon salesman in the next seat? Is there enough profit in wholesaling toy balloons to send a salesman flying around the country?

Well, Dr. Nakashima, we're at the bottom of the column and we really didn't get to say a great deal about Portland. It's a nice place, though, and we'll be back. As I told the folks, the last time I made a public address here, I stood before a Methodist minister and said "I do". And that's enough reason to bring a fellow back every once in a while.

Dr. Hara wrote in his paper.

"The woman patient, however, recovered and is now well and a mother of two healthy children. There is a distinct hereditary tendency. The proportion of men to women victim is roughly three to one," he declared.

As for the cure, Dr. Hara warned that only those who come at the early stage for an examination and those who receive an adequate and appropriate treatment can win over cancer.

"Thus it is highly important to be diagnosed correctly in its incipient stage. Delay means death.

### Population Ratio

"Among the 100 in the group studied, there were 17 Chinese men and one woman; seven Japanese men; nine Mexicans; six Negro men and two women; one Filipino man; and 38 white males and 19 females.

A population breakdown in Los Angeles county indicated, according to Dr. Hara, there 60 per cent whites; 23 per cent Latin Americans; and seven per cent Negroes.

The Japanese dominate the Asian minority with 1.3 per cent. There are 0.3 per cent Chinese; and 0.2 per cent Filipinos here with others being 0.2 per cent.

"Thus, one can readily recognize an exceedingly high incidence of this disease among the Chinese resident," Dr. Hara concluded.

—Rafu Shimpo

**Text of Abe's speech:**  
The JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE is fully committed to QUALITY INTEGRATED EDUCATION in pursuit of academic excellence.

It was not too many years ago that our ethnic group was the intended victims of de jure segregated school schemes here in San Francisco. As early as June 15, 1883, the San Francisco Chronicle reported that "Director Burke introduced a resolution providing that hereafter all persons of the Japanese race seeking entrance to the public schools must attend what is known as the Chinese School. It was adopted."

On May 6, 1905, the San Francisco School Board announced it would send Japanese pupils to an enlarged Oriental school to save white children from being "affected by association with pupils of the Mongolian race."

The year 1906 has a significance for all San Franciscans in that this year Japanese pupils were engulfed in flames after a violent earthquake on April 18.

### Oct. 1906 Resolution

To the Japanese American community, 1906 has a further significance in that on Oct. 11, the then San Francisco Board of Education passed the following resolution:

"Resolved that in accordance with Article 10, Section 1662 of the School Law of California, principals are hereby directed to send all Chinese, Japanese, and Korean children to the Oriental School situated on the south side of Clay Street, between Powell and Mason Sts., on and after Monday, Oct. 15, 1906."

It took the President of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, the then Secretary of Commerce and Labor, Victor Metcalf, the Japanese Government and two suits, one in the Federal Court and the other in the State Supreme Court, before the San Francisco Board finally rescinded its resolution of Oct. 11, 1906, on March 13, 1907, but only as follows:

Resolved and ordered, that the following resolution adopted by the Board of Education on Oct. 11, 1906, be the same is hereby repealed, excepting in so far as it applies to Chinese and Korean children, etc."

My apologies to my fellow Asian Americans for not pursuing and researching the ultimate disposition and effect of this racist de jure attempt to maintain a segregated school system for the Chinese and Korean children since 1906 in this cosmopolitan city of San Francisco.

### 93 Oriental Students

Statistically, it may be of interest to you that the "corrupting" influence which led to the 1906 resolution involved some 93 children of Japanese descent out of an approximate 25,000 public school children and that of the 93, 25 were Nisei or those born in these United States.

One of them was Dr. Thomas Yatabe, one of our founding fathers of JACL, now of Chicago, who recalled that one day the principal called him into her office, put her arms around him,

and with tears in her eyes, she said: "Tom, I'm going to have to transfer you to the Oriental school." Dr. Tom Yatabe was then 8 years old.

Another Nisei in 1906 was George Kiyoshi Togasaki, who was born here in San Francisco, and who in 1908-09 served as the President of Rotary International and who recently commented in reference to the separate but equal educational facilities of 1906, that "I am confident that the decision to fight (it) was a very large factor in the subsequent integration of the Nisei, and the respected position they hold today, in the greater American community."

### Repugnant Policy

It is readily apparent from the foregoing that our organization finds "separate but equal" de jure or de facto educational facilities in San Francisco repugnant.

