



## Per spec tives

By JERRY ENOMOTO  
National JACL President

(Following is the text of the speech delivered by Jerry Enomoto Jan. 10 at the Fremont JACL installation dinner.)

I believe that the JACL today mirrors much of the confusion, hope, anger, and disappointment, that mark the American domestic scene. We would all agree that we live in a terribly complex and difficult time.

Everything is a paradox. In

### The JACL Today

In the midst of plenty we have poverty. In an age of moon shots, we are losing too many humans to ravaging sickness. In an age of unbelievable scientific knowledge, we are still killing each other in wars. In a democracy where all men are supposed to be brothers, we are still fighting a losing war against racism. With all the tools at our disposal we can't control polluting of our environment.

These paradoxes may not be new, but it seems to me that more Americans today are thinking about them, and a greater number are trying to do something to demonstrate their concern. What is new may be a badly needed reaction against the paralyzing apathy that reminds us of the warning that America's biggest threat is from the internal menace of an apathetic and unconcerned citizenry.

What I sincerely believe JACL needs today is waking up by all levels of the organization, so that we can decide what we want to do. In this week's PC, (Jan. 2-9) Mike Masakawa speaks to this point, and guesses that the perpetuation of JACL as a basically Nisei organization, with limited and fraternal orientation, will result in a fate like that of the pre-war II Japanese Associations, which faded into oblivion.

Mike further says "if the determination is to shift JACL into an activist organization that is concerned with the larger issues of the community, the state, the nation, and even the world, in the context of freedom, opportunity, and peace for all mankind, then JACL can transfer its emphasis and energies from those of Japanese ancestry almost exclusively to that of an aggressive advocate of equality and dignity for all with Sansei and Yonsei Americans providing the leadership and the inspiration."

As the national president of JACL I sincerely hope that Mike's usual eloquence does indeed express the determination of most of our membership. What is happening today in JACL is overdue. I see new interest and new leadership emerging. Imaginative projects and program inspired by committed and concerned JACLers are evident. What is happening may not change the course of history, but it may change the course of JACL.

All of this does not mean that JACL is being taken over by radicals, or that JACL is going to be a Messiah-like body that is going to solve all of the ills of society.

What I think it means is that, in limited ways, we are beginning to fully appreciate what real commitment to a slogan like "For Better Americans in a Greater America" means.

### Programs today

Let's take a look at JACL's program today and analyze what we see.

JACL's history was made in the arena of political and legislative struggle. The fight for Issei naturalization, Evacuation claims, anti-alien laws and a host of other battles were fought and won in that arena. Japanese Americans directly benefited from each.

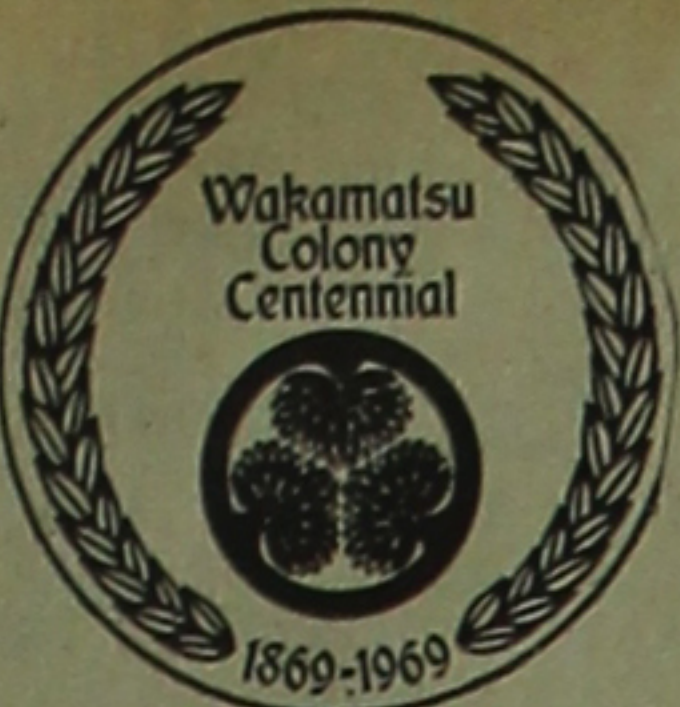
Today we see widespread support from the Nixon Administration down to local city councils, to remove an un-American law from our statute books. We may be proud of the fact that this campaign to repeal the so-called "Detention Camps Act" was initiated as a national project by the JACL. We step into the legislative arena this time to help make sure that no American will ever again be incarcerated without due process. This major effort will have little selfish benefit for JACL.

A national JACL committee will soon begin work to oppose HR 14864 "The Defense Facilities and Industrial Security Act of 1970". Like other legislation evoked by overzealous, superpatriotic and misguided people, this law threatens to undermine constitutional rights in a flagrant way. Under the guise of protecting security, it permits persecution of people with unpopular beliefs, and awards vague and broad powers under which denial of individual liberties is both possible and probable.

We oppose this kind of bill as Americans concerned with civil liberties, not just as Japanese Americans.

During the year past, the JACL officially went on record protesting certain remarks by FBI Director Hoover, which we felt impugned the loyalty of Chinese Americans. It seems to me that history, as I know it, has seen more antipathy and distance between our two ethnic groups

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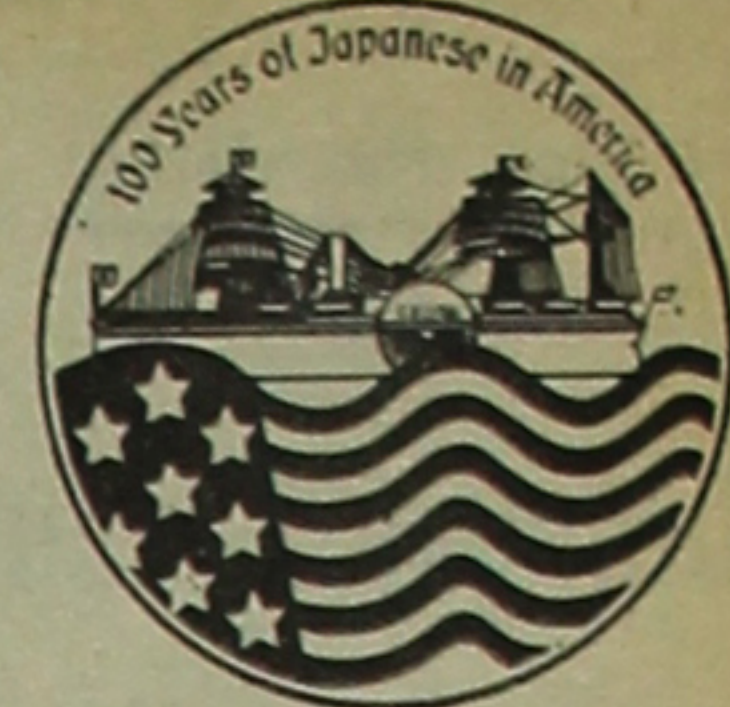
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## Seats limited for Matsunaga talk

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)  
**NEW YORK**—The National Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, comprised of more than 100 national organizations, unanimously endorsed two recommendations of the JACL at its annual meeting held Jan. 28. They were:

1—To support repeal of Title II.  
2—To prevent enactment of Defense Facilities and Industrial Security Act. (Details of the meeting will be printed in the next issue.)

**LOS ANGELES**—Plans are well underway for the special fund-raising JACL banquet to help finance their nationwide campaign to repeal Title II, the so-called emergency detention camp provisions, of the 1950 Internal Security Act. It is being held on the evening of Saturday, Feb. 14, in the Royal Crest Room of the pickwick Recreation Center in Burbank.

Featured keynote speaker will be Congressman Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii), co-author of the Matsunaga-Holifield bill to repeal Title II now pending in the House of Representatives.

The plans were announced by Dr. Bob Suzuki, chairman of the Southern California JACL Committee to Repeal Title II. He also commented that the JACL has been trying for over a year to repeal this detention camp law, which he said effectively legalizes and facilitates procedures similar to those used to incarcerate over 110,000 Japanese Americans in concentration camps during World War II.

### Leader in House

According to Suzuki, Matsunaga was instrumental in leading a legislative drive in

## Yale students back bill to repeal Title II

**WASHINGTON**—Rep. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) last week (Jan. 28) received a letter from Yale University student petition, bearing more than 1,000 signatures, supporting his efforts in connection with the repeal of the Emergency Detention Act of 1950.

Circulated at Yale by Don Nakanishi, a senior in political science, the petition pointed out that the repeal of the detention law is necessary "to deter and prevent the repetition of the injustices" suffered in World War II by 110,000 Japanese Americans who "experienced life in American concentration camps."

The Hawaii lawmaker said that he was greatly encouraged by the fact that nearly one-fourth of Yale's undergraduates had signed the petition.

"The petition represents further evidence of the awareness on the part of our college students of some of the important issues of the day," Matsunaga said.

## BUDDHISTS IN U.S. AID BIAFRA WAR VICTIMS

**SAN FRANCISCO**—The Buddhist Churches of America called upon its members to support "Dana-Biafra," a project to send food and medical supplies to Biafran victims of war through International Red Cross by Feb. 10.

"The realization of Amida's immeasurable benefits can be concretely manifested by dana—selfless giving—to those in dire need," BCA Bishop Kenry Tsuji noted.

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## PULSE ON THE CHAPTERS:

## 'Project Reading' to be emphasized, ethnic studies also planned in Fowler

By THOMAS TOYAMA

**Fowler JACL**  
Fowler Elementary School and the Unified School District will begin a drastic program change this coming fall semester, it was announced by Superintendent Richard Cherry, at the meeting held recently attended by representatives of the Fowler Japanese American Citizens League.

A headstart program will

### Civic Affairs

begin at the Malaga Elementary School for students 3.9 years of age to 4.9 years. For youngsters having speech problems, this program will be an opportunity to enroll for professional help.

This reporter was shocked when he discovered that Malaga Elementary School reading in one of the grades was higher than Fowler School. Malaga is predominantly Mexican-American whereas Fowler has Japanese-Americans, Mexican-Americans and Armenian-Americans.

Ten years ago, we wrote an editorial on this very subject about the lack of Japanese Americans not reading books from the library. There

### 'JACL ALCATRAZ DAY'

## School supplies and craft material needed for shipment to U.S. Indians

**SAN FRANCISCO**—Saturday, Feb. 14 has been designated as "JACL Alcatraz Day" and a drive to collect another shipment of supplies for the American Indians now living on the old federal prison site was announced last week.

Shortly before Christmas the JACL's national committee for the repeal of Title II collected about a ton of food, including fresh meat, and nearly \$900 in cash.

According to George Uemura of Berkeley, who is chairman for this Alcatraz project, a second money donation, a check for \$585.50 was presented to the Alcatraz Indians recently.

In addition to food, this time an attempt will be made to meet the needs of the Indians who have requested all types of school supplies and craft supplies such as beads, leather, paint and other materials, Uehara said.

