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## Plan mark for Camp Walerga

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The Sacramento County board of supervisors accepted a Sacramento JACL proposal to historically mark the Camp Walerga site of the World War II assembly center for evacuees.

Decision was made April 13 after JACL representative Frank Hiyma had appeared before various county board hearings, according to the Sacramento JACL Newsletter.

The county will also consider a \$6,000 budget item next year to assist the Sacramento City-County Museum conduct a professional search and digging for artifacts at the assembly center site about 8 miles northeast of the state capitol. Nearly 4,700 were processed through Walerga to Tule Lake in April-May, 1942.

Inside the assembly center at Sacramento



Longtime Sacramento resident Edward Hays, who used to be a prewar grocer in Roseville, sits reading a newspaper in his temporary wartime home inside Camp Walerga. His wife Harriet (not in this historic 1942 picture from the

Sacramento Union) planted the first flower garden at the camp in front of their barrack apartment. Joyce, 8, combs her hair while Jean, 10, ties the bed. (Ed is now a "full-time golfer" having recently retired from business.)

## Hollywood Nisei in 12-way Assembly primary

LOS ANGELES — Kazuo Umemoto, 52, might be a rarity in the State Assembly if he succeeds in his bid to win the May 24 special election to fill the 46th Assembly District seat.

A native son of the district, four generations of Umemotos have lived and worked in the Hollywood-Los Feliz area, which is in the northern half of the 46th. The southern half west of downtown is an area with a strong mix of Asian American constituents.

Umemoto wants to be an assemblyman who was also

born in the district—a rare combination.

"Let's bring the district back to the people," Umemoto has campaigned. "We must stand against candidates from outside the district who will attempt to portray themselves as truly concerned about us."

Umemoto, who used to sell newspapers on the corner where Walt Disney had his first cartoon studios near Marshall High School, is one of 12 Democrats in the primaries. It is not his first foray in partisan politics, having ran for the state senate in 1966. He continued to be active with the party and was accorded Assembly District Democrat of the Year honors in 1974 and 1976. He was an area coordinator for the Carter-Mon-

dale campaign last fall.

While there have been reports some candidates are planning to spend as much as \$60,000 in the campaign, Umemoto is hopeful of running a successful low-cost

campaign.

Voter turnout is expected to be exceedingly low because the election is being held separately and one week before the Los Angeles runoff election.

## Needs of Asian elderly told to federal committee

NEW YORK—In a recent meeting of the New York State Advisory Committee of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, a consensus was reached: That the needs and problems of Chinese, Korean, Filipino and Japanese elderly are more alike than not, differing only in minor details.

The advisory committee, co-chaired by Dr. Setsuko Nishi and Charles Wang, met Mar. 21 at Northeastern Regional Office, 26 Federal Plaza.

The two co-chairmen stated, "It is our belief that the neglect of this growing (elderly) population by many of the public and private institutions designed to serve them constitutes an abrogation of their basic civil and human rights."

Many community representatives were called to provide "advice and counsel on how public and private funding and service organizations and agencies may deal more effectively ..."

Severino Foronda of the Filipino Social Club noted

many Filipinos are living at far below poverty levels. Housing and medical care are among the principal needs. Asked if the 50 different Filipino groups in metropolitan New York could join forces, he said it would be difficult because of organizational differences and the many dialects.

Chong H. Park of the Korean American Council for Community Development said "pride" inhibited Asian elderly from seeking aid but there was no difficulty to determine the nature of their needs as a questionnaire sent to 230 people drew 100% response. He urged an Asian American coalition to seek funds to establish a center for the Asian elderly.

While Oriental reserve is gradually fading away from the Chinese, they still prefer living in Chinatown, thus presenting a serious housing problem, according to Po-Ling Ng of the China-

## More specific Asian breakdown in 1980 census requested

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Sen. Spark Matsunaga introduced legislation in April which would require the Census Bureau and the Departments of Agriculture, Labor and Health, Education and Welfare to gather and publish reliable statistics on Asian and Pacific Island Americans.

Matsunaga charged that Asian and Pacific Island Americans have been largely ignored by the U.S. Census Bureau.

"In states with significant numbers of Asian and Pacific Island Americans," Matsunaga said in a speech on the Senate floor, "a real problem arises when it comes to identifying their characteristics and needs."

"We are at quite a disadvantage in trying to request and implement funding from various Federal programs due to the absence of detailed population characteristics for Asian and Pacific Island Americans in Hawaii. A more detailed breakdown is essential for the proper delineation of their social, cultural, economic, health and other problems ..."

Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) joined Matsunaga in sponsoring the "Matsunaga bill".

In Oakland, the Census Bureau tested its 1980 questionnaire on April 26. With respect to race (Item #4), there were five circles for white, black or Negro, American Indian, Asian or Pacific Islander and other. For the Indian and others, there was space for adding a specific name of tribe or race.

In the 1970 version, item 4 had separated Asian or Pacific Islanders as Japanese, Chinese, Filipino, Hawaiian, Korean and Other.

In San Francisco, the Chinese for Affirmative Action called for distinct listing of Asian groups as in 1970 under item 4, and added Vietnamese.

In Washington, before the House Subcommittee on Census and Population last year, JACL representative Wayne Horiuchi cited the problem of minority undercount and inadequate breakdown in previous tabulations for Asian and Pacific Islanders.

## Wendy given sentence of 2 days for contempt

By LEE RUTTLE

Special PC Correspondent

OAKLAND, Calif. — Judge Martin N. Pulich last week (May 4) pronounced sentence in a brief hearing held in Alameda County Superior Court on the five contempt charges against Wendy Yoshimura stemming from her refusal to answer questions during the trial.

For all five charges, Judge Pulich sentenced her to two days in jail, all sentences running consecutively,

but stayed execution of the sentence pending outcome of her appeal for a new trial.

The judge explained that the reason for his leniency was the fact that Wendy has not shown any disrespect for the court nor at any time had she been belligerent or offensive. He added that "I believe it possible she had been ill advised by her counsel."

On the matter of Wendy's increased bail, it was revealed that more than the required \$50,000 had been raised and held in bank deposits but some technicalities still remain as to how the money is assigned. At present, it is assigned to the bank whereas it must be assigned by affidavit to the court.

Judge Pulich gave defense until June 1 to complete the necessary paperwork. Prosecutor Horner again raised objections but was overruled by the judge.

Defense attorney Larson said that the appeal has been filed with district court of appeals and that when a public defender is officially assigned to the case he will step aside since all defense funds are depleted.

## Bay Area panel to air Wendy trial

SAN FRANCISCO — Asians in Mass Media will discuss how the news media treated Wendy Yoshimura and other Asian American subjects on Thursday, May 19, 7 p.m. at the Mas Satow Bldg. (JACL Hq.), it was announced by Bill Wong, AMM chairman. Among the speakers will be representatives from the Wendy Yoshimura Fair Trial Committee: Janice Mirikitani, Raymond Okamura and Eve Pell.

## PNWDC reopens office in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore.—The Pacific Northwest JACL regional office has reopened three days a week between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. at 327 NW Couch St., Portland 97209 with Kimi Tambara as office secretary.

Phone number, 223-2454, is listed under Japanese Ancestral Society, since the previous Portland JACL number was disconnected.

In San Mateo, reports circulated Wendy was employed with the Asian Dance Collective of San Francisco in an April 19 performance at San Bruno. The collective is one of three minority groups hired by the county's multicultural revival program.

## Hayakawa scores first major legislative victory in Senate

WASHINGTON—Sen. S. I. Hayakawa (R-Calif.) had his first legislative victory when presenting an amendment in a collective bargaining issue.

After his first 100 days in Congress, the junior senator scored a "direct hit" for Univ. of Calif. officials who opposed special collective bargaining rights for 6,200 workers at UC's nuclear laboratory in Livermore.

Rep. Fortney Stark (D) of

Oakland, who represents most of the Livermore employees, included a collective bargaining provision for the lab in a budget authorization measure for Energy Research and Development Administration.

When the bill reached the Senate floor, Hayakawa offered an amendment to strike the Stark provision from the measure. And this was done (April 13) to the legislative success of Hayakawa.



## Questionnaire in Japanese

NEW YORK—The JACL community input questionnaire prepared by Mike Masaoka and Kaz Oshiki (Mar. 18 PC) has been translated into Japanese by Ralph K. Sakamoto, professional translator and JACLer, of Albertson, N.Y., who recognized the need and volunteered his services.

Interested persons may obtain either version from:

Ruby Schaar, 50 W. 67th St., Suite 6B, New York, N.Y. 10023.

## item per inch

### Asian Cultural Society

CLEVELAND—The Asian Cultural Society (ACS) based in Ohio held its annual Spring Dinner Dance at the Robin Party Center in Lakewood, Mar. 19. Many JACL members attended.

### Hospital Volunteers

LOS ANGELES—Robert M. Boggs, chief of Volunteer Services for State Health Department, made an appeal early April for 2,500 volunteers from Southern California as part of Gov. Brown's plan for a visitor program at state mental hospitals. "Anyone from 14 to 90 can volunteer," Boggs said.

### Meat labeling

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—A bill by Assemblyman Floyd Mori (D-Pleasanton) would require the date on the label for all meat, chicken or fish. Butcher hand packages would be exempt as well as frozen, canned and processed food.

### Nisei VFW Post

LOS ANGELES—The 28th annual installation and awards dinner dance of the Nisei Memorial Post 9938, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will be held May 21, 6:30 p.m. at Biltmore Hotel. Dave Monji will be banquet chairman.

### Playwright seminar

LOS ANGELES—Frank Chin conducts a playwriting seminar at East West Players for a two week period, starting May 16. Call 660-0366 for details.

### Satsuki Azalea

LOS ANGELES—Local members of Japan Satsuki Society will exhibit their bonsai azaleas at Cheviot Hills Recreation Center, Motor Ave. south of Pico, May 14-15, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

### Yendik—Kidney

WASHINGTON—The Potomac Magazine contest called for an English word of five letters or more spelled backwards with a suitable definition. Honorable mention went to Yendik: a Japanese cop.

### 75th anniversary

PENNY, Calif.—The Placer Buddhist Church observed its 75th anniversary May 1 with some 50 charter members being honored at the church complex here. Eugene Nodohara and Dick Nagaoka chaired the celebration.

# WCCA preceded the WRA camps

Santa Anita, Pomona, Pinedale, Harmony, Walergera are names of Evacuation camps which are almost forgotten. They were the first detention areas for Japanese evacuees during the early months of 1942.