None of us can readily deny that in 1942, when the mass evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry numbering some 110,000 persons, 75,000 of whom were of American citizenship by birth, were incarcerated in concentration camps principally due to ignorance, fear and mass hysteria. An educated populace may have prevented such evacuation.

Directing my comments to the proposed criteria and specifications in the selection of the new Superintendent, let me say that we generally agree with them as outlined.

We agree that the next superintendent should have a proven successful record of active involvement and experience with a large urban school district with a multi-ethnic constituency similar to that of San Francisco and we further agree that he should be available and accessible to all the people of San Francisco to establish a sensitive rapport with them for the purpose of upgrading the educational system in our schools.

Most important of all, we believe that the new Superintendent must have a basic commitment to integration as a fundamental prerequisite to quality education and that quality integrated education in San Francisco in pursuit of academic excellence would be his goal.

We are confident that this Board will seek the next Superintendent with these qualities and commitment.

## 16 Debutantes at Sixth Annual Ball

LOS ANGELES — The Japan America Society of Southern California presented 16 debutantes at the sixth annual Sakura Ball at the Hilton Hotel April 11.

Robert Kleist of Pacific Far East Lines emceed the affair chaired by Mrs. Richard Kohashi. The debutantes were: Wendy Aihara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luis Aihara of Montebello.

Marilyn Hayashida, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Hayashida. Mrs. Rudy Yoshizaki, sponsor. Carol Higurashi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tsunakichi Higurashi. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moriguchi, sponsors.

Linda Reiko Hiji, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hisao Hiji of Oxnard. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Yamamoto, sponsors.

Christine Iwasaki, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Min Iwasaki. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sako, sponsors.

Shirley Kakiba, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isamu Sam Kakiba of Monterey Park. Mrs. Richard Kohashi, sponsor.

## TELLING ETHNIC JOKES IN SHOP RULED VIOLATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS

WASHINGTON—Telling funny stories around the shop poking fun of the Polish when there are employees of Polish origin present is a violation of the Civil Rights Act, says the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Under a recent commission ruling, employers who permit such practices are violating the act's ban against discrimination on the basis of national origin.

Rep. Roman C. Pucinski, (D-Ill.), who called the ruling to the attention of the House last week (April 7), hailed it as "a landmark decision."

"This should put an end to scurrilous ethnic jokes and the ridiculing of people because of their national origin," Pucinski said. "It restores dignity to all Americans regardless of background."

The ruling Pucinski cited was in a case brought by a steel mill worker, but neither

the employee nor the company was identified.

The commission said that starting in 1965 the employee became the butt of Polish jokes by other shop workers, who also "laced other witticisms with vulgar 'Polish' names and generally derogatory remarks about his ancestry."

The employee was also subjected to more direct mistreatment, the commission said, having lighted welding torches held near his face and heavy objects thrown at his feet.

The commission said top supervisors were aware of the incidents and that responsibility for them therefore rested with the employers.

"The commission cannot regard the tolerance of ridicule of national origin as either a common or allowable condition of employment," said the EEOC report.

## LITTLE TOKYO REDEVELOPMENT

### 'Statement of Interest' forms sought

LOS ANGELES — An urgent appeal was made last week to residents of Little Tokyo to respond to the letter (the "Statement of Interest") that was sent out by the Little Tokyo Project Office of the Community Redevelopment Agency.

This appeal was issued when the Redehousing Subcommittee of the Little Tokyo Redevelopment Advisory Committee (LTCDAC) founded responses wholly adequate. "The Statement of Interest

is an important document for the people and especially so to people who have been living in Little Tokyo on a permanent basis," according to Kango Kunitzugu, Little Tokyo Project Manager. "This statement would allow preference of entry when senior citizen housing and moderate income units become available."

The Redehousing Subcommittee, led by the Rev. Howard Toriumi, emphasized that this document creates no obligation on the part of the respondent but is really, a form of preference. Residents of Little Tokyo have these rights but they cannot be protected on the part of the recipient exists, the Rev. Toriumi said.

A total of 816 forms were sent out by registered mail to different categories within the community (such as businessmen, property owners, residents, etc.) on March 10. By the deadline date of Mar. 31, by far the most disappointing group was the residents, for only 47 out of 273 persons had bothered to reply. The response by the businessmen was not much better. Only 164 out of 391 replied.

