



—Terashima Studio Photo.

The Utah JACL chapters present a Mas Satow "original", the Japanese American Creed scroll, to Utah Gov. Calvin Rampton and his wife Lucy Beth with appreciation and esteem. Making the presentation for the chapters are (from left) Alice Kasai, JACL program coordinator; Joe Chiba, Mt. Olympus president; Betty Kubota and her husband, Al, the Salt Lake JACL president.

Mas Satow original scroll of JACL Creed presented to Utah Governor

(Special to The Pacific Citizen)
SALT LAKE CITY — Utah's three-term Governor Calvin L. Rampton and his wife Lucy Beth were presented with a framed, Mas Satow original of the Japanese American Creed at the Governor's Mansion on July 15.

Having served 12 years, the Governor decided he should not run again even though his popularity still runs high. Since his decision, various organizations have been presenting him with gifts to acknowledge their appreciation and esteem.

JACL's gift was a uniquely appropriate one as he was a classmate and debate opponent of the Creed's author, Mike M. Masakawa, at the Univ. of Utah. It will serve as a meaningful addition to his

HAYAKAWA, TUNNEY TIED IN CALIF. POLL

SAN FRANCISCO — In the first survey since the June primary, the California Poll last week said Sen. John Tunney (D) and his Republican challenger, Dr. S. I. Hayakawa, are running a "virtual readlock" race.

While Democrats outnumbered Republicans (57-36%) 44 pct. questioned favored Tunney and 43 pct. Hayakawa. Pollsters surveyed 1,009 adults between July 24 and Aug. 3.

FROM JACL NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS COMMUNICATIONS

Whale Issue Committee

San Francisco — Two Japanese Americans, whose knowledge about whales and the whale issue attended the Whaling Issue in U.S.-Japan Relations conference held July 14-16 at the Univ. of Southern California. They are Dr. Thomas K. Miwa, internationally known authority on the job of a plant, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Peoria, Ill.; and Eugene T. Nitta, fishery biologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Terminal Island, Calif.

The conference was held to lessen tensions between U.S. and Japan with regard to the whaling issue.

In Dr. Clifford Uyeda's memorandum of July 18 to the National JACL Board and the Whaling Issue committee, a synopsis of the various speakers is presented along with input from various citizens groups, such as Project Jonah, JACL and Greenpeace Foundation.

The job of a plant yields oil

which is superior to sperm whale oil, which would thus save sperm whale from industrial exploitation and extinction. Uyeda prints out. The greatest potential for this plant may be its pharmaceutical use, adds Miwa. Oil is extracted from the nut of this desert plant, which may provide employment and income to Indians in the Pacific Southwest. Sen. Edward Kennedy has introduced a bill to develop a job of a plant.

In the Aug. 1 whaling issue committee memorandum, it was noted Rep. Alphonzo Bell's HJR 923 is no different from HJR 448, which he introduced in May, 1975, intending an embargo on the products of nations engaged in commercial whaling. JACL's concern has been the emotional-by-product of a boycott—racism.

The resolution continues to ignore the wasteful and massive slaughter of dolphins and porpoises — which are just smaller whales.

1976 Memberships

As of July 31, about 95 pct. of last year's membership total (28,896) was acknowledged by Headquarters at 27-531. Of this amount, 6% (1,679) were in one of the five 1000 Club categories—a drop from last year's 1,991, at the same time.

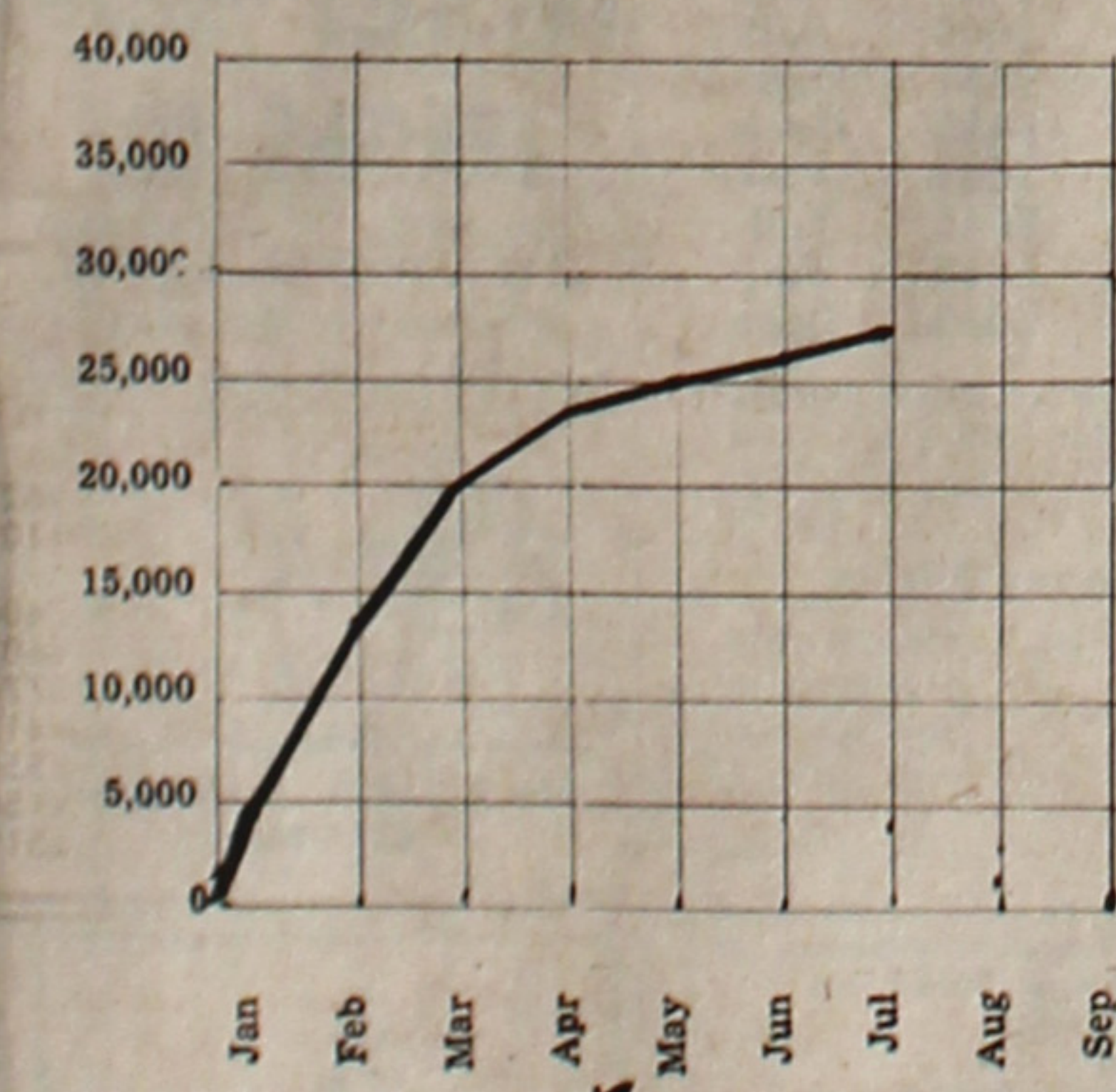
Gardena Valley JACL continues to rank as the 1976 Ichiban chapter with 1,678—surpassing last year's total of 1,522. (The all-time Ichiban high of 1,765 was turned in

by San Jose JACL in 1968. Maybe Gardena Valley can finish the year with 1,776 in honor of the Bicentennial.—Ed.)