Walergera, adjacent to the Sacramento army air depot, will be among the few assembly centers out of 16 to be remembered historically. A plaque marking the site of Tanforan Race Track (1899-1964) at San Bruno's Tanforan Shopping Center recalls internment of Japanese there during World War II, is believed to be the first for an assembly center operated by the Army's Wartime Civil Control Administration.

Action by the Sacramento JACL with respect to Camp Walergera is responsible for this background on the WCCA.—Editor.

Until the "WRA" (War Relocation Authority) became a household abbreviation among Japanese Americans in 1942, the Wartime Civil Control Administration (WCCA) had the initial responsibility of coordinating first mass movement of some 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry from their homes to temporary detention centers.

Under powers granted by President Roosevelt's Executive Order 9066, Western Defense Command's commanding general, J.L. DeWitt, ordered all Japanese-Americans and American-born citizens alike—to move out of Military Area No. 1, a coastal strip which included the western halves of Washington, Oregon, California and the southern half of Arizona.

To handle the problem, DeWitt had set up WCCA

headquarters at San Francisco's Whitcomb Hotel with Col. Karl Bendetsen in charge.

DeWitt issued his first Civilian Exclusion Order on Mar. 23, ordering all Japanese to evacuate Bainbridge Island near Seattle on or before Mar. 30. The next order was posted in Terminal Island in Los Angeles Harbor area, ordering 3,000 Japanese to move out in a week's time by April 5.

At the beginning, the Army had believed over half of the Japanese American population would voluntarily evacuate from the prohibited Military Area No. 1 and the other half would concentrate at Manzanar, Calif., and Parker (Poston), Ariz. From these points, they were expected to proceed eastward "once they had secured jobs and

community acceptance", WRA Director Dillon Myer later recalled.

The first evacuees entering camp were the volunteers from Los Angeles who went to Manzanar on Mar. 21 to set up the assembly center. By the time the WRA took over at the end of May, Manzanar had over 9,500 evacuees.

Ordered to leave Military Area No. 1, evacuees endured a period of strain and uncertainty in the spring of 1942 because of the over 100 exclusion orders that were posted.

Newspapers carried reports of inland communities being hostile to Japanese Americans. City and State officials said evacuees were not welcome with the lone exceptions being Tacoma Mayor Harry Cain, Salt Lake Mayor Ab Jenkins and Colorado Gov. Ralph Carr.

Inland California counties in Military Area No. 2 saw white vigilantes threatening evacuees and the local Japanese population. One attempt was made in March to burn down a Japanese-owned hotel at Sultana (in northern Tulare county).

The Japanese American Citizens League after emergency sessions in San Francisco Mar. 8-10, urged the Japanese to remain calm and stressed the point that "better the cooperation with the government, it can be expected that the greater their cooperation with us in the solution of our problem" concerning Evacuation.

When it appeared the Japanese were not leaving the prohibited areas in substantial numbers (5,000 went to Military Area No. 2 within California and another 5,000

## Assembly Centers

(Source: WRA Final Report, 1946)

| WCCA Assembly Center       | Majority to WRA Camp at |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 4,979—Fresno               | Jerome                  |
| 9,710—Manzanar*            | Manzanar                |
| 2,455—Marysville           | Tule Lake               |
| 247—Mayers, Ariz.          | Poston                  |
| 4,532—Merced               | Granada                 |
| 4,746—Pinedale             | Tule Lake               |
| 5,291—Pomona               | Heart Mountain          |
| 3,659—Portland             | Minidoka                |
| 7,450—Puyallup             | Minidoka                |
| 4,679—Sacramento           | Tule Lake               |
| 3,568—Salinas              | Poston                  |
| 18,737—Santa Anita         | (6 diff.)               |
| 4,044—Stockton             | Rohwer                  |
| 7,816—Tanforan             | Topaz                   |
| 4,998—Tulare               | Gila River              |
| 3,580—Turlock              | Gila River              |
| Total from WCCA.....       | 90,491                  |
| Direct to WRA Camps:.....  | 17,915                  |
| Institutionalized.....     | 498                     |
| From Hawaii.....           | 1,118                   |
| From Internee Camps.....   | 1,735                   |
| Non-Japanese Evacuees..... | 219                     |
| Total.....                 | 111,976                 |
| Births in WRA Centers..... | 5,981                   |
| Deaths in WRA Centers..... | 1,862                   |

\* Manzanar was under WCCA jurisdiction until June 1, 1942, as an assembly center.

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policies within the assembly centers—which had been race tracks, fair grounds, livestock exhibition halls and the desert camps at Poston and Manzanar. Use of the Japanese language was practically forbidden. Camp newspapers were carefully censored. Educational and recreational facilities were organized by evacuees. Religious services were conducted.

Evacuees lived in tarpapered barracks or stables, ate in common, and stripped of personal privacy and their civil rights.

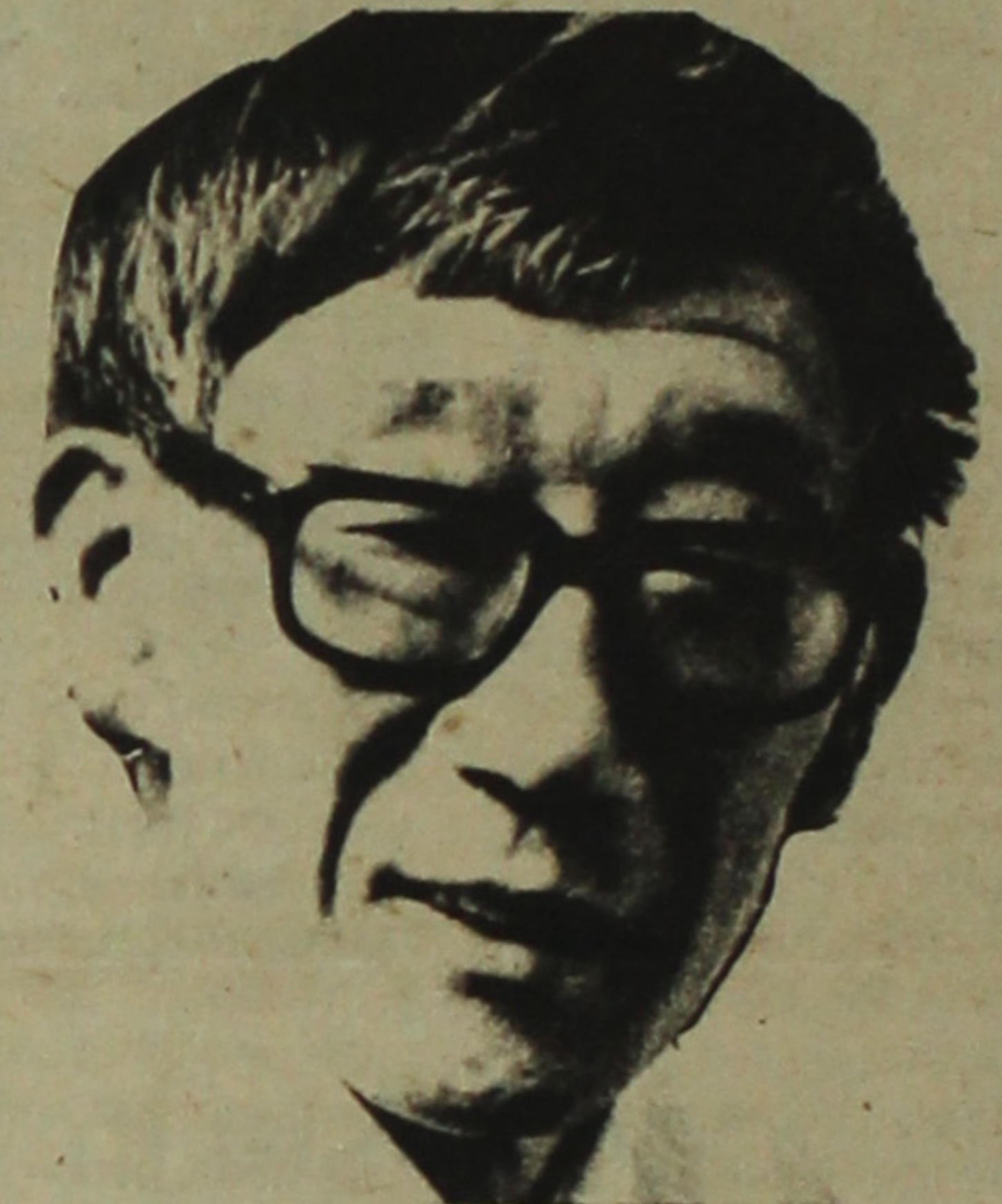
By mid-1942, the WRA camps were filled. By mid-1943, the WCCA was liquidated. The WRA stayed in business till Tule Lake was closed Mar. 20, 1946.

—HARRY HONDA

## Buses to Manzanar

LOS ANGELES—San Fernando Valley JACL has arranged for two buses for the Manzanar Pilgrimage May 14, departing from Little Tokyo Towers at 6:30 a.m. For seats, call Sue Embrey (662-5102).

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# JACL Office plans to stay in Sun Bldg.

LOS ANGELES—The Pacific Southwest JACL Regional Office plans to stay put in the Sun Bldg., despite the May 15 deadline from the Community Redevelopment Agency "to terminate tenancy".

Sun Bldg., adjacent to the New Otani Hotel which is planning a Sept. 1 opening, is occupied by organizations and cultural groups intending to move into the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, which just broke ground April 30.

While non-profit community and cultural groups in the Sun Bldg. want to stay until the new center is finished in about a year's time, developers of the New Otani Hotel need a 12-ft. clearance between the two structures to meet city fire regulations. Only three feet exists.

Michael Ishikawa, Pacific Southwest JACL district governor, said since the Sun Bldg. existed prior to construction of the new hotel, "the code violation was created by the new building" and found it "most unusual" to have the Sun Bldg. demolished because of a fire code violation.

At a meeting called by JACL and chaired by Paul Tsuneishi, PSW vice-governor, April 26, attended by representatives from East West Development Corp., Community Redevelopment Agency and Japanese Community Pioneer Center, the JACL suggested partial removal of the northwest corner of the Sun Bldg. and

bring both structures into compliance with the code.

Kunio Maeda, East West Development Corp. project manager, had expressed his sympathy to the plight of the organizations after Takekuma Takei, Pioneer Center president, gave an eloquent and moving expression to their desire to remain in the Sun Bldg. until the new center is completed.

Also present at the April 26 meeting were:

Edward Matsuda, Japanese Chamber of Commerce; Nagahisa Ono, East West Development, vp.-mgr. of corporate finance; Michael Oh, Little Tokyo CRA Project mgr.; Glen Isomoto, PSW JACL; and cultural art reps.