The deadline has been extended. The CRA urges all citizens of Little Tokyo to return the "Statement of Interest" form to the Little Tokyo Project Office, located on the fourth floor of the Merit Savings & Loan Building, 324 E. 1st St. For further information, call 624-0837.

# what's going on?

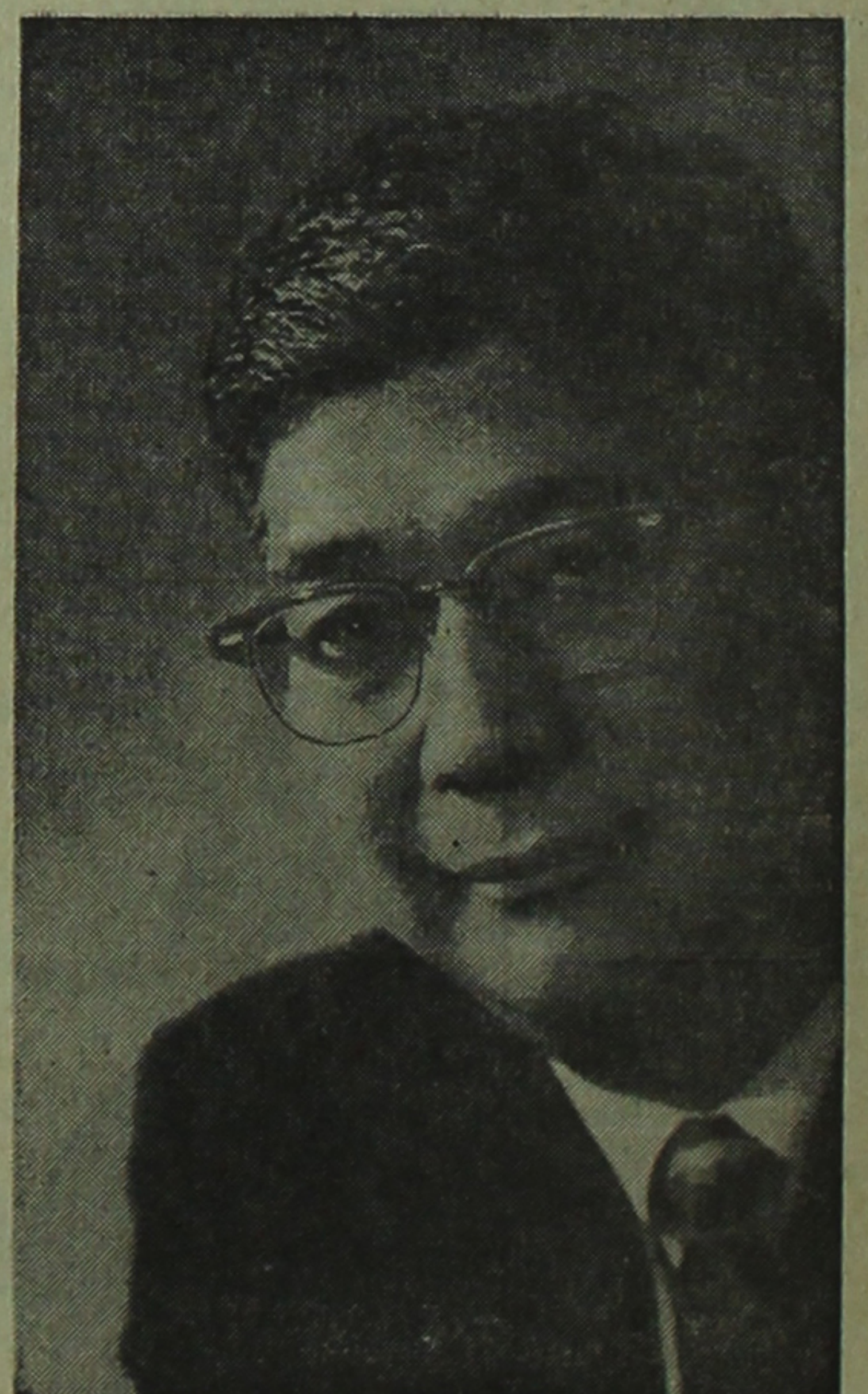
# THE MIKE MASAOKA TESTIMONIAL

Rarely can the history of a people be identified with a single individual, but the story of Americans of Japanese ancestry during the most crucial and tumultuous years of their existence is the story of Mike Masaoka.