### Other Basic Needs

Other basic needs include blankets, towels, flashlights, candles, lanterns, light bulbs, extension cords, medical supplies and pre-sto logs. Uemura reported. He added: "There is always a need for fresh meats and fruit juices."

The JACL committee which is working for the repeal of the emergency detention camp section of the 1950 internal security law organized the first drive last month to help the Indians because of a "common bond of having undergone reservation or concentration camp experience."

Uemura said that wide support was received from many parts of the country with Jerry Enomoto of Sacramento, Mike Masakawa, the league's Washington representative, among those sending contributions.

Donations are again being accepted by:  
Uemura at 1349 Watkins St., Berkeley 94708 and Edison Uno, 515 - 9th Ave., San Francisco 94118.

### Fresno JACL distributes

'Nisei' to 14 libraries

Copies of the Hosokawa book, "Nisei: the Quiet Americans."

### JACL Lead Cited

Tsui, in addressing the City Council, cited the lead taken by JACL in seeking repeal and support from the Chinese American community as well in view of the remarks made by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover that there are over 300,000 Chinese in the United States, in which some of whom might assist Red China promoting Red Chinese propaganda because of ethnic ties or hostile situations. The JACL scorned publicly the remarks as impugning the loyalty of Chinese Americans when it was first revealed last July.

Tsui also noted that the Justice Department was in favor of repeal, quoting Deputy Attorney General Kleindienst, that Title II has aroused unwarranted fears among citizens that "outweighed any usefulness it might have in a future domestic crisis" and that its repeal "will allay the fears and suspicions—unfounded as they may be—of many of our citizens."

are some Japanese Americans not able to read a book after several years of schooling. Emphasis on Project Reading will be stressed this coming fall.

Four districts are cooperating on project reading: Fowler, Clovis, Kings Canyon and the Fresno City. Penmanship was dropped from the Malaga Elementary School and reinstatement of penmanship was suggested by members attending the meeting.

Grading of "failure" will be eliminated and additional vocational subjects will be stressed in Fowler High School due to heavy dropouts in the county. According to John Hendrickson of Fowler High School, only 5% of the students will enroll in university the coming year and 90% are vocational oriented.

Fowler Unified Schools will begin ethnic studies the coming year. Fowler Elementary School has already begun with Japanese, Negro, Armenian and Mexican cultures.

With many Japanese American students attending Fowler High School, we were surprised that they lacked materials for a class in Japanese culture and the arts. Ethnic studies will begin however with John Browning and Mr. Reilly as instructors. Twenty students have enrolled for a 9-week session.

### Hosokawa books to be placed in local library

**Riverside JACL**  
The Riverside JACL board voted to donate eight copies of Bill Hosokawa's book, "Nisei: the Quiet Americans," to the eight libraries within the City of Riverside.

At the same time, Roy Ito had completed his historical research of the Japanese in Riverside, after unearthing much information from the files of the late Gyoosuke Ise, pioneer leader, and Denzo Sanematsu.

Takamine, son of the Japanese discoverer of adrenalin, participant in a recent symposium on narcotics and drug abuse sponsored by the association's Women's Auxiliary.

But he also scored alcohol abuse, noting that the county's 400,000 alcoholics cost the taxpayers \$30 million yearly.

"In the past," Takamine said, "the hard core addict confined himself to the depressed areas of the city. Today, they are spreading out to the suburbs."

"The leading cause of death for those in New York City aged 15 to 35 is heroin overdose."

He told of a woman in an upper-class Los Angeles neighborhood who decided not to go to a PTA meeting at which drug abuse would be discussed because in her home "there is no such problem."

"With that kind of an attitude, I'll bet there'll be a drug problem in her home within a month," Takamine commented.

It is the responsibility of the parent, Takamine urged, "to become informed, through reliable authority, on the problems of drug abuse," and to "discover what your community is doing to combat the problem through schools and churches... and to listen to the kids, as well."

**SAN BENITO COUNTY JACL**  
Assemblyman Frank Murphy, guest speaker at the annual dinner meeting of the San Benito County JACL predicted a "bitter and devious" fight in the California Legislature this year.

The Hollister assemblyman explained the legislature is evenly divided, with the Republican Party holding a single seat majority in both houses. Because many key legislative measures require a two-thirds majority, he predicted "not all the problems of the state will be solved."

He said tax relief for property owners and protection of the environment will be major issues. The assemblyman said federal aid to local and state government is the "only practical solution" to a reduction in property taxes.

The assemblyman spoke following an installation of officers in which Benny Yamaoka took the gavel from retiring president George Inokuchi. The installation was conducted by Superior Judge Edward L. Brady.

**Honored Issei**  
The program also included the presentation of medallions to 15 Issei in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of

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## Industrial security act passes 274-65

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)  
**WASHINGTON**—By the overwhelming margin of 274 to 65, the House of Representatives on Jan. 29 passed the Defense Facilities and Industrial Security Act of 1970, which is supposed to bar subversives from defense plants and installations and from classified information.

This bill, opposed by the Japanese American Citizens League and other civil rights organizations on grounds that it is unconstitutional, is now pending in the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Internal Security.

The four-hour debate over the right of an accused to confront his accusers and to enjoy traditional guarantees of due process reminded old-timers on the Hill of the 1950s

when the issue of personal loyalty tests and screening procedures was at its height.

The legislation seeks to revive in allegedly constitutional language the defense plant security program authorized by the Internal Security Act and struck down by the United States Supreme Court as too broad.

### Aims of Bill

It would give congressional backing to a program operating under executive order to protect classified information given contractors.

It also revives a program to protect waterfront facilities and vessels that was also struck down by the Supreme Court as not having been authorized by the Congress in the first instance.

The bill, written by the House Internal Security Committee, successor to the House Un-American Activities Committee, authorize the Secretary of Defense to designate the defense facilities subject to the provisions of the Act. They would be classified as military projects, plants manufacturing weapons or supporting equipment, or "important utility and service facilities."

The President would be authorized to issue regulations to determine who shall be employed in "sensitive" jobs or places in these designated "defense facilities". The President is also authorized to establish criteria for investigating the fitness or a person to hold such a job.

The legislation, endorsed by the Nixon Administration, provides for hearings when a person's eligibility to hold such a job is questioned. But the federal department head involved in the case may deny him the right to confront his accuser if the information against him was provided by a confidential informant, the disclosure of whose identity "would be substantially harmful to the national security interests."

The only amendments accepted by the House were those proposed by Democratic Congressman Takemoto Mink of Hawaii, which clarified that at a college where defense research was being conducted the entire institution would not be subject to the screening process, but only that area where the work was being conducted.

Democratic Congressman Louis Stokes of Ohio was the only member of the House Internal Security Committee who filed a minority report on the proposal, saying that the provisions of the bill are "so capable of nearly infinite expansion" that a worker could conceivably be barred from a defense plant because he took part in peaceful picketing of a chemical plant to protest its manufacture of napalm.

The Washington JACL Office also revealed that Democratic Congressman Spark Matsunaga, also of Hawaii, was one of only two members of the House Rules Committee who voted against clearing the bill for debate and voted a week before it was considered by the House.

## Hearing on Title II repeal scheduled

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)  
**WASHINGTON**—The House Internal Security Committee plans to hold hearings on the Matsunaga-Holifield bill to repeal Title II of the Internal Security Act of 1950 beginning March 16.

The bill, which has been sponsored by more than one-fourth of the House membership, has been receiving considerable support throughout the country.

Support for the repeal of this Federal law, which is clearly repugnant to our American way of life, is developing into a nationwide cause which cannot be ignored," the Hawaii lawmaker said.

He promised that he would continue to spearhead the drive in the House to expunge the disgraceful Emergency Detention Act from the Nation's statute books.

## DAYTON JACL AWARDS LIFE MEMBERSHIP

**DAYTON**—Local JACLer Evelyn Bassett is the third member in the 20-year history of the Dayton JACL chapter to be honored with life-time membership.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Balcomb were the only two others to be so honored, according to Fred Fisk, chapter chairman. Because of Miss Bassett's many years of unselfish service to those of Japanese ancestry and others as a YWCA worker and executive and assisting in naturalization classes, the chapter expressed its recognition with life-time membership.

## 23 WEEKS 'TIL

23rd Annual JACL Convention  
JULY 14-18 1970  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

## Heroism of Sansei combat medic cited for Distinguished Service Cross

**FOWLER**—Sp/5 Don Kimura, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kimura of Fowler, became one of the few Japanese Americans in Vietnam to be recommended for the Distinguished Service Cross, second highest military decoration, for heroism in action recently near the Cambodian border.

The recommendation came after Kimura had been awarded the Silver Star by Maj. Gen. Hollis, commanding general of the 25th Infantry Division, in an impressive field presentation.

The Silver Star citation read:

"Combat medic Kimura bravely enemy fire to treat 23 wounded GIs. Wounded himself in the arm, he still man-

aged to complete the treatment for the wounded and dragging the men to safer grounds, out of the line of fire."

Maj. Gen. Hollis added: "For these heroic deeds, Sp/5 Kimura has been recommended for the Distinguished Service Cross, pending approval by Washington."

Sp/5 Kimura has been serving in Vietnam for six months and is scheduled to be discharged in June this year.

Don Kimura is well known as an outstanding Central California athlete as a sprinter in track and a halfback in high school and college. He also was named the "Outstanding Athlete" of the San Francisco JACL Nisei Olympics several years ago.



Washington Newsletter  
by Mike Masaoka

## Defense Production Security

After an all-afternoon floor controversy, the House of Representatives on Jan. 29 passed the Defense Facilities and Industrial Security Act of 1970 (HR 14864) by a 274 to 65 margin.

This measure is now pending in the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Internal Security. There are those who suspect that some of its members may attempt to add HR 14864 as a rider to S. 12, the Internal Security Act of 1970, as additional titles to this particular legislation.

This Internal Security Subcommittee is chaired by Mississippi Democrat James Eastland, who is also the Chairman of the full Senate Judiciary Committee, with the following Democratic members—John McClellan of Arkansas, Sam Ervin of North Carolina, Thomas Dodd of Connecticut, Birch Bayh of Indiana, and Robert Byrd of West Virginia. Its Republican Senators are Roman Hruska of Nebraska, Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania, Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, and Robert Griffin of Michigan. It also has one of the largest subcommittee staffs in the Congress, with some 25 people listed, headed by J. G. Sourwine, who has been its Chief Counsel for more than the past two decades.

Although the Subcommittee ordered reported S. 12 early last spring, the full Judiciary Committee has not yet taken up the bill and cleared it for Senate floor consideration. Many opponents hope that HR 14864 can likewise be "bottled up" in the Judiciary Committee.

If the bill is ever reported by the full Judiciary Committee for floor consideration, however, it is feared that the mood of the Senate is such that HR 14864 will also be passed by an overwhelming majority.

Recently, to illustrate the temper of the Senate, by a 73-1 margin the so-called organized crime bill was passed on Jan. 23 and by an 80-0 margin the so-called narcotics curb bill was approved on Jan. 28. Both bills contained provisions that many argued were against constitutional guarantees and accepted judicial procedures during floor debate, but when they failed in their attempts to defeat those questionable provisions they voted for enactment on the final tally. Only Montana Democrat Lee Metcalf voted against the legislation proposed to fight organized crime.