Ishikawa concluded, "We would rather co-exist in Little Tokyo and work toward a mutual resolution of the problems facing us." He was referring to JACL's offer to support Sen. Alex Garcia's bill to provide a public parking structure for 250 vehicles on state-owned land west of the New Otani Hotel. Additional parking in Little Tokyo would be welcomed by all concerned as some sites have been lost to construction of new buildings.

JACL decision to stay was based on the PSWDC executive board action of April 20 after Isomoto asked: "Should JACL be moved to a structure found to be more inadequate from a fire and safety standard?" He showed a 1969 report made for the Little Tokyo CRA office on the structural soundness of four buildings, one where the JACL office is located and others that had been proposed by CRA for interim stay.

Neither the Sun Bldg. or the other buildings are earthquake proof but the building survey shows Sun Bldg. with the least number of penalty points (12—"deficient, rehabilitation feasible").

Other buildings range in the "deficient, rehabilitation questionable" category: The 110 N. San Pedro (Firm Bldg.) 14½ penalty points; old Union Church 20 pts; old Nishi Hongwanji 22 pts.

## East Bay seminar on retirement set

EL CERRITO, Calif. — An East Bay Nisei Retirement Planning Program seminar will be held May 20, 7:30 p.m. at Sycamore Congregational Church, 1111 Navalier St. Main speaker is Edmund Coyne with Ben Take-shita moderating.

While some young activists think it is a takeover of the Japanese American community, such is not their intent, Ono added in that "we believe to make Little Tokyo's redevelopment go" and spur business in the area, reportedly declining because of increasing competition from the City Hall Mall a block north of Little Tokyo.

Tenants in the Sun Bldg. were notified by the CRA last November to vacate the building by Feb. 28. The JACL and the Pacific Citizen were later informed the date was extended to May 15 and advised an interim location at 119 N. Central Ave., the former Nishi Hongwanji office and classrooms, were being prepared.

The 21-story, 448-room hotel-shopping complex will eventually occupy the entire triangle southeast of E. 1st and Los Angeles, anchor-

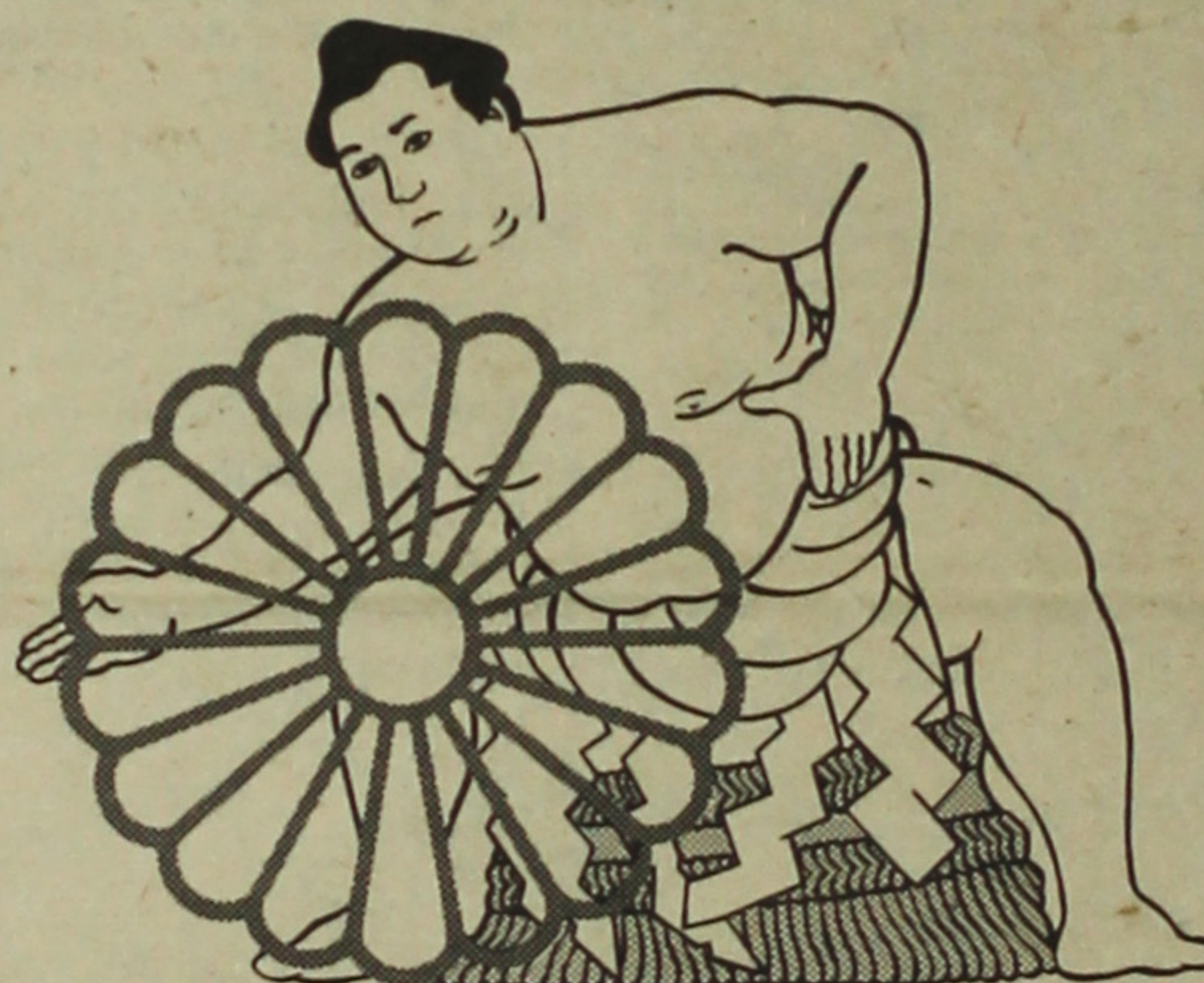
ing the western access to Little Tokyo. Despite the fuss that has centered over the hotel, the developers have maintained a low profile characteristic of Japanese firms. The corporation, formed in September, 1973, is a consortium of 30 Japan-based firms with Kajima International as the flagship company.

## Banks increase JACCC pledges

LOS ANGELES—The Sumitomo Bank of California and California First Bank have increased their pledges to the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center from \$10,000 to \$25,000 each, it was announced by JACCC board members. Katsuma Mukaeda, George Doizaki and Mitsuhiko Shimizu.

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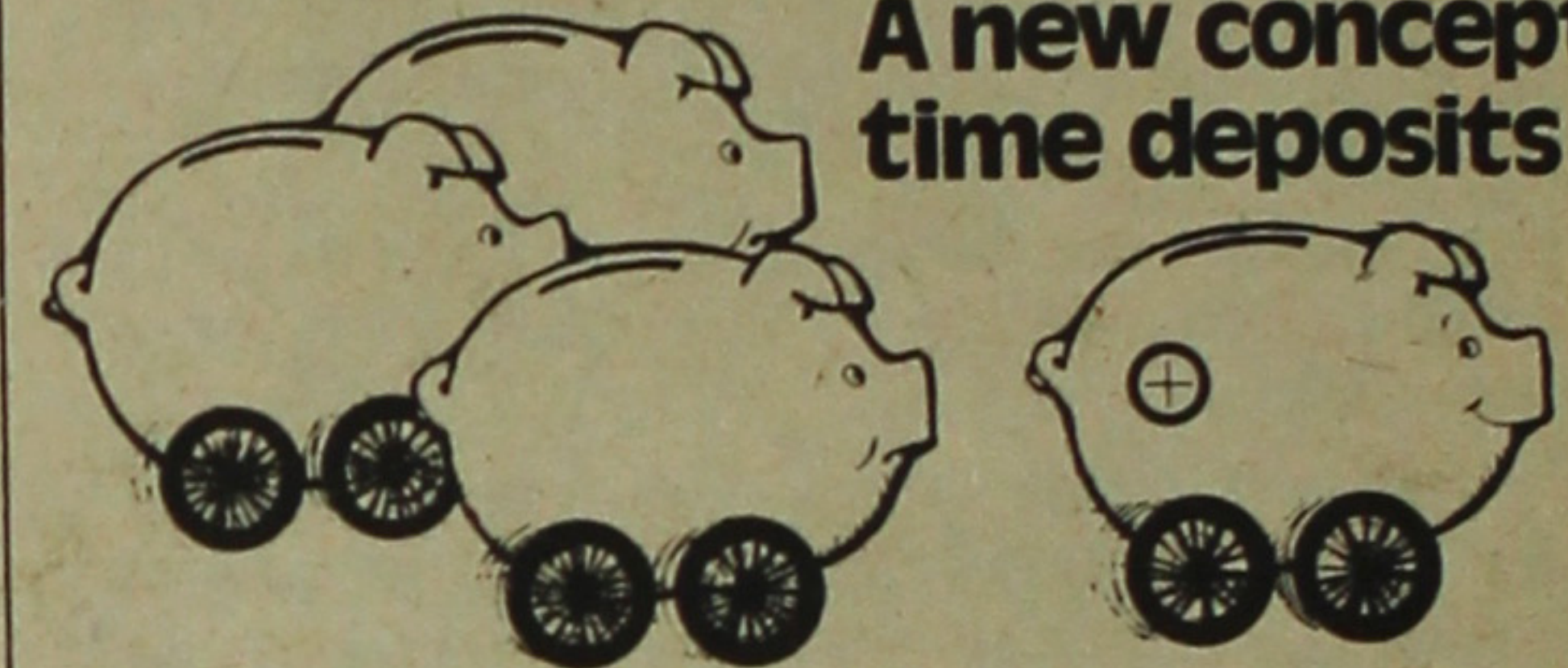
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town Planning Council, which is operating a center for over 2,000 elderly.

Describing the work of the Japanese American Help for the Aging, T. Kusonoki said its original goals for housing were shifted to provide immediate services and seeking funds to establish an office accessible to the Issei. She also called for public funding to meet the needs of all Asian elderly.

## HOT MEALS URGED FOR PORTLAND ISSEI

PORTLAND—A nutritional program for the aged Issei in the greater Portland area is being organized with assistance from local community organizations, the Portland JACL newsletter reported in its March issue.

Survey indicated at least 200 individuals qualify as citizens in need though identity and their residence are needed to assure a quality service program. Elderly Japanese in Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington and Columbia counties are being queried.

The Japanese Ancestral Society, Inc., is expected to be the contractor of the nutritional program with Loaves and Fishes. A coordinator and bilingual volunteers to assist in the survey will be needed, it was added.