Because of a profound belief in the ideals on which America was founded, Mike Masaoka has dedicated a lifetime in helping to create a better world for all persons of Japanese ancestry. As Washington Representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, he has served as catalyst and crusader in attaining its many objectives, particularly in the area of the Japanese Americans' struggle to gain complete acceptance.

In honoring and paying tribute to the most outstanding Japanese American of our generation, the Testimonial Committee has scheduled a distinguished array of government and civic leaders to participate in the program. Hon. Spark M. Matsunaga, Congressman from Hawaii, will serve as toastmaster.

The public is cordially invited to attend the Mike M. Masaoka Testimonial banquet, which is being scheduled in conjunction with the 1970 National JACL Convention, on Thursday evening, July 16, at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago. Please send inquiries and reservations to the Chicago JACL office.



# 21st Biennial National JACL Convention

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# Asian Liberation

The 1970 National JACL Convention may well mark the pivotal year for JACL. New leaders will assume key positions and new programs will alter the activities for years to come. Bold, if not brash, expectations require an explanation.

The occasional outcroppings of forward-looking JACLers have assumed the shape of clusters of individuals across the nation. The outcroppings have become a groundswell. Copies of memos and letters exchanged among determined and knowledgeable individuals in Berkeley, Los Angeles, Westwood, Chicago, New Haven, Seattle and New York foreshadow the trend of things to come.

Participants include Ray Okamura, Hiroshi Kanno, Oken Umatsu, William Hohri and Alan Nishio. They want to see JACL appropriate the thrusts of the Asian liberation movement which developed primarily on college and university campuses in 1969. They have focused their attention upon the JACL 1970 Convention to implement their goals.

They feel the creative and responsible measures of JACL in the 1950s were not matched by the efforts of JACL in the 1960s. Nostalgia and tired blood prevented JACL from rising to meet the demands of the 1960s. The 1970s call for new programs and new, if not younger, leadership. It demands a reorganization of JACL at all levels.

The phrase "Asian liberation" captures a good part of their orientation. The word "Asians" could stand for several emphases.

First, we can contrast "Asian" to "Oriental." Oriental has come to be associated with the oppressive white stereotypes of yellow peoples. Whites want to remain exotic, quaint, cute and quiet. Asian liberation in this first sense means freedom from the lower roles Asian women and men are asked to assume.

Second, Asian liberation has to do with a discovery of our fellow Asians. This means the demise of our parochial associations restricted to fellow Japanese, or the sell-out aspirations to make it in white society. Asian liberation in this sense could result in new coalitions among Chinese, Filipinos, Japanese and Koreans. We need legal defense funds to free political prisoners named Shinyo Ono and Jean Yonemura, as well as Jerry Tong.

Finally, Asian liberation has an international scope beyond the domestic ones just mentioned. News from the underground press has made even the mass media aware of the racist character of America's foreign policy. The exposure has fostered an international, third-world orientation, calling for radical criticism and thorough revision of current policies.

Look at the record, American foreign policy has turned Asian people and soil into a dump yard for her military hardware. Japan in the '40s, Korea in the '50s, Vietnam in the '60s, Laos in the '70s! Yes the "domino theory" is true. Asians are the victims. We had better identify with oppressed Asians now. If and when an Asian country threatens Amer-

ica militarily or economically you can bank on white racists to identify Asian Americans with the Asians. We will become their most readily available target.

Those who want to see the JACL appropriate the emphases of the Asian liberation movement recognize the extensive reorganization it requires. On a local level, they know that local chapters will need to gain many new members, primarily the college student and the young adult. If the local chapters cannot absorb their contributions, new members will be forced to organize their own chapters. If that does not work, we can expect a new organization competing against JACL.

These same spokesmen want our regional offices to "perform service functions of mailing," and provide "literature libraries, meeting rooms for all Asian political interests, as well as supplemental support to other worthy groups."

They will work for several major changes on the national level. As indicated earlier, the upcoming national convention holds the key. They are working on their own slate of officers, with a built-in chain of succession in the presidency. They hope to adopt several policy changes and new programs. They ask for a "reor-

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## Jr. 'Clers present biennial 'Shibui' at San Jose Apr. 19

SAN JOSE—The Santa Clara Valley Jr. JACL presents its second biennial cultural show: "Shibui — a Japanese-American Cultural Experience" on April 19 at Carl J. Leininger Hall in Kelly Park from 1 to 5 p.m.