Lawrence Speiser, Director of the Washington Office of the American Civil Liberties Union, addressed an eloquent appeal to every Congressman, urging that they vote against HR 14864.

Speiser noted that "Once again, Congress is being called upon to sacrifice individual freedom in the never-ending pursuit of that elusive goal, national security." After citing the two decisions of the United States Supreme Court that the bill proposes to overturn, he makes the observation that "It is time that Congress ceased to view Supreme Court decisions protecting constitutional rights of American citizens as the actions of an enemy institution. Upholding the constitutional rights of American citizens is something to be applauded, not deplored."

"For all of the congressional furor, not a single spy or saboteur has ever been uncovered by any of the loyalty-security programs which sprang up during the McCarthy period. Congress should begin to view the problem of national security with a cold unemotional eye—and perceive that the last loyalty-security programs which HR 14864 seeks to reinstate are not really protective of national security, but, instead, greatly undermine confidence in the government's commitment to the Constitution's guarantee of rights to all citizens."

As the ACLU Director sees it, "A security program which takes proper account of these individual liberties should be restricted in two ways: (1) to apply only to limited physical facilities or materials actually needing protection, and (2) to cover the smallest number of people possible."

To demonstrate why the JACL has taken the position to oppose this bill, and why JACL believes that every Japanese American and other citizen of goodwill should similarly oppose this legislation, may we quote further from Speiser's able and perceptive analysis.

As he understands it, the proposal states "Everything is a defense facility" and "Everyone can be investigated."

He noted that the definition of the facilities which can be designated as defense facilities include "any plant, factory, industry, public utility, mine, laboratory, educational institution, research organization, railroad, airport, pier, waterfront installation, canal, dam, bridge, highway, vessel, aircraft, vehicle, pipeline."

"Such a facility need not have anything to do with classified information, but can come within the bill's provisions merely if the Secretary of Defense determines it to be an important 'utility and service' whose 'disruption or damage would cause a serious delay in essential services in times of emergency' at some uncertain and unspecified time in the future."

The legislation covers far more than employment; it gives the Secretary of Defense the power to decide who can have "access" to any highway, vehicle, or school, etc.

While the powers granted the Defense Secretary are broad, the former California attorney, now the ACLU Director in the nation's capital who has done a remarkably effective job as the watchdog of civil rights, declares that the investigative powers granted the President are "unlimited". The bill authorizes the President to cause the investigation of 'any person or organization', not just those who are considered for employment or for access to classified materials.

"And the scope of these investigations is limitless—present or past membership in or affiliation with any organization." Not just communist association, but any organization, religious, fraternal, Boy Scouts, YMCA, etc., could be grist for the investigative mill.

"Privacy will come to an end," Speiser warns, "not just for those who apply for positions which require access to classified information, but for all United States citizens who may be investigated regarding anything or everything in their lives, past or present. 1984 will come, blessed by congressional authorization."

There is much, much more to this dangerous bill than what we have mentioned. But even this small sampling should convince every JACler and every other citizen that this is one bill that must not be enacted into law, for it establishes a police state by almost definition of that phrase.

## CHICAGO CONFAB TESTIMONIAL FOR M. MASAOKA SET

July 16 Event  
Scheduled for  
Conrad Hilton Hotel

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)  
CHICAGO—One of the highlights of the 1970 Convention to be held here will be the Mike M. Masaoka Testimonial Dinner. Chairman of the dinner, Kumeo Yoshinari, has just made public some of the details of the dinner.

The dinner will be held on Thursday, July 16, in the Grand Ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel to accommodate the record crowd which is expected to attend. Preceding the dinner, a cocktail reception will be held in the Normandy Room adjacent to the Grand Ballroom.

This 1970 Testimonial will culminate Mike Masaoka's 30 outstanding years of continued service to the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry. Persons of national prominence are expected to participate in the program.

Contributions to support this testimonial to Mike Masaoka will be accepted by the testimonial committee. Harry Mizuno is heading the nationwide fund drive, the details of which are to be announced. Chairman of the dinner program is Noboru Honda.

Dr. Thomas Yatabe, "Grandfather of JACL" is compiling the testimonial album and Shig Wakamatsu is serving as the public relations chairman of the event.

## Pulse —

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the arrival of the first Japanese in this country.

Among those honored were: Mrs. Haruno Kanimoto, who entered the United States in 1914; Mrs. Kuni Kadani, 1906; Mrs. Chika Takata, 1920; Mrs. Shuichi Nishita, 1918; Mrs. Kowaki, 1915; Mrs. Wayne Nishita, 1908; Tadao Yamanishi, 1916; Mrs. Yamanishi, 1922; Yoneichi Yamaoka, 1914; Ayako Yamaoka, 1922; Motochi Nakamoto, 1905; Mrs. Nakamoto Nakamoto, 1920; Mrs. Mimie Tabata, 1918; Mrs. Ho Nishimoto, 1909; and Mrs. Kiyu Okita, 1910.

Dick Nishimoto served as master of ceremonies for the annual dinner, introducing the mayors of Hollister and San Juan Bautista and other guests. T. Kadani and Sam Shingai were program chairmen.



Don Kazama

## D. Kazama heads Seattle chapter

Seattle JACL  
Don Kazama, last year's president-elect, was sworn into office of the presidency of the Seattle JACL Jan. 24 at a dinner featuring Dr. Londerberg S. Sata, educator-psychiatrist, as speaker.

Kazama is supervisory social worker for the Veterans Administration, chairman of the PNWDC human relations committee and has been credited among those who have given the chapter a new look in recent years. A veteran of World War II, he had already earned his B.S. in pharmacy at Univ. of Washington but after the war returned to UW for his master's degree at the graduate school of social work.

Kazama plans to work with Saneishi-Yonsei problems of ethnicity and cultural ties in terms of rising delinquency and dropout rates. "My hope for 1970 is to try and effect an organization which will be flexible and human to meet the needs of the '70s and the future," he declared.

President-elect this year is Dr. Minoru Masuda, who chaired the chapter's Japanese Immigration Centennial Centennial committee this past year.

## Fred Miyamoto leads Eden Township chapter

Eden Township JACL  
Fred Miyamoto of San Leandro was installed as Eden Township JACL president recently before 85 members and friends. The Rev. Roy Sano, Mills College chaplain, was guest speaker.

Among honored guests at the Sunol Country Club dinner were:

San Leandro Mayor Jack Latester, Hayward Mayor John Smith, Union City Mayor Tom Kitayama, Elgin Amey of Fremont JACL, Rev. Arthur Tsuneshi, San Lorenzo Holiness Church, and Rev. Haruo Yamaoka, Ashland Buddhist Church (Oakland).

## Sacramento to swear in officers Feb. 8

Sacramento JACL  
The 1970 officers of Sacramento JACL will be installed Feb. 8 at Sacramento Inn at a dinner co-sponsored with the NC-WNDC which is holding its first quarterly meeting at the same time.

Judge Mamoru Sakuma will emcee the dinner, which is featuring Municipal Judge Earl Warren Jr. as main speaker.

## East L.A. honors two prominent members

East Los Angeles JACL  
Two longtime members of East Los Angeles JACL were honored by the chapter at the Jan. 17 installation dinner at Los Amigos Country Club.

They were Dr. James S. Hara and Yosh Inadomi, prominent in community work and service.

Keynote speaker State Sen. Alfred Song, first Oriental elected to the California legislature, stressed the importance of individual citizen and ethnic groups participating in the civic, social and political affairs of the American community.

Kay Nakagiri, secretary to the National JACL Board, installed Walter Tatsuno, who was re-elected president, and his board; while the Rev. David Beades of the Monterey Park United Methodist Church installed officers of the chapter's youth group, the Duprees, led by Douglas Ban.

## For the Elders

## Riverside Issei to be given coins

Riverside JACL  
Highlight of the Riverside JACL installation dinner Feb. 13 at the Rusty Lantern Restaurant, Beaumont, will be the presentation of Centennial coins to Riverside area Issei over age 75. Those to be honored include:

Mrs. Suna Fujimoto, Mrs. K. Goto, Mrs. N. Imamura, H. Iwakiri, K. Kanatani, Mrs. H. Kanatani, Mrs. K. Kumai, Mrs. N. Kurata, S. Madokoro, K. Moriuchi, Mrs. Nishikawa, A. Ogawa, Mrs. S. Osumi, K. Sanematsu, Mrs. D. Sanematsu, Mrs. U. Takeda, Mrs. Yamanaka, Mrs. K. Yonemura.

Rep. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii), main speaker, will be introduced by Rep. John Tunney (D-Calif.) of Riverside.

Leo Asaoka is the 1970 president.

## Meetings

## Furniture designer

Philadelphia JACL  
Noted furniture designer George Nakashima will discuss and show the work he and his associates are doing at his New Hope home on Feb. 7, 2-4 p.m., to Philadelphia JACLers.

If weather is bad, the meeting has been rescheduled for Feb. 27, according to Henry Moser, meeting chairman.

## 'Around the World at 80'

Dayton JACL  
"Around the World at 80" is the title of Carl Balcomb's presentation at the Dayton JACL general meeting Feb. 22, 1:30 p.m., at the local YWCA. A potluck dinner will follow at 4:30.

## JAL fellowship winner addresses Dec. meeting

Seattle JACL  
Nancy Motomatsu, associate supervisor of learning resources services for the curriculum and instruction division for the State of Washington at Olympia, addressed the December meeting of the chapter.

Miss Motomatsu, who studied last summer at Sophia University in Tokyo through a JAL-JACL fellowship, spoke

on the student assaults on the establishment in Japan, especially the school system.

In discussing her own work with the State Office of Public Instruction, she explained the facilities available in the department for samples of curriculum material and books emphasizing ethnic cultures.

The meeting was able to draw the girl folk in full strength.

## Cultural

## 'Rashmomon' billed for Valley presentation

San Fernando Valley JACL  
The East-West Players will stage their successful "Rashmomon" production Mar. 12-13 at the San Fernando Valley Japanese Community Center under sponsorship of the local JACL, which was announced by John Ball, chapter president.

Other Japanese, Chinese and Oriental productions also are being planned for valley audiences. The chapter previously sponsored a concert featuring world-famous xylophonist Yochi Hiraoka.

## Scholarship

## Reunion-testimonial for teacher slated

Stockton JACL  
Climaxing a year-long effort to launch the Stockton JACL scholarship named in grateful appreciation to Miss Elizabeth Humbarger, retired educator, a reunion-testimonial dinner for her will be held Feb. 21 at the Stockton Buddhist Church.

Occasion will serve as a grand reunion for former students and friends who have long admired the Kansas-born teacher who taught at Stockton High since 1925 and later at Stockton College and Delta College.

Last year, she retired and the chapter, under president Tsugio Kubota, established a scholarship fund in her name. The goal was for \$10,000.