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## EDITORIALS:

## School Integration

The Los Angeles school desegregation hearings may well continue past the close of the current school semester. It was June last year that the state supreme court ordered the Los Angeles school district be integrated, identifying "racial isolation" as the evil to be corrected.

All public school districts in California bear an obligation under the state constitution to undertake reasonably feasible steps to alleviate school segregation, regardless of cause of such segregation.

The Los Angeles case, formally known as Crawford vs. Board of Education, was filed in 1963 and heard before the court from 1968.

In response to the state supreme court order, the board submitted its student integration plan two months ago, after having taken into consideration suggestions made during community hearings in each geographical section of the second largest public school district in the United States as well as the guidelines set forth in the court order. Integrated educational experiences have been implemented, visits of other urban centers made and findings of committees were involved in shaping the proposal.

The board also concluded, despite a number of competing interests, that parents from all racial and ethnic groups must perceive from the outset that quality of instruction is being maintained or improved and that integration has been implemented rationally and reasonably. It hoped the proposed plan would be accepted.

For Phase I—to desegregate 93 or slightly more than one-third of the district's 264 racially imbalanced schools with over 80% minority students by February 1978, busing is planned for pupils who would not ride more than 30 minutes one way.

Insofar as possible, every elementary pupil will participate in an integrated learning experience for at least one year prior to entering junior high school. And each high school student will also participate in a similar program for a year prior to graduation. Bilingual-bicultural programs are to be expanded; federal guidelines to a faculty-staff integration are to be met. There are other integration refinements in the plan.

The JACL is on record as of February, 1972, in support of integration of the Los Angeles school district schools.

Superior Judge Paul Egly, who is hearing the case, this past week challenged the ethnic school survey, and wondered whether more school desegregation could be achieved if school officials were able to separate Mexican Americans who are considered to be in the society's mainstream from those who still live in racial isolation in the barrios.

The judge commented, "It is hard for me to accept that a Spanish surname is a minority by reason for the fact of that Spanish surname." The current ethnic survey shows 190,000 are Hispanic and mostly Mexican American. By 1980-81, school officials estimate Spanish-surnamed will be the predominant group, outnumbering the Anglos almost 5 to 3. Egly feared there might not be enough Anglos to accomplish integration. He added, "If once a minority enters the mainstream... then it seems to me (they have) passed the point of being classified as a minority." He said this has happened to Italians, Irish, Germans and others, who now appear in the school census as Anglo.

"Color of skin I can buy," as a basis for minority classification, the judge continued. "Facility with the language I can buy, but a name (alone) to have the disadvantage of the minority in the school district, I think is not realistic."

There may be Asian Americans who might suppose they are "Anglo" for the purposes of the school ethnic survey, but they're only fooling themselves.

As one Chicano lawyer involved with the civil rights coalition representing the plaintiffs, reminded, "You don't have to give up your Latino-ness or your blackness in order to get into society." You can be in the middle class and still be fully ethnic by knowing your own history.

## Comments, letters &amp; features

## White Norms

Editor:

There are numerous hidden, unconscious prejudices that have been formed over decades in our society. While they are not intentional, they have been traditional. One clear example of hidden prejudice is our (State of Wisconsin Govt. where I work) "Performance Evaluation" procedures used to dole out merit increase and promotion. This system is structured on traditional "white middle-class" concept as seen by the following excerpts:

"EFFECTIVENESS IN WORKING WITH OTHERS: Ability to maintain harmonious relations with others both within and external to the work unit. Ability to avoid friction with others."

"WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: Effectiveness of expression, shows air of confidence, able to make a good impression—present ideas clearly in writing and in good grammatical form."

"ATTITUDE: Interest in work, cooperativeness, fairness, reaction to criticism, tact and courtesy, support management policy and project directives."

We minority workers are working in a very disadvantageous environment because the "White Norms" weigh heavily on employment and performance evaluation. The recent survey showed there is no top management position held by non-white civil servant in the State of Wisconsin. Even the most respected Nisei (academically and professionally most qualified, diligent and forceful talker) had never been awarded a "top mgt." directorship.

I have been told by my superiors that "I behave differently; act as though I don't belong here (country), that I don't try to impress people". Believe me, everyone wants to belong! But why my different outlook, behavior, enryo-syndrome should be a punishment when it is not a detriment to my project assignment at all.

Recently I see more yellow faces who are computer scientists, programmers and statisticians who hold

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## Political involvement &amp; JACL

National JACL legal counsel Frank A. Iwama responded this past week to a question involving chapter involvement in a political campaign, including endorsement of candidates for public office, even though nonpartisan, and the effect such involvement would have with respect to JACL's tax-exempt status. Here are his conclusion and the analysis.—Editor.

By FRANK IWAMA

Nat'l JACL Legal Counsel

Involvement by a JACL entity, including a local chapter, in any political campaign, including, and particularly, the endorsement of candidates for elective public office, would jeopardize the tax-exempt status of JACL. The conclusion is the same irrespective of the partisan or non-partisan nature of the elective public office.

However, this restriction does not apply to JACL members who may engage in such political activity as individuals or as members of other organizations.

## Analysis

JACL is organized and

chartered as a nonprofit charitable corporation under the laws of the State of California. As a nonprofit corporation, JACL qualifies and is exempt from taxation pursuant to the provisions of Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3). Therefore, JACL is controlled by the absolute prohibition against intervention in a political campaign contained in the tax-exemption section. Internal Revenue Code section 501(a).

Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3) provides in pertinent part as follows:

"(3) Corporations... organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literary, or educational purposes... no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation, and which does not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political cam-

paign on behalf of any candidate for public office. (Emphasis added.) [26 United States Code, section 501(c)(3)].

The absolute prohibition against the endorsement of candidates for public office is also contained in Article II, Section 2 of the JACL Constitution: "This organization shall be non-partisan and non-sectarian and shall not be used for purposes of endorsing candidates for public offices."

Although the Tax Reform Act of 1976 (Public Law No. 94-455), which was passed by the 94th Congress and signed into law by the President on October 4, 1976, clarifies the extent to which charitable organizations may lobby without losing their tax-exempt status, the new legislation does not affect the continuing absolute prohibition in Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3) against the participation and intervention in a political campaign. Thus, 501(c)(3) organizations, such as JACL, should not attempt to influence legislation by supporting or opposing candidates for public office.

West Wind: by Joe Oyama

## A pleasant surprise: playwright acts on stage

Berkeley, Calif.

I must confess that this is the first time I've seen a play created by the talented Frank Chin. I know. I know. This play, "The Year of the Dragon", had been televised in 1975. (I had read his "Chicken Coop Chinaman" and his criticisms.)

Like some of you I had been a little intimidated by Frank Chin because of his brilliance and penetrating insights, his critical faculty is unsparing.

So coming to this little storefront theater far out on California St. in San Francisco, I was surprised to learn that Chin would appear in his own play. He was playing the role of Fred Eng, the reluctant No. 1 son, a play set in San Francisco's Chinatown, but it could have been any Chinatown, even Zanesville, Ohio.

The play opens with lights focused on a tall, dark, slim moustached man, somewhat swarthy of complexion, wearing a bright red blazer, who gives a spiel to us, the audience. We are the Chinatown tourists in this darkened theater. After extolling the exotic sights and sounds of Chinatown, Fred Eng (played by Frank Chin) mutters under his breath: "Those mother f—...". His job is done until the next batch of tourists come.

The play is more than a play about a Chinese family trapped in Chinatown. It's a play about an American family entangled in a morass of outdated morality, tradition and culture that no longer is valid. Greed, hate, envy are there: it has a universal quality. One ingredient is missing: love.

Pa, portrayed well by George Woo, a professional photographer and an assistant Asian Studies professor at S.F. State Univ., is the stodgy and unbending patriarch, who throughout the play weaves his net like a spider, insisting over and over again, the beautiful slogan, "I am Chinese; you are Chinese; we are Chinese." The only thing missing is a Chinese flag decal, insisting: "I am a Chinaman."

Ma, portrayed by Mee Har Tom, is a high strung matriarch often given to outbursts of temper and violence. When young, she wanted to become a cabaret singer. She often carries on a one-way dialogue; and hates. She becomes especially violent when Chinamama (played by Sachiko Nakamura), fresh off the boat, joins the family. She happens to be Fred Eng's real mother.

Into this scene comes, daughter Sissy (played by

Kathleen Chang who studied in Bronx, N.Y.), who came home all the way from Boston to introduce her newly acquired white husband, Ross. They run a restaurant in Boston.

Ross, played by Wayne Mattingly, speaks in Chinese to Pa Eng, but Pa Eng doesn't understand a word that he is saying, because he just doesn't expect anyone with a white face to be able to speak Chinese. Ross also is able to read and write Chinese, but none of the other younger members of the Eng family are able to do likewise.

Ross's entree into the family is met with hostility and suspicion. Finally, he makes a short speech. He is used to hostility. It's nothing new to him: He's been the butt end of hostility, coming from a white middle-class family. Hostility from Blacks, from gays for being straight and so on and so on.

Johnny, portrayed by Mike Lee, totes a gun much to the dismay of his older brother Fred. Johnny had been involved in a robbery with a group of Hong Kong imports. He didn't understand a word that they were saying, and they didn't understand him, but Johnny says, "Driving 60 miles an hour (in the getaway car) down Grant Avenue, made me feel alive!"

Fred, who had given money to his sister Sissy to help them open their restaurant, now tries to dissuade his younger brother from gang involvement, "Why don't you go to college in Massachusetts," and says as an added inducement, "Maybe you can even get yourself a white girl to go around with..." Johnny is insulted.

There is a traumatic confrontation scene in the bathroom, while Pa is sitting on the toilet. Fred, number one son, finally gets Pa to admit that he thinks his son Fred a failure: Didn't finish college; don't have a respectable job, deadend; wasting his time doing nothing: writing! Etc. Etc.

Lest I give away too much about the play, if the opportunity affords, by all means go see it.