Traditional as well as contemporary arts and crafts will be displayed. Among the exhibitors will be:

- Ukebana (Japanese flower arrangement) by Mrs. Shoko Nishimura; Bonsai exhibit by Harry Nishimura; a collection of hand-made Japanese dolls created by Mrs. Sakado Saito; Japanese brush paintings by Shigeo Kato; contemporary paintings by Mas Konatsu; Koto playing, Joyko Fujiki.

Since "cultural awareness" is the main emphasis behind this year's program, a special collection of books and by Japanese Americans will also be on display.

## Southland Sansei promote community service projects through Amerasia

LOS ANGELES — Sponsors of last year's Cinepic and the Manzanar Pilgrimage, Amerasia (as it is now known) is an organization comprised of Southland students and individuals engaged in community service projects.

It is now setting up the Okei Memorial child care center, to be located near Little Tokyo to serve the Boyle Heights area. The center will provide day-care services for children whose parents must work or attend school.

Other projects reported in varying stages of development include a legal service, artists cooperative and bookstore. Future programs include development of health service center, possible initiation of sashimi lunch program for the elderly, organization of an Asian American community college and multi-service centers to serve Asian American communities.

Amerasia includes representatives from such community groups as JACS, JACL, Council of Oriental Organizations, Asian American Har d Core,



22ND ANNUAL—Installed as members of the East Los Angeles JACL board recently are (from left): front—Roy Yamadera, June Tanikawa, Walter Tatsuno (pres.), Mable Yoshizaki, Sue Sakamoto; middle—Sam Furuta, Ritsuko

## PULSE ON THE CHAPTERS:

### San Franciscans honors 80-year-old Issei; many Sansei turn out in fele

By HOWARD M. IMAZEKI

San Francisco Ten years or so ago when the Hamilton Senior Center was established, the people in charge set the minimum age of 60 for its membership.

It was in line with the idea of "the aged" of the time. The Japanese community used to honor "Issei over 60" with "Keiro Kai."

No longer now. One has to be "80 or over" to be so hon-

## For the Elders

ored: the reason why the Japanese American Health Research Project was established three years ago at the University of California at Berkeley to study Japanese longevity.

About 100 Issei "80 or over" in San Francisco were treated to an afternoon of entertainment, called "ISSEI NO AFTERNOON," last Sunday (April 5) at the Buddhist Church hall.

## Other "Youngsters"

Not all of them could come for various reasons as might be expected. But there were other "youngsters" in the '70s and 60s to enjoy the afternoon together with the octogenarians and nonagenarians. About 150 in all.

The "afternoon" was given by the San Francisco JACL with the assistance of the local Fujima Rokushige Dance Studio, Madame Haru Suwa-

da's Caucasian koto and shakuhachi players, Hamilton Senior Center, Taiko drum pounding group, and the Shinsai Band.

Yukio Kumamoto, representing the sponsoring Nisei organization, paid tribute to the Issei, as did Consul General Eikichi Hara. Dr. Kunitada Kiyasu responded on behalf of the honored Issei.

Evidence that the "honor the aged" tradition of the Japanese people is still being practiced was seen in the large number of Sansei from the San Francisco Japanese

## How the Examiner Reported It

Robert Patterson's story on the "ISSEI NO AFTERNOON" appearing in the San Francisco Examiner April 6 follows:

By ROBERT PATTERSON

Yesterday, under the altar of Buddha, San Francisco's Japanese senior citizens were honored with music, song, food, but principally with the fond respect of the several generations their junior... a rare and refreshing occasion in times when tributes to the aged are more apt to be formal than fond.

Yesterday it was Issei Afternoon in the Nipponese community. An "Issei" is a first generation Japanese. Sunday, the Nisei (second generation) and Sansei (third generation) today's kids) threw a party for them at the Buddhist Church at Pine and Octavia.

The Nisei were respectful and thoughtful and footed most of the bills but it was the Sansei who made the day, assisting and welcoming the oldsters with real enthusiasm and the same sort of animation they put into their own parties.

Emphasis was on the over-eighty group. More than four-score plus old parties showed up for the blow-out and seemed to have a wonderful time as the Fujima Rokushige dancers went through classic cadences. Haru Suwada's students played the koto, and four muscular young men of the Taiko Dokokai belted the hell out of huge Japanese drums.