Thirty-four out of 102 chapters have surpassed last year's total. There were 42 chapters in this category at the end of 1975.

TOP TEN CHAPTERS	
Gardena	1,678
San Jose	1,776
San Francisco	1,522
San Diego	1,235
West Los Angeles	1,144
San Antonio	860

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Farewell dinner for Dave Ushio set for Sept. 11

SAN FRANCISCO — Friends of David Ushio, retiring national JACL executive director, will sponsor an informal dinner here Sept. 11 in honor of Dave and his wife, Judi, in appreciation for the years of service he has given to JACL and the Japanese American community at large.

Dinner will be held at the Miyako Hotel Imperial Room from 7 p.m., following a no-host cocktail hour at 6 p.m.

(The National JACL Executive Committee is scheduled to meet the same weekend at JACL Headquarters.)

The dinner will be informal and is open to the public and members. It is not yet known whether Ushio, who is leaving his post on Sept. 30, will remain in the Bay Area. Dinner tickets at \$12.50 per person may be secured by calling Char Doi (776-0723) or Gerry Yamashita (289-9891) or by sending a check to David Ushio Dinner Committee, 1521 Larkin St., San Francisco 94109.

Yo Hironaka and Margarette Murakami, co-chairpersons, are being assisted by: James Murakami, Steve Doi, Sally and Stephen Nakashima, Tokyo and Wes Doi, Chie and George Kondo, Tad Hirota, Char Doi and Gerry Yamashita.

NC-WNDC sports benefit

SAN FRANCISCO — Tickets at \$3 for the U.S.-Japan men's volleyball game Sept. 1 at Kassar Pavilion from 7:30 p.m. are being sold by the JACL Regional Office (921-5225) here with proceeds going toward the NC-WNDC legal assistance fund.

Redlands editorial doesn't think Evacuation as 'disgraceful episode'

REDLANDS, Calif.—A Riverside JACLer was concerned to read the Redlands Daily Fact editorial July 24 differed with a reviewer of Michi Weglyn's "Years of Infamy" who noted "almost everyone knows that the internment of 110,000 Japanese Americans during World War II is one of the most disgraceful episodes in American history."

The editorial called that "an ex post facto judgment rendered in complete innocence of the state of public alarm in World War II" and concluded while many loyal American Japanese did suffer and lose property, "it was a terrible shame that it happened." But it insisted "it was not disgraceful."

The Daily Facts had published UPI's review of the

YONSEI TOTS ATTEND 'JAN KEN PO GAKKO'

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — A summer school located at Parkview Presbyterian Church has been conducted for the Yonsei here to instill "new awareness, a new consciousness and pride in being Japanese," according to Christine Umeda, who heads the Jan Ken Po Gakko board of directors.

Among the teachers are Issei, who teach the children origami, ceramics, doll making and elementary conversation and writing. Many of the children use their given Japanese names. Those who do not have any, select one—usually the name of a parent or relative.

Puyallup to host next PNW meeting

TACOMA, Wash. — Puyallup Valley JACL will host the next Pacific Northwest JACL District Council session over the Sept. 25-26 weekend at the Doric Tacoma Motor Hotel, 242 St. Helens Ave., It was announced by PNWDC Gov. Ed Yamamoto.

The business sessions will be held on Sunday but the host chapter has invited family to come a day early to visit the Western Washington Fair which will be in progress that week in Puyallup—a 20-minute bus ride from the hotel.

With the first EXECOM meeting under president Jim Murakami set Sept. 11-12, Dr. Jim Tsujimura of Portland, national vice president for research and services, is expected to bring chapter delegates up-to-date on national affairs during the informal Saturday evening meeting.

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—Toyo Miyatake Studio
Sandra Toshiyuki

Nisei Week queen hails from WLA

(Cut Courtesy: The Rafu Shimpo)
LOS ANGELES — Sandra Toshiyuki, 23, representing West Los Angeles, was selected the 1976 Nisei Week Festival queen at the coronation ball held Aug. 14 at the Hollywood Palladium.

Daughter of the John and Yukie Toshiyuki and a member of the West L.A. JACL, Miss Nisei Week is 5 ft. 1 and 95 lb., the most petite among the eight candidates. A UCLA graduate working part-time as a restaurant hostess, she said she was undecided as to her career ambitions.

Margaret Yuri Bow, 19, representing Citrus Valley Optimists, was fire runner-up. Joanne Ono, 20, of Suburban Optimists was selected Miss Tomodachi, a honor accorded by the contestants to the most congenial candidate during the competition.

Approximately 700 attended the event, sponsored by the American Legion Commodore Perry Post.

The festival ended Sunday after the longest Onoda parade in its 36 years—abetted by its Bicentennial theme which attracted mikoshi carriers from Tokyo, politicians in open cars and some 400 dancers and marchers. Hawaii Gov. George Ariyoshi was the grand marshal; Konosuke Matsushita of Japan was honorary grand marshal.

CONFAB AT TWIN CITIES JAYS to keep name

ST. PAUL, Minn.—A proposal to change the name of the JACL Japanese American Youth, which held its sixth biennial convention here at Concordia College Aug. 10-15, to "Asian American Youth" was withdrawn but the delegates resolved to broaden their awareness of other Asian groups.

This and other actions were discussed throughout the week at the business sessions chaired by Dale Shimasaki, National Youth Coordinating Council (NYCC) chairman, and at caucuses and midnight rap sessions.

Shimasaki, UC Berkeley student from Hayward, Calif., applauded the Twin Cities JAYS for the "good job" hosting the convention. He also was accorded a standing ovation after Glen Morinaka, adviser to the Salt Lake JAYS, officially thanked him for the outstanding job as NYCC chairperson.

Randy Chin was appointed to succeed Shimasaki. Salt Lake City was designated as the site of the next JAYS biennial convention in 1978. The parent organizations, National JACL, will also convene there in 1978.

JAYS Resolutions

Three major resolutions, adopted by the National JAYS Assembly, were similar in concept with the parent organization which had passed at its national convention in late June at Sacramento. The JAYS:

- Believe that Iva Toguri d'Aquino is innocent of all charges of treason and that she should receive a full and unconditional Presidential pardon.
- Endorsed the concept of Reparations for the 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry interned in U.S. concentration camps during World War II.
- Commended Gail Nishiooka, former youth director, for her contribution to National JACL, National JAYS, and National Youth Program.

The Assembly rejected a proposal to establish a JAYS of the Biennial but adopted a specific scholarship program for JAYS with the NYCC developing the guidelines.

The NYCC is the executive body of the JAYS, comprised of the district youth council (DYC) chairpersons.

Credentials

Among the most heated issues was the matter of voting in the Assembly. Vicki Mihara of San Francisco, representative of the Bay Area, proposed that the Assembly vote on whether to accept the credentials of the Bay Area JAYS.