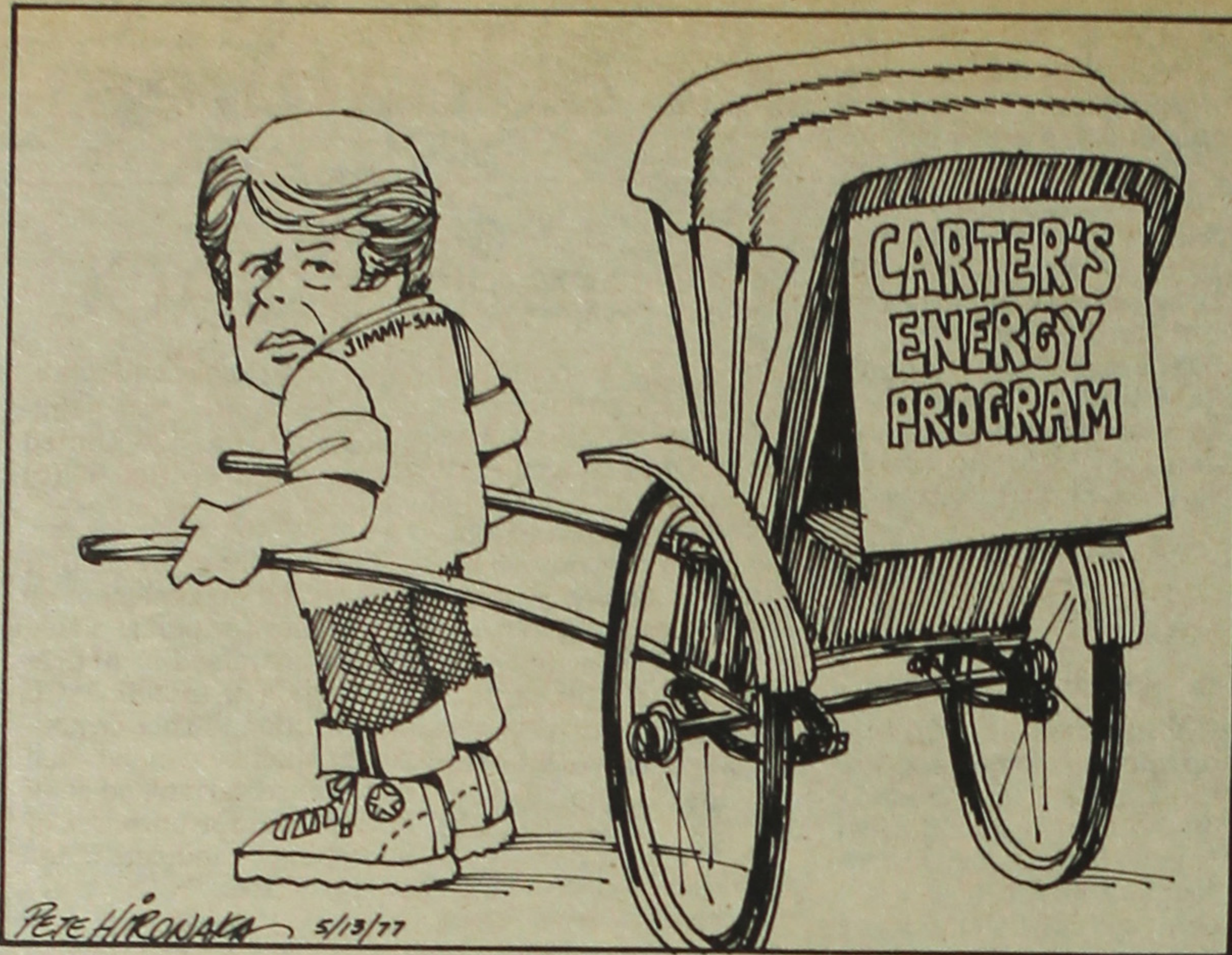
Frank Chin's acting is good, compassionate. Despite the contradiction in what I am saying, there is underlying love.

The Japanese Americans of the production staff are:

Rodney Kageyama, assistant director; Jerry Tondo, stage manager; Bobby Horiuchi, set dresser; Eric Hayashi, lighting designer; Diana Tanaka, stage crew; Rodney Kageyama, costumer; Karen Sekiguchi, producer.

The play is dedicated to the memory of John Okada and Louis Chu, and was presented by the Asian American Theater Workshop. □





Plain Speaking: Wayne Horiuchi

## Sen. Inouye's Leadership

Washington

I wanted to devote this column to one of our Nisei public officials here in Washington, D.C. who is gaining a significant national reputation as one of the most important men on Capitol Hill.

Senator Daniel Inouye needs no introduction to most of us. He first gained his national reputation with the Senate Watergate hearings in the early 1970s. But just recently he has been setting the pace and tone for a most important committee in the Senate, the newly created Senate Intelligence Committee. This committee will oversee all of the activities of so-called intelligence community, the CIA, FBI, and Army Security agencies. Dan not only chairs the committee but has gained the respect and admiration of all of his Senate colleagues on the committee.

Of similar importance is his attendance in the "Tuesday Morning Breakfasts". Every Tuesday, the Senate Leadership, composed of Majority Leader Senator Robert Byrd of West Virginia, Majority

Whip, Senator Alan Cranston of California, and Majority Secretary, Senator Daniel Inouye, have breakfast at the White House with President Jimmy Carter. At this time the Senate Leadership and the President confer on key legislative and executive policy.

With respect to JACLers, Dan will be shortly introducing a "Dear Colleague" letter to his Senate colleagues requesting cosponsorship of the bill to provide civil service retirement credit to the Japanese Americans who were evacuated and interned during WW 2. This will be the Senate counterpart to the Mineta bill on the House side. Senator Matsunaga has also agreed to help us with this bill.

I have the privilege of knowing Senator Inouye personally from lobbying him in meetings, or on the subway, or while ducking into elevators with him, and I can truly say that JACLers are, indeed, fortunate to have the kind of leadership of Dan Inouye on Capitol Hill. □

From the Frying Pan: Bill Hosokawa

## Carnage in Cambodia

Denver, Colo.

One of the deep ironies of these troubled times is that the American people are capable of becoming quite upset about the plight of dissidents in the Soviet Union without showing much concern regarding far more appalling violations of human rights in Indochina.

In recent weeks there have been at least four dramatic reports, some of them widely publicized, about the ghastly things the Communist conquerors have been doing in South Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. Yet there has been hardly a ripple of reaction in the United States.

Perhaps the most chilling and detailed report was a lengthy article in the February Reader's Digest titled "Murder of a Gentle Land." It told of the systematic extermination of perhaps as many as a million men, women and children in Cambodia since the Communist takeover. On a lesser scale, but on a no less horrifying manner, tens of thousands of Laotians and Cambodians are being wiped out according to these reports which come from a French source, from Freedom House, and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Why have these accounts not stirred the indignation of the American people?

One reason may be that we are so fed up with the humiliation of our Indochina debacle that we automatically shut out any reference to that unhappy land.

Another, and more troublesome reason, may be that the plight of non-Whites concerns us less.

Whatever the reason, a few Japanese Americans are beginning to raise their voices to demand that we pay attention to what is happening in Indochina as the aftermath of the Communist takeover and exert the necessary moral force to halt the blood-letting.

Perhaps another reason that American reaction has been limited is that only a

relative few ethnic Cambodians, Laotians and Vietnamese live in the United States. By contrast the numerous Black Americans and Americans of Jewish faith have been militantly vocal in protesting repressions of African tribesmen and the Jewish minority in the Soviet Union.

Of late, some Japanese Americans have expressed interest in a Pan-Asian movement within the U.S., with all Asian American groups joining to make their indignation and aspirations known. The success of these efforts have been less than sensational, partly because limited ethnic concerns have been allowed to dominate.

Still, mayhap because of the presence of a substantial Korean American minority, there has been more concern expressed regarding the Korean government's repression of political dissidents than the far more widespread Indochina problem.

One other troubling thought comes to mind. Somehow, it seems that among those most outspoken on these matters, the repressions inflicted by the left seem to be regarded as somewhat less heinous than the repressions of the right directed against those of liberal leanings. In other words, for some reason it is not quite so objectionable when a radical (or Communist) beats on a conservative, but it is a very bad thing when a conservative (or Fascist) takes a club to the head of a leftist.

Perhaps concern with such matters are beyond the scope of an organization like JACL, which has plenty of problems right close to home that need taking care of. But if here is indeed a double standard among Americans as to overseas groups we worry about, then it would seem that the Ni/Sansei have something at stake even though the torturing and dying is taking place on the other side of the world.

There is, undoubtedly, a limit to what we can do. But such limits don't necessarily absolve us of the obligation to do what we can. □

## letters

From Happy Valley: Sachi Seko

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the highest degrees, yet working as Limited-Term employees (temporary worker—no fringe benefits or promotional opportunities) for the State of Wisconsin.

Assimilation is important, but respect of other cultures and people is just as important. Americans are extremely ethnocentric yet advocating "democracy/human rights" to other countries.

Yusuke Tsurumi once wrote in early 1920 in a children's book: "Do we send our Buddhist monk to America every time white Americans lynch or kill their fellow blacks by burning their bodies with gasoline? No, but, American missionaries and the government officials are running around telling us to treat our Asian neighbors equally and decently." He continued to point out American hypocrisy and immaturity.

Ms. Down (PC 4/22) suggested that more colleges should offer Asian studies. Why at college level? I read Shakespeare's "King Lear" and "Hamlet" (in Japanese) at elementary school. Why American children cannot read "A Tale of Genji" at high school?

A word, "Assimilation", has been highly advocated by Nisei like a Gospel.

I say "Americans should learn to respect other cultures and accept people for what they are, just as we yellow people learned the western civilization.

This requires a drastic change in our educational system.

CHIZUKO CROCKER  
Madison, Wis.

## Have You Heard This One?

Salt Lake City

It was a big mistake, teaching Brandy, the neighbor's German Shepherd the art of conversation. I should have known that nature had a reason for limiting the communicating abilities of four-legged creatures.

Only the other day, trying to correct my mistake, I told Brandy, "I can't understand a word you're saying." He jumped up and balancing himself on the counter bit me on the nose. That is deserved punishment for liars.

"All right, I'm sorry. What I meant is that I can't understand you when you talk so quickly. Speak slowly and softly," I said.

He cocked his head in a conversational pose, pointed ears straight up, a light of intelligence brightening his brown eyes. Then he proceeded on a dull monologue. I know it by memory since it is his usual unoriginal spiel.

There was a time when I considered it rather an accomplishment in thought structure and delivery. Somedays he gave very dramatic renderings with all the vocal inflections in the proper places. I used to think he deserved to be on a lecture circuit.

And then one day I found it unappealing. It wasn't so endearing to have Brandy telling me what he wanted or what he wanted to do. After nudging my memory, I realized the source of my new disenchantment with Brandy.

Before the holidays, when I knew Brandy was going to be a house guest, I had gone downstairs to the library, looking for a suitable book to read to him. He can't read yet. I located an especially handsome volume of Jack London's "Call of the Wild". It was a childhood favorite of mine, as it was of a gener-

ation which grew up reading the kind of books they don't write any more.