## For the Women

## San Francisco women discuss year's programs

San Francisco JACL  
The 1969 and 1970 board members of the San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary prepared its calendar of program for the coming year at a joint meeting Jan. 13 held at the home of the new president, Sandy Oyue.

Among activities discussed were lectures, fashion show, Igeban workshop, rummage sale, Laguna Honda Home visitations and demonstrations in Christmas decorations.

The Auxiliary is open to all women members of the chapter. 1970 officers...

## Yellow Brotherhood Center to help troubled young people planned

LOS ANGELES — A kick-off dinner establishing the Community Yellow Brotherhood Center Fund will be announced shortly under sponsorship of the Yellow Brotherhood Advisory Committee.

Comprised of Nisei well-known throughout the community, the committee has completed several months of groundwork to help a dedicated band of young people who have pledged themselves to prevent their contemporaries from destroying their future through drug abuse.

The committee is setting up the fund with the Sumitomo Bank and the Bank of Tokyo of California in the Crenshaw district. George Izumi of Grace Pastries is fund chairman, assisted by:

Ed Nakata CPA, budget; Ray Kaneko, housing; Ty Saito, pub.; (partial list) Sam Ishihara, Ethel Kohashi, Jim Miyano, Bob Hayami, Ken Yamaki, Takito Yamaoka, Al Hatate, Fred Ota, Harry Yamamoto, Amy Kawaoka, Soichi Fukui.

The fund aims to help the Yellow Brotherhood establish a halfway house where addicted Nisei or Sansei can be cared for on a 24-hour basis rather than being detained by police and be given a criminal record. In the meantime, temporary quarters are being sought to house the invaluable efforts of the Yellow Brotherhood, according to Rev. Tats Tatsama, Yellow Brotherhood Advisory Committee chairman.

On the advisory committee are: Mark Kiguchi, Ross Azai, Rev. Roy Ishihara, Dr. Steve Yokoyama, Ray Kaneko, Ed Nakata, George Izumi, Willie Funakoshi, Al Morita, Paul Uyemura, Jeff Matsui, Kiyoshi Kawai, Bob Nagata, Ty Saito, Ed Kakita.

## NEWS CAPSULES

## Government

San Luis Obispo County health officer, Dr. K. Howard Kusumoto, advised the Atascadero Citizens Protection Assn. to quit its protest against construction of a sewage system in the area. The association is seeking an injunction against formation of a sewer improvement district to replace the use of septic tanks, which Dr. Kusumoto regarded, as a potential health menace if there are too many.

Richard Snelder, 48, country director for Japan at the State Dept. since June, 1966, has been appointed to the No. 2 at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo as deputy chief of mission. He is known as the working architect of the U.S. policy decision to return Okinawa to Japanese jurisdiction by 1972. Gov. Reagan appointed Robert Kanagawa of Sanger to a four-year term on the board of directors of the 21st District Agricultural Assn., which operates the Fresno District Fair.

## Organizations

Tsunemi Nakamura, 48, Los Angeles-born graduate of Tokyo University of Commerce, was named executive secretary of the So. Calif. Japanese Chamber of Commerce, succeeding Frank Hirata now with the L.A. Harbor Dept. Nakamura worked with Sumitomo Bank for eight years and was with a customs brokerage firm prior to his appointment to the CoC position.

## Awards

The Los Angeles Japanese American Jr. Chamber of Commerce honored Assemblyman David Roberti, 24, (of Highland Park district); Dr. Robert T. Suzuki, 34, asst. prof. of engineering at USC's department of aerospace-ocean engineering; and Dr. Tsugio Kato, 31, Oxnard dentist who is president of the Boys Club there, as their Outstanding Young Men of the Year. Suzuki is also chairman of the So. Calif. JACL Committee to Repeal Title II. Shin Hamano, JCC president, extended the

## Press Row

Mrs. Emiko Omori is one of the few TV news camerawomen in the United States, now associated with San Francisco's KQED Newsroom since September, 1968. A San Francisco State College graduate in film-making, she recently appeared on the KQED program, "Images of Women."

The 1970 Hokubei Mainichi directory (\$5 of some 1,000 pages is now being distributed. It lists Japanese residents in California, Oregon,

Washington, Utah, Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, Illinois, New York and Washington, D.C. For copies, write to P.O. Box 3321, San Francisco, Calif. 94119.

## Courtroom

Edison Uno, active San Francisco JACler, was selected to the 1970 San Francisco county grand jury. He is the first Nisei to serve on the 19-member panel. He was nominated by Superior Court Judge Andrew J. Eymann.

## So. Calif. Nikkei phone directory published

LOS ANGELES—The 1969-70 So. Calif. Japanese American Telephone Directory, comprising some 600 pages, was published by Keiro Kango Nursing Home (\$3.50) recently.

Listing includes ZIP code and covers Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, Imperial and Ventura counties. Copies may also be obtained by writing Keiro Directory 210 S. San Pedro, Los Angeles 90012 (\$4.25 postpaid).

## State Treasurer addresses JARSC

LOS ANGELES—Mrs. Ivy Baker Priest, state treasurer, called on all Californians to "work harder than before to preserve our great way of life and this great nation." She was keynote speaker at the Jan. 25 dinner honoring new officers of the Japanese American Republicans of Southern California led by Soichi Fukui, president.

Succeeding Ed Kakita, Fukui outlined his program for the year, including the bringing closer together of the two Nikkei Republican groups.

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## Youth Page

## We Are Americans

Offered by the author to reprint his essay, "We Are Americans," which initially appeared in the Nov. 1969, Gidra, it is being placed on this page to determine whether Sansei can identify with what the writer says. David C. is currently a medical student at Univ. of Chicago.—Youth Page Editor.

By DAVID OTA

Chicago

There is a silent crisis taking place in the minds of Japanese-Americans. It is a crisis in identity: who are we, what is our place in American society and what is our future? These are questions that are often raised but seldom answered without vague or bitter words. I feel that the time has come to not only relate to ourselves but to others as well on how we Japanese-Americans see ourselves.

Often we are disturbed when Caucasian Americans regard us as Japanese and not as Americans of Japanese descent. Being regarded as such we do not always share the same opportunities. Yet paradoxically we often consciously consider ourselves as Japanese when we call ourselves an ethnic minority and strive to maintain Japanese culture, remaining somewhat ignorant of Western-American culture, i.e. the history, the literature and the art.

We want others to look at us one-way—yet our tendency is to see ourselves differently. I admit that there are one or two dodos who racially think that they are of the Caucasoid strain and who display their nasal septums to their fellow Japanese-Americans. This newspaper (Gidra) has more than criticized these few people to a fried chicken crisp. My criticism is aimed toward the majority.

## Identity

The development of an identity requires two processes: one involves the conception of one's identity, the other is a mode of action demonstrating one's identity.

Historically speaking Japanese-Americans have always been considered second rate citizens. (Prejudice, War and the Constitution and The Politics of Prejudice) We have never had the full opportunities and privileges that were enjoyed by others. Oftentimes we were unwilling to try and move up, always satisfied with our status, satisfied in being considered as second rate citizens unfit to hold administrative positions, to buy homes in particular areas and to have the better paying jobs.

Our response to these situations is the key to obtaining a conception of our identity. That is, we are not second rate citizens but full-blooded Americans entitled to every social and economic privilege due to any American who has proved his loyalty and worth in wars and in peacetime.

Legitimate Americans must have their history to prove themselves. I, for one, believe that the legacy of the 442nd combat regiment more than testifies to our legitimacy. Thus, our response to prejudice is this: we are absolute Americans entitled to everything in American society. Our response is our identity—Americanism.

## Cultural Traditions

I suggest that those of us of Japanese ancestry begin to think about what it means to be an American in terms of culture being customs, historical traditions, and artistic and literary outlooks. For the basis of modern western civilization is the nation-state—one language, one flag, one culture.

For the benefit of the stone natural Japanese, I am not referring to cosmetic or padded boob lifters of the feminine culture.

What I am trying to do is appeal to a powerful and influential force known as nationalism to be directed not

toward America for white people but America for Americans. The time has come when Japanese-Americans begin to call themselves Americans of Japanese descent, time when we grasp this new identity, time when we move up, not by depending on white people as the blacks so often do, but by asserting ourselves of our legitimate rights and privileges.

However we conceive of ourselves, we need a mode of action to express our identity. Some methods have already been developed but I see little to be gained from placard demonstrations, mass protesting, occupations of buildings and even rioting.

## Made of Action

As Americans with Japanese backgrounds, I feel that we are unique in terms of intellect and mobilization of our resources. Too much of our thinking so far has been in the "black" literature; we should have our own mode of action to assert ourselves as Americans citizens.

By action I do not mean that we wallow gracefully in apathy; by action I mean that we rock the boat by waving the American flag, waving the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, waving our arms and hands and shouting to those who would deny us full equality and citizenship, shouting.

"We are Americans, we believe in America, equality and justice as spelled out in the Constitution. Anyone who wishes to deny us of our social, economic and political rights will have to destroy us, the American flag and the Constitution."

This kind of patriotism does not refer in any way to mother love, apple pie or "America Love It or Leave It." Too often patriotic platitudes are the tools of political reactionaries; too often the phrases mask sinister motives. So the purpose of waving the flag is not to show people that one's loyalty isn't flagging. We are not second rate citizens with the title of Japanese-Americans but full citizens known as Americans of Japanese descent.

## On Your Knees

An American of Greek descent once said, "... it is better to die on your feet than to live on your knees." I believe in that, and I believe that, if again, there will be no more camps because we will either be free or dead.

Our duty is not only to ourselves but to a higher and nobler cause—the preservation of our nation's democratic conscience. We have done our share to earn our red badge of courage; we must now claim our stake in America.

Twenty-five years have passed since we helped save our nation from foreign enemies, twenty-five years and we still cannot truly recognize ourselves as red-blooded Americans and "real live nephews of my Uncle Sam."

That is essentially our identity problem.

So to begin with, I demand that the *Rafu Shimpo*, the *Pacific Citizen* and other newspapers begin to use the phrase, "Americans of Japanese descent" instead of our hyphenated, self-deprecating title of "Japanese-Americans" with all its historical inferences.

It is time we realize that our search for our identity begins with a conception of our Americanism and with a demonstration of our Americanism. It is time we begin to speak up and assert ourselves in a way to establish our identity and to contribute to American thinking, the synthesis of militant patriotism with liberal motives. The time is now.

Though the essay above retains the hyphen between Japanese and American as originally submitted to identify the Japanese Americans, the *Pacific Citizen* maintains there should be none because "American" is the important noun and "Japanese" is merely the descriptive adjective.

"We do not consider ourselves 'hyphenated' Americans in any sense and we do not intend to be. So it's important that the hyphen be omitted—unless Japanese refers to 'Japan' and the word is linked with America in the international sense. The PC and many other Nisei vernaculars follow this style of not hyphenating Japanese American when referring to Americans of Japanese ancestry. But this is a distinction seldom practiced by the *Hakujin* press, and there is where Ota should direct his attention."