Nisei carnation growers may be forced to quit

OAKLAND, Calif.—The Alameda County board of supervisors has delayed its decision until Sept. 2 on whether the Okada Brothers should be forced to quit their family greenhouse on E. 14th St. here near the Bayfair Shopping Center in line with a Planning Department recommendation to lift the agricultural preserve designation on the Okada property.

Tosh and Kingi Okada, the two sisters and Tosh's son Hideo want to continue the nursery started 63 years ago but if the designation is removed, they feel the land could not produce enough agricultural income to pay the sharply higher taxes.

The designation provides farmers to continue working the land despite pressure from surrounding developments by holding down taxes.

CRA meets on Weller St. eviction

LOS ANGELES — A three-hour meeting between the Community Redevelopment Agency board of commissioners and Little Tokyo community groups this past week (Aug. 15) at Little Tokyo Towers turned over very little new information.

The commissioners, including Tsutomu Uchida who delayed a scheduled trip to Washington to be present, its administrator Edward Helfield, and staff were subjected to heated questions over their schedule to clear tenants and businesses in the Weller St. triangle where Hotel New Otani is now under construction.

One person in the audience felt the commissioners ought not respond to the "rude" questioners and challenged the Japanese-language translator from the Little Tokyo People's Rights Organization for being biased. Uchida also felt the CRA took unwarranted abuse at the meeting and said LTPRO "might be using the board to get headlines."

JACL Involvement

JACL's involvement in the Weller St. evictions, aside from the notices received by JACL and Pacific Citizen in the Sun

senting the Credentials Committee, had proposed a constitutional amendment to reduce the number of votes of a single chapter in the assembly to one. A number of amendments were injected but rejected and the original proposal was adopted.

The JAYS chapters were entitled to one additional vote for every 25 members.

It was also agreed the chairperson of the credentials committee would serve as head of JAYS membership services and that JAYS chapters to be in good standing must have their dues for the first year of the biennial in by Sept. 30 and in the second year within 60 days before the first business meeting of the Youth Assembly.

JAYS Committees

There was a major review of national JAYS programs by a convention committee. The Assembly accepted three recommendations for continuance as follows:

Asian Media Committee—Formed to monitor the media and protesting any discrimination in it.

Sister Chapter Program—Whereby two JAYS chapters are affiliated like the Sister Cities program where members correspond with each other to learn of life and of the organization.

National Youth Program Notebook—A guide to JAYS procedures, revisions had been made but these are missing. If not located, compile a new one. (Originally published in 1968, associate national director Don Hayashi assisted in its publication.)

While the convention committee recommended continuance of the Foster Child Program as a national program, the Assembly rejected it and urged implementation at the chapter level. Program involves sponsorship of an Asian child at an approximate expense of \$15 a year.

The convention committee recommendation to discontinue the Project of the Biennial was accepted. Previous projects were of an educational nature, directing chapters and districts to participate in

Japanese pays respects at memorial to Oregon victims of balloon bombs

BLY, Ore.—A retired Japanese scientist who designed radio equipment that proved the upper air currents could carry balloon bombs to the United States visited and laid wreaths earlier this month at a monument here to six victims who were killed by an explosion of such a bomb while fishing here May 5, 1945.

Sakyo Adachi, 71, of Tokyo stopped off here on his way to visit his son, a physician in Maryland.

Adachi, who served with the Japanese Navy's meteorological department, said

some aspect of the goal. For instance, establishing resource centers was a biennial project in the 1973-74 biennial.

Open Forums

Two open forums were held during the week. The first, held on Aug. 11, featured Dr. Harry Kitano of UCLA and Gloria Kumagai, who is involved with education here. With Japanese American identity as the main topic, it was concluded that most Japanese American behavior "doesn't come from our culture, but from our dominated position."

The second, held on Aug. 14, was with national JACL president Jim Murakami of Santa Rosa. Informally conducted on a first name basis, the JAYS gave their input on how they see their participation on the National Board level, spoke to the need of a national youth director and discussed the JACL organization and participation of new members in the JAYS.

Monte Carlo night raised about \$240 for the convention. The workshops were well attended and received. The major volleyball game between the JAYS and their advisers was won by the latter group.

A highly emotional moment ended the Final Night dinner at Hotel Sofitel in Bloomington. In addition to the expressions of thanks and acknowledgments, the Twin Cities JAYS received a JACL plaque inscribed, "Congratulations TC 1976."

Bob Solomon, outgoing Midwest DYC vice president, of Chicago made the final presentation that broke up two of the three convention general co-chairpersons (June Murakami and Mats Abe) into tears as they exclaimed: "It's over."

"We did it!" Solomon had handed them a newspaper, its ink slightly smeared, but the message was crisp and clear. The headlines read:

76 JAY NAT CON HUGE SUCCESS!
THANK YOU T.C.

Among these present at the forest memorial were the brother and sister of two of the people killed, Ed Patzke of Bly and Mrs. E. A. McGinnis of Klamath Falls, who clasped hands with Adachi after the ceremony. Mrs. McGinnis said her family held no personal animosity.

Powell St. hotel to be Issei hostel

VANCOUVER, B.C.—The Japanese Canadian Society of Greater Vancouver purchased the Richmond Hotel, 376 Powell St., with 100 pct. financing from the government and to be refurbished to provide hostel type housing units with priority to senior citizens in the area. Price was not disclosed in its July 15 announcement.

The city regarded the project as an excellent example of intelligent recycling of an old

er building at less than half the cost of new construction. JCS had noted the scarcity of affordable land and exorbitant construction costs. rents in a new building would be more than senior citizens could afford. And a speedy solution was needed if the senior citizens on Powell St. were to enjoy decent accommodations.

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have preference to space in the commercial complex of specialty shops adjacent to the new hotel.

On the PSWDC Little Tokyo redevelopment committee are Jim Matsuka, Steve Nakajima, Paul Tsunetsu and Ishikawa.

"We have asked for an extension of the eviction date and CRA's position seems to be tilting in our favor," Tsunetsu said.

Before the floor was open to questions, an overview of the Little Tokyo redevelopment project was presented by CRA deputy administrator Dave Wilcox.

Helfield pledged he would recommend a two-month delay of the "termination of leases" Dec. 31 of those located in the area under question. He added that plans are under study to relocate community cultural groups on an interim basis to either the Japanese Union Church (which will be vacated soon) and the San Pedro Firm Bldg. before settling in the new 6-story Japanese American Cultural Community Center, still in the design stage, and to be situated north of the new Union Church at E. 3rd and San Pedro Sts.

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EDITORIAL

On Being a Registered Voter

Now that the two major political parties have nominated their candidates for President and Vice President of the United States while the hoopla of the Bicentennial ripples through the rest of this year, it comes down to what role the individual voter has.

The Japanese American Citizens League, a nonpartisan organization, makes no choice but does urge its members are registered to vote. The franchise, practically speaking, is the "people's ability to control their government"—a concept that shaped this Nation 200 years ago through a system of representative responsibility and separation of powers in the three branches of government, the executive, legislative and judicial.

Within this framework, liberty and equality are a continuing heritage of American democratic theory that recognizes majority rule and minority rights. This speaks to participatory pluralism and participatory democracy at the polls. Participatory pluralism marks the role of such organizations as JACL in shaping public policy and ratified by participatory democracy at the polls.