I explained to Brandy, while I was pointing out the wash-drawings which illustrated the story, that London's "Buck" was part Scotch Shepherd dog. Practically an ancestral relative of his. Putting his paws on the pages, Brandy tried to close the book.

When I insisted on reading to him, he crawled under the table and proceeded to feign taking a nap. He has perfected this pretense and makes all sorts of horrible grunting noises.

Brandy was totally disinterested in hearing about "Buck", who epitomized courage and loyalty. Suffering and hunger and hard labor are all alien to Brandy.

Because I was charmed with the story I continued to read it to my house guest, who by then had a paw placed against his ear in

protest. I then realized that was pretty shabby treatment of a house guest, making him listen to a story he detested.

So, closing the book, I did what I used to when our son was a child. I invented a fairy tale. I told him about a dog named "Brandy", who lived in a house on a hill and had another home a little ways down the same hill. Just like him.

This particular dog was very handsome and intelligent as well. He was actually a prince in disguise and that is why his fur was golden and brushed. He spent his days playing ball and being taken for rides. He never drank water unless it was freshly poured. He would not even drink water that had been in a bowl for five minutes.

At the house he visited, there was a special room in which dog biscuits were kept. When he felt a craving

for one, all he had to do was walk into the room and one would magically appear.

There were other rooms in which new tennis balls were kept. When he felt like playing, he simply pushed the door open and selected however many he wanted. And no matter whether it was storming or scorching, one of the servants was happy to join him in a game of ball.

Brandy took a definite interest in this story I concocted and he enjoyed it. I could tell because he smiled at the parts he liked and he smiled often while he listened.

And ever since the day I told him this story, Brandy has been repeating it to me. He is a smart little devil and so he often embellishes the story, thinking I won't recognize it. But I do.

I was thinking about telling him a new story, maybe one about Japanese Americans. But off-hand, I couldn't think of anything I hadn't heard someone tell already.



## Hollywood to host PSWDC on May 22

LOS ANGELES—The Pacific Southwest JACL District Council will meet on Sunday, May 22, 10 a.m. at the Ambassador Hotel's Lido Room, it was announced by host chapter Hollywood JACL president Tomoo Ogita.

National JACL President Jim Murakami and national executive director Karl Nobuyuki have been invited to attend. The Nisei Relays has resumed its search for a queen and the candidates are expected to be introduced.

A mixed doubles tennis tournament will follow after the meeting. Registration at \$3 per person are being accepted by:

Fran Yokoyama, 5270 Los Feliz Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90026.

Delegates and boosters to the PSW spring quarterly can pre-register at \$7 (includes coffee, doughnuts and patio luncheon) through the JACL regional office (626-4471).

According to PSW Gov. Mike Ishikawa, agenda will cover district committee reports, Tri-District Conferences and travel program.

## chapter pulse

### ● Las Vegas

The Las Vegas International Festival in July will help promote Japanese heritage, thanks to the efforts of the Las Vegas JACL, which has been meeting on the second Mondays at Osaka Restaurant, 4205 W. Sahara Ave., to work out details.

The cultural arts of Japan to be demonstrated at the Fair include ikebana by

### New Mexico JACL honors 4 Issei

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The newest chapter, New Mexico JACL, met here April 24 to honor the last remaining Issei pioneers: Hisayo Saeda, Tamiyo Yonemoto, Mary Yoshimoto and Suze Togami. The four women were also voted life memberships.

Chapter, which met to work out the year's calendar and organize a membership campaign, will have a Japanese community picnic in June.

The Bob Nakamura film, "Wataridori", was shown to an audience of 65 members and guests.

Muriel Scrivener, certified professor of the Ikebana School; origami by Sadie Tanaka; ribbon weaving by Makiko Mayeda; bunka shichu (embroidery) by Yoko Arana of Las Vegas Community College; bonsai by George Goto; Japanese rice and tsukemono by Hiroshi Higuchi, Siko Nakanishi and Mitsuko Lauver.

### ● Monterey Peninsula

Three achievements awards will be presented by Monterey Peninsula JACL to deserving high school seniors whose parents are chapter members. One of the awards is in memory of Hiroshi Yoshizato.

Applicants have been mailed questionnaires which ask for listing of scholarship and extracurricular achievements.

Chapter is sponsoring Japanese movies May 21-22 with proceeds going to the chapter achievement award fund.

The JACL Board also reminded users of the JACL Hall to practice water conservation at all times because of the drastic water shortage on the peninsula.

### ● New York

The New York JACL will offer a \$500 scholarship in memory of the late Lucile Nakamura, a social worker who was vital in the renaissance of the New York Chapter. JACL members, children of JACL members, Americans of Japanese ancestry sponsored by a JACL

member, who have graduated from high school and are/will be enrolled in a college or university, are eligible.

The scholarship committee of the New York Chapter will employ academic achievement and community service orientation as the criteria for selection. The deadline for applicants is June 1, 1977. The award will be announced at a dinner on June 11. For application forms and information, write:

The Scholarship Committee N.Y. JACL, c/o Ruby Schaar, 50 W. 67th St., Apt 6B, New York, N.Y. 10023.

### ● Omaha

The Omaha JACL will operate a sukiyaki booth at the Omaha Ethnic Festival June 5-6 at City Auditorium. Gladys Hirabayashi and Peter Suzuki, chapter president, will co-chair the activity.

### ● San Diego

Nat'l JACL president Jim Murakami will be the main speaker at the 20th annual San Diego JACL scholarship awards banquet on Saturday, May 21, 7 p.m. at Old Town's Romines Restaurant.

Fourteen awards totaling \$1,900 are being presented to local high school seniors, it was announced by Joseph Owashi, scholarship committee chairman. They are: \$300—Pamela Kay Kasubuchi, Crawford; \$200—Christine Mariko Nakata, Morse; Judy Shizue Nishiguchi, Chula Vista; \$150—Akiko Tsuchiya, Mission Bay; \$125—Barbara Jean Willingham, Mar Vista; Janet

Yamato, Castle Park.

\$100 — Colleen Michiko Goto, Sweetwater; Wendy Hironaka, Lori Kiyomi Kishi, Crawford; Cheryl Ann Ogier, Lori Reiko Yamada, Nancy Luhrs, Chula Vista; Michael Isamu Tanaka, Bonita Vista; and Linda Higgins, Morse.

Dinner program will be emceed by Bruce Asakawa. Rev. Koju Terada of the Buddhist Temple will give the invocation.

### ● San Francisco

A community reception for newly appointed National Executive Director Karl Nobuyuki will be hosted by the San Francisco JACL at the Mas Satow Headquarters Bldg. on Friday, May 13, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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## calendar

While the Calendar features JACL events and deadlines, we now welcome non-JACL groups to notify us of their public events. Non-JACL items are italicized. —Ed.

### JACL DEADLINES

May 16—Nat'l JACL-Satow Memorial Hdcp Bowling Tournament entries (Forms at JACL Hq., chapters.)

July 1—JACL Hayashi Law scholarships (Forms, N.Y. JACL, 50 W 67th St, New York 10023.)

July 30—Student Aid applications.

### May 13 (Friday)

San Francisco—Comm recptn for Karl Nobuyuki, JACL Hq. 5:30 p.m. Snake River—Graduates dnr-dance.

### May 14 (Saturday)

New York—Gen mtg, Buddhist Church, 5:30 p.m.  
San Francisco—Nisei Ski Club dance, Crystal Spring Golf Club, Burlingame, 9:30 p.m.  
Los Angeles—Pilgrimage to Manzanar.

Los Angeles—Nisei Singles dance, Hollywood Dance Ctr.

Arizona—Scholarship dnr; ASU Coach Frank Kush, spkr.

### May 15 (Sunday)

Hoosier—Potluck dnr, Ft Harrison Civilian Club, Indianapolis, 2 p.m. Milwaukee—Graduates dnr, Hoffman House, 5 p.m. Cleveland—Issei Day, Euclid Mall, 1 p.m.

### May 19 (Thursday)

San Francisco—Asians in Mass Media mtg, Mas Satow Bldg, 7 p.m.

### May 20 (Friday)

Contra Costa—Family volleyball, Adam Jr. High, Richmond, 7 p.m. Alameda-Berkeley-Contra Costa—Oakland—Nisei retirement comm mtg, Sycamore Church, El Cerrito, 7:30 p.m. Livingston-Merced—Gen mtg, Liv Social Hall.