And the PC has studiously avoided "Americans of Japanese descent" (as Ota prefers) because descent signifies "coming down" and popularly used in connection with children of immigrants when those who did not have to emigrate suggested that those who did were not quite "as good" as they or that their parents "could not make it" in the U.S., etc. Americans of Japanese descent would also confirm what pre-World War II Japanese in Japan considered the Nisei—less than Japanese in the homeland. "Americans of Japanese origin" is acceptable but certainly not "Americans of Japanese descent."

Therefore, we use Americans of Japanese ancestry or AJA, an abbreviation very popular in the Hawaiian press. We are beginning to use "Nikkei" as a more fitting Japanese term covering persons of Japanese ancestry in America, whereas they here be Nisei, Sansei, "fresh off the boat," etc.—Editor.

## Manzanar Revisited

The Indians in possession of Alcatraz have assumed the limelight in recent weeks, and Nisei and Sansei are actively assisting them. But — thanks to students of the Asian American Studies class at UC Davis — a more haunting experience of Indians in Owens Valley today is being related — just miles away from the old Manzanar WRA Camp.—Editor.

Independence is situated in the central Owens Valley separating the Sierra-Nevada from the Inyo Mountains in eastern California. The Valley is a flatland of deserted, sagebrush infertility.

In winter the heavy winds freeze solid the stray animals caught by cars along State Highway 395, and in summer sweep sand across the dry valley.

This is sheep and cattle country, firmly isolated from whatever constitutes mainstream "California"; and so it was relocation camp country for 10,000 Japanese humans imprisoned here 28 years ago.

Manzanar Relocation Camp was isolated, easy to guard, built on cheap land with cheap supplies, far from any "defense" positions, and unlikely to affect property values of large groups of white citizens, or conflict with wishes or any Chamber of Commerce or travel agency.

## Too Cold to Stay

Of the 150 Japanese Americans to revisit Manzanar Relocation Camp on the last Saturday of last decade, most were very cold and impatient to return to their homes in Los Angeles, from whence the exodus had originated.

Sponsored by the JACL and organized by Wanda Furutani, the group came in one huge bus and two dozen cars intending nominally to clean

up the Manzanar Camp cemetery and hold a brief memorial service. The sub-freezing winds kept most in their cars or around a huge bonfire.

Following the Buddhist ceremony, the Nisei and Sansei speakers recalled the past and urged reforms for the future.

But were they aware of the history of Owens Valley? Owens Valley is rich (or poor) with Indians and Piute Indian

Sansei youth were involved.

A quest for identity and a sense of ethnic pride were the special Sansei interests, within the broader context of a search for more relevant curriculum and student self-determination.

Although some may scoff and level accusations that the whole thing is a "fad", there is no way to deny that a significant number of Sansei youth are more interested in gaining insight into their background, and becoming an active part of the life around them, than the Nisei were.

In limited ways JACL has tried to support student efforts aimed at developing ethnic studies programs. A recent grant of \$2,050 to the Greater Pasadena Area chapter, to aid in the establishment of an ethnic studies course at Pasadena City College, is a good example.

The beauty of this project is the teamwork of interested JACLers, and a plan book that will result from it, which will be available to other JACL chapters which may wish to pursue a like project.

JACL and its role in relationship with activist youth is a sensitive and difficult subject. The typical Nisei reaction to activism, not violence or destruction, is anxiety and suspicion.

The fact is that we are so hung-up over occasions of violence or its threat that we devote little energy or thinking to the positive concerns voiced by activist youth.

On the other hand overzealous activists often turn over their volume so high that they never hear anybody but themselves. On such a scene when JACL does venture in, an unusual degree of patience, understanding, and firmness of resolve is needed.

**Field Director-Special Projects**

The creation of the position of field director-special projects is a step in the direction of narrowing the communication gap between JACL and elements in the community which includes not only activist students but, people who are not of the middle class world from which most of us at all is a healthy sign.

One such person is Warren Furutani of Los Angeles. JACL may hire several such people in other areas of the country where needs exist.

The JACL today finds itself involved in a close supporting relationship with self-help groups like the Yellow Brotherhood, and Asian American Hard Core in Los Angeles. The objectives of both groups are similar in that they seek to help Yellow Americans who have gotten in trouble.

The existence of these groups denies the stereotype that the Japanese Americans never get in trouble. That the JACL is working with them at all is a healthy sign that the organization is aware of community problems, and wants to do something.

This week a public hearing was held in Los Angeles by a committee established by the State Board of Education to review a report on "moral-ity guidelines" for public schools. You may recall that the first report was a voluminous thesis which was loaded with a one-dimensional Protestant Biblical slant, coupled with examples of anti-mental health, anti-United Nations and similar philosophy. The chairman of the board was quoted as calling it a right-wing document.

The JACL, believing that such a guideline must reflect the multi-racial makeup of our nation, and must contain a more balanced social perspective than was evident in that report, joined the many community groups protesting it. Joining the Council for Responsible Morality and with the Rev. Roy Sano as spokesman, JACL testified at that hearing. I believe that this

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Jim Okazaki slaps in final touches of black paint on cenotaph at Manzanar WRA Camp cemetery.

—Photo by Ray Okamura

few trickled back, but many died in the process.

However, the Government in 1874 declared by Executive Order that Owens Valley belonged to the United States, and everyone has believed it to the present.

Today 1,036 Indians, 6% of the total Owens Valley population, live isolated in little enclaves of their own ghettos. The California State Advisory Commission on Indian Affairs in a 1966 survey found that 30% of Indian housing in near-Bishop was "adequate", a percentage superior to other California reservations, it notes.

The only community in Owens Valley that has polluted, substandard and untreated water, according to the Inyo County Health Department, is the Indian community in Independence.

The Independence Indians live in conditions far worse than those which the Japanese Americans survived during World War II. They still live there; nothing for the Indians to be changed. As one Sansei at the graveyard memorial pointed out, "A whole generation of Nisei Americans are buried at Manzanar!" Dead, not buried.

## Manzanar Indians

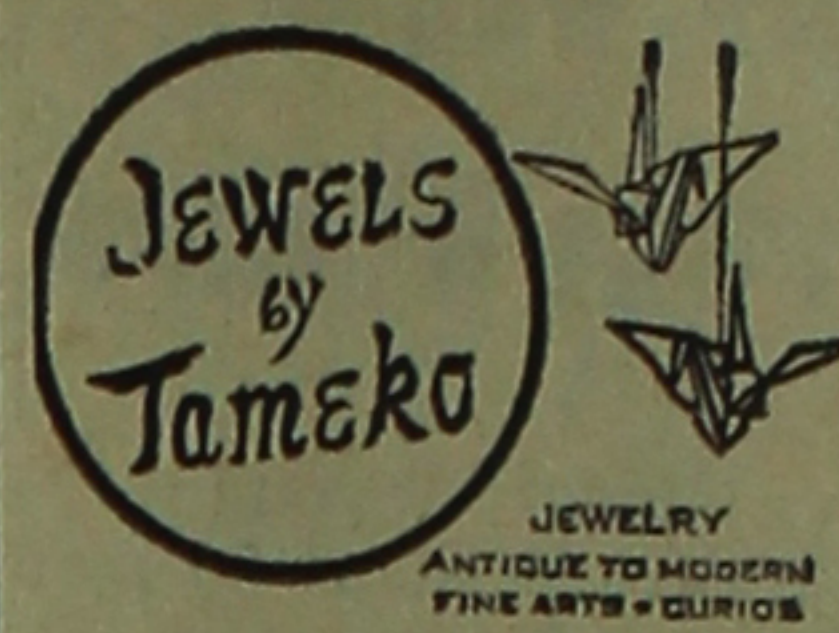
Buried, not dead, are the Indians at Owens Valley. While some factions within the Japanese American community are urging support for the Indians in Alcatraz, has any yet attempted to discover, organize, or support Indians still at Manzanar?

The Japanese that lived in Manzanar know how it feels to be interned in brutal Owens Valley. But their experience is not unique. Not only at Manzanar, but also at Tule Lake, Poston, and other camps there are similar histories of long term and continual oppression of Indians.

The Indians continue to be a living reminder that concentration camp still exists.

And as long as that condi-

tion persists, it would be a great absurdity to designate Manzanar as an historical landmark and thus a thing of the past. Manzanar still exists and Indians are now the captives.



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West Los Angeles—Earth Sci mtg.  
Stoner Playgrounds, 7:30 p.m.;  
Fr. Floyd Jenkins, spkr.,  
"Evolution of Man".  
Feb. 7 (Saturday)  
Philadelphia—Mtg. George  
Nakashima's home, New Hope,  
2-4 p.m.  
Twin Cities—Installation dinner,  
Hotel Leamington, 6 p.m.;  
Bill Hosokawa, spkr.  
Feb. 8 (Sunday)  
Sacramento—Installation dinner,  
Sacramento Inn; Judge Earl  
Warren Jr., spkr.  
PSWDYC—College JACL Mtg.,  
So. Calif. JACL Office, 2 p.m.  
Feb. 9 (Monday)  
Puyallup Valley—Gen Mtg.  
Feb. 13 (Friday)  
Downtown L.A.—Installation dinner,  
Man Jen Low, 7 p.m.  
Riverside—Installation dinner,  
Rusty Lantern Restaurant,  
Beaumont, 7 p.m.; Rep. Sparks  
Matsumura, spkr.  
Feb. 14 (Saturday)  
Los Angeles—PSWDC Title II  
Repeal dinner, Pickwick  
Recreation Center, Burbank,  
7 p.m.; Rep. Matsumura, spkr.  
Prog. Westside—Installation  
dinner-dance (in conjunction  
with PSWDC Title II repeal  
dinner), Pickwick Recreation  
Center banquet room, Burbank.  
Feb. 15 (Sunday)  
PSWDC—1st Qtrly hosted by Prog.  
Westside, Pickwick Recreation  
Center, 9 a.m.  
PSWYDC—Pre-conference Comm  
Mtg. JACL Office, 1 p.m.  
Feb. 15 (Wednesday)  
Seattle—Gen Mtg. JACL Office,  
7:45 p.m.  
Feb. 28 (Friday)  
West Los Angeles—JACL  
Installation, Stoner Playground  
Hall, 7:30 p.m.





Bill Hosokawa  
**From the Frying Pan**

**CHANGING SCENE**—There were perhaps 50 men in the room, all newspaper editors and reporters, attending a session of the Wyoming Press Association. "How many of you," they were asked, "lived in Wyoming in 1942?" Only a handful responded. "Any how many of you know that a concentration camp for American citizens existed in Wyoming during World War II?" An even smaller number raised their hands.

And so, in the 45 minutes or so allotted me, I told them the story of the Evacuation, and how the Heart Mountain War Relocation Center sprang up on the benchlands between the Wyoming towns of Cody and Powell. I told them how the giant newspapers of the West Coast were caught up in the hysterical demand for evacuation all Japanese Americans, how they forgot their time-honored tradition of fair play, how they accepted rumor as fact and neglected to seek out the truth and wrote a shameful chapter in the proud history of American journalism.