PC's \$160,000 Budget

Delegates at the recent National JACL Convention at Sacramento were informed that postal and presswork rates affecting this paper would go up before the end of the JACL fiscal year, which is Sept. 30.

Postage for 2nd Class went up the first week of July a whopping 30%, the biggest we have had to sustain. Based upon our current average circulation of 23,000 copies, the cost jumps from \$371 to \$486 per 4-page issue or close to \$6,000 more per year.

The first week of September, presswork will go up around 15% to absorb recent increases in the cost of newsprint and labor.

These are all in line with the \$160,000 PC budget projected for FY 1977-78. The PC budget, of course, is also counting on some \$45,000 in advertising, \$13,500 in nonmember subscriptions and additional miscellaneous income so that about \$60,000 can be generated.

Assuming there are about 20,000 JACL subscribers, the remainder of the \$100,000 in the PC budget can be figured at \$5 per JACL subscription from FY 1977. Either we step up the advertising campaign through the chapters or divert program dollars from the membership to the above member subscription rate—which is \$1.25 more than what it is now.

The National JACL Executive Committee, which will be meeting in a couple weeks, will need to keep their pencils sharpened as they review the new budget for the coming biennium.

Let Freedom Ring

Excerpts from *The Patriot's Bible*, Orbis Books, (\$3.95) Maryknoll, N.Y. 10545

When a great truth once gets abroad in the world, no power on earth can imprison it, or prescribe its limits, or suppress it. It is bound to go on till it becomes the thought of the world. Such a truth is woman's rights to equal liberty with man. She was born with it. It was hers before she comprehended it. It is prescribed upon all the powers and faculties of her soul, and no custom, law nor usage can ever destroy it. —Frederick Douglass (1888)

The essentials for life are water and bread and clothing and a house to cover one's nakedness. —Sirach 29:21-22

FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

Okada's 'No-No Boy'

Denver, Colo. When a bunch of writers believe enough in another author's work to put up the money to get it published, the event is worth noting. The work in this instance is the novel, "No-No Boy," a story by the late John Okada.

This piece of fiction is about a Nisei, Ichiro Yamada, who unlike the vast majority of his contemporaries, refused to serve in the United States Army in World War II. Okada, who was among those who stepped forward to accept military service, wrote movingly of the fictional Ichiro Yamada's return to his native Seattle after serving a prison sentence, and his effort to find himself.

"No-No Boy" was published in 1957 by Charles E. Tuttle Co. of Tokyo and Rutland, Vt. It was not a commercial success and after it went out of print the publisher relinquished his rights last year. The University of Washington press considered reprinting the book, but eventually decided not to.

John Okada died in Los Angeles in 1971 of a heart attack at age 47. He had nearly completed the first draft of another novel, this one about an Issei, but the manuscript was destroyed after Okada's death.

When the playwright Frank Chin ("The Chickencoop Chinaman," "The Year of the Dragon") heard about all this, he was outraged as only Frank Chin can be. He began what amounted at first to a one-man crusade to win recognition for Okada. Now he and several other Asian American writers have founded CARP Publishing Co. (Combined Asian American Resources Project, Inc.) to publish literary works by Asian American writers. A reprinting of "No-No Boy" is their first project.

"We've taken things in our own hands since the University of Washington said no go on the reprint of John's book," Chin writes. "Lawson Inada, Jeff Chan, Jim Hirabayashi, Shawn Wong,

Bob Onodera, me, and lately John Okada's eldest brother Robert have kicked in some bucks, some time and some talent to bring 'No-No Boy' back to light. We need more money than we have. If we sell 500 copies we have back our printing and typesetting costs."

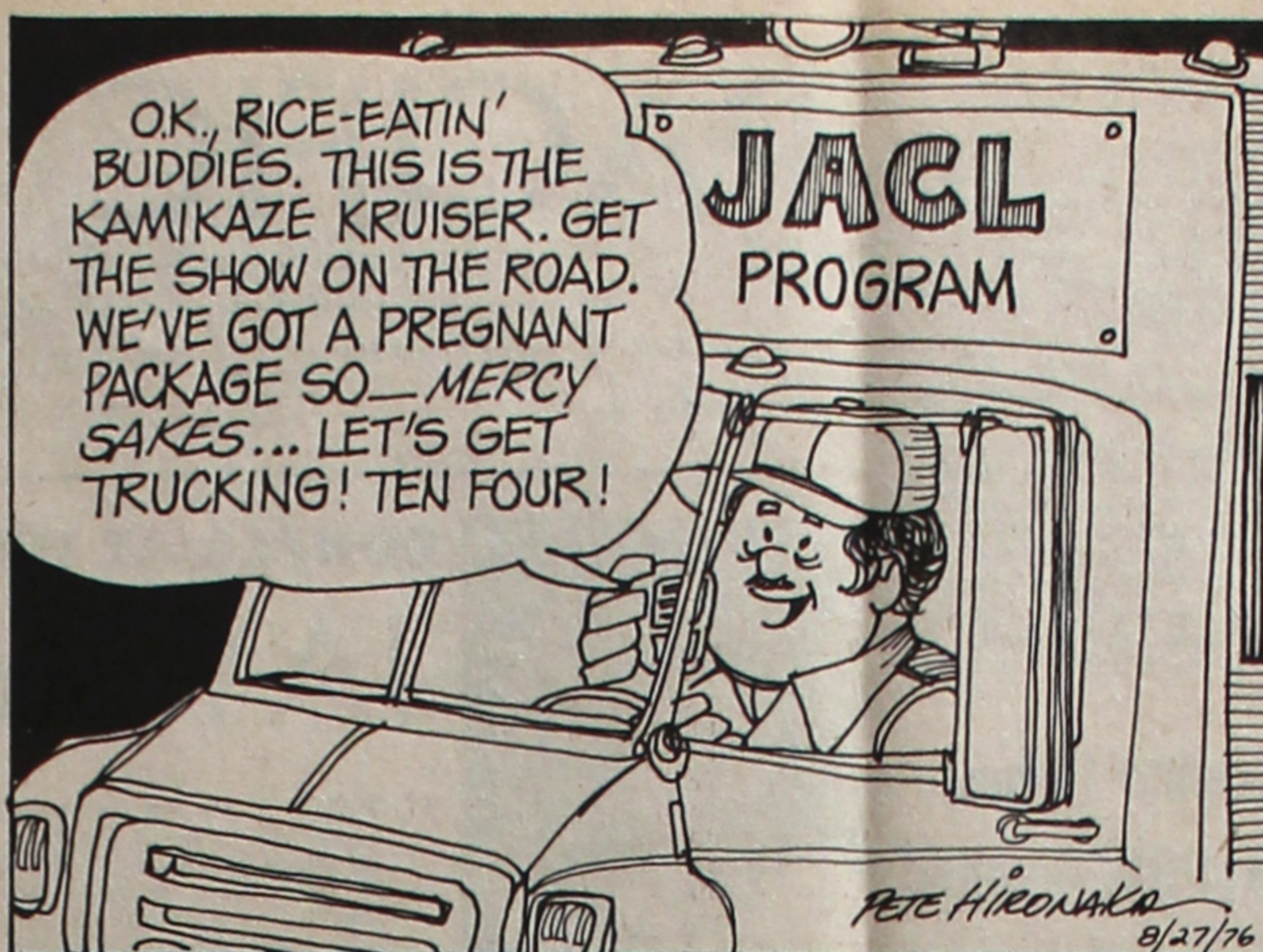
A CARP flier announcing the project says other books being planned are the collected short stories of Hisaye Yamamoto, a collection of stories by Wakako Yamauchi, Chin's two plays in a single volume, a collection of one-act plays premiered by the East West Players, and a collection of previously unpublished fiction by Carlos Bulosan.