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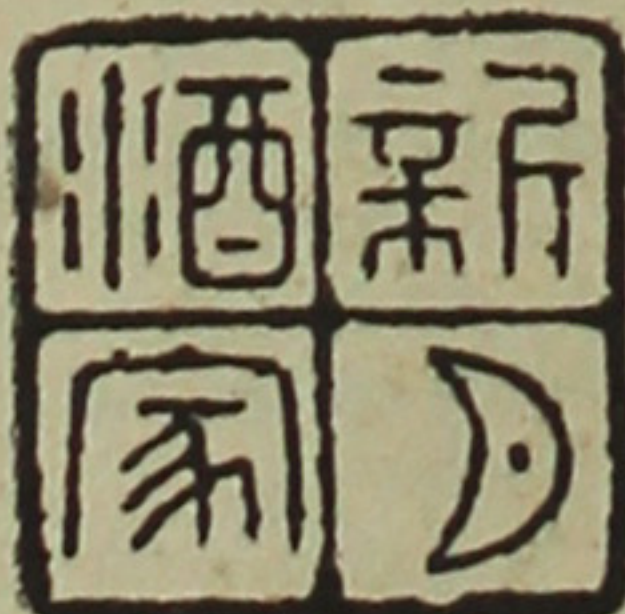
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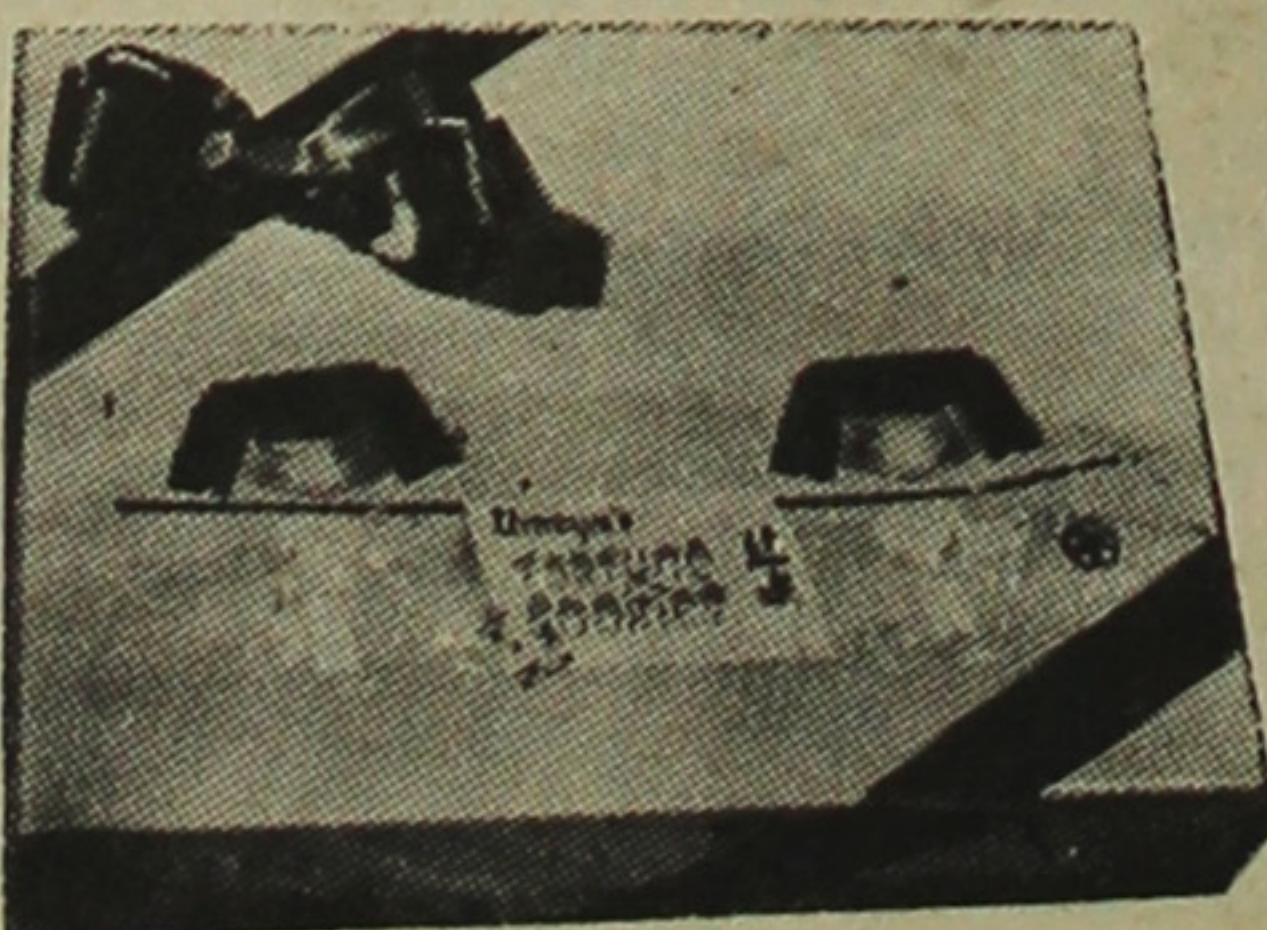
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## 50 applicants vying for JAL fellowships

SAN FRANCISCO — The four winners of this year's JACL-JAL Cultural Heritage Fellowships to Japan will be announced Sunday, June 5, during a special awards ceremony to be held at Stanford University.

The afternoon ceremony, which will take place in Stanford's new Law Auditorium, will include presentations by past fellowship recipients on their experiences in Japan, a keynote address, and the announcement of this year's recipients.

There will be an outdoor reception in the Law Building courtyard immediately following the program. Wine and light refreshments will be served. Karl K. Nobuyuki, newly appointed JACL Executive Director, will be in attendance.

The Cultural Heritage Program, jointly sponsored by Japan Air Lines, the Japanese American Citizens League, and Japan Travel Bureau International, will provide four all-expense paid fellowships to study at

Sophia University in Tokyo. After the six week summer session each student will be able to take an individual two week tour of Japan.

Over 50 applications are currently being reviewed by the Preliminary Screening Committee, chaired by Ron Yoshino, JACL National Board member and past Chicago chapter president. Assisting are:

Alice Esaki, Senn High School Bilingual Program worker; Rev. Ron Miyamura, minister, Midwest Buddhist Temple of Chicago; Sadako Tengan, Univ. of Chicago Lab School teacher; and Dan Williams, Japan Air Lines Public Relations Manager.

The committee will select eight finalists who will be brought to San Francisco for oral interviews. A final judging panel will spend an entire day with the finalists to select the fellowship recipients. The awards ceremony takes place the following day.

Tickets are \$3.50 for adults and \$3 for students and available from:

JACL National Headquarters (415) 921-5225; San Jose JACL, 565 N. 5th; and the San Mateo JACL Community Center, 502 Second St.

## Sr. men's 50-yd. dash added to 1977 Nisei Relays schedule

LOS ANGELES — The PSWDC Nisei Relays will feature a special 50-yard dash for men 45 years and over and two well-known athletes in years past have been entered: Gardena city councilman Mas Fukai and Assemblyman Paul Bannai.

The 26th annual Relays will be held on Sunday, June 5, at the West Los Angeles College campus in Culver City with West Los Angeles JACL again in charge. New events added to the schedule include:

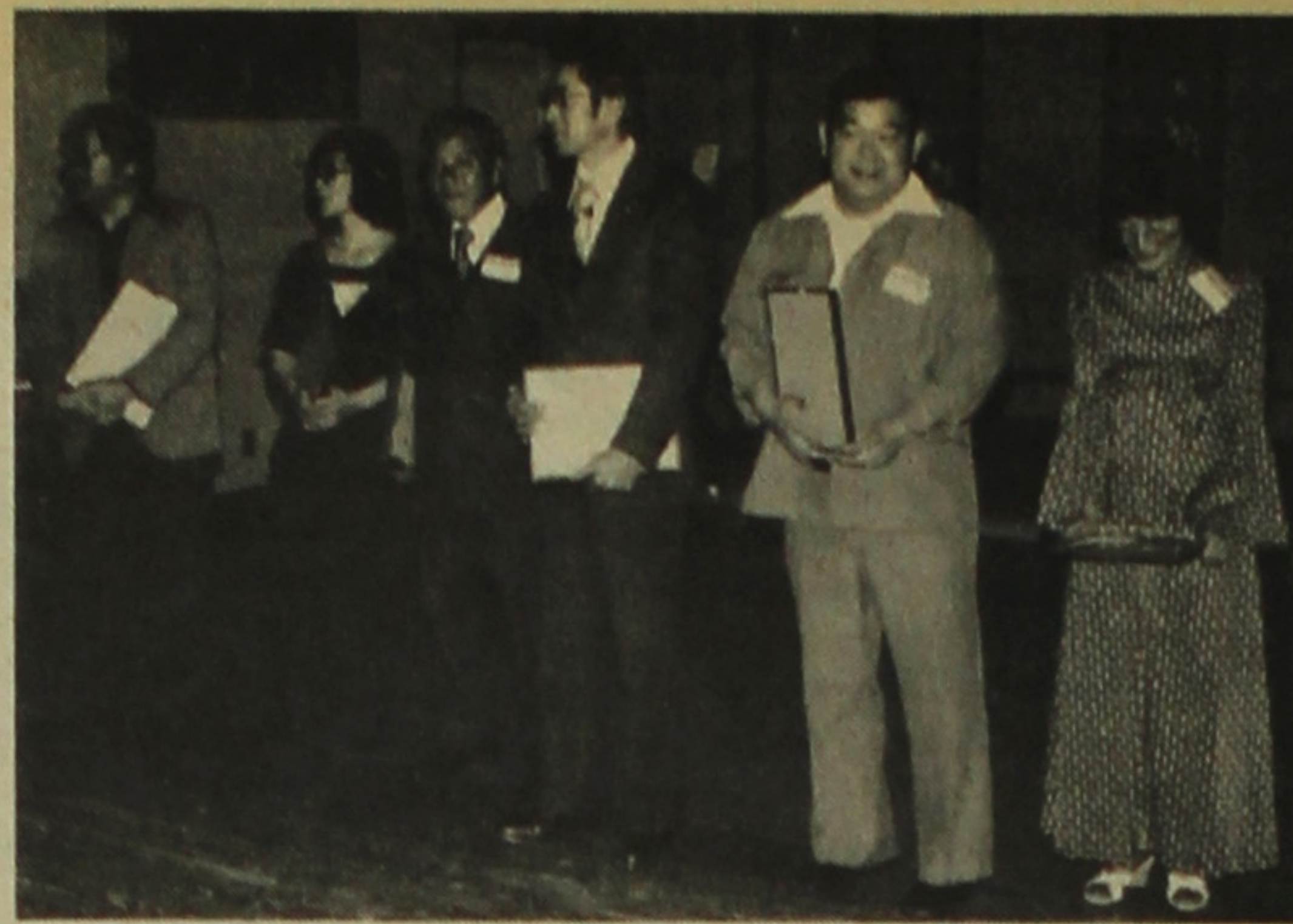
Girl's—Long jump; B Div.—880 run; Men's (30 & over)—50 yd.; 440 Relay—Non-scoring teams.

Competition is classified by age as follows:

Aye—17 & up, Bee—15 & 16, Cee—13 & 14, Dee—12 & under; Girls—all ages; Men—30 & up.

Anyone wishing to enter should contact their local JACL officers or the JACL Regional Office (626-4471), for an official entry form. The deadline for entry applications is May 25.

Join the JACL



—Photo by David Yoshida

Recipients of Sequoia JACL community service awards, presented during the 25th anniversary of the chapter founding, are (from left) Tsukasa Matsueda, Lucille Nakanishi, Hiro Tsukushi, Hiroji Kariya, Bud Nakano and Hiroko Yoshida.

## Hirasuna urges Sansei to return to farming

LOS ALTOS, Calif.—“Young man, go back to the farm,” advised Fred Hirasuna in his speech at the Sequoia JACL 25th Anniversary party held on March 26 here at the Golden Pavilion Restaurant.

Hirasuna said that while some young Japanese Americans are getting fed up with the corporate jungle and returning to the land, too many Japanese American farmers are approaching retirement with no one to take over the farms. More Japanese Americans will have to return if there are going to be any Japanese Americans left in California farming.

Farming is a good life today. A man is his own boss and he enjoys a great deal of independence, Hirasuna noted.

When the farm labor problems of the Central Valley broke out several years ago, Cesar Chavez's union picketed 17 of the local

farms. Of these, 14 were Nisei farms.

Hirasuna said there was reason to believe that Chavez chose to picket mostly Japanese American farmers because “quiet Americans” would not do anything. But Nisei farmers are not the “quiet Nisei” that Bill Hosokawa and others speak of, Hirasuna continued. They decided to fight for their rights. Since that time, Nisei farmers have been leading the fight for farmers' rights in the farm labor area.