I told them, too, about how the men who were in charge of the Heart Mountain camp opened the gates and invited newspapermen from all parts of Wyoming to visit the place and see for themselves whether it was true the evacuees were being pampered. And to the credit of the Wyoming press, the reporters wrote about what they had seen and their accounts for the most part were reasonable and without bias.

The men and women in the room listened raptly, not because of the fluency or persuasiveness of the speaker, but because they were hearing about a bit of Wyoming history they hadn't known or remembered only vaguely. It did them, all of them, good to be reminded of this happening in the recent but dim past, and to be told again of the awesome power that newspapers hold on their flimsy pages of newsprint, to be employed for good or evil.

**RECOLLECTIONS** — Later, after the presentation was ended, some of the older editors stood up to ask questions or to speak from their own experience. Roy and Bob Peck of Riverton, among the state's most enlightened publishers, remembered Yas Nakanishi who had come to their plant on leave from Heart Mountain to set type for them. They couldn't have been more pleased with Yas, but after a while he decided to head for the Midwest and the Pecks were chagrined that they couldn't persuade him to stay. They wanted to know where Yas had gone, and I had to say I'd lost all touch with Yas.

There was another editor, from Laramie, who recalled that all the reporters on his paper either had gone into uniform or other war service, and he was the only writer left. Somewhere he heard of a Nisei newspaperwoman in the WRA camp at Topaz, Utah, who was looking for an opportunity and was willing to come to Laramie. As he told it, the editor from Laramie pleaded with his superiors to take on the Nisei girl—going so far as to suggest that she be kept in a private cubicle in the office if they feared hostile reaction from the public—but they refused to hire her because it was "too risky". The audience laughed because the story he told was so ridiculous, but back in 1943 it was no laughing matter.

A sports writer stood up to ask whatever happened to Babe Nomura. Babe Nomura might have been the best high school halfback in the state of Wyoming when he was playing for the Heart Mountain football team. The sports writer remembered that Heart Mountain High played against high school teams in northwestern Wyoming and the years had not dimmed his recollections of Nomura's brilliance. Well, I said, I think I read somewhere that Nomura went on to play football at San Jose State, or maybe it was Fresno State, but wherever it was he played a lot of college ball and I don't know what happened after that.

After that we got into a discussion of Title II of the McCarran Act, and they learned why the Nisei are so concerned about it, and chances are that they will be concerned, too, the next time they have occasion to read about it or comment on it in their editorial columns.

**Li'l Tokyo redevelopment wins final city council OK**

**LOS ANGELES**—The Los Angeles City Council last week (Jan. 29) unanimously approved the \$47 million Little Tokyo Redevelopment Plan, following overwhelming support for the proposal from the Japanese community of Los Angeles.

The action came on a motion of Ninth District Councilman Gilbert W. Lindsay, who described the near total unit for the 67-acre renewal project as one of the most gratifying experiences in his seven years of public office. "This was a demonstration of leadership by businessmen, blue-collar workers, residents and property owners, all affected by the Plan, who were working in conjunction with offices of city government," Lindsay said.

The Plan, covering an eight block area bounded generally by First, Third, Alameda and Los Angeles Streets, is aimed at reconstruction of the area to better serve as the Japanese commercial, cultural, religious and entertainment center of Southern California—thus making the area an undisputed asset to the City and all its citizens, the councilman pointed out.

**Ordinance Due**  
Lindsay's motion on the Plan instructed City Attorney Roger Arnebergh to prepare an ordinance for official adoption at the Council February 16 meeting.

Passage was recommended by the Community Redevelopment Agency, which sat in joint session with the Council at Thursday's hearing.

"This was the most refreshing hearing in the 20-year history of redevelopment in Los Angeles," Z. Wayne Griffin, chairman of the citizen-member board reported.

"The City Council, coupled with Mayor Sam Yorty's enthusiasm for the project and that of all the people of Little Tokyo, gave us a picture of democracy in action that we too rarely see," he added.

The Redevelopment Plan was prepared by the Mayor's Little Tokyo Community Development Advisory Committee, which worked in conjunction with the CRA and with other organizations throughout Los Angeles.

**Highlights of Plan**  
Richard G. Mitchell, administrator of the CRA, presented the Plan at the hearing. He pointed out the key elements include a major shopping center area, interspersed with pedestrian malls; a community-cultural facility for

group meetings, performance of the arts, social service and other functions, and housing for persons whose incomes range from low to middle and above.

Up to 1,000 units of housing is slated to be built in the project area, the largest percentage of these units being for senior citizens and other persons of below-average income.

Mitchell described Little Tokyo as a relatively small area of the city that has impact far beyond its actual physical boundaries.

Actual preparation of the Plan, he pointed out, drew interest and cooperation from business, civic and social groups throughout the metropolitan region.

"Unlike many deteriorating neighborhoods where redevelopment is proposed," Mitchell told the Council and the Agency, "the condition of Little Tokyo is not immediately apparent to the casual visitor. There are no more than a couple of street-front vacancies in the 138 primary buildings within the eight-block area... but the community has critical problems which must be overcome if it is to survive."

**Old Buildings**  
Mitchell said the chief problem is the structural condition of the large majority of the buildings in Little Tokyo, including some which were first built in the late 1800s. Approximately 70 percent of the buildings are structurally deficient, he said.

The redevelopment process, he pointed out, provides for owner and tenant participation in Little Tokyo's rebuilding, and the financial assistance necessary for many shop owners to relocate within the project.

In addition, Mitchell said, the plan would eliminate deadend and diagonal streets which contribute to poor traffic circulation and form odd-shaped and shallow lots which prevent full economic utilization.

The CRA administrator said the Redevelopment Plan would carry on attempts by the community, acting privately, to renew Little Tokyo—efforts which began in 1963 and resulted in thousands of dollars of new capital investment in Little Tokyo, including such edifices as the 16-story Kajima Building and other major structures.

He said community leaders, concerned about the total scope of the problems in the area, became convinced that

**3.87 pct. dividend declared by SFCU**

**SAN FRANCISCO**—The San Francisco JACL Credit Union, at its annual Jan. 24 meeting at Joe Jung's restaurant, elected new board members, declared a 3.87 pct. dividend for 1969, revealed it had \$60,000 to loan and revealed assets of \$445,139.22.

Yukio Kumamoto, credit union president, urged members to tell students about its federally insured student loan program. Elected to the board were: Tad Ishida, George Oshima, George Ishida, Sumi Honnami, credit; Yukio Isuye, Mrs. Frances Morioka, Yukio Kumamoto, supervisory.

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## Aloha from Hawaii

by Richard Gima

deputy director of the State Dept. of Accounting and General Services under the former director, Valentine U. Marciel.

### At City Hall

Retired Police Capt. Roland Sagum, 57, has been approved by the city council as Mayor Frank Fasi's appointee to the police commission, bringing that body up to its full five-man strength for the first time in months. Sagum is a native of the Philippines.

### Political Scene

State Sen. George A. Ariyoshi, D-5th District (Kalihi), says he is seriously considering running for the office of Lt. governor in this year's election. He said he had been approached by many people in recent weeks, and the possibility of seeking that office is very much on his mind, he says.

Lt. Gov. Thomas P. Gill has declined to comment directly on the announced political merger of two powerful island labor unions—the ILWU and the Hawaiian Government Employees Assn. Asked to comment on the mutual assistance pact formed by the two unions, Gill said, "None."

The pact indicates that the HGEA will endorse all five incumbents who will be running for statewide office this year, including Gov. John A. Burns, Gill, Sen. Hiram L. Fong and Reps. Spark M. Matsunaga and Patsy T. Mink.

### Traffic Fatality

Speed and drinking are the two chief reasons the Big Island has more traffic accidents, per capita, than any other island in the state, according to Capt. Robert Pung of the Hawaii County Police Dept.'s administrative division. Pung's report noted that excessive speed was the predominant contributing factor in 21 accidents which resulted in the first 24 fatalities of 1969 on the Big Island.

### Names in the News

Gardiner B. Jones, former associate editor of the Honolulu Advertiser, has taken over the job of executive administrative assistant to State Senate Pres. David C. McClung at \$20,460 a year. Jones succeeds Larry McManus, one-time Advertiser political writer who held the post for a

year until his death Jan. 10 at the age of 59.

Charles E. Hira, McKinley High School art teacher, has been selected Hawaii's teacher of the year for 1970. The announcement has been made by Look Magazine and the Council of Chief State School Officers. He was named the state's outstanding young educator by the Hawaii State Jr. Chamber of Commerce in 1967.

The Rev. Hiro Higuchi, the one-time WW II chaplain and builder of many churches on Oahu, has retired. He preached his last sermon as pastor of the Manoa Valley Community Church on Jan. 25. During the war, Higuchi won the Legion of Merit as chaplain of the 442nd Central Postal Directory. He was also awarded the Purple Heart and the Italian Cross of Military Valor. Higuchi said he has no definite plans following retirement. He will be succeeded by the Rev. Michio Oyakawa, former pastor of the Congregational Church at Winthrop, Iowa.

Matsuri Otani, 79, the fishing tycoon of Hawaii, was presented with the First Class Order of the Sacred Treasure from Emperor Hirohito of Japan. Honoring Otani and his wife were more than 500 persons, including dignitaries from every field of activity in the state. Otani came to Hawaii from Japan in 1908 and rose from fish peddler to overseer of a million-dollar business enterprise.

Dr. Robert T. Matsushita, past president of the Hawaii Chiropractic Assn., has been chosen Chiropractor of the Year. Newly-elected officers of the association are Dr. William J. McDowell, president; Dr. Lawrence T. Eustace, v.p.; Dr. Rex J. Parker, sec.; Dr. Adam Matsunaga, treas.; Dr. Harold H. Yamamoto, director; and Dr. O. A. Ohlson, director.

### Appointments

Fire Chief Leo Kwitkowski has promoted 11 men in the dept. They are Capt. Lewis Emerson, asst. chief; Ichiro Maeda and Lawrence Suganuma, capt.; Ralph Kaneshiro and Frank Medeiros, lieutenants; James Kaonohi, Jr., Charles Cummins, Gary Murakami and Gordon Tom, fire equipment operator 2; Thomas Hiraata, fire equipment operator 1; and Lynsey Wilson, fire search and rescue squadman.

### Business Ticker

Fred Honda, a veteran island hotel executive, has been named general mgr. of Halelei Plantation. Honda moves to this new post from the job of executive assistant mgr. at the Sheraton-Maui Hotel. He succeeds Barry Yap, who was named entertainment director for the Island Holidays chain.

### Deaths

Mrs. Nella S. Wright, 86, widow of a former editor of the Hawaii Hochi, died Dec. 20 at a local hospital. Her husband died in 1944. He had been associated with the Hochi for nearly 20 years.

Robert S. Craig, 64, director of the Downtown Improvement Assn. from 1962 until 1968, died recently at the Queen's Medical Center. He was instrumental in the development of the Union St. and Fort St. malls and the now-building Chinatown Cultural Plaza—developments designed to dress up a deteriorating downtown Honolulu.