CARP's address is P.O. Box 3828, Rincon Annex, San Francisco 94119. Orders for "No-No Boy" are now being taken for fall delivery. Pre-publication price is \$3.95, plus 35 cents for mailing.

John Okada's untimely death was a grievous loss to Nisei literature, for "No-No Boy" demonstrated talent and insight that promised great things for the future. Writing is a lonely and often discouraging craft, and one wonders whether earlier recognition for John Okada might have inspired him to step up his output (Some 14 years elapsed between publication of Okada's novel and his death.)

The kind of encouragement John Okada did not get was provided earlier this summer at a four-day Pacific Northwest Asian American Writers Conference at the University of Washington. Some of the top Asian American writers and teachers offered lectures and workshops to encourage potential writers of poetry, fiction and drama to work on material about the Asian American experience.

More of this sort of encouragement is needed. The Asian Americans have a dramatic story to tell, and they have found few able to tell it. Their experience is part and parcel of America and it needs to be put down in writing.



Gardena's own: Hongo

By WAKAKO YAMAUCHI
Rockefeller Playwright in Residence East/West Players

The Pacific Northwest Asian American Writers Conference, held June 29-July 2 in Seattle, culminated an excellent program with the premiere production of Gardena's Garrett Kaoru Hongo's play, "Nisei Bar and Grill."

And it's a blast—a riotous two act set in Harry's Nisei Bar and Grill where members of the Hawaiian and Japanese American "floating world" congregate to act out their brave and blustery lives. The city is Chicago; the story concerns Harry, his niece Colleen, and his bar and grill, a haven for the Japanese American set who do not have the church bazaar, Little League, the Rotary Club to give meaning to their lives. They exist on shop-worn dreams.

In the name of progress, Harry sells his building (which includes his bar and grill) to a company that plans to demolish it and build a glossy auto showroom. Harry's patrons and tenants protest their eviction; they say he has not fought for them, that he is abandoning his "family." Harry is not moved.

He has accommodated this crowd long enough; he's had it with their tired dreams. He wants to give the money from the sale (\$50,000) to Colleen so she can leave this environment, go to Hawaii and live a more wholesome life. Colleen resents his manipulations; she sides with the tenants. Eventually all is resolved as Colleen takes the money to relocate the "Nisei Bar and Grill" to another site.

Frank Chin Directs

Admirably directed by the Chicken-Coop Chinaman himself, Frank Buck-Buck-Bugaw Chin, "Nisei Bar and Grill" is peopled with characters bigger than life. You know them, I know them, maybe not all at once in the same place, but you know them. The language is pure—pure Hawaiian pidgin, Nisei English, Nisei Japanese—not what you hear at church socials but portraying accurately the sound of the language of a certain segment of our ethnic groups—a certain segment of us. The action and laughs come fast; it's hard to keep up with them, but in the boisterous interplay, in the passionate stand these cohorts take for the preserva-

Nisei Bar and Grill
A play by Garrett Kaoru Hongo. Directed by Frank Chin. Cast: Frank Abe, Maria Batayola, Richard Eng, Patty Fong, Wilfred Hasegawa, Bea Kiyohara, Ken Mochizuki, Judy Nihei, Stephen Sumida, Larry Wong, John Yamane. Set design by Bruce Brittingham. Production staff: Members of the Asian Exclusion Act of Seattle.

tion of their womb, the Nisei Bar and Grill, the loneliness is implicit.

Hongo's play moves with wit; you have to run to catch all the funnies, but beyond that he has drawn his characters with a sharp pen—with a keen sense of their absurdity, their vulnerability.

Particularly charming is a character named Sci Fi, a young man obsessed with a dream of writing the science fiction novel, translating all he sees and hears into this genre. Richard Eng plays this

part with endearing innocence; I wanted to shout when he was finally accepted for publication.

Dexter Inouye, the Sansei Kid (Frank Abe), is a song writer who spends much of his time on the phone singing his songs to some prospective producer. Bea Kiyohara gives a delightful performance as Keiko, the resident whore—pretty, piquant, enjoying her work, and irritating Shirley (Judy Nihei) the feminist activist. Maria Batayola is convincing as a Nisei beautician. She is Philippina. There are others, most of them come in clearly, but the performance of Stephen Sumida as Harry the proprietor is strong, passionate, still sympathetic and totally believable. Bruce Brittingham, the set designer, caught the flavor of such a bar and grill as we might find in our own Los Angeles, maybe on East First Street before redevelopment.



Photo by Dick Wong

Cast of Garrett Hongo's play, "Nisei Bar and Grill," pose on the stage of Univ. of Washington's Ethnic Theater. They are (from left): Wilfred Hasegawa, Bea Kiyohara, John Yamane, Frank Abe, Maria Batayola, Larry Wong, (seated) Richard Eng.

Judy Nihei; (top row) Stephen Sumida, Patty Fong and Ken Mochizuki. (Sumida authored the "Reflections on Asian American Writers," Aug. 13 PC, on proceedings of the conference where this play was presented.)

LETTERS

Reparations

Editor: I am impressed by the effort of those who are responsible of bringing the reparation issue to the present stage. At the same time I made an effort to understand the reasons presented by those who are opposed to the reparation. I read the National Council Narrative several times. Those reasons, however, do not make sense. They are neither expressions of Japanese heritage nor in accord with the American ideals. And yet, I feel that there is some sensitive underlying problem.

Is it a psychological problem of those who had been constantly harassed and intimidated? Does the attitude reflect those of minority who tried to find a peace of mind in the oppressed condition? I don't find such attitude among Japanese living in Japan. I am making these inquiries with my full respect to these Nikkei who courageously went through the hardships.

NOBUYUKI NAKAJIMA
Sheffield Lake, Ohio

Letters to the Editor are subject to condensation. Each must be signed and addressed. Name will be withheld upon request.

MANJIRO SKETCH IN SMITHSONIAN BOOK

WASHINGTON — Story of John Manjiro, the Japanese fisherman who "discovered" America, by Dr. Lee Houchins with woodblock prints by Kawada Shoryo based on his sketches of Boston Harbor, appears in "Abroad in America," a publication of the National Portrait Gallery of the Smithsonian Institution.

The 347-page book (Addison-Wesley Publishing Co., \$7.95) contains 29 essays on visitors to the U.S. between 1776 and 1914. Houchins is a Smithsonian research associate and a trustee of the Japan America Society of Washington.

25 Years Ago

In the PC, Sept. 1, 1951

Aug. 6—Illinois Gov. Stevenson signs pension act; may aid Issei applicants.

Aug. 27—JACL to seek end of racially restrictive covenants in cemeteries.

Aug. 27—Louisiana Sen. Ellender objects to passage of Hawaii statehood bill when considered on Unanimous Consent Calendar for the fourth time.