Peter Nakahara of San Jose was master of ceremonies for the party which attracted over 100 people. Tets Sumida introduced past presidents who had served the chapter over its first 25 years. Amy Doi, current president, presented the Past President's pin to David Oku and introduced the members of the current board.

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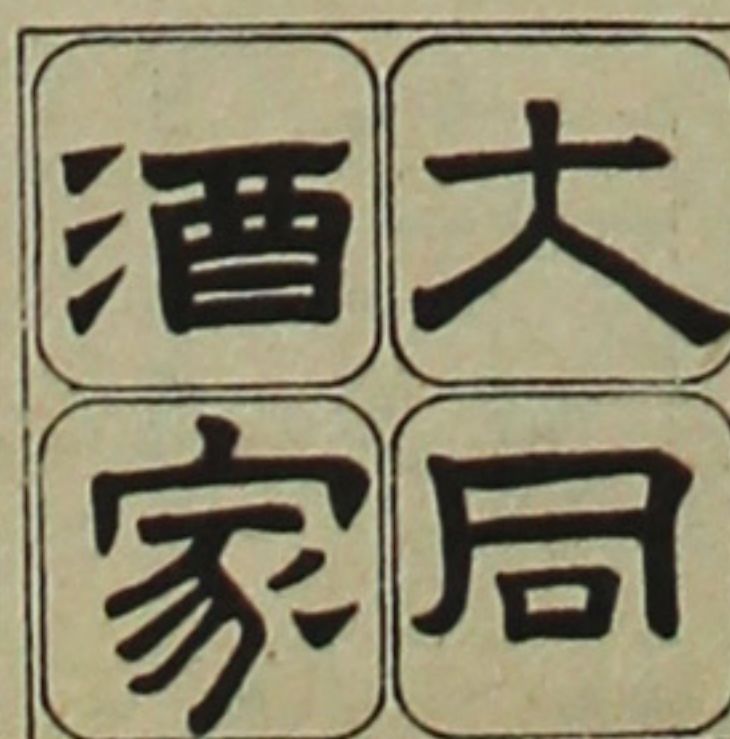
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ning was Chiz Satow. She was invited in appreciation for the help given to Sequoia Chapter by her and her late husband, Mas Satow.

NC-WNDC Regional Director George Kondo awarded the National JACL silver pin to Tom Yamane and Albert Nakai. Dr. Harry Hatasaka was awarded the sapphire pin.

To celebrate its 25th Anniversary and in recognition of outstanding service, Se-

quoia Chapter awarded seven meritorious awards. These plaques were hand drawn by local artist, Mary Tsukushi. Awards were given as follows:

Service to larger community—Roz Enomoto, Tsukasa Matsueda, Hiro Tsukushi.

Service to the Japanese American community—Hiroji Kariya, Lucille Nakanishi.

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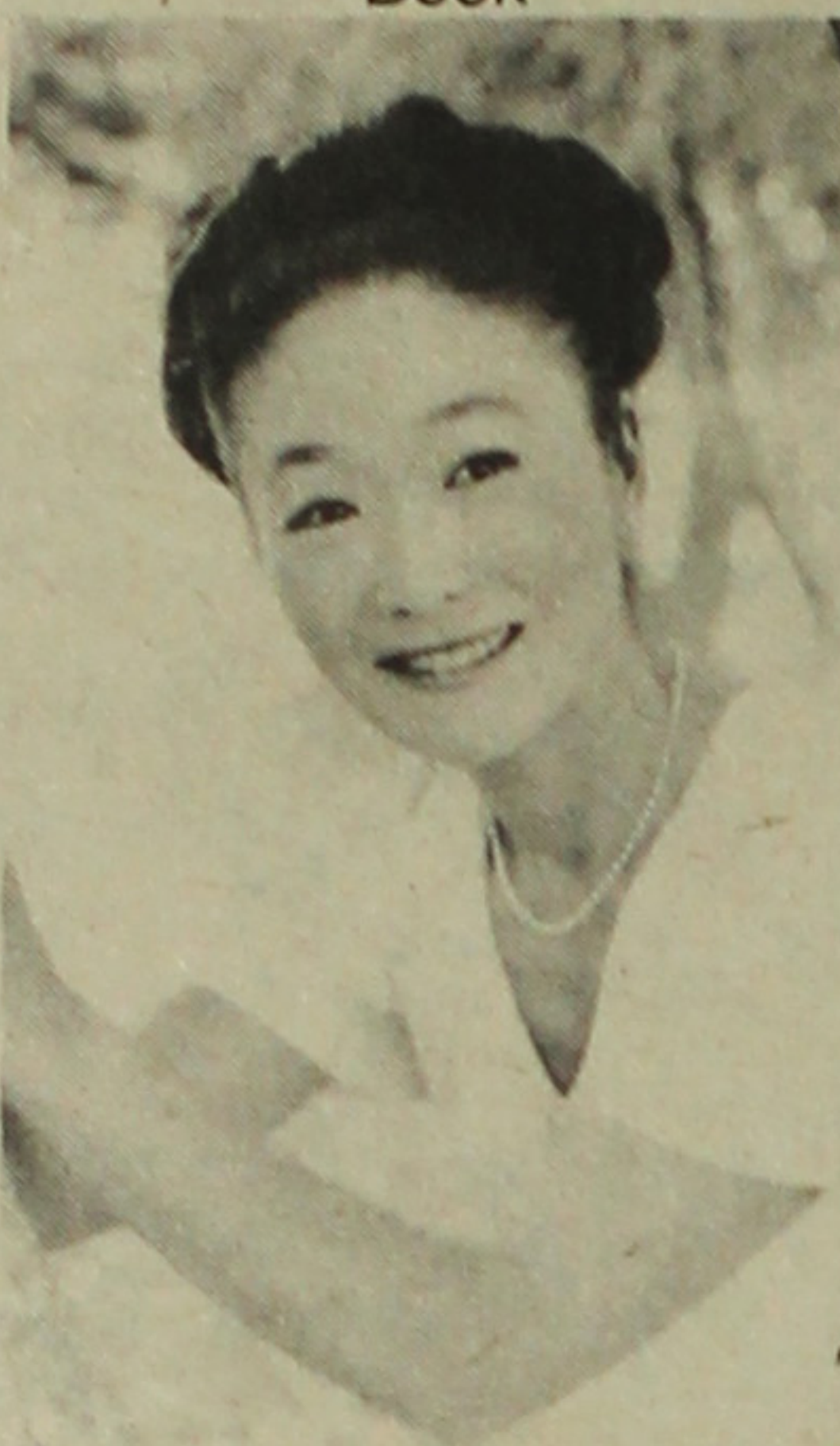
### Award

Buddhist Temple of Chicago Troop 515 court of honor May 6 bestows the Eagle Scout badge on David Ando, Don Hirota, Dennis Tsukimori and Tom Watanabe.

Retired Chicago minister Rev. Ki-yoshi Ishikawa was a nominee for the Senior Citizens Hall of Fame conducted by the Mayor's office for senior citizens and handicapped. Honors, started in 1962, was Chicago's way of honoring those, age 62 and above, who have responded to the challenges of their retirement years by enriching the lives of others and making significant contributions to the social, cultural and business life of the metropolitan Chicago area. Sandra K. Shishido, Janie Kawashima and Cynthia Lee were among 80 CSU-Los Angeles students to receive the annual Certificate of Honor. Presentation took place April 15 with noted architect F. Buckminster Fuller giving the

major address. Lt. Jimmy Takashi Sakoda, Los Angeles Police Dept., was selected among peace officers as the Department of California's Veterans of Foreign Wars, "1977 Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer". Sakoda will receive his citation June 21 at Sacramento from State Commander C.W. Kelley.

### Book



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Ventura College Publications published Marilyn Fordney's *Insurance Handbook for the Medical Office*, a 300-page syllabus used in her class for medical assistants. It then spread to other campuses. Last month, W.B. Saunders Co., Philadelphia, published it as a hardcover textbook. The Oxnard Sansei medical assistant and part-time instructor was introduced in February before a national convention of textbook buyers and publishers in Atlanta. She is the daughter of the Jimmy Takahashis of Los Angeles. Mrs. Fordney, a West Los Angeles JACler, has been teaching since 1969. Joseph D. Harrington, author of *I-Boat Captain* (story of Japan's submarines in WW2, selected by Literary Guild's Military Book Club), is currently working on a book on JAs who served in the Pacific during WW2. "There were far more (JAs) than the much-publicized number who fought in Europe," Harrington said. Any Nisei who served in the Pacific Theatre may write him at 2501 Lincoln St., #209, Hollywood, Florida 33020.

### Courtroom

Three mothers, including former congresswoman Patsy Mink, are charging in a \$77 million lawsuit that 25 years ago they were unwittingly given an experimental drug, DES, which has been linked to cancer in children. Patsy Mink, now assistant secretary of state for oceans and international environmental affairs, filed the suit April 25 against the Univ. of Chicago and Eli Lilly & Co., of Indianapolis, the maker of the drug. The class action suit asks \$70,000 for each of the 1,081 women who were given DES and

another \$2 million punitive damages.

### Press Row

Nikkei women in the media are on the increase in the Bay Area, while no male journalists have surfaced with bylines in the metropolitan newspapers. Appearing with greater frequency are the by-lines of A. Fumiko Nakao, S.F. Examiner and Cindy Kadonaga of Associated Press. Jan Yanehiro is making herself known through KPIX-TV show, "MTWTF".

Former PC columnist Budd Fukei of Seattle has won another first-place award for headline writing in the statewide Sigma Delta Chi Excellence in Journalism contest. A 20-year veteran with the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, he has won other awards for headline writing, including the national Hearst Newspapers writing contests. Other winners in the 1977 contest include Lee Moriwaki, Seattle Times, second-place with fellow reporter Paul Henderson for investigative reporting; Duane Hamamura of Fournier, first-place for sports writing, weekly feature; and Wendy Tokuda, KING-TV, third-place for TV series reporting.

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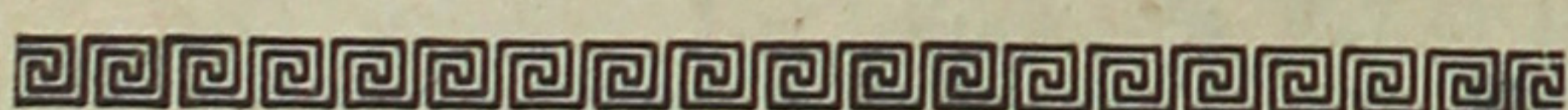
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