### Sports Scene

The Cleveland Indians opened the regular phase of baseball's winter draft recently by choosing Carrol C. Chambliss, 21, a former UCLA first baseman now living in Hawaii. Chambliss, an Alsea resident, plays for the Jolly Roger team in the Puerto Rican League. High school football games in Honolulu, including those at the Honolulu Stadium and those at Roosevelt High School field, drew more than 400,000 fans during the past season. Kamehameha won the championship; St. Louis was second, Punahou third, and Farrington, fourth.

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By Jim Henry

## Sakura Script

Japan in the '80s

Tokyo In the 1980s Japan will be an intensely developed society unparalleled elsewhere in the world. The living standard as described in the tentative Hachihashi plan released by the Economic Planning Agency indicates that per capita income is expected to increase by about 3.5 times what it is today—or \$2,000 a year—approximately the same level of the United States at present.

Observers, however, are doubtful if this affluence will necessarily mean that the Japanese will lead happier lives. People will enjoy more nourishing food, have adequate housing and more leisure time. On the other hand, rentals will increase to about \$165 to \$200 a month. A private car will become a must and every child will have to be given a university education. Living expenses will also rise accordingly and household economy will not be easy.

By 1980 78 per cent of the total Japanese population or four out of every five Japanese will be living in cities. More than 30,000,000 people are expected to be living in Tokyo alone at that time.

Because of the accumulation of social capital in Tokyo, which is shallow compared to major cities of the U.S. and Europe, it will be difficult to even build good roads by the 80s.

Thus Tokyo will still re-

main the most disordered but most active city in the world. The people will work shorter hours and have ample time for recreation. Even a leisurely drive, however, will be marred by traffic congestion and in the end motorists will become highly frustrated.

Great development will be achieved by the use of mechanical brains so that workers will be separated into a small group of top management and specialists, on one hand, and a mass of employees on the other whose jobs will be reduced to that of simple clogs in a wheel—merely gazing at meters. Most workers will therefore have little interest in their work.

The level of education will be heightened but high educational merits will have no place for application in the actual field of work. What is more, the increasing number of so-called intellectuals and white-collar workers will fall prey to the evil practice of pointing out the faults of others. The result will be even stronger demonstrative actions and less room to enjoy a quiet personal life.

It is thus feared that middle-aged persons, now active and important in daily jobs, will be leading restless days in spite of leisure after retirement.

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**STANFORD VS. BRIGHAM YOUNG**

Two top counselors of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in a statement issued to the Mormon leadership around the world made public on Jan. 8, reaffirmed that Negroes cannot enter the Mormon priesthood. "All succeeding presidents of the church have taught that Negroes, while spirit children of a common father, . . . were not yet to receive the priesthood for reasons which we believe are known to God."

The statement was seen as a response to critics outside the Mormon community, notably Stanford University officials who have canceled athletic activities between Stanford and Mormon-sponsored Brigham Young University as a protest against such racial restriction. Our personal impression is that Stanford officials, in this instance, committed a stupid act.

Had BYU infringed on the constitutionally guaranteed civil rights of blacks or other groups, it would be quite another matter. But the matter of the free exercise of religion is involved. We're quite satisfied with the wisdom of the First Amendment providing against any law "respecting the establishment of religion" as well as the provision forbidding any law prohibiting the free exercise of religion.

The dignity of the statement is revealed with this reminder: "Our early history as a church is a tragic story of persecution and oppression . . . We as a people have experienced the bitter fruits of civil discrimination and mob violence."

Not all Mormons are content with their official position on Negroes, but that is for the Mormons to settle.

**'THE AGE OF AQUARIUS'**

According to Robert Hieronimus, who writes an astrology column syndicated by ARB Productions, Inc., the world entered the Age of Aquarius in February, 1962, and "this new age will last 2,100 years . . . and it has stirred the interest of millions as they search for relevancy, meaning and just plain fun in the fascinating and irresistible world of the occult." And colleague Jeffrey Matsui spent dollars looking for information on when it would come—but for naught. We got ours from a 25-cent magazine, Editor & Publisher, a trade magazine for newspapers, advertisers and agencies.

We are not familiar with the syndicated column, "The Aquarian Message" by Hieronimus, but future columns will delve into such fascinating subjects as: You have lived before and will live again; The people who built Stonehenge were descendants from Atlantis; How man can be in two places at once; Man can live and will live for centuries without the use of drugs; Man has three eyes; The pyramids of Egypt have predicted the future; Sir Francis Bacon organized and instructed the founding of the United States; The Great Seal of the United States is a magic formula; People from Venus are living on earth today.

Even if we don't find another paper with such a column, the above paragraph at least makes for an entertaining trip. And the rest of our readers (who didn't know) have learned something about the Age of Aquarius from a 10-cent newspaper.

**INSTALLATION ITINERARY**

This month cannot pass without a couple of comments on JACL installation dinners to which we were invited.

At the Orange County affair, main speaker Bill Hosokawa related the rigors of writing his book. We chomp and puff on our pipe while batting away at our mill—but Bill has to nibble on snacks, chips, etc., and after a chapter and a half, he had gained about 10 pounds. ("Nisei: The Quiet Americans", which culminated with 27 chapters plus prologue and epilogue, would have been weighty affair at that rate. So he discovered "carne seca"—beef jerky—as the most satisfying gossamer companion.

Which leads us to wonder if a study has been made on whether what a writer has in his mouth—a chewed-up pencil, a cigarette, beer or bourbon, etc.—shows up somehow in the quality of the manuscript.

The so-called Ochazuke parties after an installation dinner—like the one at the Harry Yamamoto residence for some who frolicked the same evening at the East Los Angeles dinner—proved just as filling with Oriental delicacies. Not only was there a variety of tsukemono, but a buffet spread that elevated the post-midnight snack into a savory Sunday smorgasbord. Calling it an ochazuke party, perhaps, is an en-ryō syndrome leftover.

No Venice-Culver installation, it seems, is complete without the touch of its venerable chapter genro George Inagaki somewhere in the program. Representing the Mar Vista Investment Club, he made a supplemental award to Dr. Harold Harada who had been cited as the chapter's Citizen of the Community this past year. In explaining the award, we realized the name of their club was a fanciful flourish for a poker party. Inagaki's earthy wit is still unconstrained and classical.

**Sansei will never realize hell of evacuated Nisei**

By FRED Y. HIRASUNA  
Editor, Fresno JACL Newsletter

Fresno  
On Dec. 27 of last year, some 150 to 200 Nisei and Sansei made a long trek to Manzanar, the first of ten "relocation" centers built and occupied in 1942 by some 10,000 evacuees exiled from their homes by government edict.

Led by the avant-garde of the young people, described

**GUEST COLUMN**

by Edison Uno as "community-minded and active people such as Warren Furutani, Jim Matsuo, Mori Nishida and a host of young Sansei who are involved in the awareness of activities in the Los Angeles Japanese community," the purpose of this expedition, in the words of Warren Furutani, now employed by the JACL in the southern California area, were three:

1. "To show younger Asian Americans what happened to Japanese Americans when this country went to war with the old country;
2. "To emphasize the need to repeal Title II of the Internal Security Act of 1950 which authorizes the establishment of concentration camps;
3. "To press for the establishment of a national or state monument recalling the camp and its internees."

**Worthy Undertaking**

The time-worn, neglected cemetery at Manzanar was cleaned up. Considerable publicity was received from the various news media. It was a worthy undertaking. If publicized more widely, many more would have joined them. The sponsors and the others who made this trip are to be commended, but to this writer, there was a jarring note. Both Edison Uno and Warren Furutani, made much of a speech made there by Jim Matsuo, who said, in part: (Matsuo was 10 years old when he left Manzanar.)

"The only people who came out of that camp were people without souls, the quiet Americans. When people ask me how many persons were buried here, I say—a whole generation of Nisei Americans. The Nisei are gone, they're dead, they never left this place. The Sansei are taking it up and taking part."

Wimp Hiroto, editor of Crossroads, a Nisei weekly published in Los Angeles, took umbrage at the above statement in his column of Jan. 9. Among other things, he stated, "We automatically bristle when the all-assuming Sansei impugn the Nisei without reservation."

We, too, become most irritated when we read such patronizing verbiage as made by Matsuo and quoted with implied approval by Uno and Furutani. Most Sansei will never realize or appreciate the hell that most Nisei went through, especially the older ones with children, and in many cases, aged dependent parents to take care of during that trying period.

This group of scorned Nisei, stripped of their economic holdings, however meager, built up with excruciating toil in the depth of the depression years, and herded like cattle into "relocation" centers, were overwhelmed by their helplessness and their inability to care for their families. Some took the calculated risk of going into military service. Others forced themselves to venture into the great unknown of the Middle West and the East to try to establish themselves and their families. At the end, many returned to their former homes on the West Coast and started from scratch amidst hostile surroundings.

**Lonely 'Armageddon'**

These are some of the things that these "quiet" Nisei faced in their lonely Armageddon, in their hell on earth, to keep food in the bellies of their children, and to try to give them the all-important education that they thought so necessary for their children to survive in American society. There were so many times that these Nisei shed bitter, anguished tears, in lonely solitude, in rage at their helplessness in the face of seemingly insuperable odds, and in their agonizing concern for their children.

No guts? These Nisei had more guts than Matsuo will ever have. Let him think twice before making such statements. Let any such Sansei ponder the comparatively sheltered lives that they have led—the things that their parents have deprived themselves of so that they might get their education. If they wish to scoff at and cast scorn upon their parents, let them have the guts to cut the financial apron strings that they cling to, so that their parents may better provide for their own old age. Let them drop the brave talk and the pretense of seeking their cultural heritage and their ethnic identity, when, at the same time, they are the worst traits of their American contemporaries. They pretend to scorn the American image, yet in the name of activism, freeness of thought and freedom of action, they idolize and justify slovenliness in language, personal morality, attire and pub-



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**LETTERS FROM OUR READERS**

**Black Panthers**

Editor:

As the JACL Midwest District chairman of the Anti-Detention Camp Committee and while performing my duties, I have been struck by the indifferent attitude and non-involvement policy of our organization to the concern expressed in this letter.

"The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated . . . 4th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution."

"No states shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States, nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws . . . 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution."

The above statements apply to all citizens of the United States. In 1942 these were words which many Japanese Americans trusted and took for granted, as did most Americans. Then came Executive Order 9066. The lesson we learned so cruelly from 1942 was that the principles our country was founded upon can only exist through the constant vigilance of all its citizens. When we were interned into concentration camps American democracy itself suffered a blow which it has never fully recovered from.

**Stirring Memories**

Our recent attempt of Title II has brought forth many old memories and stirred the conscience of many citizens. It has dramatized what can and did happen when citizens through fear and indifference failed to speak up when another group of Americans was denied its constitutional rights. We would like to believe that it could never happen again. But there are other forces in our land who, in the name of preserving our democracy, would subvert the very principles they seek to defend. Recently we have seen this force in action.