The food was good and the speeches were few. The mope-

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## Solo Pacific voyage

OAKLAND—As soon as the weather is right, Miyoshi Takeuchi, 23, hopes to sail for his home in Japan aboard his homemade 26-foot sloop, Ga metsuya II, which he feels will take about three months with a two-week stopover in Hawaii.

Kawakami, Mattie Furuta, Kimi Akiyoshi, Tatsuko Miyakawa, Michi Ohi, Dr. George Wada, Dr. Robert Ohi; back—Mas Dobashi, Henry Onodera, Shiz Miya, Hardy Shiomi, Tomoo Ogita, Sumi Ujimori and Ken Kato.

Community Youth Council actively participating in the afternoon's program, which started at 3:45 p.m. (15 minutes late) and closed at 6 p.m.

Each honored Issei man was pinned a white carnation upon entering the hall; and each Issei woman, a red carnation. Each of them was given a Wakamatsu Centennial medalion.

Watching the whole procedure with considerable admiration was Robert Patterson, staff writer of the San Francisco Examiner. Married to a Nisei, the former Kay Uyeda, Patterson was working without pay on this Sunday afternoon—Hokubei Mainichi.

## Meetings

### Enomoto to Speak

The Oakland JACL will hold a dinner to kick-off its

first chapter activity of the year for its general membership on Saturday, April 18, at the Rothwell Center Faculty Dining room on the Mills College campus. Mills College entrance is located on MacArthur Blvd., south of MacArthur Freeway. Specific directions to Rothwell Center may be obtained from the campus guards at Richards Gate.

The evening begins with a no-host cocktail hour at 6 followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Invitations have been extended to members of the Berkeley

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and Alameda JACL chapters. National JACL President Jerry Enomoto will speak on "Current Trends Affecting the JACL." During his four years as national president, Enomoto has seen many changes in the JACL. The organization, its policies and the national president have received both approval and disapproval by the Nisei and Sansei from all sectors of the United States.

The Rev. Roy Sano, Chaplain at Mills College and Oakland JACL vice president, will be chairman for the evening.

## Civic Affairs

### Cancer fund drive

West Los Angeles JACL For the 13th consecutive year, the West Los Angeles JACL Auxiliary aided the American Cancer Society in their fund-raising campaign this month in the West Los Angeles area. Co-chairmen, Mrs. M. Kataoka and Mrs. B. Ohara said that 60 volunteers, members and friends, canvassed the area.

### Cemetery clean-up

Salinas Valley JACL The annual Japanese cemetery clean-up has been scheduled for May 17 (May 24 in case of rain) by the Salinas Valley JACL. The chapter blood bank, as of February, reported 15 pints are now on account. Recent donors included Oscar Itani, Tom Itani, George Sakasegawa.

## For the Family

Community barbecue Salinas Valley JACL The chapter has reserved Bolado Park Pit No. 9 as the site for its annual community

barbecue, chairman Paul Ichij reported. The affair also honors the local graduates.

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# Aloha from Hawaii

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## Political Scene

Rep. Spark M. Matsunaga announced April 3 that he does not plan to try to unseat Sen. Hiram L. Fong this year. But he said jokingly he will be ready in 1976 "if Sen. Fong retires then." Matsunaga said he had been approached to run against Fong this year, but decided to seek re-election from the newly-reapportioned First Congressional District (urban Oahu). Matsunaga has criticized Fong's stand on labor, his lack of a stronger effort concerning the nomination of Harold Carswell to the Supreme Court and the postal situation. Hawaii Democrats have no "name" candidate who seems interested in facing Fong, who is regarded as a hard-to-beat campaigner.

Sen. Fong in a speech before the West Honolulu Rotary Club April 3 predicted closer relations between the U.S. and Red China during the coming decade. Red Chinese leaders, he predicted, gradually would lose their anti-American attitudes and permit trade with the Free World. Fong, however, cautioned against any overoptimism about U.S.-Red China relations.

Several hundred supporters of Rep. Patsy T. Mink turned out April 3 for a \$25 cocktail, bolstering her campaign fund for the coming elections. They met at a Pagoda Hotel reception. The fall campaign will be for her fourth two-year term. Mrs. Mink told her friends, "My task in Washington is to fight for human rights. This is my commitment. Things often look terribly difficult. But coming back home and realizing that you care makes it a cause worth fighting for. I will be there as long as you want me to keep on fighting for the things that count." State Sen. Duke T. Kawasaka was m.c. of the reception.