Photo by Weston Nishimura

Playwright Frank Chin (left) of San Francisco and poet Lawson Inada, professor of English at Southern Oregon College, were among 15 Asian American writers and 100 participants at the Pacific Northwest Asian American Writers Conference at the Univ. of Washington, June 27-July 2.

1976 Japan Flights

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Tule Lake Plaque

By EDISON UNO

San Francisco On May 6 this year, the California State Historical Resources Commission voted against the proposed wording for a State Landmark plaque at Tule Lake, once the home of 18,800 internees at the Tule Lake War Relocation Authority Center, as the U.S. government called it.

Present at the public hearing to debate the various views about the proposed text by the JACL were individuals representing opposing opinions.

The JACL proposal and recommended wording by the Commission's staff states:

"Tule Lake was one of ten concentration camps established during World War II to incarcerate 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry, of which the majority being American citizens, behind barbed wire and guard towers without charge, trial or guilt.

"These camps are reminders of how racism, economic

and political exploitation and expediency undermined constitutional guarantees of United States citizens and aliens alike. May the injustices and humiliations suffered here never recur."

The opposition concentrated their attack on the use of the words "concentration camps." Their argument was that the term is too often mistaken for the reference made to Nazi Germany's camps. This controversy is not new. In 1973, a similar plaque was approved by the Director of Parks and Recreation for Manzanar, the use of the words "concentration camps" was cast in bronze after the Director overruled a decision by the Commission.

The Tule Lake plaque controversy appears to be a replay of the 1973 issue. However, in the meantime, California has a new governor who appointed a new Director of Parks and Recreation, Dr. Herbert Rhodes.

Director Rhodes must make a very difficult decision. In my opinion, he can make the proper decision with a clear and just conscience for the following reasons:

1. The 1973 Manzanar plaque has set a historic precedent.

2. Most authoritative English language dictionaries define the terms which apply to the wartime treatment of Japanese Americans.

3. The common use of the term was used by government officials, politicians, writers, and widely acceptable prior and during the internment years; therefore historic accuracy should be maintained.

4. The reference to concentration camps by victims of wartime injustices is widely acceptable and descriptive of their own feelings and experience.

5. Honesty and historic accuracy must be preserved in the integrity of the words used to describe the injustices suffered by American citizens.

6. Euphemisms are used to distort the truth; any deviation from what is right and just is to perpetuate a fraud on the public.

7. If we are to learn from our past mistakes, it is imperative to describe the mistake in terms which cast no doubt as to the enormity of that gross mistake.

8. To equate the European experience with the American experience is improper. Auschwitz, Dachau, and Buchenwald were not "concentration camps"; they were death camps, extermination camps, and camps of genocide. Euphemistically, we have called them concentration camps; likewise, we have been brainwashed to call Heart Mountain, Topaz, Granada, Jerome, Minadoka, Gila, Manzanar, Poston, Rohwer, and Tule Lake camps or "relocation centers".

Former evacuees may wish to express their support of the JACL's recommendation for the adoption of the Tule Lake plaque wording. You may have other reasons for Director Rhodes to accept the JACL's recommendation.

In any event, all former evacuees, whether you live in California now or have moved from the Golden State are urged to express your personal views to Director Herbert Rhodes, Department of Parks and Recreation, P.O. Box 2390, Sacramento, Calif. 95811. A copy to our National Director will help bring this issue to a resolution in the near future.

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Plain Speaking

QUIET AND CALM OF AUGUST

August in Washington, D.C. is a period of time in which quiet and calm characterizes this city. Congress has not been in session for most of this month and many people here traditionally take their vacation. All you have to do is take a short walk on Capitol Hill and you see some secretaries dressed in levis and other staffers dressed as if they were going to shoot a round of golf.

However, August can only be considered the calm before the storm, because, after August there will be considerable change in the Federal City for the next six months.

Take Congress, for example. All 435 members of the House of Representatives, including one-third of the members of the Senate, will either be up for election or have announced their retirement.

Many congressmen and senators who have become synonymous with power and influence in Washington, D.C. will not be returning for various reasons. Congressmen Wilbur Mills and Wayne Hays have announced their retirement due to the circumstances that we are all familiar with. Surprisingly, Congressman Ray Madden, chairman of the Rules Committee, and Congressman Otto Passman, chairman of the Subcommittee that controlled appropriations for the foreign aid program have both been defeated in primaries. Other House members have chosen to run for the Senate, thus creating a vacancy in their Congressional District. All in all, approximately 50 to 70 members of the House will not be returning to the Congress.

In the Senate such famous names as Phillip Hart, John Pastore, Mike Mansfield, Roman Hruska, Paul Fannin, Hiram Fong, Hugh Scott, and Stuart Symington, to name just a few, have decided to hang it up. This means that the Senate will have to decide next year who will lead the majority and minority parties and in addition, chairmanships of some important committees.

In the federal bureaucracy, if a change takes place in the White House with a new administration, all kinds of new faces will appear. Even if the present administration continues many changes can be expected. For example, we already know that Robert Hampton, chairman of the Civil Service Commission will be leaving, as will T. H. Bell, head man with the Office of Education.

A lot of changes will be taking place in Washington in the next six months. We'll keep tab on them here.

Salinas Valley JACLers spend Sundays to beautify, keep up Yamato Cemetery

SALINAS, Calif.—The restoration and upkeep of the Yamato Cemetery, one of only two accredited Japanese cemeteries in the State of California, has been undertaken as a project by the Salinas Valley JACL.

JACL volunteers recently worked seven Sundays to put the cemetery into condition and have set up a perpetual fund for cemetery upkeep.

Chairman of the project was James Y. Abe.

The Yamato Cemetery is a

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historic part of Japanese American community life in Salinas.

The Japanese Association of Salinas, founded in 1905, created the Yamato Cemetery in 1908 with a purchase of a little over two acres of land on Abbott St. and by the Salinas Sprinklers line of the Southern Pacific Railroad.

The cemetery went through its first major restoration and beautifying period in the late 1930s, with the planting of cherry trees and the replacement of many wooden markers with concrete markers.

When most of the active members of the Japanese Association were interned soon after the start of World War II, the JACL was assigned to upkeep on the cemetery until the wartime evacuation.

Pestwar Picture

Following the evacuation and relocation, the first Japanese American families returning to Salinas in late 1945 found the once beautiful Yamato Cemetery in a run-down condition, with goats tied to the few remaining cherry trees, chewing away anything within their reach.

In 1948, the Nisei reactivated the Salinas Valley JACL with James Abe as its first post-war president and took the project of restoring the cemetery.

For the next two decades, the cemetery was kept up through donations and volunteer work.

Beginning this year, 1976 through earnings from the cemetery endowment fund, a part-time caretaker will be hired for the general maintenance of the cemetery. As in the past, volunteer help will be solicited when a major project is undertaken or when any extra help is needed. Cemetery donations will be used for immediate needs or be put into the endowment fund for better perpetual care.

A New Generation

"In the past 50 years, many pioneers who have devoted their time and support for the creation and development of this cemetery, and many others thereafter, have been laid to rest peacefully in this Yamato Cemetery," noted Ichikuro Kondo, a past president of the cemetery's board of directors. "As respect of ancestry is among the greatest of Japanese virtues, the beautification of this cemetery is an essential duty for us, their descendants."