Whitney D. Young Jr., said of the recent raids on the Black Panthers, "Other nations know how dictatorship evolve. First unpopular groups are repressed by police action; then the knocks in the night come for others, and before too long, whole nations are in the grip of a reign of terror. It is common place to say 'it can't happen here', but no nation is free from the threat of totalitarianism if it tolerates repression of dissenters." (Chicago Daily Defender, Jan. 17-23, 1970)

Those of us who are concerned about the lawless attacks on the Black Panthers by those who purport to represent law and order, are concerned by the Gestapo-like techniques used to suppress this particular political view. Our democracy is not so weak or unstable to have to resort to predawn raids with submachine guns as a solution to the grievances presented by this small group of black men and women. But by our silence, the silence of the JACL, of the Asian American community, of much of white America, we are condoning this flagrant abuse of our democracy. We must not allow this to pass by unnoticed and unaccounted for, because the next time it occurs it may well be too late.

**Must Speak Out**

I propose that the JACL take a stand in defense of the constitutional rights guaranteed to all citizens and so obviously abused in these most recent raids on the Black Panthers; and I further propose that we implement this stand by insuring a fair and just trial for the Black Panthers involved in these raids, lie behavior.

Discrimination protest based on solid ground with a worthy objective is one thing—protest for the sake of protest is for those indiscriminate individuals who selfishly seek notoriety for themselves. We cannot, and do not, believe that Matsuo and those of his ilk represent the majority of the Sansei.

particularly in Chicago where two leaders were slain. On this matter we cannot afford the "luxury" of silence. Who will decide when the next raids will occur? Who will make the decision between militant dissent and moderate dissent? Who will make the decision between what one is to consider a "good" colored person and a "bad" colored person? And we should not delude ourselves into thinking that we are anything other than colored in the eyes of white America.

Finally, I would like to point out that those of us who experienced internment are particularly aware of how hysteria, uncertainty, and silence can pervert the principles of our democracy. If we remain silent in these recent assaults on our Constitution, the lesson we should have retained after 1942 has faded from our memories, and we have joined the great silent majority which so quickly and easily prejudged and sentenced us after Pearl Harbor.

Midwest Chairman  
JACL Anti-Detention Camp Committee  
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**Disappointed reader**

Editor:

As a student caught in this "awareness and relevance" bag, I am disappointed by your paper. My main criticism is that the paper seems to be relevant to the people who write but not so much to the people who read it. This might be expressed by the small space you devote to the "Letters From Our Readers." Apart from the fact that you set apart only two columns for these letters (the paper is about 8 pages long with approx. 6 columns on a page), the letters written tend to be conservative in nature. Is this a reflection of the nature of the readers who do read your paper or is this a reflection on the policies of the editor? Either way it does not look good.

YUMI NAGATA  
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(Miss Nagata's main criticism to produce a more relevant newspaper has been personal concern of long-standing. We are hopeful more young people will write—for where else do they have a national readership of some 60,000 Japanese Americans every week. We have a Pepper Pot feature, open to those under 35. The youth have a page a month—only they find it difficult to fill meaningfully. As for the amount of space devoted to the Letterbox, we don't know of any other publication devoting as much space percentage-wise each week. As for the tone of letters, we let them speak for themselves. Many of our letter writers are not what Miss Nagata thinks either.—Ed.)

**Wonderful surprise**

Dear Harry,

Sure appreciate the coverage you always give the Twin Cities in articles which are sent to you. I would have bet money that you wouldn't give the columns for the picture which was sent of the Issei. Then here it comes out spread over 6 col. (Dec. 5 PC). Wonderful—even if I did have to eat crow.

BILL DOI  
Twin Cities JACL

**Discover Japanese account of reaching Mexico, 1841**

TOKYO—Prof. Taro Kono at Tokushima University has found a personal account of a shipwrecked Japanese sailor, "Aboku Shinwa" (New Tales from America and Mexico), written by Hatsujiro who had been shipwrecked, rescued by a Spanish ship and landing in April, 1841, in Baja California.

Manjiro Nagahama, shipwrecked the same year, was rescued by an American whaler and became the first Japanese to live and study in the U.S. (1843-1846).

Join the JACL

**1970 marks Nisei vet reunions both sides of Pacific**

By JOE HAMANAKA

Seattle  
A news item that caught our eye recently concerned a popular 36-hole Culver City golf layout which, after 42 years, succumbed to: (a) hard times, (b) housing development and (c) the final coup de — typically Southland—freeway!

Oh, oh! There's that 42 again! The Japanese jinx year called "Yakudoshi." The bad luck year.

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A shame. Gone are 275 acres. An East course of 6,550 yards and a West course of 6,220 yards. Stretchable to 7,000 and more for the pros. Beautiful layout. Superb clubhouse.

It was in 1958 that we toured the course twice on successive days, once with a practice foursome that included the then Nisei golf king, Ery Furukawa.

The occasion was a Nisei Veterans Reunion and a warm-up round. Boy, has it been 12 years! That first Reunion on the Mainland. The Fox Hills obituary triggered a memory cell.

And we recall that it was a confident L.A. group that took over from the "hung-up" Seattle bunch. Seems Seattle bid for it, then fizzled on a cumbersome hyphenated Tri-Cities-Reunion-Tour idea. Paul Bannai and the L.A. group saved the day.

In 1964 Seattle got up more bean and more steam. Went for broke, and hosted a respectable Second Mainland Reunion.

L.A. will host again in 1970 (July 1-5), with further doings to follow in Las Vegas. And that should bring out the Hawaii delegation. Shame, though, about Fox Hills Golf & Country Club.

And speaking of veterans' reunion, MIS (military intelligence language service) will have their next in Tokyo, Oct. 22-Nov. 9. And the added feature of this Third MIS Reunion will be the Boeing 747 jumbos that will be flying the Pacific by then.

**Lou Harris Survey**

Another news item told of "uneasy" feelings toward Japan's growth in power.

We observed in Japan that that nation is showing her "muscles" in many areas of commerce and industry where she now tangles with the world powers.

Japan is "not yet fully trusted" by many Americans, the Survey indicated. And look at who shows the most "concern" over the Japanese resurgence—the Negro!

This is the Louis Harris Survey. And generally showed that the misgivings related to education—the less education the more "opposition" to Okinawa's return to Japan and greater "uneasiness" over Japan's new power.

We hope Japan does not go around the world throwing economic punches — unfair competition—in her quest for markets. The Japanese have a tendency to over-do-it, to become drunk with success, to stray, to over-commit.

Japan is a nation with a built-in spirit, competitive, dedicated. A tremendous drive for everything she undertakes. One can see this basic ambition, this drive, this spirit in the tiniest shop in Japan.

The image of Japan is very much a part of our well-being in the U.S. Make no mistake about it. We are still Japanese faces with Japanese names. In a tussle or name-calling (like Yellow Peril) or a fight with the U.S., the black eye could show up on our American but Japanese faces.

**Success Spoils**

Some years ago, the local JACL got itself into the float business. A "spin-off" group incorporated as J.A. Community Float Association, Inc. And here was a case of Japanese over-competition right here in Seattle.

The first couple of seasons, the Japanese Float during the Seafair city celebration was the "talk" of the community and the city. And hours of time and material and money were donated by eager workers. Pride.

Then as years went by, year after year, the Japanese Float became more and more professional. Like retaining a paid float designer, and the trophies began to come. And there were "victory" parties.

But what had been good PR for the community, suddenly turned into a feeling of "again." The local press which once "played-up" the Japanese float, began to "bury" any awards to the Japanese float. Certain jealousies and charges of "over-competition" came from Caucasian communities struggling year to year on skimpy budgets and with limited help and talent.

When the press took the "again" attitude, the committee finally "wised-up" to the monster they were creating. A community effort that became too dedicated, too professional, too spirited, too good, too competitive, too business-like, too organized — too much.

**Enomoto—**

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action reflects another facet of the JACL's face today.

While all this is going on, the traditional projects and programs of JACL continue.

All elements in the JACL have joined forces to pay our respects to our Issei pioneers on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of Japanese immigration to the U.S.

Starting with the Wakamatsu Colony centennial program in mid-1969, tributes have been held all over the country. We were privileged to present gold Centennial medallions and copies of Bill Hosokawa's book to President Nixon and Prime Minister Sato. If present plans materialize, a congressional tribute to the Centennial will take place soon.

We believe that the best interests of Japanese Americans in the U.S. are closely tied in with our relationships with Japan. It is that belief that prompted JACL to declare its position on the Okinawa situation, and communicate it to the President. JACL will become more, not less, involved in such issues from now on. Such involvement will be controversial at times, but dealing with issues and making decisions can make our organization stronger and more mature.

More Feedback  
No organization can retain the interest and support

of a national membership without paying attention to feedback and needs. Unfortunately, we are getting little of either, although there are vague signs that many JACLers don't like what is happening.

When I hear complaints that JACL is getting into areas where it doesn't belong, I ask where do we belong? If we belong in the cozy, safe world of make-believe, where we can rest on our laurels, sticking to non-controversial projects in the middle of a controversial society, then we're missing the boat.

It is strikingly evident to me that much of the productive, exciting and relevant happenings in JACL this biennium have been triggered by those JACLers who rock the boat, and who are action-oriented. However they have produced in ways that have done JACL credit. That there has sometimes been controversy and heat, is part of life and reality.

I started by using the phrase "The JACL Today" and I'd like to end with it. The JACL today has to attract people interested in the problems of today. Since the problems are tough and have to be met now, the JACL has to be tough, innovative and action-oriented. If we are to be the activist organization that Mike speaks of, our orientation must change.

We don't all have to be crusaders, but we will need to at least see the JACL's role as a collective conscience for Japanese Americans, in a society that badly needs a conscience at times.

JERRY ENOMOTO

**25 Years Ago**  
In the Pacific Citizen, Feb. 10, 1945

Two men released on bail, two AWOL GIs in prison in Sumio Doi attempted dynamiting case . . . Masato Tanida farm in San Diego escheated to state . . . Hood River Valley apple and berry growers oppose return of evacuees . . . Hood River post defies National Legion commander to reinstate names of Nisei GIs on honor roll . . . Anti-evacuee acts disgust American GIs in France.

San Francisco Council for Civic Unity aid toward resettlement of evacuees . . . AFL Union Reporter hits coast racists in editorial . . . Dillon Myers says WRA camps will close by end of year . . . Nisei restaurateur (George Sugihara) challenges Ogden city

policy of denying Japanese Americans business licenses in federal court . . . Los Angeles Episcopal Diocese welcomes return of evacuees.

JACL chapters chip in from own treasuries to reopen San Francisco JACL office . . . OWI's Japanese section moved back to San Francisco from Hawaii . . . broadcast Japanese-language programs through Voice of America radio stations.

Nisei USA: "A Pushing Failure" (of Taro Yushima's "The New Sun").  
Editorials: "Nisei in Agriculture" (on the welcome in some areas and opposition in other cases of evacuee farmers); "An Ordinary American" (on Earl Finch).

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