## Abortion Law

As of April 4, 258 abortions had been performed in Honolulu hospitals since Hawaii's revolutionary abortion law went into effect some weeks ago. A Honolulu Star-Bulletin

study of the cases revealed that (1) slightly fewer than three-fourths of the cases were single women, including a few divorcees and two widows; (2) more than half of the women were aged 21 through 29, while a third were 20 and under and the rest were over 30; (3) the youngest abortion patient was 13 and the oldest 46; (4) the ethnic breakdown—Caucasians, almost 50 percent and Orientals about one-third.

Abortion costs are running an average \$300, half of which represents physician fees and the other half, hospital charges. Most patients are in the hospital overnight.

## Changing Skyline

The Queen's Surf in Waikiki will have to close May 31, and the way is being cleared for Mayor Frank F. Fasi to proceed again with his efforts to tear down the building housing the night club restaurant. In a 4-1 decision the state supreme court upheld Fasi's interpretation of the Honolulu city charter. Spence-cliff Corp., which holds the concession, has been operating on a temporary basis since Jan. 1 and already had terminated entertainment in the Barefoot Bar and Surf Lanai, pending the court's decision.

## Cherry Blossom Queen

More notes on Katherine Mitsue Horio, 22, the 1970 Cherry Blossom Queen: Readers of the Pacific Citizen will be interested to learn that both her parents are from the Bay Area (San Francisco) and that at one time her father, Dr. Shigeru Horio, led the San Francisco chapter of the JACL in the early 1950s. Her mother, the former May Yoshino of Alameda, Calif., was also a one-time active JACLer. The Horios have been in the Islands since 1953 when Dr. Horio came to work at the Kaiser Medical Center. In addition to Katherine, the Horios are parents of a son, David, a third year medical student at Harvard Medical School, and another daughter, Patti, a junior majoring in music at Redlands University in California. David is married to the former Nina Percell from Manhattan, N.Y.

The new Cherry Blossom Queen is a part-time pre-nursing student at the Univ. of Hawaii and is a full-time Tahitian dancer with Tavana's Tahitian Revue at Queen's Surf. The Horios make their home at 3220 Oahu Ave., Honolulu, HI 96822. (Maybe friends of the Horios may want to write to congratulate them at this time.)

## Elks Club Policy

Roger Dinwiddie, who failed in his second attempt in two years to get the Honolulu Elks

Club to open its membership to non-Caucasians, said he planned to resign from the organization. The local Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has voted 104-27 to protect its Caucasian-only policy.

## Names in the News

Associate Justice Masaji Marumoto and three other leaders of Hawaii's Japanese community left Apr. 5 for a 10-day goodwill trip to Japan. The trip is part of the U.S. Army Friendship Mission program, sponsored by army headquarters at Ft. Shafter and the army headquarters at Camp Zama, Japan. Making the trip with Marumoto were Hisashi Kimura, president of the Kona Japanese Civic Assn.; James T. Nishi, president of the United Japanese Society of Hawaii; and William H. Tsuji, president of the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Yuriko Tasaka will be the first woman in more than a decade to head the 6,200-member Hawaii Education Assn. She was elected v.p. recently at the Maui Beach Hotel and will take top office for the 1971-72 year. Mrs. Tasaka is a fourth grade teacher at Wilcox School in Lihue, Kauai.

Stephen S. Yano, son of the James R. Yano and a junior at St. Louis High School, is one of 19 Western regional winners in the 1970 Youth Science Congress sponsored by NASA and the National Science Teachers Assn. Stephen's paper in clinical chemistry was concerned with the cholesterol level in human blood.

Two Aiea High School seniors, Thomas Tatemichi and Wayne M. Yokoyama, are the top winners in Hawaii's 19th Annual Science Fair. They will travel with their winning projects to the international fair in Baltimore. Thomas is the son of the Kenichi Tatemichi of 99-311 Honohono St., Aiea, and Wayne is the son of Mrs. Alice Yokoyama of 99-538 Alioune Dr., Aiea.

Cliff W. Krueger, former president of Island Federal Savings & Loan Assn., was fired without having to post bail after his federal court arraignment on 25 counts of embezzlement, misapplying funds and making false statements.