"In our Japanese community, Issei are no longer the dominant generation. The influence and strength in the community has transferred to the Nisei and the Sansei. The Issei reign has been a long time one, but a human life span is limited, and there has been no one who has lived over one hundred years. The curtain for the Issei era is slowly descending. We therefore should pay our most sincere respect to all of the deceased pioneers for their everlasting distinguished service."

Murakami speaks on Doi ouster

SAN FRANCISCO — Chapter presidents were advised July 7 by National President Jim Murakami of his stand regarding the termination of Amy Doi with JACL as co-ordinator of Education Responsibility Project. Text of the letter follows:

It is not without suitable thought or concern for the expressions of Sequoia Chapter members regarding the termination of the employment of Amy Doi with JACL, that this action was taken. I understand the feelings of hurt

and the feelings of bitterness expressed by them. However, as National President, I am accepting and abiding by the major concurrence of the members of the National Executive Committee who have made a decision based upon the recommendations of the Advisory Committee to the Foundation Responsibility Project.

I will not accept violations within the organization, of the established line of authority, by any JACL staff member, be it the National Director, Assistant National Director, Regional Directors, Program Directors, professional or clerical staff.

JACL Idaho Disaster Relief Fund

FIRTH, Idaho—Following is the list of 59 individuals who have contributed as of July 19 to the "JACL Disaster Relief Fund" to assist Japanese American victims of the recent Teton Dam collapse, according to Mrs. Yuki Harada, treasurer.

CALENDAR

Aug. 27 (Friday)
Bay Area Comm.—Mtg. Cal 1st Bank Japan Trade Ctr., S. Francisco, 7:30 p.m.; Amy Doi, spkr.
Aug. 29 (Sunday)
NC-WNDC—Invitational swim meet, Ohlone College, Fremont.
Fremont—Picnic, Ohlone College.
Aug. 30 (Monday)
Contra Costa—Baseball night, Oakland Coliseum.
Sept. 3 (Friday)
West Los Angeles—Earth Science mtg.
Sept. 3-5
Orange County—Selanoco—International Food Festival, City of Orange Plaza, Chapman and Glassell.
Sept. 8 (Wednesday)
San Mateo—Bd Mtg., Sturge Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 9 (Thursday)
PSWDC—Ethnic Concerns Mtg. JACL Regional Office, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 10 (Friday)
Sonoma County—Benefit movie, Enmanji Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 11 (Saturday)
Philadelphia—Bd Mtg., Tom Kashiwara residence.
Sept. 12-19
Berkeley—Bi-Centennial Festival.
Sept. 13 (Monday)
Gardena Valley—Mtg., Summitomo Bank, 7 p.m.
Alameda—Mtg., Buena Vista Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 16 (Thursday)
PSWDC—Ethnic Comm. Mtg., JACL Regional Office, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 18 (Saturday)
Philadelphia—Judge Marutani Testimonial Dinner/Tom Hayashi Law Scholarship Award, Warwick Hotel.
Fremont—Charity Mall food bazaar, Fremont Hub Shopping Ctr., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sept. 19 (Sunday)
Cincinnati—Bd Mtg., Gordon Yoshikawa residence, 1:30 p.m.

CALIFORNIA
Sacramento—James Williams, Howard S. Matsubara, Augustine E. Fairfax, Paul T. Bannal, Yoneo Suzuki, Haruo Hironaka, Kiyoshi Takiishi, Loomis—George Y. Makabe, Albany—Terry T. Yamashita, Fowler—Kimihiro Sera, Mikio Uchiyama, Lindsay—Tom T. Shinmaki, San Francisco—Kiy W. Buiko, Sakai—Berkeley—Kazuko B. Kono, H. Yamashita, Roseville—Seiichi Otono, Vacaville—Leo H. Hosoda, El Cerrito—W. Nagareda, San Uchiyama, Woodland—Fred T. Katakura, Fresno—Harold Marada, San Francisco—Akira Sasaki, Bob B. Hirata, Francis M. Hayashi, Richard M. Selki, Dinuba—Roy S. Miyake, South Pasadena—Robert T. Ohi, San Diego—Harold T. Ikemura, Talmi T. Hashimoto, Stockton—Tom Hatanaka, Toyo Ijuin, F. E. Yoshikawa, San Lorenzo—Fusae Obata, San Mateo—Howard T. Inada, Norwalk—James T. Miyamoto, Los Angeles—Yuki Kemavatsu, Belmont—F. Kuwano, Richmond—Shig. Hoki, Gardena—Yoshio Yoshimoto.
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THE JULY REPORT 1000 Club Memberships

National Headquarters acknowledged 39 new and renewing 1000 Club memberships during the last half of July. Current total since Dec. 1 indicates 1,658 active members, compared with 1,854 as of the same time in 1975.

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Chapter Pulse

August Events

Bay Area Community JACL will meet Aug. 27, 7:30 p.m. at California First Bank's Japan Trade Center office, San Francisco to hear Amy Doi explain her role with the Foundation Responsibility Project and why she was fired as coordinator.

Chapter is to also discuss a fund raising event for the Wendy Yoshimura fair trial fund sometime in September or October.

Readley JACL coordinated a weekend for 33 students from Tokyo English School as a climax to their exchange program at Readley College recently. Arrangements began a year ago with Ike Yamada, 1966 RC alumnus and dean of student Vern Warkentien, who were able have the Japanese students housed in private homes after living during the week at the campus residence hall.

Students were impressed with the industrial and sight-seeing tours of Kash Packing House, Sunmald Raisin plant, Sequoia and Yosemite national parks, and square dancing to an English-speaking caller. On the chapter host committee were:

Roy Watari, Ron Nishinaka, Stan Ishii, Wayne Kai, George Ikemiyu and Yosh Yamada.

July Events

San Mateo JACL posthumously recognized Tawo Haruhuchi during the Keiro Kai party July 10 saluting senior citizens at the local Buddhist Hall. Accepting the award was his widow, Michi. He was recognized for initiating five years ago the Ikoi no Tomo, the local senior citizens club. Mrs. Mary C. Tamura, first chairperson for the group and who has since continued to contribute her time and talents to the community, was also honored with a plaque.

Program was emceed by Mrs. Akiko Decker. San Mateo B'nai B'rith displayed many priceless bonsai pieces. Sumitomo Bank of California donated the special celebration manju. California First Bank, George Kodakari of Flowers by Sat, and San Raku Restaurant contributed door prizes.

San Francisco JACL is sponsoring the San Francisco Japanese Historical Society project to collect and duplicate photographs and artifacts of the Japanese contribution to the U.S. and specifically the San Francisco Bay area.

Committee is working on a release form for individuals who would permit committee members to come to their homes and make duplicate copies from original photographs and an instructional sheet requesting basic data of duplicated photographs.

A list of people who may have photos, documents and artifacts of historical value is being prepared with the assistance of:

Yas Abiko, Michi Onuma, Kay Okamoto, Seizo Oka, Dr. Clifford Uyeda, Dr. Kazuo and Dr. Teru Togasaki, Dr. K. Kiyasu and Chiz Satou.

ASEA Newsletter

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—The Asian State Employees Assn., organized in June 1975, has published its first newsletter last month (July) with Dr. Ronald Shinn as editor. The ASEA is supportive in matters affecting Asian employees and community.

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West Point graduates 6 Sansei

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Each year, the U.S. Military Academy graduates about 800 new officers. Two months ago, the 1976 class included six Japanese Americans who are among the 30,000 of the "Long Gray Line" which includes not only men in battle, but men in space and men in the White House.

Matthew Hada, 21, is the son of Col. (ret.) John and Mutsumi Hada, now assigned to the 82nd Airborne at Ft. Bragg, N.C. He co-captained the triathlon team, was active with the swim team and served as assistant brigade athletic officer. He graduated from Sacred Heart High, San Francisco.

Michael Asada, 22, is the son of Mark and Itsuko Asada, graduate of Bridgeton

High, and active with the judo and karate clubs, Class Academic Council, and held the rank of cadet captain. Good leadership training was a determining factor that found him at the Point.

Len Horiuchi, 21, is the son of Tom and Hazel Horiuchi, a graduate of Seaside (Calif.) High School, active with the fishing and Scuba clubs, held the rank of cadet lieutenant. He is attending Ranger School, 101st Airborne Division, at Ft. Campbell, Ky.

Robert Taira, 21, son of Tsukuru Taira of Hilo, was a National Merit Scholar and a National Science Foundation winner upon graduation from Hilo High School. He was on the dean's list for three years and served as cadet lieutenant as assistant S-3 for his regiment.

Harold Zaima, 21, is the son of Kenneth and Satsuki Zaima, who graduated from Hakata Dependents High School, Fukuoka. On the Commandant's List all four years, he held the rank of cadet lieutenant, was active in judo, rugby, intramural soccer and swimming.

Paul Migaki, 22, is the son of Dr. Thomas and Amy Migaki, a graduate of South Vigo High in Terre Haute, Ind., where he starred in tennis. He held the rank of cadet captain placed on the Dean's List four years, Superintendent's and Commandant's Lists for three years. He is attending Armor School at Ft. Knox, Ky.

New that service academies admit women with the class entering in July, 1976, young men and women in high school seeking admission next year should request their congressional nomination or write to the Military Academy Admission Office, West Point, N.Y. 10996 for a pre-application packet. Ideal time to file is during the junior year.

Japan Foundation grant to UC Santa Cruz made

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. — The Japan Foundation grant to UC Santa Cruz will provide a major salary support over a three-year period for a faculty position in modern Japanese history, according to Angus E. Taylor, acting chancellor.

IN ENGLAND

Canadian Nisei veterans in reunion

LONDON—While on a three-week tour of Europe a group of Canadian Nisei army veterans met here Aug. 16 at the Beafater-by-the-Tower. It was the fourth reunion since 1967, when the first one was held in Toronto. Also present were the S-20 veterans from the Canadian Army Japanese Language School, which was based in West Vancouver during WW2.

The speaker at the first reunion was then Secretary of State Judy LaMarsh, who studied Japanese with the Nisei at S-20.

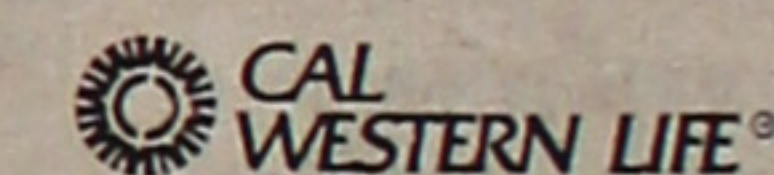
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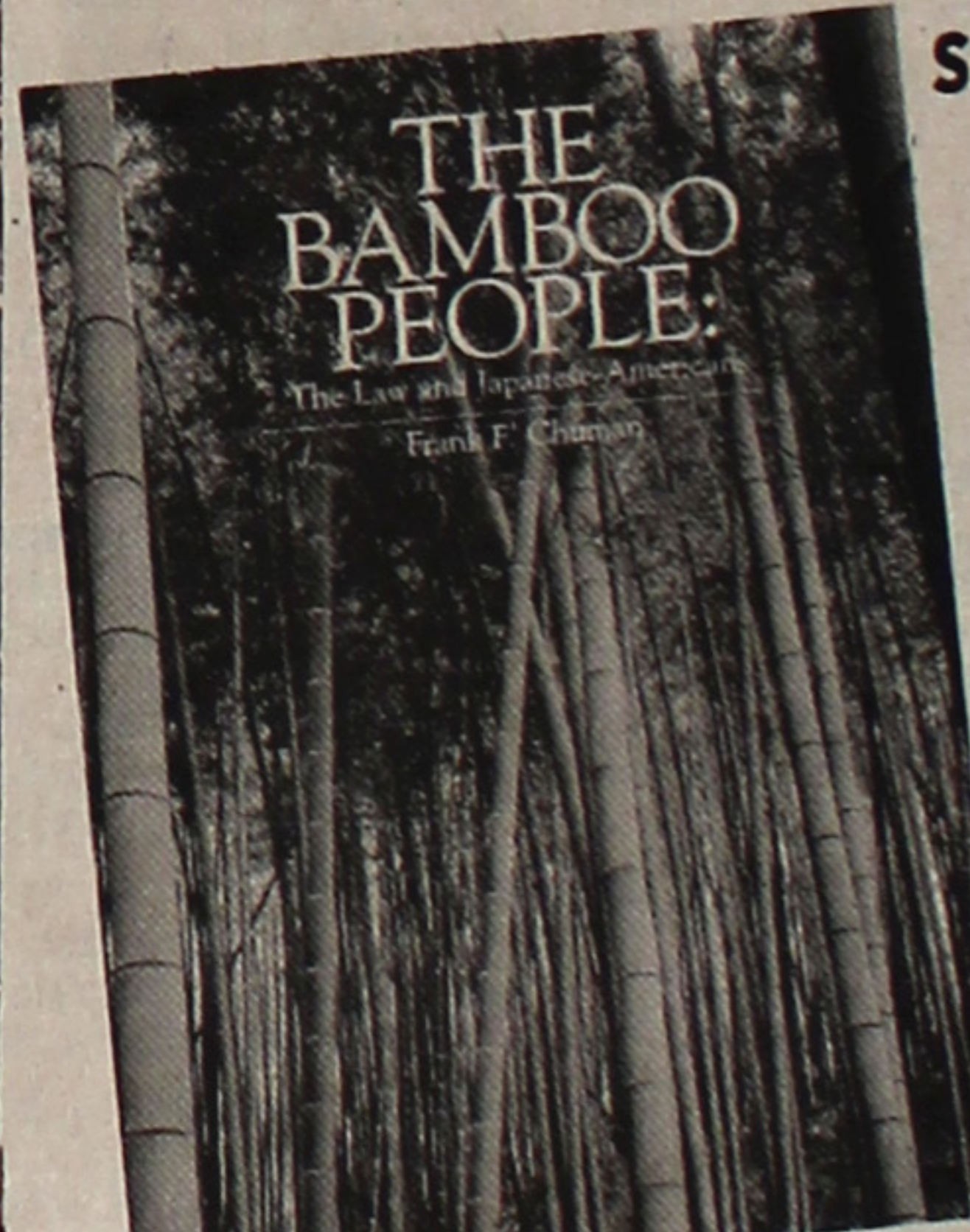


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