His next court appearance is scheduled for May 4.

## Population Growth

Hawaii gained 33,780 new residents from abroad, according to the State Dept. of Planning and Economic Development. The number of persons moving in from the Mainland was the third largest since the state began counting heads in 1950. In 1969, the total was 37,955 and in 1967 it was 38,135.

The 1969 count included 10,110 members of the armed forces, 7,005 military dependents and 17,225 other civilians. The remaining 1,430 persons did not report their military status. Males outnumbered females by 34.5 per cent. Of those who were 24 years old, and only 1.3 per cent were over 60. Of those who reported their previous residence, 41.2 per cent came from the West Coast. The leaders by states were Calif. (8,255), Washington (1,625) and Texas (1,275).

## JUDGE DOI'S DECISION

Waiting period in Hawaii for divorce creates unequal classes of persons

HONOLULU — The one-year residency requirement for divorce proceedings will continue in effect in Hawaii, Acting Family Court Judge Herman T. F. Lum said.

Only a new ruling by the State Supreme Court will alter this decision, Lum said.

## Doi's Decision

On Mar. 30, Third Circuit Judge Nelson K. Doi in Hilo ruled that the one-year-residency requirement for divorce is illegal. He said the requirement is a denial of equal protection under law.

Lum said, "I have instructed the Family Court referees to continue accepting only those applications for divorce which allege the party has resided here for one year."

"We are not bound to follow the ruling of another Circuit Court."

"Judicial propriety requires that the court should not be overly concerned with whether Hawaii becomes a 'divorce haven' — that should be met with policy and program, and that is for the Legislature," said Doi, who served in the State Senate for 15 years before being appointed to the bench.

Hawaii's waiting period, he ruled, creates two classes of persons—both having grounds and wanting to apply to the courts for a divorce.

One class, he said, would be

the person who had lived here a year; the other would be one who had lived here less than a year.

## Shapiro Case

Even applying traditional standards, and not considering the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling in the Shapiro vs. Thompson case, Doi said the waiting period violates the equal protection clause of the Constitution.

The Supreme Court had ruled in the Shapiro case, against a waiting period for state welfare benefits.

The one-year waiting period, Doi said, does not benefit the youngsters in a family facing divorce.

This appeared to refute an argument put forth by Deputy State Atty. Gen. Morton King at a hearing here in February.

"The children will be better served by having the court take jurisdiction at the earliest," Doi said.

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## Micronesia—

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in Micronesia, she said. "Our ability to respond to the legitimate aspirations of these people is being tested. I do not believe that we can postpone the inevitable decision required of us by principle and conscience."

Mrs. Mink said giving Micronesia self-governing status does not mean an end to U.S. presence in the Pacific islands. She pointed out that the Micronesian Status Commission agreed to accept American military needs and to "enter into responsible negotiations with the military."

"If it is true that our national interests require that we remain fortified in the Pacific, it appears to me that one of the conditions precedent to our successful military presence in Micronesia is the development of a truly self-governing entity with whom we can negotiate," she said.

"It behooves us then to waste no time to take the necessary steps to implement their plan for a free associated state."

## Treatment Criticized

Mrs. Mink criticized U.S. treatment of the Trust Territory. "What could so easily have been the great model of American concern for the underdeveloped peoples of the world instead is the source of ringing denunciation of America by our antagonists," she said.

"If we really want to help Micronesia draw upon its own resources to develop its economy so that she can become more self-sufficient then . . . restrictive tariffs must be repealed," Mrs. Mink said. American tariffs now prevent sale of Micronesian copra and fish directly to the United States.

Another "priority step" in developing self-government for Micronesia would be allowing the elected legislative body of the Trust Territory to control expenditure of funds and to set spending priorities, she said.

## 14 Mariana islands

seek U.S. citizenship

HONOLULU — An official of the Marianas Islands legislature has expressed a desire to be reunited with Guam, the 15th island of the group, a move which would bring residents of the Marianas U.S. citizenship.

Luis Camacho, secretary of the district legislature, was in Honolulu April 2 for a six-week study of Hawaii's legislative processes. He also said that of 3,233 votes cast last November, 1,942 voted for reintegration with Guam while only 19 voted for independence.

Marianas are trust territory assigned to the U.S. under the United Nations, consisting of such islands as Tinian, Saipan, etc.

## Crenshaw Bridge Club

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